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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Texas A&M University** (expected graduation: Spring 2025) | College Station, Texas | 2019-2025  
Ecology & Conservation Biology (ECCB) | Certificate in Applied Biodiversity Science  
Dissertation: *The Production of Destruction: How Society Invented the Lost Pines 'Forest' and Sparked the Most Destructive Wildfire in Texas History*  
Advisor: Dr. Urs Kreuter

**B.A., James Madison University** | Harrisonburg, Virginia | 2006-10  
Geography – Global Studies | Minor: Middle Eastern Communities & Migrations / Phi Beta Kappa  
Senior Project: *A Geographic History of the Appalachian Identity*

## HONORS & AWARDS

**Willie Mae Harris Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching Assistants** | Texas A&M College of Agriculture & Life Sciences | 2024-25

**Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award** | Texas A&M Ecology & Conservation Biology | 2024

**W.B. Davis Endowed Scholarship** | Texas A&M Ecology & Conservation Biology | 2022-23

**Sid Kyle Graduate Merit Assistantship** | Texas A&M Ecosystem Science & Management | 2020-23

**ECCB Presentation Travel Grant** | Texas A&M Ecology & Conservation Biology | 2023

**Merit Fellowship** | Texas A&M College of Agriculture & Life Sciences | 2019-20

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Academic Manuscripts:*

May, N.L., Kreuter, U.P., Miller, W.A. (*in prep*). “Rebuilding and new residential development following a destructive wildfire: A ten-year wildland-urban interface case study in Texas.”

Kreuter, U.P., Wonkka, C.L., Twidwell, D., Treadwell, M.L., May, N.L. (*in review*). “Awareness and social interaction influence natural resource professionals’ recommendations for prescribed fire use.” *Rangeland Ecology & Management*.

### *Professional Reports:*

Kreuter, U.P., Wilcox, B.P., Veldman, J.W., May, N.L. 2022. “2022 Recommended Land Management for the Water Quality Protection Lands, Austin, Texas.” Submitted to the Water Quality Protection Lands Wildland Conservation District, Austin Water, City of Austin, Texas.

### *Research Briefs:*

Miller, W.A., May, N.L. 2024. “Where there’s smoke: Climate change, population growth, and wildfires.” *Tierra Grande*, 31(4): 14-18. Texas Real Estate Research Center, Texas A&M University.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Fundamentals of Ecology** | ECCB 215 | Lab Instructor | Texas A&M University | Fall 2020; Spring 2023; Spring 2024

**Ecosystem Management** | RWFM 411 | Lab Instructor | Texas A&M University | Spring 2023; Spring 2024

**Special Topic: Teaching Methods for Lab** | ECCB 689-601 | Presenter: “Best Practices for Effective Lab Instruction” | Texas A&M University | Fall 2022; Fall 2023; Fall 2024

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“**Stoking the Fire: Unintended Consequences of Houston Toad Conservation in Bastrop County, Texas**” | Texas A&M Ecology & Conservation Biology Seminar | College Station, Texas | 2024

“**The Production of Destruction: How Society Invented the Flammable Lost Pines ‘Forest’ of Texas**” | American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting | Denver, Colorado | 2023

**“How Society Invented the Lost Pines ‘Forest’ of Texas”** | Texas A&M Ecological Integration Symposium | College Station, Texas | 2023

**“Historical Research Across Disciplines”** | James Madison University Middle East Student & Faculty Research Workshop | Harrisonburg, Virginia | 2022

**“Developing Charlottesville’s Food Identity”** | Tom Tom Founders Festival | Charlottesville, Virginia | 2014

**“Changing Pace & Changing Identity: the ‘Race’ of the Jordan River”** | James Madison University Middle East Conference | Harrisonburg, Virginia | 2008 | Nominated by professor

**“Guantánamo Bay: Self-Defense or Self-Destruction?”** | James Madison University General Education Student Conference | Harrisonburg, Virginia | 2007 | Nominated by professor

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

**American Society for Environmental History**

**American Association of Geographers**

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPERIENCE

**Musician and Songwriter** | The Can-Do Attitude (band) | 2009 – 2018 | Two studio albums recorded

**Contestant** | Jeopardy! (television program), Season 30 | January 2012

**Volunteer** | Las Vueltas Farm, Dota, Costa Rica | September – December 2010; July - August 2016

**Travel** | I have traveled and/or worked in over thirty countries since graduating high school