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Education

Ph.D. Plant Biology (August 2017)

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
Advisor: Dr. Norma Fowler

Graduate Portfolio Program in Applied Statistical Modeling (December 2015)

The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
Advisor: Dr. Norma Fowler

M.S. Plant Biology and Conservation (December 2011)

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL and Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
Advisor: Dr. Krissa Skogen

B.A. Psychology (May 2005)

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

Relevant Coursework

Applied Regression, GIS and Ecological Modeling, GIS and Remote Sensing in Archaeology and Paleontology, Hierarchical Linear Modeling, Recent Advances in Population Ecology

Research Experience

Graduate Student (August 2011-August 2017)

The University of Texas at Austin

- Drivers of post-wildfire woody and herbaceous plant recovery trajectories in a pine-oak woodland
- Effects of erosion control products on post-wildfire seedling emergence
- Relationship between pre-wildfire prescribed burns and wildfire severity
- Comparison of post-fire recovery of sprouting and non-sprouting woody plant species using community and demographic data
- Survey of invasive species

Graduate Research Assistantship (2013-2015)

The University of Texas at Austin and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Bastrop, TX

- In support of dissertation research (see above)
- Co-authored yearly vegetation assessments for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Graduate Student (August 2009-August 2011)

Northwestern University and Chicago Botanic Garden

- Potential effects of warming on *Penstemon palmeri* in Zion National Park, UT
- Growth chamber experiments simulating future IPCC climate change scenarios
- Floral morphological measurements along an elevational gradient
- Observation, identification and collection of floral visitors along an elevational gradient

Graduate Research Assistantship (2010-2011)

Chicago Botanic Garden and Zion National Park

- Vegetation surveys, pollinator observations, insect collection and preservation

Student Conservation Association (2007)

- Fire Effects Monitoring and Inventory Protocol (FIREMON) Crew Member, Durango, CO
- Natural Resources Intern, Mammoth Cave National Park, KY

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant (2012-2016), The University of Texas at Austin

- Ecology (2012 and 2016)
- Field Seminar in Environmental Science and Sustainability (2016)
- Introduction to Biology I (2014)
- Introduction to Biology II (2013)

Guest Lecturer (2014-2015), The University of Texas at Austin

- Field Seminar in Environmental Science and Sustainability

Research Mentor (2013-2014), The University of Texas at Austin

- Lorraine Carnes (REU student, 2014): Invasive plant survey in Bastrop State Park, TX
- Christina Justice (REU student, 2013): Effects of prescribed burning on wildfire severity in Bastrop State Park, TX

Teaching Assistant (2010-2011), Northwestern University

- Ethnobotany

Publications

Peer Reviewed

- Burn severity and post-fire erosion control affect post-fire woody plant recruitment. *Submitted for initial review (June 2017), Natural Areas Journal.*

Non-Peer Reviewed

- Booth, E. M., and Fowler, N. L. **2015**. Understanding post-wildfire vegetation trajectories in pine- oak woodlands. In: R. E. Keane, Jolly, M., Parsons, R., Riley, K. 2015. Proceedings of the large wildland fires conference, May 19-23, 2014, Missoula, MT. Proc. RMRS-P-73. Fort Collins, CO: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. 345p.
- Booth, E. M. **2013**. Post-wildfire plant regeneration in Bastrop State Park. Native Plant Society of Texas News. 31(1):12.

Oral Presentations and Posters

Invited

- Booth, E. M., and N. L. Fowler. **2015**. Wildland fire in central Texas. Native Plant Society of Texas Annual Symposium, Austin, TX (Oral presentation).
- Booth, E. M. and N. L. Fowler. **2013**. Post-wildfire plant community regeneration in the Lost Pines. Native Plant Society of Texas, Williamson County Chapter, Georgetown, TX (Oral presentation).
- Booth, E. M., and N. L. Fowler. **2012**. Effects of pre-wildfire prescribed burns, wildfire intensity, and post-wildfire management on plant regeneration in the Lost Pines of Texas. 'Fire Trek' Special Session, 5th International Fire Congress of the Association for Fire Ecology, Portland, OR (Oral presentation).
- Booth, E. M., and N. L. Fowler. **2012**. Effects of wildfire severity and post-wildfire management on tree regeneration in the Lost Pines region of Texas. Native Plant Society of Texas Annual Symposium, Kerrville, TX (Poster presentation).

Contributed

- Booth, E. M. and N. L. Fowler. **2015**. Post-wildfire legacy effects in a pine-oak woodland. 6th International Congress of the Association of Fire Ecology, San Antonio, TX (Poster presentation).
- Booth, E. M. and N. L. Fowler. **2015**. Effects of soil, light availability, and burn severity on post-wildfire recruitment of dominant woody species in a pine-oak woodland. Ecological Society of America Centennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD (Poster presentation).
- Booth, E. M. and N. L. Fowler. **2014**. Understanding post-wildfire vegetation trajectories in pine-oak woodlands. Large Wildland Fires Conference, Missoula, MT (Poster presentation).
- Booth, E. M., N. L. Fowler, and E. Keith. **2013**. Effects of management actions and wildfire severity on post-wildfire vegetation recovery in the Lost Pines of Texas. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (Oral presentation).
- Booth, E. M., and N. L. Fowler. **2013**. Post-wildfire plant regeneration in the Lost Pines of Texas. The University of Texas at Austin Integrative Biology Graduate Student Symposium, Austin, TX (Oral presentation).
- Booth, E. M., and K. Skogen. **2011**. Potential effects of Climate Change on *Penstemon palmeri* (Plantaginaceae) in Zion National Park, Utah, U.S.A. Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX (Poster presentation).

Honors and Awards

The University of Texas at Austin (2011-2017)

- Jean Andrews Summer Fellowship (2017)
- Graduate School Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2016)
- Student Employee Excellence Certification (2015)
- Plant Biology Graduate Student Research Support (2013)
- Plant Biology Graduate Student Travel Support (2013)
- Integrative Biology Recruitment Fellowship (2011)

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (2013-2015)

- Research grant: 'Effects of pre-fire conditions, fire severity, and post-fire management on plant community recovery trajectories in the Lost Pines of Texas', PI: Dr. Norma Fowler

Association for Fire Ecology (2012)

- Travel, Research, and Educational Experience (TREE) Grant

Native Plant Society of Texas (2012)

- Ann Miller Gonzalez Graduate Research Grant

Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (2012)

Northwestern University and Chicago Botanic Garden (2009-2010)

- Plant Biology and Conservation Travel Grant (2010)
- Shaw Fellowship (2009)

Americorps (2007)

- Education Award

Oberlin College (2001, 2003-2005)

- Oberlin College Merit-Based Scholarship

Professional Organizations

- Association for Fire Ecology
- Botanical Society of America
- Ecological Society of America
- International Association for Vegetation Science

Training Courses

National Wildfire Coordinating Group

- S-290, Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior (2016, course taken unofficially)
- RX-310, Introduction to Fire Effects (2015)
- RT-130, Annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training (2014)
- S-130/S-190, Firefighter Training & Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (2013)
- L-180, Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service (2013)
- I-100, Introduction to Incident Command System (2013)

Esri Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

- Going Places with Spatial Analysis (2016)

The University of Texas at Austin

- Introduction to Biological Computing (2015)
- Inclusive Leadership (2015)
- Conflict Resolution (2014)
- Peer Management (2014)

Skills

Computational

- ArcGIS, ArcGIS Online, BehavePlus, ERDAS IMAGINE, FFI/FFI-Lite, HTML/CSS, Python, QGIS, R, SAS, SigmaPlot

Research and fieldwork

- Experimental design, vegetation surveys including Fire Monitoring Handbook protocols, plant identification and collection, insect collection and preservation, fuel surveys, GPS and map and compass navigation, forestry tools (clinometer, DBH tape, canopy densiometer, etc.)

Languages

- English, French

Service and Outreach**Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX (2014, 2017)**

- Presented a booth at Jean Andrews Lecture Series science fair (2017)
- Volunteer wildland firefighter on prescribed burn (2014)

Science Under the Stars, Austin TX (2016)

- Co-organized Science Under the Stars, a semester-long public lecture series
- Presented a public talk on the role of wildland fire in Texas

The University of Texas at Austin (2013-2014)

- Interview for the College of Natural Sciences, available here: <https://cns.utexas.edu/news/portrait-of-a-fire-ecologist> (2014)
- Interview for 'They Blinded Me With Science' on KVRX (student radio station) (2014)
- Developed and presented at a booth for outreach events at the Texas Natural Science Center (2013)

Student Association for Fire Ecology (SAFE) (2012-2015)

- Founder and President, Central Texas chapter

Association for Fire Ecology (2012-2015)

- Student volunteer at annual meetings

Ecological Society of America (2011-2015)

- Student volunteer at annual meetings