

CAROLYN PRALLE, M.S.

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY of RHODE ISLAND – KINGSTON, RI Aug 2019 – Dec 2021

M.S. in Biological and Environmental Sciences (Specialization in Ecology and Ecosystem Sciences), GPA = 4.00/4.00

- “Post-emergence movements and habitat use by hatchling diamondback terrapins” (doi.org/10.1002/jwmg.22343)
- Certificates: *Graduate Certificate in Science Writing & Rhetoric*, *Diversity and Inclusion Badge Program*
- Directed short sci-comm documentary film “Turtles on the Hill” with National Geographic filmmaker Jason Jaacks

WHEATON COLLEGE – NORTON, MA Sep 2010 – May 2014

B.A. in Environmental Science (Concentration in Biology), cum laude, GPA = 3.62/4.00

- Academic Honors: Tri-Beta Biological Honors Society, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Award
- Wheaton in Bhutan Study Abroad Program: Royal Thimphu College (Ngabiphu, Bhutan) Jan 2013 – Jul 2013

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EXPERIENCES

ADAMS COUNTY LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPT. – FRIENDSHIP, WI Jul 2022 – present

Land Conservationist

- Manage and implement conservation programs related to agriculture, non-metallic mining, and county forest
- Conduct educational outreach and trainings with public and conservation staff (L+W Outreach Committee Member)
- Maintain and organize departmental files, create and manage cost-share documents and other record keeping
- Research and write grants, prepare reports, communicate with County Supervisors and other local leaders

CONTRACT BIOLOGIST – PROVIDENCE, RI Feb 2022 – Dec 2022

Ecologist & Science Communicator (Wildlife Research and Natural History Consulting)

- Conduct aquatic funnel trap and visual surveys for rare amphibians and turtle species with MA NHESP
- Perform wildlife and plant surveys, create maps, and write reports on coastal salt pond communities with RINHS

URI NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE DEPARTMENT – KINGSTON, RI Aug 2019 – Dec 2021

Wildlife Biologist (M.S. Student Researcher)

- Led research on rare turtles & coastal habitat management with Dr. Karraker and community science collaborators
- Collected & analyzed ecological field data via GPS, radio telemetry, PIT tagging, ArcGIS/ArcPro, RStudio, & Excel
- Wrote scientific manuscript and reports for various funders & other stakeholders, Wrote & won grants (\$12,533)
- Developed site-specific management recommendations for wildlife refuge managers, Designed interpretive signage
- Supervised & mentored undergraduate field assistants in data collection, field methods, general ecology

NATURAL RESOURCE SERVICES, INC. – HARRISVILLE, RI Jun 2016 – Aug 2019

Wetland Biologist

- Wetland consulting in RI, MA & CT: wetland delineations, habitat assessments, ecological restoration monitoring
- Prepared technical reports & GIS maps via handheld GPS & digital mapmaking in Pathfinder & ArcMap software
- Guided clients through regulatory permitting processes with RIDEM, CRMC, MADEP, CTDEEP, USACE applications

SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCES

SCI COMM BITES – scicommbites.org Dec 2021 – Dec 2022

Author/Editor

- Write and edit monthly blog content summarizing peer-reviewed science communication research

URI GRADUATE WRITING CENTER – KINGSTON, RI Aug 2019 – Dec 2021

Senior Coordinator

- Led sci-comm focused writing center serving 2,500+ graduate students through in-person, online, & hybrid services
- Managed & created website content & social media, Organized & marketed writing workshops, groups, events
- Supervised staff of six tutors for training & scheduling, Prepared statistics/infographics that secured GWC budget

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- ENDLESS BEAUTIFUL CREATIVE SERVICES – PROVIDENCE, RI Aug 2016 – present
Co-Founder, Community Workshop Leader, Podcast Host
- Lead creative vision and marketing through event organizing, communication, podcast production, management
 - Instruct participants in creative writing & multimedia community arts projects, lead discussions & reflections
 - Write grant applications (received grants from RISCA & NeighborWorks BRV)
- RHODE ISLAND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY – KINGSTON, RI Jan 2021 – Apr 2021
Science Writing Intern
- Created public engagement with science exhibit “Coexisting with Coyotes” for Roger Williams Park Zoo
 - Wrote & designed content for all exhibit panels, explanatory guide, support documents, & assessment tools
- URI NATURAL RESOURCES SCIENCE DEPARTMENT – KINGSTON, RI Jun 2020 – Aug 2020
Brightspace Learning Management System Trainer
- Trained departmental faculty in using new online learning management system (Brightspace)
 - Organized, copyedited, & archived multimedia course content for accessibility & effective learning outcomes
- FREQUENCY WRITERS – PROVIDENCE, RI Jul 2018 – Aug 2019
Creative Writing Instructor, Programming Committee Member
- Design course proposals & program plans, teach creative writing classes, assist with grant writing and outreach
- LARGESS FORESTRY, INC. | VOICE OF THE FOREST ALLIANCE – NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI Sep 2015 – Jun 2016
Office Manager | Board Member
- Managed office operations to coordinate with customers, tree crews, & upper management
 - Served as board member for Voice of the Forest environmental education & tree planting activities
- THOMAS J. WATSON FOUNDATION – NEW YORK, NY Mar 2014 – Aug 2015
Thomas J. Watson Fellow
- Conducted one-year independent international study of intersections in nature conservation & creative writing across ecosystems & cultures of Dominica, Botswana, Australia, Tuvalu, & China, managed funds (\$28,000)
 - Organized various writing & conservation activities with governmental, nonprofit, & volunteer organizations
 - Wrote quarterly & final reports on findings, authored original poetry manuscript
- NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY CENTRE of BHUTAN – SERBITHANG, THIMPHU, BHUTAN Mar 2013 – Jun 2013
National Herbarium Botanical Collections Intern
- Collected, prepared, & digitized herbarium specimens of Himalayan flora into national collection dated 1912 – 2013
- CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE & MA AUDUBON SOCIETY – WELLFLEET, MA May 2012 – Sep 2012
Diamondback Terrapin Research Intern
- Led daily field operations researching rare turtles with Dr. Brennessel, Cape Cod National Seashore, Mass Audubon
- FILENE CENTER for ACADEMIC ADVISING & CAREER SERVICES – NORTON, MA Sep 2011 – May 2014
Peer Writing Tutor
- Tutored students across departments in writing & rhetorical structure, served as faculty/student liaison for tutors
- GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS – SOUTH HADLEY, MA May 2011 – Aug 2011
Camp Counselor (Camp Lewis Perkins)
- Supervised campers ages 5-12 in day camp activities related to nature, arts, sciences, and sports
- WHEATON COLLEGE MEDIA SERVICES – NORTON, MA Sep 2010 – May 2014
Media Services Technician
- Organized and set up classroom technology for faculty and student lending program, maintained database

SPECIAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

- OSHA 10-Hour Construction Safety Training Certification Jan 2017
- PADI Open Water Diver SCUBA Certification Oct 2014

GRANTS & AWARDS

- URI Writing Contest 2021 – Graduate Student Creative Writing Award (\$1,000) May 2021
- The Nature Conservancy Student Research Award (\$10,967) Mar 2021
- Rhode Island Nature Video Festival 2021 (Honorable Mention) Feb 2021
- URI Immerse-a-thon for VR/AR Technology (1st Prize, \$1,000) Sep 2020
- Henry & Theresa Godzala Research Fund: Small Grants for Science (\$566) May 2020
- Diamondback Terrapin Working Group Research Grant (\$1,000) May 2019
- Rhode Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA) Projects for Individuals Grant (\$260) Jun 2017
- NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley Community Arts Grant (\$500) May 2017
- Mars Faculty/Student Research Grant (\$3,000) May 2012

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

ACADEMIA:

- Journal of Wildlife Management* – Lead author of peer-reviewed publication: doi.org/10.1002/jwmg.22343 Dec 2022
- Writing Diversity Statements Workshop* – Diversity & Inclusion Badge Program, URI Mar 2022 & Feb 2021
- Biological & Environmental Sciences Colloquium Guest Lecture* – Dr. Cardace, BES 582, URI Sep 2021
- Herpetology Guest Lecture* – Dr. Karraker, NRS 517, URI – “Balancing terrapin conservation & management” Apr 2021
- Writing Personal Statements Workshop* – Seeds of Success, College of the Environment & Life Sciences, URI Jan 2021
- Conservation Biology Guest Lecture* – Dr. Meyerson, NRS 223, URI – “Creativity and conservation careers” Apr 2020
- Rhode Island Natural History Survey 2019 Conference* – Poster presentation on terrapin research Nov 2019

POETRY, ESSAYS, & NON-FICTION:

- RI Naturalist* – Fall 2022 Issue, “Making of Turtles on the Hill” Sep 2022
- The Lindenwood Review* – Spring 2022, Issue 12, “Five Auguries” Feb 2022
- The Dewdrop*—December 2021 Issue, “An Approximation” Dec 2021
- Erica Knowles Caged Bird Sings Poetry Contest* –2nd Place, “The Balconies” Apr 2021
- The Wildlife Society* – TWS eWildlifer, “Wildlife Vocalizations: Carolyn Decker” Apr 2021
- Science Sonnets* – Duke University Science & Society, “The Crow’s Meal” Apr 2021
- RI Naturalist* – Spring 2021 Issue, “Terrapin in the Rising Tide” Mar 2021
- The Menteur* – Literary Magazine of the University of Kent, “For Emma, On the A.T.” Jun 2019
- From Whispers to Roars* – Volume 2, Issue 1, “True Things I Am Proud Of” Apr 2019
- plain china* – “Iron in the Well Water” & “Symplocarpus” Jan 2016 & Jul 2014
- Rushlight* – Wheaton College Literary Magazine: reader, various poems published 2011-2014
- The Marble Collection* – “Balloons” Spring 2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY 2019 – present
- Climate Change & Sustainability Advisory Committee Member 2022 – 2023

ADDITIONAL PAST AND CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS:

Academy of American Poets, Aldo Leopold Foundation, Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Diamondback Terrapin Working Group, Graduate Assistants United, Native Plant Trust, On Common Ground, Rhode Island Natural History Survey, Tri-Beta Biological Honors Society, Watson Foundation, What Cheer Writers Club