

Dan Bisaccio

Dan Bisaccio was hired to develop Souhegan High School's (SHS) science and math program. Now in its 13th year, it has received a number of state and national awards for offering public school students' authentic research and interdisciplinary opportunities in academic areas. At SHS Dan has taught advanced biology and a Conservation Biology senior seminar and is an adjunct faculty member at Northeastern University teaching tropical ecology. He also serves on the Smithsonian Institution's Caribbean Biodiversity Research Steering Committee.

Dan has been teaching biological field research courses to students for over 25 years. He has developed field tropical ecology courses in Costa Rica, Belize, Jamaica, and Mexico and taken over 400 students to the tropics with him. He currently has five permanent biological diversity monitoring projects going in which he involves student researchers. The biological diversity projects are in New Hampshire, Mexico, Saba (Netherlands Antilles), Tahiti, and Jamaica, West Indies. Recent additional sites include La Hesperia, Ecuador and San Cristobal Island, Galapagos.

Karen Cangialosi

Dr. Karen Cangialosi is Professor and Chair in the Department of Biology at Keene State College where she has been for the last 15 years. Some of the courses she teaches include Ecology, Animal Behavior, Invertebrate Zoology, and Tropical Marine Biology. Dr. Cangialosi has extensive tropical research experience and has been involved in studies in Mexico, Panama and Peru. Her research on the behavioral ecology of spiders has brought her to several other places including Badplaas, South Africa where she was an invited speaker at the International Congress of Arachnology in 2001. While her research focus is primarily in terrestrial systems, she has recently been involved in coral reef conservation work. Currently she is in the process of setting up a coral reef monitoring program in the Turks and Caicos Islands (British West Indies) where she has been taking students for the past seven years.

Steve Chase

*Steve Chase, Ph.D. is the founder and director of the Environmental Advocacy and Organizing Program at Antioch University New England. He teaches courses in environmental activism, organizing social movements and campaigns, organizational leadership, challenging corporate power, and environmental justice. Chase is the editor of *Defending the Earth: A Dialogue Between Murray Bookchin**

and Dave Foreman and has published several articles, including "Changing the Nature of Environmental Studies: Teaching Environmental Justice to 'Mainstream' Students." He also edits "The Well-Trained Activist" blog and hosts a community radio series called "Make Your Vote Count."

Meg Domroese

Meg Domroese joined the American Museum of Natural History's Center for Biodiversity and Conservation in 1996. As Outreach Program Manager she is part of a team that aims to integrate research, training, and education for biodiversity conservation. She has worked on projects in Madagascar, Guatemala, Bolivia, and most recently in The Bahamas. These include partnering with local organizations to promote participation in conservation through a range of approaches, including training educators and resource managers in teaching and interpreting biodiversity, collaborating on exhibition development, and supporting community conservation projects. Domroese has a Master of Science degree in community development and conservation from Michigan State University.

Whitney Dorer

Whitney Dorer is a recent graduate of Smith College in Northampton, MA. Through Smith's Environmental Science and Policy program, she discovered Coral Reef Ed-Ventures Program. For the past two summers she has worked with Professors Allen Curran of Geology, Susan Etheredge of Education and Child Study, and Paulette Peckol of Biology on this project. Whitney is now working for Friends of Trees: a non-profit organization run out of Portland, OR, that inspires community stewardship by bringing neighborhoods together to plant and care for city trees and urban natural areas.

Megan Draheim

Megan Draheim is pursuing a PhD in Environmental Science and Policy at George Mason University. Her research focuses on the human dimensions of human-wildlife interactions, including human-wildlife conflict, wildlife tourism, and increasing the use of social sciences in conservation programs.

Christine Baumann Feurt

Chris Feurt uses interdisciplinary environmental communication strategies to facilitate community-based ecosystem management. Her current work focuses on coastal communities in the Gulf of Maine bioregion where she is the Coastal Training Program Coordinator at the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Director of the Center for Sustainable Communities in the Department of

Environmental Studies at the University of New England. Chris's experiences with coastal watershed management and environmental education include work with the National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution, the Peace Corps in Belize, universities and non-profits. She received her undergraduate degree in Zoology at the University of Maryland, and master's degree in Biology from the College of William and Mary and her Ph D in Environmental Studies from Antioch University New England. Her dissertation research focused on the use of cultural models and Collaborative Learning to frame and implement ecosystem management. She lives in Kennebunk, Maine with her husband and daughter.

Christopher Hawkins

Christopher Hawkins received his undergraduate degree in Marine Environmental Protection and Safety from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and his Master's degree in Tropical Coastal Management from the University of Newcastle (UK). He is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the Human Dimensions of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Program in the Department of Natural Resources Conservation. This program was established to provide coastal marine resource managers and agencies with social scientific research in support of mandates to understand and include society in decision-making.

Mr. Hawkins' primary interest is in the area of policy-relevant research. He has worked for the Newfound Harbor Marine Institute in the Florida Keys in several capacities, including Marine Science Program Director. He also worked at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service' Florida Keys Refuge Complex on Big Pine Key. Most recently, he was employed in the South Pacific U.S. Territory of American Samoa as the Coordinator of the territorial government's Coral Reef Initiative.

Karin Jakubowski

Karin is the manager of the Northeast Science Center Collaborative a program of Clean Air-Cool Planet. She has a Bachelor's in Animal Science, a Master's in Environmental Conservation Studies/Marine Policy and a Certificate in Conservation Biology. She is currently an environmental studies doctoral candidate at Antioch New England University and a Donnella Meadows Fellow. She held Adjunct Professorship teaching appointments at Gateway Community College and Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, as well as at Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport. Prior to these appointments, Karin had more than eight years experience working in museums and science centers including the American Museum of Natural History, the New York Aquarium, the Newark Museum and the Staten Island Zoo. She has been a naturalist/guide in New York's Central Park, Cape Cod, and in Alaska. She lives in Connecticut with her husband and two dogs.

Luanne Johnson

Luanne Johnson began her doctoral research, The Coastal Skunk Ecology Research Project (<http://www.antiochne.edu/es/phd/ljohnson.cfm>) in 2004 and is focusing on using the information she gathers on coastal skunks to inform integrated predator management strategies designed to reduce skunk impacts on beach-nesting birds. Luanne has a bachelor's degree in Zoology from Butler University in Indiana and over 15 years of field experience in endangered species research and management in New England and Hawaii.

Cliff Lerner

Cliff Lerner is a teacher at Keene HS and an adjunct instructor at Keene State College. His diverse teaching experience includes AP Biology, Molecular Genetics, River Ecology and Earth Science at Keene HS; Coral reef ecology, Entomology and Teaching Methods at Antioch University New England and Tropical Ecology at Keene State College.

He has been coordinating tropical ecology study trips for the last 21 years (17 years to Belize) and has developed strategies to introduce his students to tropical studies through hands on investigations and research projects. A former NH Environmental Teacher of the Year (1993) and recipient of the Keene HS Outstanding Educator Award (2002) he is an avid scuba diver, hiker and alpine skier.

Todd McConchie

Todd McConchie is currently an employee of the McLaughlin Research Corporation in Newport, RI. His primary duties are to write environmental documents for the U.S. Navy in order to assess the consequences of the Navy's actions on the environment. Prior to working for the McLaughlin Research Corporation he was a contractor for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Permits Division writing sections of an Environmental Impact Statement looking at the consequences of research activities on northern right whales. He was also a contractor for NOAA's Endangered Species Division and wrote assessments of permitted research activities on endangered species. He has had over 10 years of national and international marine mammal research experience, with an emphasis on bottlenose dolphins. He has also participated in research projects looking at amphibians, reptiles and invertebrates in the U.S. and internationally. Todd received a Bachelor of Science from the George

Washington University in 1997 and earned a Masters of Science degree from the George Mason University.

Krista Muller

Krista Muller began her thesis research in July of 2006, with the support of Dr. Marcos Santos (Projeto Atlantis) in the Cananéia Estuary of southeastern Brazil. The purpose of this study was to collect tucuxi dolphin (*Sotalia guianensis*) behavioral data and to determine whether or not the presence of dolphin watching boats cause a significant difference in dolphin behavioral responses. The main goal of this study is to provide Projeto Atlantis with accurate behavioral data that will help them develop effective management guidelines and regulations for the dolphin-watching industry in the estuary.

E.C.M. Parsons—Keynote Presenter

Dr Parsons has been involved in whale and dolphin research for over a decade and has conducted projects in South Africa, India, China and the Caribbean as well as the UK. He is currently involved in research projects on coastal dolphin populations in the Dominican Republic, and a new project based in Pakistan. Before moving to the US, Dr Parsons was the Director of the Research and Education Departments of the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust (HWDT), from 1998 until 2003. Prior to this, he was involved in research on Indo-Pacific humpback dolphins and finless porpoises in Hong Kong and China, which involved studies on the behavior and ecology of Hong Kong's cetaceans, marine pollution and its effects on marine life.

He earned his PhD in 1997 from the University of Hong Kong, and has a BA and MA from Oxford University.

An acknowledged international expert on cetaceans, Dr. Parsons has been a member of the scientific committee of the International Whaling Commission since 1999 and a board member of the Society for Conservation Biology's Marine Section since 2006. He was awarded a Fellowship by the Royal Geographical Society in 1997, won a Scottish Thistle Award in 2000 for his work in Environmental Tourism, and was acknowledged a young achiever in Scotland for his achievements in cetacean conservation by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in 1999. In addition, Dr. Parsons has published over 80 scientific papers and reports, some of which are listed below.

Brett Amy Thelen

Brett Amy Thelen is Science Director of Ashuelot Valley Environmental Observatory, a non-profit that links citizens with scientists to gather ecological data aimed at protecting and restoring the environment of southwest New Hampshire. She received her M.S. in Environmental Studies: Conservation Biology from Antioch University New England in 2007. Her graduate research focused on designing and evaluating the effectiveness of a pilot citizen science project at Cape Cod National Seashore, with dual emphasis on creating a valuable learning experience for volunteer researchers and producing reliable, reproducible scientific results for use in the Seashore's estuarine restoration program. Brett was also the editor of *Whole Terrain*, a nationally-acclaimed journal of environmental writing. Prior to her graduate work, Brett volunteered with an AmeriCorps program focused on land conservation, water conservation and environmental education on Cape Cod, and served as the lead on several environmental education and natural resource management projects for Cape Cod National Seashore.

Sharon Young

Sharon Young is the Marine Issues Field Director for The Humane Society of the U.S. She has served as Adjunct Faculty in the Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy. She has also been appointed to a number of federal task forces charged with developing guidelines and regulations for limiting human impacts on marine mammals, including the development of whale watching and other marine mammal viewing guidelines. In her earlier career, she was a marine mammal field researcher and also worked aboard commercial whale watching vessels providing interpretive education for the public and training other naturalists.
