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M.Sc. 2000. Wildlife Ecology, University of New Hampshire

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PhD. 2006. Conservation Science - Wildlife Ecology, Oklahoma State University

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