

Career Forum for Graduate Students and Early Career Professionals

What are my job prospects once I have completed my degree?

How can I continue to conduct environmental research and influence environmental policy?

What would 'a day in the life' be like working for different environmental science organizations?

What could my career path look like in an environmental field?

If these are questions you are pondering, this Career Forum is for you. Panelists from an array of government organizations, non-governmental organizations, and academia will give a brief overview of their career disciplines, backgrounds, and trajectories. Bring your questions and join in a lively discussion.

April 25, 2022 2:00pm - 3:30pm via Zoom

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Plenary Session Moderator:

Evelyn Gaiser, Professor and SFC-CESU Hub Director, Florida International University, Miami, FL

Co-Moderator:

Paige Kleindl, Ph.D. Student, Florida International University, Miami, FL



Agenda:

- 2:00-2:05 Goals of the Career Forum, Panelists, and Themes (Evelyn Gaiser)
- 2:05-3:00 Each panelist introduces themselves and speaks on the assigned theme (see below)
- 3:00-3:25 Breakout rooms (Government, Non-Government, Academic): Questions from the attendees and discussion with panelists
- 3:25-3:30 Rejoin and wrap up

PANELISTS (with assignments, see below):

Deborah Epperson, USGS (1 a-c)
Anteneh Abiy, Everglades Foundation (1 a-c)
Kelly Enright, Flagler College (1 d-f)
Jennifer Possley, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (1 d-f)
Jerry Lorenz, Audubon Florida (2 a-c)
Amy Renshaw, NPS (2 a-c)
Darren Rumbold, FGCU (2 d-f)
Ken Meyers, Avian Research & Conservation (2 d-f)
Silvia Maciá, Barry University 3 (a-c)
Carol Daniels, NPS (3 a-c)
Valerie Paul, Smithsonian (3 d-f)
Evelyn Gaiser, FIU (3 d-f)

Themes:

1. Day in the life

- a. What is a typical day like in your job?
- b. What are the working conditions like? Is it a typical 9-5 job?
- c. How much paper vs. people work do you do?
- d. How much of your job is in the office, outside the office (in the field)?
- e. Are there supervisory roles in your job?
- f. What percentage of time is spent doing different tasks, and do you take work home?

2. Career preparation

- a. How did you get your job and what experiences led you to this position?
- b. What is the job market like for this career?
- c. What would you have done to prepare better for your career?
- d. Did you have a role model? How did they help you succeed?
- e. What advice would your younger self with the perspective you have now?
- f. Do you still have to keep getting training for what you do?

3. Challenges and benefits

- a. What do you like best about your job? Least?
- b. What is the most stressful aspect of your job? Enjoyable?
- c. What kinds of problems do you deal with?
- d. What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?
- e. How do you balance time between your career and family?
- f. If you could change something about your job, what would it be?