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VICE CHANCELLOR'S POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

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My research interests include the fields of Wildlife Management and Landscape Ecology. This work addresses questions that provide insight into the relationships between wildlife, native environments, and contemporary human-modified landscapes. I am also interested in software programming to advance my professional acumen, with this CV being compiled with code.

Education

Ph.D. Horticulture and Natural Resources

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Manhattan, KS

2022

M.S. Wildlife Sciences

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Brookings, SD

2017

B.S. Rangeland and Wildlife Management

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

Chadron, NE

2013

Certifications

Professional Certification in Data Analysis for Life Sciences (R)

HARVARDX, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Online

2020

GTA Certificate of Achievement in Professional Development

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Manhattan, KS

2020

Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Manhattan, KS

2020

Associate Wildlife Biologist®

THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Online

2016

Graduate Certification in Geospatial Technology

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Rapid City, SD

2016

Esri Academy ArcGIS (9 Certifications)

ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Online

2021

Project WILD/Project WILD Aquatic

ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AGENCIES

Chadron, NE

2013

Employment

Vice Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellow

DEPARTMENT OF RANGELAND, WILDLIFE, AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

College Station, TX

2022 – Present

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Manhattan, KS

2017 – 2022

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Brookings, SD

2014 – 2017

GIS Technician

NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Scottsbluff, NE

2014 – 2014

Undergraduate Researcher

SEVILLETA LTER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Socorro, NM

2013 – 2013

Construction Foreman

WERDEL STEEL CONSTRUCTION

Chadron, NE

1998 – 2013

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University

CO-INSTRUCTOR

- Techniques of Wildlife Management, RWFM 408 & WFSC 638

College Station, TX

2022

Kansas State University

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Firearms Cartridges and Ballistics, WOEM 201
- Rifle and Handgun Range Design, Construction and Operations, WOEM 202
- Introduction to Wildlife and Outdoor Enterprise Management, WOEM 250
- Flora and Fauna of the Great Plains, WOEM 350
- Big Game Management, WOEM 555
- Waterfowl and Wetlands Management, WOEM 561
- Advanced Wildlife Habitat Management, WOEM 562

Manhattan, KS

2017-2022

South Dakota State University

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries, WL 220

Brookings, SD

2014-2017

Publications

Peer-Reviewed

Hessami, M.A., **T.J. Werdel**, S.J. Hoagland, and M.T. Kohl. ***In Press***. Melding Past, Present, and Future: The importance of tribal management in wildlife conservation and management. Chapter 1 in E. Gomez and C. Bishop, eds. Wildlife Management and Conservation in North America: An Overview.

Werdel, T.J., C.W. Piper, A.M. Ricketts, M.S. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2022**. Scale-specific landscape effects impose range-limiting constraints on the distribution of swift fox. *Landscape Ecology*, 37(8), 2065–2079. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10980-022-01466-0>

Werdel, T.J., J.A. Jenks, J.T. Kanta, C.P. Lehman, and T.J. Frink. **2021**. Space use and movement patterns of translocated bighorn sheep. *Mammalian Biology*, 101(3), 329–344. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42991-021-00107-4>

Werdel, T.J., J.A. Jenks, T.E. Besser, J.T. Kanta, C.P. Lehman, and T.J. Frink. **2019**. Restoration of a bighorn sheep population impeded by *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* exposure. *Restoration Ecology*, 28(2), 387–395. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.13084> (Cover Article)

Werdel, T.J., J.A. Jenks, T.E. Besser, J.T. Kanta, C.P. Lehman, and T.J. Frink. **2018**. Survival of translocated bighorn sheep in the Deadwood region of the Black Hills, South Dakota. *Northwestern Naturalist*, 99(3), 222–231. <https://doi.org/10.1898/NWN18-06.1>

In-Revision

Palomo-Muñoz, G., **T.J. Werdel**, C.W. Piper, M.S. Peek, A.M. Ricketts, and A.A. Ahlers. Spatiotemporal distributions of mammals occurring in an agro-prairie ecosystem. *Ecology*.

Werdel, T.J., C.W. Piper, A.M. Ricketts, M.S. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. Landscape-scale effects structure carnivore communities in an agro-prairie ecosystem. *Journal of Mammalogy*.

Piper, C.W., **T.J. Werdel**, M.S. Peek, A.M. Ricketts, D.S. Sullins, and A.A. Ahlers. Landscape composition and proximity to water structure American badger distributions in shortgrass prairies. *Journal of Mammalogy*.

In-Review

Werdel, T.J., J.A. Jenks, J.T. Kanta, C.P. Lehman, and T.J. Frink. Resource selection and herbaceous biomass at foraging sites of translocated bighorn sheep. *Rangeland Ecology and Management*.

Werdel, T.J., M. Fidino, C.W. Piper, A.M. Ricketts, M.S. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. Landscape composition mediates spatiotemporal interactions among sympatric canids in a prairie ecosystem. *Ecological Applications*.

Werdel, T.J., C.W. Piper, A.M. Ricketts, M.S. Peek, D.S. Sullins, and A.A. Ahlers. Strategic grassland conservation to improve conservation outcomes for swift foxes in a multi-use landscape. *Biological Conservation*.

Honors & Awards

Total Scholarship (\$121,150)

Community Building Through Mentorship Conference Panel Travel Grant	<i>The Wildlife Society</i>
\$650	2022
Agriculture Dean and Director's Award for Graduate Student Research	<i>Kansas State University</i>
\$500	2022
Advancing Agricultural Science Opportunities for Native Americans Scholarship	<i>AISES</i>
\$1,500	2021
Robert Nunemacher Scholarship	<i>Kansas State University</i>
\$5,000	2021
Advancing Agricultural Science Opportunities for Native Americans Research Award	<i>AISES</i>
\$5,000	2020
Advancing Agricultural Science Opportunities for Native Americans Scholarship	<i>AISES</i>
\$5,000	2020
Lighting the Pathway to Faculty Careers for Natives in STEM	<i>AISES</i>
\$2,000	2020
College of Agriculture Graduate Student Recognition of Achievement	<i>Kansas State University</i>
	2020
AISES Together Towards Tomorrow T3 Scholarship	<i>AISES</i>
\$500	2020
Gamma Sigma Delta	<i>Kansas State University</i>
	2019
AISES Travel Grant	<i>AISES</i>
\$1,000	2019
Advancing Agricultural Science Opportunities for Native Americans Scholarship	<i>AISES</i>
\$5,000	2019
Kansas State University Graduate Student Recognition of Achievement	<i>Kansas State University</i>
	2019
College of Agriculture Graduate Student Recognition of Achievement	<i>Kansas State University</i>
	2019
Inclusive Pedagogy Travel Grant	<i>The Wildlife Society</i>
\$1,500	2018
Life Membership Fund Scholarship	<i>Wild Sheep Foundation</i>
\$5,000	2018
Predoctoral Ford Fellowship	<i>Ford Foundation</i>
HONORABLE MENTION	2018
Native Student Professional Development Grant	<i>The Wildlife Society</i>
\$2,000	2017
Launch Collegiate Business Pitch Competition	<i>Kansas State University</i>
\$1,500	2017
Native Student Professional Development Grant	<i>The Wildlife Society</i>
\$2,000	2016
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society	<i>South Dakota State University</i>
	2016
Excellence in Wildlife Management	<i>Chadron State College</i>
	2013
Platinum Eagle Award	<i>Chadron State College</i>
FINALIST	2013

Gates Millennium Scholarship	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
\$75,000	2005
Scholastic Excellence in Engineering	University of Wyoming
\$3,000	2005
Scholars Stipend	University of Wyoming
\$2,500	2005
Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarship	University of Wyoming
\$2,500	2005
Honors Program	University of Wyoming
	2005

Professional Service

External Journal Reviewer

Journal of Mammalogy, PeerJ, Canadian Journal of Zoology

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Executive Service in Professional Organizations

Program Coordinator

NATIVE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT, NATIVE PEOPLES' WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

The Wildlife Society

2018 – Present

Secretary/Treasurer

CENTRAL MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS SECTION

The Wildlife Society

2018 – 2021

Working Group Membership

Rangeland Wildlife Working Group

The Wildlife Society

2018 – Present

Native Peoples' Wildlife Management Working Group

The Wildlife Society

2015 – Present

Student Development Working Group

The Wildlife Society

2013 – Present

Chapter Membership

Central Mountains and Plains Section

The Wildlife Society

2018 – Present

Kansas Chapter

The Wildlife Society

2017 – Present

South Dakota Chapter

The Wildlife Society

2014 – 2017

Nebraska Chapter

The Wildlife Society

2013 – 2014

Chadron State College Wildlife Club

The Wildlife Society

2012 – 2013

Professional Organization Membership

Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science

2021 – Present

Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society

2019 – Present

American Indian Science and Engineering Society

2019 – Present

Swift Fox Conservation Team

2018 – Present

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

2016 – Present

Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

2025 – Present

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society

2015 – 2017

Wild Sheep Foundation

2014 – Present

American Society of Mammalogists

2013 – Present

The Wildlife Society

2013 – Present

Presentations

Contributed

Werdel, T.J., C.W. Piper, A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2021**. Scale-specific landscape effects impose range-limiting constraints on the distribution of swift foxes. The Wildlife Society 28th Annual Conference. Virtual.

Piper, C.W., **T.J. Werdel**, A.M. Ricketts, D. Sullins, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2021**. Landscape composition and proximity to water structure American badger distributions in shortgrass prairies. The Wildlife Society 28th Annual Conference. Virtual.

Werdel, T.J., C.W. Piper, A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2021**. Multiscale landscape effects impose range-limiting constraints on the distribution of swift fox. Swift Fox Conservation Team Meeting, Kansas, USA.

Werdel, T.J., C.W. Piper, A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2021**. Multiscale landscape effects impose range-limiting constraints on the distribution of swift fox. Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Furbearer Workshop. Michigan, USA.

Piper, C.W., **T.J. Werdel**, A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2021**. Landscape composition and proximity to water structure American badger (*Taxidea taxus*) distributions in shortgrass prairies. Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Furbearer Workshop. Michigan, USA.

Werdel, T.J., A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2020**. Assessing factors that influence occupancy and colonization of swift fox in western Kansas. Kansas Natural Resources Conference. Manhattan, KS.

Werdel, T.J., A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2019**. Assessing factors that shape carnivore diversity in short-grass prairie ecosystems. American Fisheries Society & The Wildlife Society Joint Annual Conference. Reno, NV.

Werdel, T.J., A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2019**. Carnivore richness and diversity is driven by landscape change in shortgrass prairie ecosystems. 99th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists. Washington, D.C.

Werdel, T.J., A.M. Ricketts, M. Peek, and A.A. Ahlers. **2019**. Landscape effects on swift fox occupancy in western Kansas. Southwest/Midwest Joint Furbearer Meeting. Enid, OK.

Werdel, T.J., A.M. Ricketts, and A.A. Ahlers. **2019**. Landscape change structures carnivore communities in short-grass prairie ecosystems. Kansas Natural Resources Conference. Manhattan, KS.

Werdel, T.J., A.M. Ricketts, and A.A. Ahlers. **2018**. Assessing the spatial distribution of swift fox in western Kansas. The Wildlife Society 25th Annual Conference. Cleveland, OH.

Werdel, T.J., J.A. Jenks. **2018**. Survival of bighorn sheep in the Deadwood region of the Black Hills. Nebraska/Central Mountains & Plains Section of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting. Kearney, NE.

Werdel, T.J., J.A. Jenks, J. Kanta, and C. Lehman. **2016**. Evaluation of the Deadwood bighorn sheep herd translocation. The Wildlife Society 23rd Annual Conference. Raleigh, NC.

Werdel, T.J. 2013. Small mammal population and diversity in relation to prairie dog reintroduction sites. Sevilleta LTER Research Experience for Undergraduates Summer Symposium. Socorro, NM.

Invited

- 2021** - Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; “Applied Wildlife Management: A Landscape Ecology Approach”
- 2021** - Texas A&M University, College Station, TX; “Traditional Ecological Knowledge: A Place-Based Perspective”
- 2021** - Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Emporia, KS; “Distribution of Swift Fox in Kansas”
- 2021** - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; “Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) of Wetlands”
- 2021** - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; “Bighorn Sheep Capture and Monitoring Techniques”
- 2021** - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; “Wild Sheep Natural History”
- 2020** - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; “Bighorn Sheep Capture and Monitoring Techniques”
- 2019** - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; “Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) of Wetlands”
- 2019** - Wild Sheep Foundation Sheep Show, Reno, NV; “Keynote Speaker: Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience”
- 2018** - The Wildlife Society Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH; “Inclusive Pedagogy Student Panel”
- 2018** - Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS; “Bighorn Sheep Monitoring”
- 2018** - Marlatt Elementary School, Manhattan, KS; “Marlatt STEM Night”
- 2018** - Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, KS; “Initiating a Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society”
- 2016** - Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, SD; “Toyota STEM Speaker”
- 2015** - South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks, Rapid City, SD; “Deadwood Bighorn Sheep Translocation”
- 2015** - Kiwanis Club, Lead, SD; “Bighorn Sheep and Community Interaction”
- 2015** - Chadron State College, Chadron, NE; “Graduate School Experience and Preparation”
- 2013** - Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, SD; “Project WILD, Children and Wildlife”