

Flint Hills Resources Community Action Council

Speakers Bio

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List any degrees you hold and the college or university from which you graduated:

Degree	University
Associate of Arts	Manatee Jr. College, Bradenton, FL
Bachelor of Science	University of Florida
Masters of Science	Corpus Christi State Univ. (now TAMU-CC)

List any certifications, affiliations, honors or awards:

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Experience:

Over 21 years with USFWS working on a variety of programs within the agency. All work geared toward the conservation of endangered and threatened species, migratory birds, and their habitats. For the past decade, I've worked primarily in the USFWS' Recovery Program for federally listed T & E species. Prior to that, I was involved in the USFWS Coastal and Partners for Fish & Wildlife Programs, both targeting habitat restoration, enhancement, and protection actions for habitat on non-federal lands. The 2 years prior to my assuming a staff position at the agency, I was a university employee under contract to the USFWS to work on colonial waterbird management and on a project to follow up on the success or failure of compensatory mitigation projects.

Before I started work with USFWS, I helped my major advisor at CCSU with research on American white pelicans. At the same time, I also waited tables in restaurants to help pay the bills. In addition to restaurant work, I worked in a casino in the Tahoe area, where I met my future husband. Since my husband was a Texan, we ended up in Texas.

Prior to moving to the Tahoe area, and subsequent to earning my bachelor's degree, I worked as a lab tech for a husband and wife team of research endocrinologists in the University of Florida's teaching hospital in Gainesville, Florida.

While working on my BS in Animal Science at U of F, I worked for a Wildlife Parasitologist in a work study position.

I was also employed by the U of F at a satellite research station in Bradenton, Florida where I helped with field and lab work under the supervision of a research entomologist.

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Areas of expertise:

Knowledge of southern Texas habitats, animals and plants.
Endangered species programs.

What do you feel are the most important qualities/characteristics in today's workplace?

Honesty and personal integrity.
Respect for co-worker's and supervisors. Willingness to put yourself in other's places to understand their perspectives.
Good writing ability. Good listening ability.
Understanding technologies being used in your field.
Openness to learning new techniques and methodologies. Willingness to accept changing situations, policies, etc.

More about me:

Born & raised in Florida. Lived in FL through age 24. Lived in California (on Nevada border) for 1 year.
Moved to Texas in late 1980 and have been here since then.
Family: Husband and 2 sons (24 & 18).
Mission Committee Chairperson at my church. High level of involvement in my church.