

Shane Feyers

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. candidate in Interdisciplinary Ecology, Urban and Regional Planning** August 2017 -- present
University of Florida School of Natural Resources & Environment, GPA: 3.87
- Master of Environmental Management in Human Dimensions** May 2015
Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, GPA: 3.52 (equivalent)
- Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management** June 2013
University of Connecticut, Magna cum Laude, GPA: 3.74

EMPLOYMENT

- University of Florida SNRE** Aug. 2017-present
Graduate Research Assistant
- Teaching assistant for Society & Natural Resources, leading labs and discussions with >100 students.
 - Proctored Environmental Science Laboratory (2018, 2020), teaching about professional development, career outlooks, and field methods to undergraduate students. Facilitated internship and interviews for students.
 - Conducted natural science research (wildlife survey) in Costa Rica and led social needs assessment for ecotourism in Pinellas county (focus groups), writing multiple reports and journal articles for both projects.
 - Published peer-reviewed journal article and presented ecotourism research at five conferences around the U.S.
- Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies** Sept. 2016 – Aug. 2017
Research Fellow
- Head of Delegation for Yale University Tropical Resources Institute at 6th International Union for Conservation of Nature World Conservation Congress.
 - Administered hundreds of questionnaires and conducted more than 40 executive-level interviews to understand global expert perspectives of improving the conservation effectiveness of ecotourism.
 - Presented research to a large audience at *Tourism Naturally Conference* October 2016.
- Dersu Uzala, Russian Ecotourism Development Fund** July – Nov. 2016
Social Science Research Consultant
- Conducted social site assessment, interviewing scientists, natural resource managers, and officials to draft report and advise on sustainable ecotourism development in World Heritage Site of Western Caucasus.
- Audubon Connecticut** Mar. – July 2016
Urban Bird Habitat Project Coordinator
- Installed and monitored multiple school yard habitat projects in New Haven. Organized key Audubon Events for the area and developed promotional materials. Designed and distributed Bird Friendly applications.
- Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies** Oct. 2015 – May 2016
Teaching Assistant
- Collaborated with faculty and guest instructors and speakers to design 2016 International Conferences course. Designed syllabus, drafted model IUCN policy proposal and arranged conference travel for class.
- City of New Haven/Urban Resources Initiative** Dec. 2015 – Feb. 2016
Green Infrastructure Surveyor
- Created standardized protocol for bioswale siting, measuring >350 water catchments for suitability. Developed cartographic visuals to communicate locations and viability at sites.
- Nairobi National Park - Kenya Wildlife Service** May – Aug. 2015
Independent Researcher
- Completed comprehensive situation analysis of park ecology, threats, and management via in-depth interviews and surveying with community representatives, park managers, and visitors.

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Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies

Sept. 2014 – May 2015

Quiet Corner Initiative

- Research and design for a one-acre agroforestry plot, authoring plot management plan and care guide. White paper development for bat conservation banking in northeastern Connecticut. Social media platform management and curation.

East Coast Greenway Alliance

May 2014 – Aug. 2014

Greenway Development Intern

- Data compilation, cataloging and archival for greenway development progress. Engaged in municipal outreach and project status, investments, and use along South Atlantic portion of trail. Led outreach and promotion at events and on social media, increasing support base by >20%.

Urban Resources Initiative

Aug. 2013 – May 2014

Community Forester

- Organized and promoted Earth Day Bicycling event that raised over \$ 150,000 for local non-profits.
- Contacted fundraisers, collaborated with volunteers, acquired municipality permissions.
- Led team of high school students planting trees across blighted neighborhoods in the city.

United States Coast Guard

July 2003 – June 2008

Enlisted Information Systems Technician

- Project coordination, help desk support, hardware troubleshooting and repair, including network installation, administration, and management for ships and military stations across Cape Cod.
- Ship deck hand: security operations, navigation, piloting, and maintenance of USCG Cutter *Line*, an ice breaking harbor tug of Hudson River, New York.

MAJOR GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

University of Florida Biodiversity Institute Fellowship Award. **2019-2020**

Leitner Family Fund at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies Fellowship Award. **2016-2017**

National Garden Clubs Scholarship -- National, financial need and competitive merit. **2014**

Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Scholarship -- State, financial need and competitive merit. **2013,2014**

Berkley Conservation Scholarship – Department, summer grant. **2014**

CLUBS and MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer, <i>Journal of Ecotourism</i>	2020-current
Society for Conservation Biology member	2020-current
Founding Committee, North American Ecotourism Network	2019-current
Global Ecotourism Network, member	2019-current
IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas member	2017-current
School of Forest Resources and Conservation officer (treasurer)	2017-2020
American Planning Association member	2013-2015
Alpha Zeta professional fraternity member	2012-2013

TECHNICAL SKILLS and EXPERTISE

Experienced in soil and water sampling, transect surveys, and wildlife monitoring

Formally trained in public participation, conflict management, and collaboration

Expert Adobe InDesign media curation capabilities

Extensive practice with ArcMap GIS software, MapBox, and CartoDB

Proficient with word processing, presentation design, web design, and social media

Highly creative, critical thinker, adept at time management, multi-tasking, and networking