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## education

2018: PhD, Forest Resources (Wildlife Ecology and Management), University of Georgia.  
*A Landscape-scale Perspective to Grassland Bird Conservation in Agroecosystems.*

2013: MS, Biology, Eastern Kentucky University.  
*Habitat Associations of Stream-dwelling Salamanders at Multiple Spatial Scales in Central Kentucky Headwaters.*

2011: BS, Biology, Eastern Kentucky University.

## professional

**Post-doctoral Research Associate:** Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources,  
University of Georgia. 7/2018–Present:

*Main responsibilities:*

- **Lead research** on the **landscape-scale** influence of Working Lands for Wildlife on Northern Bobwhite populations across 5 southeastern states. This study approximately 70 landowners, 5 state agencies, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- Partner with the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative to **build an adaptive management framework for grassland bird conservation decisions** across private and public land in the eastern and midwestern US. This study includes 19 different state agencies, the Farm Service Agency, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and is designed to directly impact grassland conservation decisions across the cooperating state agencies.
- **Use remote sensing, spatially explicit models, and optimization techniques** to develop tools used to prioritize conservation in working landscapes.
- **Provide guidance to partners and stakeholders** regarding application of quantitative methods to conservation decision making
- **Disseminate research** in final reports, peer reviewed publications, and scientific presentations
- **Understand the information needs** of partners via workshops and meetings
- **Manage staff** in field and office settings

*Collaborators:* University of Georgia, state wildlife agencies across the eastern and midwestern US, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Forever, Tall Timbers, Fort Gordon Military Base, Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture

**Graduate Research Assistant:** Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources,  
University of Georgia. 1/2015–6/2018

*Main responsibilities:*

- **Led research** on the influence of private land conservation on **grassland bird populations** in Kentucky
- **Developed statistical models** to estimate the landscape ecology of Northern Bobwhite in agricultural ecosystems
- **Designed and implemented field experiments** to advance understanding of land management within agricultural ecosystems
- Used advanced geospatial statistics, optimization procedures, and decision science to **develop strategies for agricultural ecosystem conservation**
- **Applied remote sensing techniques** to classify agricultural land use using high resolution data
- **Disseminate research** in final reports, peer reviewed publications, and scientific presentations
- Regularly **communicated complex science topics** to technical and non-technical audiences

*Collaborators:* The University of Georgia, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, The Nature Conservancy, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency

**Wildlife Biologist I:** Research Program, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. 6/2013–12/2014

*Main responsibilities:*

- **Advised program coordinators, biologists, and agency partners** regarding the design and implementation of research projects and monitoring practices
- Reviewed and contributed to **scientific reports, proposals, and peer-reviewed manuscripts**
- **Collected field data** for a variety of project spanning several taxa
- Assisted in **prioritizing Kentucky's Species of Greatest Conservation Need**
- Assisted with **habitat management**
- Regularly **communicated complex science** topics to technical and non-technical audiences

*Collaborators:* Agency staff, other state and federal partners.

**Graduate Research Assistant:** Department of Biological Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University. 8/2011–5/2013.

*Main responsibilities:*

- Investigated the **habitat associations of stream salamanders at multiple spatial scales** using scientifically-sound field data collection and statistical models
- **Collected and synthesized biological data** into peer-reviewed publications
- **Created, analyzed, and interpreted spatial data** using geographic information systems software
- **Supervise** volunteers during field data collection

*Collaborators:* Kentucky Natural History Society, Raven Run Nature Preserve

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honors  
and awards

2019 Stoddard-Burleigh-Sutton Award for excellence in wildlife conservation  
2018 E. L. Cheatum Award for excellence in academic achievements, personal qualities, and participation in professional affairs and public issues  
2017 Northeast Georgia Quail Forever Scholarship  
2016 Digital Globe Foundation Imagery Grant  
2013 Dan Varney Award for academic achievement, leadership and service, and potential for professional achievement

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peer-  
reviewed  
publications

Wann, G. P. E. Howell, **J. M. Yeiser**, and J. A. Martin. *In press*. Estimating harvest rate and the effects of hunting pressure on Northern Bobwhite survival. *Wildlife Biology*.  
**Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, and J. A. Martin. 2020. Variability in the management of agricultural fields spared for conservation. *Ecological Indicators* 114:106303.  
**Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. 2018. Private land conservation has landscape-scale benefits for wildlife in agroecosystems. *Journal of Applied Ecology* 55 (4), 1930–1939. **Shortlisted as a highly-commended paper for the Journal of Applied Ecology's Southwood Prize.**  
Orange, J. P., **J. M. Yeiser**, D. L. Baxley, J. J. Morgan, and B. A. Robinson. 2017. Evaluating bird type and dog exposure on Northern Bobwhite hunter success on a reclaimed mineland in Kentucky. *Quail VIII: Proceedings of the Eighth National Quail Symposium*.

- John J. Morgan, **J. M. Yeiser**, D. L. Baxley, G. Sprandel, B. A. Robinson, and K. Wethington. 2017. A focused habitat approach for Northern Bobwhite restoration in Kentucky. Quail VIII: Proceedings of the Eighth National Quail Symposium.
- Yeiser, J. M.**, D. L. Baxley, B. A. Robinson, J. J. Morgan, J. N. Stewart, and J. O. Barnard. 2016. A comparison of coal mine reclamation seed mixes in Kentucky: implications for grassland establishment in Appalachia. *International Journal of Mining Reclamation and Environment* 30:257–267.
- Yeiser, J. M.**, and S. C. Richter. 2015. Microhabitat conditions influence mesohabitat associations and distribution of larval salamanders in headwater streams. *Hydrobiologia* 751:175–187.
- Yeiser, J. M.**, D. L. Baxley, B. Robinson, and J. Morgan. 2015. Using prescribed fire and herbicide to manage rank native warm season grass for northern bobwhite. *Journal of Wildlife Management* 79:69–76.
- Schlyer O. Nunziata, S. C. Richter, R. D. Denton, **J. M. Yeiser**, D.E. Wells, K. L. Jones, C. Hagen, and S. L. Lance. 2012. Fourteen novel microsatellite markers for the gopher frog, *Lithobates capito* (Amphibia: Ranidae). *Conservation Genetics Resources* 4:201–203.

- publications **Yeiser, J. M.**, P. E. Howell, G. T. Wann, and J. A. Martin. Addressing temporal variation in  
in review bird calling with design and estimation: a Northern Bobwhite example. Under  
or revision revision: *Journal of Wildlife Management*.
- Yeiser, J. M.**, A. L. Jackson, D. C. Sisson, T. M. Terhune, and J. A. Martin. Spatial structure and density dependence affect harvest and predation management for a game bird. Under revision: *Journal of Wildlife Management*.
- Martin, J. A. and **J. M. Yeiser**. Wildlife management and the roots of landscape ecology. In W. F. Porter, C. J. Parent, D. M. Williams (Eds.), *Wildlife and Landscapes: Principles and applications for landscape management*. Baltimore, MD, USA: Johns Hopkins University Press. In review.

- publications **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. Species-specific  
nearing landscapes confound the flagship approach to private land conservation.  
submission **Yeiser, J. M.**, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. A review of distance-based methods for estimating scale of effect. Invited review, *Current Landscape Ecology Reports*.

- technical **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. A. Martin, T. V. Dailey, and M. Foley. Efficiency of the Conservation  
reports Reserve Program in Context of Focused Landscape Management for Northern Bobwhites and Associated Species. Final Report for the Farm Service Agency.
- Martin, J. A., **J. M. Yeiser**, and R. B. Chandler. Uncertainty and entanglement of habitat loss and fragmentation effects in the management of northern bobwhites and eastern meadowlarks. Final Report for the Gulf Prairie Landscape Conservation Cooperative.

funded **Total = \$1,609,467**

- proposals The Contribution of the NBCI's Coordinated Implementation Program to the Restoration of the Longleaf Ecosystem: Recovering the Northern Bobwhite. 2020–2021. \$147,567.  
*Principal Investigators:* James Martin, University of Georgia  
*Co-principal Investigators:* John Yeiser, University of Georgia, Tom Dailey and Molly Foley, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative.  
*Collaborators:* Coordinators, biologists, and managers from state wildlife agencies of Alabama, Virginia, Georgia, and Louisiana.
- Interplay of Harvest Regulations and Habitat Conditions on Northern Bobwhite Population Dynamics: Towards Adaptive Management of Indiana Public Areas. 2019–2022, \$537,455

*Principal Investigators:* James Martin, University of Georgia

*Co-principal Investigators:* Paige Howell, John Yeiser, Richard Chandler, Greg Wann, University of Georgia

*Collaborators:* Matthew Broadway, Travis Stoetling, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

### Adaptive Management to Optimize Northern Bobwhite Populations, Hunter Satisfaction, Timber Revenue, and Other Objectives. 2019–2020, \$197,370

*Principal Investigators:* James Martin, University of Georgia

*Co-principal Investigators:* Paige Howell, John Yeiser, Bynum Boley, University of Georgia

*Collaborators:* Dallas Ingram, Jessica McGuire, Alan Isler, Brent Howze, Drew Zellner, Matt Payne, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

### Status and Management of Ruffed Grouse in the North Georgia. 2018–2020, \$261,891

*Principal Investigators:* Richard Chandler, James Martin, University of Georgia

*Co-principal Investigators:* Mark McConnell, Paige Howell, Greg Wann, John Yeiser, University of Georgia and Mississippi State University

*Collaborators:* Tina Johannsen and Adam Hammond, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

### Working Lands for Wildlife–Pine Savanna Project for Bobwhite: Does it contribute to National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative Population Goals? 2018–2020, \$208,884

*Principal Investigators:* James Martin, University of Georgia

*Co-principal Investigators:* John Yeiser, Richard Chandler, Tom Prebyl, University of Georgia

*Collaborators:* Bridgette Costanzo, Melissa Martin, Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Study of Population Response of Bobwhite to the Conservation Reserve Program within the NBCI Coordinated Implementation Program. 2017–2019, \$88,600

*Principal Investigators:* James Martin, University of Georgia

*Co-principal Investigators:* John Yeiser, University of Georgia

*Collaborators:* Tom Dailey, Molly Foley, National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, University of Tennessee.

*Additional collaborators:* 19 state resource management agencies across the eastern U.S.

### Landscape-scale Effects of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program on Grassland Bird Populations in Kentucky. 2015–2018, \$167,700

*Principal Investigators:* James Martin, University of Georgia

*Co-principal Investigators:* John Yeiser, Richard Chandler, University of Georgia

*Collaborators:* John Morgan, Danna Baxley, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

#### additional ongoing projects

Modeling the response of grassland and shrubland bird communities to oil and gas development in Texas

Elicitation of expert opinion to inform Northern Bobwhite conservation paradigms

Development of a spatially explicit Northern Bobwhite population simulation model

Development of a Northern Bobwhite adaptive monitoring programs at Fort Gordon

#### mentoring experience

2017–2020: Mentored many graduate students on the scientific process, study design, statistical analyses, writing, and oral presentation techniques. Hired, trained, and guided over a dozen technicians in the office and field.

#### teaching experience

2017: Guest Lecturer: Wildlife Conservation in Agricultural Landscapes, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Georgia.

2013: Human Anatomy Lab Instructor, Department of Biological Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

2012: Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy Lab Instructor, Department of Biological Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

2011–2012: Human Anatomy Lab Instructor, Department of Biological Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY. Teaching Experience

- August 13, 2019. **Yeiser, J. M.**, P. E. Howell, G. Wann, and J. A. Martin. Addressing temporal variability in bird calling with design and estimation. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division - Warnell Research Updates Meeting. Mansfield, GA.
- August 13, 2019. Wann, G., J. A. Martin, P. E. Howell, and **J. M. Yeiser**. Survival and cause-specific mortality of northern bobwhite in an east-central Georgia population. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division - Warnell Research Updates Meeting. Mansfield, GA.
- July 26, 2019. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. A. Martin, T. Dailey, and M. Foley. The influence of the Conservation Reserve Program on bobwhite density in context of the Coordinated Implementation Program. National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting: Coordinated Implementation Program Workshop. Carbondale, IL.
- July 26, 2019. Martin, J. A. and **J. M. Yeiser**. The Coordinated Implementation Program within an adaptive management framework. National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting: Coordinated Implementation Program Workshop. Carbondale, IL.
- July 25, 2019. **Yeiser, J. M.** and J. A. Martin. 5-year Coordinated Implementation Program population estimates. National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting: Coordinated Implementation Program Workshop. Carbondale, IL.
- June 26, 2019. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. Morgan, D. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. A Landscape-scale approach to bobwhite conservation in fragmented systems. Bobwhite Boot Camp: The Basics and Working Lands Conservation. West Point, MS.
- January 8, 2019. **Yeiser, J. M.** and J. A. Martin. Preliminary results: expert opinion survey. Coordinated Implementation Program stakeholder meeting. Ames, IA.
- January 8, 2019. **Yeiser, J. M.** and J. A. Martin. Coordinated Implementation Program analysis update: 2013–2018. Coordinated Implementation Program stakeholder meeting. Ames, IA.
- November 14, 2018. Martin, J. A., A. Colter, and **J. M. Yeiser**. State of the science for Northern Bobwhite in managed ecosystems. Working Lands for Wildlife - Bobwhite in Pine Savanna Planning Meeting. Mansfield, GA.
- October 5, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. Benefits of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program to grassland birds. Stakeholder meeting: Preserving the legacy of the Kentucky Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
- October 5, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. A decision tool to guide grassland conservation in Kentucky. Stakeholder meeting: Preserving the legacy of the Kentucky Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
- August 10, 2018. Foley, M., J. A. Martin, **J. M. Yeiser**, J. Howell, and T. Dailey. National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative Coordinated Implementation Program Workshop. National Bobwhite Technical Committee Annual Meeting. Albany, GA.
- August 9, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.** and J. A. Martin. Coordinated Implementation Program Update: 2013–2017. National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting: Science Subcommittee. Albany, GA.
- August 8, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.** and J. A. Martin. An expert elicitation survey about Northern Bobwhite habitat. National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting: Science Subcommittee. Albany, GA.
- Summer 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. Opportunity costs of the flagship approach to farmland conservation. Poster Presentation: 2018 Joint Wildlife Research Update Meeting, Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Wildlife Resources Division and Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. Mansfield, GA.



- January 10, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.** and J. A. Martin. Expected analytical products of the Farm Service Agency - Coordinated Implementation Program study. Stakeholder meeting. Chillicothe, MO.
- December 7, 2017. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. How close is close enough? Using spatially targeted enrollment to prioritize private land conservation. Working Lands for Wildlife Planning Meeting. Knoxville, TN.
- July 28, 2017. Martin, J. A. and **J. M. Yeiser**. Coordinated Implementation Program Update: 2013–2016. National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting and the 8th National Quail Symposium. Knoxville, TN.
- Summer 2016. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. Effects of broad-scale conservation on northern bobwhite in a farm landscape. 2016 Joint Wildlife Research Update Meeting, Georgia Department of Natural Resources-Wildlife Resources Division and Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. Mansfield, GA.
- January 29, 2016. **Yeiser, J. M.** State-space modeling. A workshop-style lecture given to Warnell Graduate Students and Faculty. Athens, GA.
- Spring 2016. **Yeiser, J. M.** Fitting statistical models using Bayesian methods. A workshop-style lecture given to Warnell Graduate Students. Athens, GA.
- Summer 2014. **Yeiser, J. M.** Using Akaike's Information Criterion for model selection. Given to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Biologists. Frankfort, KY.

tools for  
conservation

- Building an adaptive management framework to link habitat management to grassland bird habitat quality and population densities across the eastern U.S. (the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative's Coordinated Implementation Program)
- Built a Shiny app to elicit expert opinion about Northern Bobwhite habitat quality:  
<https://gamelab.shinyapps.io/survey/>
- Developed a spatially-explicit decision support tool to inform optimization of private land conservation in south central Kentucky. This tool was also used to guide habitat management for Northern Bobwhite at Clay Wildlife Management Area in Kentucky.

invited  
presentations

- September 30, 2019. Panel Discussion. Natural Resource Conservation in Agricultural Landscapes. The Wildlife Society Meeting, Reno NV.
- September 30, 2019. **Yeiser, J. M.**, T. Dailey, M. Foley, and J. Martin. Population responses of Northern Bobwhite and grassland birds to the Coordinated Implementation Program. Symposium: Natural Resource Conservation in Agricultural Landscapes. The Wildlife Society Meeting. Reno, NV.
- May 1, 2019. Martin, J. A., **J. M. Yeiser**, P. E. Howell, et al. Interactions of landscape structure and management on Northern Bobwhite. Departmental Seminar, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE.
- November 1, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.**, A. L. Jackson, D. C. Sisson, T. Terhune, and J. A. Martin. Predation management increases bobwhite harvest opportunities. Tall Timbers Game Bird Seminar, Tallahassee, FL.
- July 27, 2017. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, and J. A. Martin. Effects of broad-scale conservation on Northern Bobwhite populations in agricultural landscapes. Plenary of The 8th National Quail Symposium. Knoxville, TN.
- Summer 2017. Martin, J. A. and **J. M. Yeiser**. Transitioning from vital rates to decisions: a case study with Northern Bobwhite. Departmental Seminar at Auburn University. Auburn, AL.
- August 5, 2015. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, and J. A. Martin. Strategic monitoring of Northern Bobwhite and its application to their conservation in

agricultural landscapes. Plenary of The National Bobwhite Technical Committee Meeting. Galloway, NJ.

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- contributed presentations September 29, 2020. **Yeiser, J. M.**, A. L. Jackson, D. C. Sisson, T. Therune, and J. A. Martin. Predation management and spatial structure moderate extinction risk and harvest of Northern Bobwhite. Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society. Louisville, KY.
- October 8, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. Opportunity costs of the flagship approach to farmland conservation. Annual Conference of the Wildlife Society. Cleveland, OH.
- February 1, 2018. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. A spatially-targeted decision support tool for Northern Bobwhite conservation planning. Warnell Graduate Student Symposium, University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
- October 29, 2017. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. A. Martin, D. Baxley, and J. Morgan. How close is close enough? Using spatially targeted enrollment to prioritize private land conservation. The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Meeting. Louisville, KY.
- Winner of Best Student Presentation: Wildlife Technical Session.**
- September 8, 2017. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. A. Martin, D. Baxley, and J. Morgan. How close is close enough? Using spatially targeted enrollment to prioritize private land conservation. The Georgia Wildlife Society Conference. Covington, GA. **3rd place: Student presentations**
- February 9, 2017. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. Strategic enrollment informed by scale of effect increases success of private land conservation programs. Warnell Graduate Student Symposium, University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
- October 15, 2016. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. J. Morgan, D. L. Baxley, R. B. Chandler, and J. A. Martin. Effects of broad-scale conservation on Northern Bobwhite in a farm landscape. The Annual Wildlife Society Meeting. Raleigh, NC.
- January 21, 2016. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. Morgan, D. Baxley, and J. A. Martin. Effects of broad-scale conservation on Northern Bobwhite populations in agricultural landscapes. Warnell Graduate Student Symposium. Athens, GA.
- September 10, 2015. **Yeiser, J. M.**, J. A. Martin, D. Baxley, and J. Morgan. Applying strategic monitoring to conservation: an example with Northern Bobwhite. The Georgia Chapter of the Wildlife Society Meeting. Athens, GA.
- September 11, 2013. **Yeiser, J. M.**, D. Baxley, B. Robinson, and J. Morgan. Using prescribed fire and herbicide to manage rank native warm season grass for Northern Bobwhite. The Kentucky Chapter of the Wildlife Society Meeting. Lucas, KY.
- October 20, 2012. **Yeiser, J. M.**, and S. C. Richter. Microhabitat conditions dictate mesohabitat associations and distribution of larval salamanders in headwater streams. Kentucky Academy of Sciences Meeting. Richmond, KY.
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- poster presentations April 13, 2011. **Yeiser, J. M.**, Jones, A. L., and Richter, S. C. Salamanders are useful bioindicators of water quality and watershed health in eastern Kentucky. Annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists, Huntsville, AL.
- February 10, 2011. **Yeiser, J. M.**, Jones, A. L., and Richter, S. C. Salamanders are useful bioindicators of water quality and watershed health in eastern Kentucky. Poster presentation: Posters at the Capitol meeting. Frankfort, KY.
- November 12, 2010. **Yeiser, J. M.**, Jones, A. L., and Richter, S. C. Salamanders are useful bioindicators of water quality and watershed health in eastern Kentucky. Poster presentation: Kentucky Academy of Sciences meeting, Bowling Green, KY. **1st Place Poster: Ecology and Environmental Science.**

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**professional development** Prescribed Fire Training Modules: I-100, S-190, S-130, L-180, S-110  
 Member of the National Bobwhite Technical Committee science subcommittee  
 Member of the Biometrics Working Group in the Wildlife Society  
 President of the Warnell Graduate Student Association, 2017–2018  
 Integrated Population Modeling workshop, Patuxent Maryland, August 2016.  
 President of the Eastern Kentucky University Biological Organization of Graduate Students.  
 2011–2013.

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**professional service** National Bobwhite Technical Committee Science Subcommittee  
 Warnell Avian Research Writing Group  
 National Wildlife Society's Biometrics Working Group  
 The Georgia Chapter of The Wildlife Society  
 Xi Sigma Pi National Forestry Honor Society  
 2016–2017. The Longleaf Alliance  
 2014–2015. The Kentucky Chapter of the Wildlife Society  
 2013–2014. Kentucky Prescribed Fire Council – Member of Information and Education Committee  
 2012–2014. Kentucky Society of Natural History  
 2012–2014. Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles

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**ad-hoc journal peer review** Computers and Electronics in Agriculture  
 Biodiversity and Conservation  
 The Condor: Ornithological Applications  
 Journal of Wildlife Management  
 Wildlife Society Bulletin  
 Journals of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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