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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Texas A&M University** | College Station, Texas | 2019–2025  
Ecology & Conservation Biology | Certificate in Applied Biodiversity Science  
Dissertation: *The Past, Present, & Future of Wildfire in the Lost Pines of Bastrop County, Texas*  
Advisor: Urs Kreuter  
**B.A., James Madison University** | Harrisonburg, Virginia | 2006–10  
Geography — Global Studies | Minor: Middle Eastern Communities & Migrations  
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., Miller, W.A., Kreuter, U.P., (*in review*). Rebuilding and new residential development following a destructive wildfire: A ten-year wildland-urban interface case study in Texas. *International Journal of Wildland Fire*.

Kreuter, U.P., Wonkka, C.L., Twidwell, D., Treadwell, M.L., May, N.L. (2025). Awareness and social interaction influence natural resource professionals' recommendations for prescribed fire use. *Rangeland Ecology & Management*, 100: 89–98.

### *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. (2025). Reflecting on Bastrop. *Tierra Grande: The Journal of Texas Real Estate Research*, 32(2): 14–19. Texas Real Estate Research Center, Texas A&M University.

Miller, W.A., May, N.L. (2024). Where there's smoke: Climate change, population growth, and wildfires. *Tierra Grande: The Journal of Texas Real Estate Research*, 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; Spring 2025  
**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

**“New Discoveries in the Lost Pines”** | Native Prairies Association of Texas | Ecosystem Restoration Talk | 2025

**“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

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

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

**Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences**

**American Society for Environmental History**

**American Association of Geographers**

#### MISCELLANEOUS EXPERIENCE

**Musician** | The Can-Do Attitude (band) | 2009–2018

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

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