# FACULTY PROFILE

## Basic Info

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## Education

- **Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry**  
  Auburn University  
- **Master of Science in Botany and Range Sciences**  
  Brigham Young University  
- **Bachelor of Science in Conservation Biology**  
  Brigham Young University

## Biography

### Background

I am originally from Southwestern Virginia (where Virginia Tech is located). This is a beautiful region of what is known as the Blue Ridge Mountains, along the Appalachian chain. I attended college at Brigham Young University, in Provo, Utah, where I received a bachelor’s degree in Zoology and a Master’s Degree in Botany and Range Science. During this time, I spent my summers working for the Forest Service and various state wildlife agencies. I also spent 18 months doing volunteer work in Northern Argentina.

After graduating, I taught biology and botany courses at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, for about four years. I then worked on my doctoral studies at Auburn University (Auburn, AL) in forest ecology, while my husband also worked on a graduate degree in wildlife ecology. After receiving my PhD, I spent two years at Mississippi State University doing post-doctoral research (restoration ecology). Over the past several years, I have taught for several on-line universities, which has allowed me to stay home with my young children. My husband and I currently live in Guam. We have 4 boys under the age of 8.

## CSU Story

I have taught earth science at Columbia Southern University since 2010. I enjoy helping students learn more about the world around them and reach their educational goals.

## Hobbies/Interests

I enjoy running, hiking, and quilting.

## Additional Information

### Teaching Philosophy

My teaching philosophy centers around encouraging students to seek for knowledge. I want students to find a passion for learning--to explore the world around them and feed their curiosity and thirst for knowledge. We live in a world where we are surrounded by limitless information, yet so many choose to remain ignorant. I hope to awaken students to the excitement of learning.

### Advice for Current Students

My advice is to read the unit lectures at the beginning of each unit. This will give students a very general understanding of what the chapters will cover and will help as they read the textbook to see the "big picture". I suggest reading the chapters in their entirety prior to trying to complete the unit assessments.