

SUMMARY

Senior Quantitative Ecologist (GS-13) with 20+ years of experience directing ecological monitoring, landscape restoration, and data science modernization across U.S. National Parks. Proven leader in developing automated analytics and decision-support tools that inform park planning, conservation policy, and climate resilience efforts across eastern parks. Recognized with multiple national awards for technical innovation, ground-breaking research, and measurable outcomes.

- Founding member of the National Park Service [Resilient Forest Initiative](#) to increase forest resilience in eastern national parks through landscape-level restoration, information sharing, and innovative science.
- Thorough knowledge of and experience sampling forest and wetland ecosystems in the Eastern US.
- Extensive experience developing and implementing long-term monitoring programs, developing ecological indicators, and integrating with management.
- Advanced statistical skills, including sample design, generalized linear mixed modelling, multivariate statistics, spatial and conditional autoregressive modelling, and machine learning.
- Advanced data science skills, including functional programming and iteration, package development, version control and GitHub, automated reporting, data wrangling and manipulation, and data visualization. Fluent in R and HTML/CSS, and experience with SQL, LaTeX, and Python.
- Extensive experience analyzing complex datasets, including the National Land Cover Database, gridded climate and weather station data, US Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis data, and Environmental Protection Agency National Aquatic Resource Survey data.
- Extensive experience working on and leading interdisciplinary teams for planning, monitoring, and implementation of management actions in national parks.
- Adept with GIS and GPS technologies, relational databases, spreadsheets, and word processing.

EDUCATION

Degrees:

2014-2018	University of Maine- Ph.D., Biological Sciences Advisor: Dr. Brian McGill. Thesis: <i>Big data for small parks: Examining regional vegetation patterns to assess current condition and vulnerability of eastern national parks to climate change.</i>
2003-2006	University of Maine- M.S., Ecology and Environmental Science Advisor: Dr. Robert Wagner. Thesis: <i>Arboreal associations with epiphytes and the effects of gap harvesting in the Acadian forest of central Maine.</i>
1998-2002	Northland College- B.S., Natural Resources, Summa cum laude

Teaching Experience/ University Appointments/Advisory Roles:

2023-present	Maine Ecological Reserve Scientific Advisory Committee, Augusta, ME
Winter 2022	Intro to R : Lessons designed: Prep for Training and Visualizing Spatial Data
Winter 2022	Advanced R : Lessons designed: Prep for Training; Data Retrieval: GIS in R and Downloading FIA data; R Markdown; R Packages.
Fall 2020	R for NPS Resource Managers
Summer 2020	Intro to R and GIS mapping in QGIS for seasonal technicians
2020-present	External Graduate Faculty, University of Maine, School of Biology and Ecology, Orono ME
2013-2018	External Graduate Faculty, University of Maine, School of Forest Resources, Orono, ME
2017 & 2018	Guest Lecture for 5041 Forest Ecology at College of the Atlantic
Fall 2015-17	Guest Lecture for EES 489 Ecology and Environmental Science Capstone Class at UMaine
Fall 2005	Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA) for General Entomology at University of Maine
2004-2005	National Science Foundation GK-12 Teaching Fellow at University of Maine
2003-2004	Graduate TA for Introductory Biology and Biology of Organisms at University of Maine
2002-2003	Adjunct Professor in Natural Resources at Northland College

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AWARDS:

NPS 2023 Director's Award for Natural Resource Research (top award for NPS scientists)
NPS 2023 Regional Director's Award for Natural Resource Research
NPS 2019 Inventory and Monitoring Division's Excellence in Science Award
NPS 2019 Inventory and Monitoring Division's Group Award for the Eastern Forest Work Group
University of Maine 2017 Fay Hyland-Hilborn Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student in Plant Biology
University of Maine 2004 Mark W. Houseweart Memorial Award for Forest Research
Northland College Natural Science Faculty Award for Class of 2002
Northland College Class of 2001 Award for Class of 2002
Northland College 2002 Matthew Berg Endowment Award for Natural Resources

WORK EXPERIENCE

Quantitative Ecologist, GS-0408-13 step 2

National Park Service, Ellsworth, ME 1/2025 to present
Supervisor: Lori Makarick, (970) 817-0025, Contact: yes Full-time, year-long temp. promotion

- Serving as liaison between the Biological Resource Division and the Inventory & Monitoring Division to align strategic planning and restoration activities across National Park units with special emphasis in the Central Grasslands Region.
- Developing data science pipelines and quality control tools to enhance accuracy and efficiency of long-term ecological monitoring in Midwest Inventory & Monitoring Networks.
- Conducting statistical redundancy analyses for water quality datasets to identify opportunities to streamline sampling design.
- Reviewed and refactored R-based QC and reporting code for improved performance, readability, and reproducibility.

Quantitative Ecologist, GS-0408-12 step 5

National Park Service, Bar Harbor, ME 3/2020 to present
Supervisor: Dr. Aaron Weed, (802) 457-3368 x237, Contact: yes Full-time, permanent

Coordinating long-term forest health monitoring for 21 national parks across the Northeast Temperate Network (NETN), Mid-Atlantic Network (MIDN), and Northeast Coastal and Barrier Network (NCBN), and freshwater wetland monitoring in Acadia National Park. Responsibilities include duties listed for the Plant Ecologist position (see below), with the addition of:

- Designed and maintained R packages and data science pipelines for validating, certifying, and summarizing long-term ecological monitoring data across protocols (e.g., water quality, forest health, freshwater wetlands, rocky intertidal).
- Conducted advanced statistical analyses and supported network and park staff in ecological data interpretation; developed a non-parametric trend analysis R package with power simulations for monitoring applications.
- Built automated R Markdown reports and interactive R Shiny apps for quality control, exploratory data analysis, and communication of ecological trends (e.g., [Acadia NP Wetland Viz](#)).
- Provided technical leadership and training in R programming, data visualization, statistical methods, and GitHub-based version control to NPS staff across multiple parks and networks.
- Founding member of the [Resilient Forest Initiative](#), which was established to facilitate more efficient and effective forest restoration across eastern national parks by conducting regional trend analyses, writing multi-park restoration proposals, and facilitating information sharing across parks and regions. To date, the RFI has secured over \$15 million funds for restoration projects across 27 parks.
- Public code repositories, visualizations, and example reports available at: <https://katemmiller.github.io/>

Network Program Manager, GS-0408-13 step 02

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Great Lakes Network, Ashland, WI

10/22/23 – 2/18/2024

Supervisor: Dr. Maggie MacCluskie, (907) 455-0660, Contact: yes

Full-time, 120 day temp. promotion

- Supervised five permanent staff, developed performance plans for new hires, and revised existing plans to align with network goals.
- Oversaw budget planning and coordination for the Great Lakes Network; prepared recruitment materials and temporary promotion documentation.
- Streamlined administrative procedures and represented GLKN's priorities at the Inventory & Monitoring Division Extended Leadership Team meetings.
- Led the 2023 annual Board of Directors meeting and advanced staff collaboration on developing proposals to evaluate under-analyzed monitoring protocols.
- Supported R programming and statistical analysis, contributing to foundational efforts for an upcoming network programmatic review.

Plant Ecologist, GS-0430-11 step 7

National Park Service, Bar Harbor, ME

4/2009 to 3/2020

Supervisor: Dr. Aaron Weed, (802) 457-3368 x237, Contact Supervisor: Yes

Full-time, permanent

Coordinated long-term ecological monitoring programs for forest health in 21 national parks from ME to VA and freshwater wetlands in Acadia National Park. Responsibilities include:

- Designing and implementing long-term monitoring protocols for forest health and freshwater wetlands, including specifying sample designs, developing and evaluating study objectives, conducting power analyses, defining field and analytical methods, and writing detailed standard operating procedures.
- Hiring, training and supervising up to 5 seasonal field technicians and 1 permanent technician annually and planning annual budgets and logistics for each protocol.
- Lead botanist for forest and wetland protocols across parks spanning Maine to New Jersey.
- Leading analysis and reporting to assess status and trends in forest and wetland condition, and summarizing monitoring information for technical and non-technical audiences.
- Coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency's National Wetland Condition Assessment (EPA NWCA), including reviewing protocols and reports, implementing the protocol in Acadia NP wetlands, and developing multi-metric indicators.
- Providing technical expertise to Northeast Region national parks and NER staff to inform management decisions, plan restoration, and/or develop focused monitoring projects.
- Exceptional Performance Rating from 2009 – 2019; Quality Step Increase: 2010; STAR Awards: 2013, 2016, 2017, 2019.

Natural Resource Specialist, GS-0401-09

National Park Service, Bar Harbor, ME

4/2007 to 4/2009

Supervisor: Dr. Brian Mitchell, (404) 625-9406, Contact Supervisor: Yes

Full-time, permanent

Developed and implemented long-term vegetation monitoring protocols for NETN, including Forest Health, Freshwater Wetlands, Salt Marsh Vegetation, Early Detection of Invasive Species, and Rare Forest and Woodland Communities. Responsibilities included developing and revising protocols, analysing data, writing annual monitoring reports, providing technical assistance to network parks, and hiring, training and supervising permanent technicians and seasonal monitoring crews. Assisted with water quality and quantity monitoring in Acadia NP and conducted botanical surveys as needed by parks. Performance Ratings and Awards: Superior Performance Rating from 2007 – 2008; Exceptional Performance Rating in 2009;

Forest Monitoring Crew Leader

State University of New York, Syracuse, NY

6/2006 to 9/2006

Supervisor: Dr. Geri Tierney, (607) 257-5369, Contact Supervisor: Ask first

Pay: \$15/hr. Hours/week: 40

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Position was part of cooperative effort between NETN, and SUNY-Syracuse to monitor forest health in national parks. Responsibilities included supervising a 2-3 person field crew, coordinating with park personnel, planning daily logistics, and assisting in training of the crew. Position required a thorough knowledge of eastern flora, ability to identify plants using taxonomic keys, proficiency with common forest monitoring methods, ability to follow established monitoring protocol, and capacity to maintain and use advanced technologies including a field computer, GPS unit, and digital camera.

Consulting Botanist

University of Maine, School of Forest Resources, Orono, ME 6/2005 to 7/2005

Supervisor: Dr. Bob Wagner, (207) 581-2903, Contact Supervisor: Ask first Pay: \$15/hr. Hours/week: 40

Sampled permanent vegetation plots located in forested and early successional habitats within the Penobscot Experimental Forest (Bradley, ME) to monitor terrestrial vegetation response to timber harvesting. Performed forestry measurements such as crown volume, basal area, and diameter at breast height. Trained and supervised field assistants in sampling protocols and plant identification.

Consulting Wetland and Aquatic Botanist

USGS- Biological Resources Division, Ann Arbor, MI. 7/2003 to 8/2003

Supervisor: Dr. Jim Meeker, (715) 682-1550, deceased. Pay: \$15/hr. Hours/week: 40

Sampled aquatic and wetland vegetation for a research project monitoring impacts of water level regulation on the ecology of Lake Ontario coastal wetlands in New York State. Identified aquatic, semi-emergent, and emergent vegetation, including all trees, shrubs, forbs, and grasses/sedges. Utilized taxonomic keys to identify unknown species. Entered and checked data using Excel spreadsheets, and performed preliminary multivariate exploration using PC-ORD.

Adjunct Professor of Natural Resources

Northland College, Ashland, WI 8/2002 to 4/2003

Supervisor: Dr. Jim Meeker, (715) 682-1550, deceased. Pay: \$600/credit hour. Total credit hours: 7

Developed the curriculum and instructed the following courses: NRS 229 Field Studies in Plant Ecology, NRS 269 Habitat Sampling, and NRS 328 Vegetation of Northern Wisconsin. Courses addressed topics in GIS/GPS applications in natural resources; terrestrial and aquatic ecological systems of the Great Lakes Region; tree, shrub, and wetland plant identification; vegetation monitoring/ sampling techniques; data entry and analysis using Excel spreadsheets and Microsoft Access databases; GIS map making; and report writing.

GIS Technician

The Nature Conservancy, Ashland, WI 9/2001 to 5/2002

Supervisor: Matt Dallman, (715) 682-5789, Contact Supervisor: Ask first. Pay: \$8.50/hr. Hours/week: 5

Created location, ecological, and land-use GIS maps utilized in land acquisition projects. Acquired and created spatial data for a variety of projects. Reprojected and organized multiple GIS data layers. Assisted in the exploration of several image classification techniques and the uses of the Image Analysis extension for ArcView 3.x. Used remote sensing techniques, aerial photograph interpretation and field investigations to determine forest cover types and land-use categories.

Plant Ecology Research Assistant

Northland College, Ashland, WI 1/2000 to 5/2002

Supervisor: Dr. Jim Meeker, (715) 682-1550, deceased. Pay: \$9/hr. Hours/week: 10

Contributed to multiple research projects monitoring ecological systems in the Northern Great Lakes Region, including deer herbivory impacts on regeneration and understory vegetation, response of understory vegetation to forest management, and influence of invasive species and disturbance on wetland and forest vegetation. Responsibilities included: vegetation sampling; digitizing, performing spatial analysis and creating location maps using GIS and GPS technologies; and entering and analyzing data.

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESS COVERAGE & OUTREACH

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PRESENTATIONS

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- Miller, K.M. 2023. Lessons learned from 18 years of monitoring in Acadia National Park. Schoodic Institute [Lunch and Learn Series](#), Bar Harbor, ME. 22 August 2023 (Invited Speaker).
- Miller, K.M. 2023. How do deer populations impact our forests? Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park [Working Woodlands Workshop](#), Woodstock, VT. 22 June 2023 (Invited Speaker).
- Miller, K.M. 2022. Resilient Forests in Eastern National Parks. Resilient Forest Training, National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV. 1 November 2022 (Keynote Speaker).
- Miller, K.M., A. Miller-Rushing, R. Cole-Will. 2022. A case study of applying RAD at Acadia National Park. NPS Southeast Region Climate Change Training. 2 March 2022.
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