

Student Development Working Group 2019-2020 Officer Nominees

Secretary Candidates

Audrey Boraski

Feeling most comfortable in nature her entire life, Audrey Boraski chose to devote her studies to the sciences with the aspiration to pursue a career in Wildlife Biology. She is currently working towards an MS in Conservation Biology at Antioch University New England as well as completing a summer internship with the Massachusetts Audubon Society as the sole Spadefoot Toad Technician on Cape Cod. During her undergraduate studies at Keene State College, she trained and participated in NCAA cross country and track while maintaining above a 3.0 GPA and partaking on alternative break trips.

Outside of work and school Audrey extends her services through volunteering at various local organizations, wherever she calls home at the time. Between reading books for The Wildlife Center of Virginia's Online Book Club, walking neighbors and friends' dogs, and practicing Spanish Audrey continues to live the "crazy runner" life of a Massachusettsan but loves to get reenergized at the local tea and coffee bar and welcomes all to join. Just over this past year, Boraski has been recognized with three awards: The Horace Mann Spirit of Service Award and Scholarship, the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) Scholarship, and the Above and Beyond Award.

Some of her previous work experience includes a freshwater ecology research assistant at Lake George in New York and biology intern monitoring Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers at The Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia. Since obtaining her BS in Biology Audrey has been connected to her alma mater acting as an alumni mentor to numerous Biology upperclassman with similar career interests. These actions as well as leadership skills from being a varsity team captain coupled with accumulative customer service skills over the years makes her a perfect candidate for the position of Secretary for The Wildlife Society Student Development Working Group.



Kathleen Carroll

Kathleen Carroll is a Ph.D. Candidate in the Ecology Department at Montana State University (MSU). She is originally from Arizona but has done ecological work in North America, South America, and Africa. Kathleen has two undergraduate degrees, one in wildlife ecology and one in marine biology with high honors from the University of Maine, and a MS from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in Environmental Sciences. Her current work focuses on wolverine habitat connectivity in the western United States under future climate and human land use change conditions. Kathleen is motivated to ensure that conservation moves forward in an increasingly human centric world. She also collaborates directly with managers and agencies to make sure her work results in actionable conservation initiatives. Kathleen is dedicated to outreach and communication. She recently completed a year as an NSF STEM Communications Fellow, presented at a TEDx event, and attends numerous conferences. Kathleen also works as a Graduate Student Instructor, covering upper-level elective and required lectures for faculty on sabbatical. In addition to her Ph.D. Kathleen has completed a Graduate Certificate in Statistics and is finishing a Graduate Certificate in College Teaching. Her background in leadership include serving as the secretary for MSU's Graduate Employee Organization (GEO). She also helped found MSU's GEO Civil Rights Committee to prevent incidents, protect students, and provide resources regarding civil rights violations at MSU. Kathleen contributes greatly to her department and has served as the co-chair of the Ecology Seminar Committee, is the founding member of the department practice qualification/comprehensive examination group, is the graduate representative, and is one of only two graduate students to have received a department service award.



Treasurer Candidates

Jonathan Karlen

I'm going into my junior year at the University of Montana, majoring in wildlife biology, minoring in climate change studies and I am a student at the Davidson Honors College. Last year, I was the education outreach officer of the University of Montana Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society and I'm president of our chapter this year. As the education outreach officer, I worked with our officer team to launch a wildlife education program reaching dozens of Missoula afterschool programs. In addition to our education program, I oversaw our chapters first collaboration with the International Wildlife Film Festival. This summer, I'm an intern for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and last summer was an intern for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. During the school semester I'm involved in climate change research, am beginning a senior thesis, and teach watershed science to hundreds of Missoula 5th and 6th graders through the Clark Fork Watershed Education Program.

As a current undergraduate student and president of an active TWS student chapter, I believe that I will bring an important perspective to the Student Development Working Group. I understand the barriers which can make it difficult for student chapters and students to take advantage of all that TWS has to offer, and how important the student development working group is to serving and representing the hundreds of student chapters and thousands of student members across the U.S and Canada. I am especially interested in working to support fellow students in providing funding to attend conferences, present research, and facilitate networking with professionals, just to name a few.



Kristin Bomboy

Hi everyone! I suppose I'll start by saying I've been very grateful to serve as the treasurer for the SDWG this past year. I feel that I've not only contributed to the operation of this working group but have also learned a bit more about leadership and teamwork, so it's been very beneficial to be able to serve in this position. As I enter my second year of my master's degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and thus the end of my academic career, I hope to be reelected to the treasurer position one more time to continue serving the students of TWS while I'm still a student myself. While serving as treasurer this past year, I was able to create and continually update a thorough report of our working group's incoming and outgoing funds, and I was able to compare that to past years expenditures, so that we had a better idea of how much money we were able to responsibly budget towards things that would benefit student members (i.e. travel grants for the national conference, networking events, contributions to other working groups symposia/events, etc.). Moving forward, I would like to continue to figure out new ways we can budget our time and money towards events or initiatives that the SDWG could get involved with to provide more benefits for students. I've enjoyed serving in this role and would appreciate your vote so that I can continue working on what I've started!



Chair-Elect Candidates

Julianne Taylor

I am a wildlife biologist broadly interested in the human dimensions of carnivore cohabitation. I earned my B.S. in Animal Biology from the University of South Florida. Shortly after graduating with my B.S., I enrolled in Oregon State University's Wildlife Management post-baccalaureate program, where I focused on human-wildlife interactions. I am currently enrolled in OSU's Master of Natural Resources program, studying the potential effects of wolf recolonization in Colorado.

Over the last few years, my husband and I have moved from Florida to California, to now Colorado. I was very fortunate during my time in California to work for the California Department of Fish & Wildlife, handling both game and non-game species. I've been a member of TWS for 2 years and was lucky enough to present a poster at the 2017 Annual Conference.

I would like to get more involved in the Student Development Working Group as Chair-Elect and help enhance the SDWG membership!



Kimberlee Clevenger

Kimberlee Clevenger is currently a senior enrolled at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville in the Wildlife and Fisheries Management concentration. She is from Manchester, Tennessee and spent most of her life in a rural setting on a farm with her five brothers and sisters. It is here that she found her love for wildlife. She currently is the UT Student Chapter of the Wildlife and Fisheries Society Treasurer where she has big plans for the upcoming year to help maintain and enhance the opportunities for fellow members through fundraising and donations. She has held other leadership positions such as Commanding Lieutenant Officer for her high school JROTC unit, leading into her being the highest ranked cadet in the area 9 district. That also granted her the position of Commanding Officer over 7 schools in the 2014 mini boot camp summer organization hosted by Camp Buck Toms Boy Scouts. She attended Leadership Academy the same summer and received her leadership aiguillette for being an outstanding cadet. She currently works at Lowe's as one of the Head Cashiers but plans to one day become a wildlife biologist with a focus in herpetology or a fisheries biologist. In this position, she hopes to become a better leader, as well as push her peers to be active and knowledgeable to the upper workings of the SDWG. The opportunity to attend conferences and meetings to gain important information and learn of research opportunities as well as make connections with professionals is something she cannot pass up the opportunity to do.

