

2025 NCTWS Officer Elections

Meet the Candidates

**CHRISTOPHER “CHRIS”
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OFFICE: PRESIDENT-ELECT

PRESENT CAREER POSITION:

Professor and Associate Head,
Department of Forestry and
Environmental Resources, NC State
University

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS:

Coordinator of the Fisheries, Wildlife,
and Conservation Biology Program, NC
State University (2008-2020);
Assistant/Associate Professor and
Extension Wildlife Specialist, NC State
University (1999-2008)

EDUCATION:

BS in Forest Resources, Concentration
Wildlife Biology, University of Georgia
(1992); MS Forest Resources, University
of Georgia (1995); PhD Forest Resources,
Clemson University (1999)

AFFILIATIONS:

NThe Wildlife Society (1992-present);
Southeastern Section of TWS (1996-
present); NC Chapter of TWS (1999-
present); Advisor, NC State University
Chapter of TWS (2010-present); NC
Prescribed Fire Team/Council (2003-
present), Chair/Chair-elect (2006-2008)

TWS ACTIVITIES:

I am a Certified Wildlife Biologist® and
have been involved with The Wildlife
Society (TWS) at national, sectional,
state, and student levels for over 30



years. I served on the TWS Honorary
Membership and Special Awards Committee
from 2001-2004 and was Chair of the
committee in 2002-2003. I am a member of
the Renewable Energy Working Group and
Urban Wildlife Working Group and was
Chair-elect, Chair, and Past-chair of the Urban
Wildlife Working Group from 2007-2013. I
was an Associate Editor for the *Wildlife Society
Bulletin* from 2002-2004 and co-chaired the
Contributed Paper Subcommittee for the
Annual TWS Conference in Raleigh in 2016. I
co-organized symposia or conference
workshops at 10 Annual Conferences of TWS,
moderated sessions at 6 Annual Conferences,
and served as an abstract reviewer for 8 Annual
Conferences. I have presented over 170 oral
and poster presentations at an Annual
Conference of TWS or state and section
chapters. I co-edited *Renewable Energy and
Wildlife Conservation*, which is part of the The
Wildlife Society book series, and *Urban Wildlife
Science: Theory and Practice*, which was
completed in collaboration with the TWS
Urban Wildlife Working Group. I was co-
author on the chapter, Urban Wildlife
Management, in the 7th Edition of *The Wildlife
Techniques Manual* and am lead author on the

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chapter on Forest Wildlife Management in the 8th Edition of the Manual, which is in preparation. As a student, I was the Southeastern Section Representative to the TWS Student Affairs Committee in 1996-1997. I was a member of the South Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society as a student from 1995-1999. I have been a member of the NC Chapter of TWS since 1999, having served as President-elect, President, and Past-President of the Chapter from 2004-2007. I was the Chapter's representative to the Southeastern Section from 2001-2002 and served as co-Chair of the NC Chapter Conservation Review Committee from 2000-2002. I was Chair or co-Chair of the Program Committee for the Chapter's Annual Meetings in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2019. I also served on the Chapter's Education and Outreach Committee from 2002-2005. I co-advised the NC State University Student Chapter of TWS (aka, Leopold Wildlife Club) since 2010. In 2021, I was selected as a Fellow of TWS.

VIEWS

I have been a member of TWS since 1992. Over the past 3 decades (yikes!), I've invested much of my heart and soul into TWS involvement at many levels. However, I've gotten more in return than I invested. I formed new professional relationships, strengthened existing relationships, extended my understanding of conservation challenges from diverse perspectives, and simply had fun. I was President of the NC Chapter of TWS in 2005-2006, so why would I consider this role again? First, I'm excited about reengaging in the Chapter in a meaningful way, noting that my formal involvement has waned over the past decade. I believe I have much to bring to the position, including different and more holistic perspectives, skills, and expertise than when I was last

President. I am well positioned to strengthen the Chapter's engagement with undergraduate and graduate students from relevant institutions across the state. I believe the Chapter should continue its efforts to attract and maintain a diverse membership of students and professionals. I believe Chapter initiatives should be forward looking by addressing the state's emerging conservation challenges, including rapid urbanization, more varied stakeholder perspectives, and a changing climate. However, I also value the roots of wildlife conservation and the critical connections to game species (huntable species and furbearers) and land management. I recognize the Chapter has a strong foundation currently, with dedicated and knowledgeable leaders and board members, and would rely heavily on those individuals to maintain the positive trajectory of Chapter. In summary, I'm excited for the opportunity to help the excellent leadership team move the Chapter forward in the coming years.



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MATTHEW HARRELL OFFICE: TREASURER

PRESENT CAREER POSITION:

Project Manager at Davey Mitigation

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS:

Natural Resources Coordinator at Mecklenburg County (NC), Project Manager at Perry Management (Kinston, NC), Invasive Species Technician at NPS (Cumberland Island, GA)

EDUCATION:

BA Environmental Studies, concentration Ecology. Minor Marine Science. UNC-CH 2007

AFFILIATIONS:

NC Prescribed Fire Council Spark Member

TWS ACTIVITIES:

Former NCTWS Program Chair, former NCTWS President.



VIEWS:

My early years were spent in a rural corner of Nash County, where I became fascinated by wildlife and ecology. These days I live in Raleigh and travel statewide to implement stream and wetland mitigation projects. I've been involved with NCTWS for over a decade and am happy to keep it up. While I don't relish paperwork, I do truly enjoy the community that TWS offers for those of us interested in science-based resource management.

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JUSTIN MCVEY OFFICE: TREASURER

PRESENT CAREER POSITION:

District Wildlife Biologist/Elk Biologist –
District 9, North Carolina Wildlife Resources
Commission (2012–present)

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS:

Temporary Permits Biologist, North Carolina
Wildlife Resources Commission (8/2008–
12/2008, 8/2011–6/2012); Wildlife Technician
II, North Carolina Wildlife Resources
Commission (2/2007–8/2008); Captive
Cervid Biologist I, North Carolina Wildlife
Resources Commission (4/2005– 2/2007);
Animal Technician III, North Carolina State
College of Veterinary Medicine (3/2003–
4/2005); Machinist, Batca Fitness Systems
(8/1999–2/2001, 6–2002–3/2003); Senior
Animal Keeper, Kangaroo Conservation
Center (2/2001–6/2002)

EDUCATION:

MS in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation
Biology, North Carolina State University
(2012); BS in Zoology, North Carolina State
University (2000)

AFFILIATIONS:

The Wildlife Society (2005–present);
Southeastern Section TWS (2005–present);
North Carolina Chapter TWS (2005–
present); Big and Tall Store Life Member;
North Carolina Elk Working Group (2012–
present)



TWS ACTIVITIES:

Current NCTWS Treasurer (2023
- present), Certified Wildlife
Biologist, NCTWS Annual
meeting planning committee
(2019)

VIEWS:

Part of the strength of NCTWS is
having a group of members who
will step up to the plate when
needed. In order to keep NCTWS
effective, it is necessary for
members to be engaged and
active. When I was asked to run
for Treasurer, I agreed. I want to
do my part to ensure that NCTWS
continues its success in wildlife
conservation and provides
continued opportunities for
wildlife professionals, students,
and others to be engaged in
science-based management and
conservation.

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ALISA DAVIS

OFFICE: AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER



PRESENT CAREER POSITION:

Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Planner - NC Wildlife Resources Commission (2024-Pres.)

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS:

Fishing and Aquatic Conservation Education Specialist - NC Wildlife Resources Commission (2022-2024)

EDUCATION:

BS Natural Resources and Environmental Management, Minor Zoology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI (2010); MS Natural Resources and Environmental Management, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI (2013)

AFFILIATIONS

TWS (intermittent since 2009), NC TWS (2024), National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP) (2024-pres.), National Wildlife Federation's Artemis Sportswomen (2022-pres.)

TWS ACTIVITIES:

TWS Hawaii Chapter membership coordinator (2011-2013) and board member (2012-2013)

VIEWS:

Wildlife conservation and how people live and interact with the natural environment have been the focus of my career and a subject that I am very passionate about. My experience has included projects focusing on invasive species and human dimensions of wildlife management throughout my undergraduate and graduate research, to wildlife education, and now, helping local governments meet their conservation goals when planning their communities. I am passionate about volunteer opportunities, mentorship, and molding the next leaders of our field. The Wildlife Society played an important role in my early career. Attending conferences and being an active member of the local chapter gave me opportunities to network and learn about current work in wildlife conservation. I believe those experiences for students and early professionals are integral to their career and future collaborative partnerships to promote the conservation of wildlife in North Carolina. I am excited to get involved in NC TWS and become a part of this conservation community in North Carolina..

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OLIVIA MUNZER

OFFICE: AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER



PRESENT CAREER POSITION:

Western Piedmont Habitat Conservation Coordinator, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Rogers Depot, Creedmoor, NC (2016-present)

FORMER CAREER POSITIONS:

Project Scientist at Cardno, Inc (2015-2016); Independent Contractor and Volunteer at I-20 Wildlife Preserve & Jenna Welch Nature Study Center (2014-2015); Independent Contractor/Wildlife Biologist at Whitenton Group Inc. Environmental Consultants (2013-2014); Wildlife Biologist/Project Manager at SWCA Environmental Consultants (2008-2013; 2005-2006); Wildlife Specialist at Arizona Game and Fish Department (2004-2005); Wetland Specialist/GPS Coordinator at Native Resources International (2003-2004); and Wildlife Biologist at Devine Tarbell and Associates (2000-2003).

EDUCATION:

Master of Science in Ecology and Organismal Biology from Eastern Michigan University; Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Western Washington University.

AFFILIATIONS:

Southeastern Bat Diversity Network (2017-present); NC Bat Working Group (2016-present); The Wildlife Society (intermittent since 2010); and Interagency Review Team for Stream and Wetland Mitigation (2018-Present).

TWS ACTIVITIES:

NCTWS Co-Chair Program Committee (2024, 2022), NCTWS Member (2017-present); Presented on White-Nose Syndrome to NCTWS (2022); and TWS Certified Wildlife Biologist (since 2010).

VIEWS:

I have worked throughout the U.S. and on everything from flora to most fauna, but nothing captures my love like bats. Like many organisms, bats are misunderstood and feared despite their critical role in pollination, insect control, seed dispersal, and general ecosystem function. Despite my anxiety of public speaking, I continue to give bat talks to the public because educating people on bats is important for their survival. It makes it worth the anxiety when I have convinced someone that bats are amazing creatures. I also love seeing the reaction of kids when I show them a slide on the morphological diversity of bat

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bat faces from around the world. However, my current position does not focus on bats. As a Habitat Conservation Coordinator at NCWRC, I provide technical guidance; review projects and permits for their potential impact on terrestrial and aquatic resources; conduct various species surveys, especially bats; and collaborate on conservation projects. In my position, I see the massive impacts on our natural resources from extensive development, and it can be discouraging. Conservation is the key to the future, whether it is wildlife, energy, or water and as we face a future of uncertainty, conservation of our biotic and abiotic resources is even more crucial. However, I find encouragement in the passion, determination, wisdom, and scientific intrigue of NCTWS members. It is organizations, such as NCTWS, that are key to conserving wildlife and in providing the skills, knowledge, and guidance to future generations so they can continue protecting the environment.

