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Short Bio  
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I grew up and went to school in Atlanta, Georgia. I left in 1992 to pursue my bachelor's degree at the University of Florida where I majored in natural resource conservation. I entered graduate school in 1997 and received a master degree in urban and regional planning, with a concentration in environmental planning in 1999. During graduate school I worked for the Florida Marine Research Institute, part of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Through research grants, I completed a statewide coastal and marine resource management plan. I applied for and received a Graduate Research Fellowship through NOAA, and over the next 3 years, completed my doctorate in interdisciplinary ecology. My research focused on user, resource, and management conflicts with the Guana Tolmatato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR).

After getting married and moving to Jacksonville, I had three children, and taught part time at the University of Florida and Jacksonville University. In August of 2013 I was hired as the coordinator of sustainability and a resource faculty member for Jacksonville University. My specialty is geographic information systems, coastal and environmental planning and policy analysis. I continue to learn about sustainability science and look forward to enhancing the program at JU. I live south of San Marco in the San Jose region of Jacksonville.