

## ENVS 190 – Alumni/Student Mixer 2013 Alumni Biographies

### **Matt Fore**

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**Employer:** Environmental Services Manager, *City of Santa Barbara*  
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Matt Fore has managed the Environmental Services Division for the City of Santa Barbara since 2011. He oversees the City's trash and recycling programs and the waste hauling contract with MarBorg Industries, Inc. He is also responsible for illegal dumping enforcement, operation and maintenance of the closed Las Positas Landfill at Elings Park and for planning the City's future waste management and recycling solutions. Before joining the City, Matt supervised the Solid Waste and Recycling Programs for Monterey County from 2006-2010. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Studies from UCSB, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from San Jose State University, and is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist in the State of California. In his free time, Matt loads his twin boys into a backpack to explore a new trail.

### **Brian Graham, LEED AP BD+C**

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**Employer:** Project Manager, *UCSB Housing & Residential Services*

As a Project Manager for UC Santa Barbara, Brian provides project management services for minor capital improvement and maintenance projects performed on University-owned residence halls, apartments, dining commons, and Housing operated facilities. He reviews and recommends changes on construction documents to ensure compliance with the program and policies of Design & Construction Services.

Previous jobs included working as a Field Engineer for a public works contractor, Viola Inc., where he served as Field Engineer/LEED Manager on the Eng II project at UCSB, a \$9 million 15,100 SF addition of classroom, laboratory, and admin space to an existing building. Completed January 2010, LEED-GOLD certified. He simultaneously attended graduate school and received both a Masters in Construction Management and Graduate Certificate in Building Science from the University of Southern California. During his undergraduate studies, Brian worked as a LEED Intern for UCSB Housing & Residential Services on the San Clemente Villages project which is the largest university apartment complex in the nation to be LEED Gold double-certified for both New Construction (NC) and Existing Building Operations & Maintenance (EBOM).

### **Michael Feeney**

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**Employer:** Executive Director, *Land Trust for Santa Barbara County*  
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The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County protects natural resources, agricultural land and open spaces for the benefit of present and future generations. Since 1985, The Land Trust has worked with willing landowners, public and private grant agencies and other community organizations to protect, restore and manage over 22,000 acres of open space, wildlife habitat and agricultural land in Santa Barbara County by: Acquiring land and conservation easements through negotiation with willing private property owners, through charitable donation and purchase. Creating conservation plans, restoration projects and incentives for land owners. Raising private donations and grants from government, foundations and corporations to support land conservation. Promoting the preservation, stewardship and restoration of wildlife habitat and watershed resources on the land we protect. Educating both children and adults about ecology, agriculture and conservation through programs and events at Land Trust preserves.

Reporting to a volunteer board of trustees, the Executive Director is responsible for overall management of the organization, hiring, training and evaluating staff, landowner outreach, negotiation and management of land and conservation easement acquisition, representing the organization before public and private organizations, financial management, and ensuring the Land Trust complies with the Standards & Practices developed by the national Land Trust Alliance.

Some of Michael's past jobs include: Consultant on various environmental issues and local elected office campaigns, Executive Director of Citizens Planning Association, Executive Assistant to member of the County Board of Supervisors, and Marketing Director for a private energy management contractor.

### **Jamie Ryan**

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***Employer:*** Biology Teacher, *Santa Paula High School*

During her time at UCSB Jamie worked at the Environmental Health and Safety office and loved it. But once she volunteered at a local high school for an Education class she was taking, she knew her career path had changed. After graduating from UCSB she went straight into teaching credential school at Cal State Northridge where she graduated with secondary science credentials in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, all knowledge she claims she gained doing my ES B.S. course work! She currently teaches Biology at Santa Paula High School where she is involved in the Environmental club on campus, loves her job, and ties in current environmental issues all the time.

### **Jennifer Scholl**

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***Employer:*** Senior Project Manager/Technical Consultant/Regulatory Specialist, *CH2M Hill Consulting*  
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Ms. Scholl has more than 25 years of experience in working with commercial and public development projects' conformance with regulatory permitting requirements. This experience includes environmental planning and permitting of complex and controversial projects, including permitting and construction for power generation facilities (natural gas and renewable), transmission lines, fuel supply pipelines, and civil infrastructure subject to local, state, and federal requirements. Other areas of expertise include: regulatory strategy for compliance with endangered species policies, California energy policy, state and federal water quality and wetlands, coastal zone management, cultural and historic resources conflict resolution; green house gas emission reduction strategy; preparation and implementation of drainage and water quality protection plans and measures; and business development for projects in California and the western U.S.

In Jennifer's current position with CH2M Hill Consulting, a global leader in consulting, design, design-build, operations, and program management, she's serving as Project Manager/Regulatory Specialist for the North Sky River Wind Energy Project in the southern Tehachapi mountain range of Southeastern Kern County, CA, where she provided permitting strategy support, directed comprehensive data collection and environmental resource surveys for a 250 MW wind energy project.

Her past employment history includes: Senior Project Manager with URS Corporation; Senior Associate, Aspen Environmental Group; and Planner with Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Department.

### **Brian Trautwein**

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***Employer:*** Environmental Analyst/Watershed Program Coordinator, *Environmental Defense Center*  
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Brian Trautwein has served the tri-counties communities as the Environmental Defense Center's Environmental Analyst/Watershed Program Coordinator for the past 16 years. The EDC is organized as a nonprofit corporation focused on and enhancing the local environment through education, advocacy, and legal action. They are the only such public interest environmental law firm between Los Angeles and San Francisco, and thrive on the support of community members from within our region and beyond. As EDC's Analyst he brings natural sciences and policies together to help EDC's lawyers develop strong cases to protect our water, land and air. One of Brian's main interests has long been the health of SB's watersheds and recovery of steelhead trout - a species which indicates the health of watersheds.

Brian grew up in Goleta, attended local schools including UCSB where he graduated with high honors in Environmental Studies in 1990. In 1995 he was honored as the Department's first Outstanding Alumni. In 1987 Brian co-founded the SB Chapter of the Urban Creeks Council which incorporated in 1989. He was the group's executive director from 1991-1997 and also served as President of the Creeks Council Board while increasing membership to over 3,000 area households. In 1994, Brian was recognized as a "Local Hero" by the Santa Barbara Independent for his work protecting creeks and rivers, and was recognized a second time for work preserving Mission Creek. Mr. Trautwein has managed creek restoration projects in Santa Barbara and Goleta and is currently working with both cities on projects to improve migratory access for steelhead in Mission and San Jose Creek. Mr. Trautwein received California Trout's StreamKeeper Award in 2006.

Mr. Trautwein remains an avid hiker, backpacker and student of the Los Padres National Forest and surrounding region. Brian believes that the biggest problem facing society today is global climate disruption, and believes that greenhouse gas emissions can be greatly reduced through simple lifestyle changes.

### **Madeline Ward**

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The City of Santa Barbara Water Conservation Program is a combination of the City's commitment to carrying out the California Urban Water Conservation Council's Best Management Practices and the City's dedication to water conservation as an element of the City's Long-Term Water Supply Plan. The Water Conservation Program is responsible for the City's water supply planning, water conservation/demand management programs, and the City's participation in regional water conservation program activities.

I do the education and outreach aspects of the Water Conservation Program such as assisting with the development and implementation of marketing and outreach, public information, education programs, and customer service to City customers. I provide in-class presentations to City schools and organize and participate in regional water conservation programs.

### **Jodi Woods**

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***Employer:*** Environmental Compliance Technician, *Dept. of Environment, Health & Safety, UCSB*  
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Jodi graduated from UCSB with a B.S. in Environmental Studies and an emphasis in GIS. She started her career interning in the Santa Barbara City Planning Department working on the update of the Santa Barbara General Plan before going on to work for PW Environmental, an environmental consulting and engineering firm in Ventura County. Her work experience at PW Environmental focused on environmental site assessment and remediation as well as GIS database management and watershed mapping. Since March of this year, Jodi has been working for the Environmental Health and Safety Department here at UCSB and handles any environmental compliance obligation for the University that applies to air, soil, or water regulatory requirements.

## Some Additional Words of Wisdom (submitted by email):

### **Lee Moldaver**

**Employer:** Longtime local executive consulting in new product development for technology companies and serves on numerous environmental, professional, civic, and non-profit Board of Directors

Based on my 25+ years of working with a wide variety of organizations and professionals these are the main things I'd try to tell students [same thing I tell candidates at Tech recruiting fairs]:

1. Look sharp; be early to any interview, awake and enthusiastic.
2. Be strong at reading, writing, speaking, listening; way too many candidates self-destruct because they lack any or all of those skills. Read the book "The Elements of Style" by Strunk & White for basic writing tips.
3. Be aware that anything you post on Facebook [or other social media] can/will be reviewed by HR when you apply for a job ... and that stuff can float in cyberspace ... forever.
4. Employers are looking for good people who will add VALUE to their team - that's what they want, why they will PAY you; always be curious/enthusiastic about a job.
5. In resumes, references, interviews, too many candidates omit, or take fore granted, the basic pillars of a "good employee" in any field. Someone who is: honest, reliable, hard working, flexible, can work well with different kinds of people. Don't assume anyone will intuit this stuff.
6. Whether it's public, private, non-profit, the old rule of temp-to-hire remains in force. A successful internship not only exposes the intern to life within a given field, or company, but exposes people in the company to strong candidates. Get your foot in the door, and it will open for you. If/when a vacancy opens, no matter how broadly they advertise it, they will go 9-times out of 10 with the person they already know, like, respect over a stranger who exists only on an attached file or cover letter.
7. Show respect to any employer you apply to: do as much real-time research into who they are, what they do, what their biggest services/products are. When you show that kind of knowledge, that shows them real interest, as well as real initiative [and good research skills]. Big leg up. If you can meet any existing, or former, employee there whom you can use as a reference, it will only help [see 6, above].
8. NEVER ask too early about money or compensation. Ask about the kinds of work or projects you'll be asked to help with, and how best you can help the team?
9. Leave things out strategically, early on, if they're embarrassing, but never lie - they always find out eventually, and it counts worse against you than whatever you're trying to cover up.
10. NEVER bad-mouth any former employer [or a professor who gave you a lower grade]. Doesn't come across well, no matter what the justification in your mind.
11. Join Toastmasters to enhance your speaking/communications skills.
12. Stay at every job one takes for an entire year, and leave on good terms, even if they quickly realize they might have made a mistake - job shifting is an accepted norm now, as long as it's done in a classy and systematic manor.

## UCSB Environmental Studies Alumni teaching for the Environmental Studies Program:

**Celia Alario**, B.A., Media Strategist and Communications Consultant

- ENV S 161 - Environmental Communications: Contemporary Strategies and Tactics

**Bridget Lewin**, B.A., Science Teacher and Environmental Education Consultant

- ENV S 165B – Concepts of Environmental Education and Practicum

**Greg Mohr**, B.A., Retired Comprehensive Planner, *County of Santa Barbara*

- ENV S 165B – Advanced Environmental Impact Analysis

**Robert Wilkinson**, B.A., PhD., Faculty in Environmental Studies and Bren School, *UCSB*

- ENV S 116 - Building Sustainable Communities
- ENV S 117 - Science and Policy Dimensions of Climate Change
- ENV S 176/B - Water Policy in the West / Advanced Study of Water Policy