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Ronald J. Pratt has worked in the environmental field since 1990.  He has experience conducting environmental site assessments, contaminated site investigations, underground storage tank decommissioning/closures, underground injection well assessment and closure projects, contaminated site remediation projects, radiologic soil screening and sampling, as well as experience in conducting invasive and noxious plant surveys, wetlands monitoring, and environmental, geologic, and archeological mapping projects.  Ron was a registered Washington State Site Assessor and completed numerous site assessments and field investigations in both Washington and California.  He performed most of the field screening and sampling during the Fuel Hydrant and Taxiway Upgrade (2005-2006) and Physical Fitness Center Construction project (2007) at Eielson Air Force Base, the Air Support Operations Facility at Ft. Wainwright in 2010, and was a principal field technician conducting POL and radiologic soil screening and sampling in support of the All Hazards Analysis of the SM-1A decommissioned nuclear reactor conducted at Ft. Greely in 2011.

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Julia Dilley is an epidemiologist with Program Design and Evaluation Services, a joint office of the Multnomah County Health Department and Oregon Department of Human Services. She designed the evaluation for Washington State's comprehensive tobacco control program and managed the evaluation component of the program for five years. She also designed and then managed the evaluation for Washington State's Steps to a Healthier US grant for two years. Julia's work currently focuses on supporting chronic disease prevention programs and health disparities research for state health programs in Washington and Alaska.

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Anna has extensive experience working with civil society organizations in both the U.S. and the Middle East. She has a varied education background in computer science and environmental studies and her work has involved a diverse array of stakeholders include labor unions, school groups, government officials and the general public. She is currently based in Iraq and works with the largest conservation organization in the country, Nature Iraq. In 2011, Anna initiated and became the program manager for the Waterkeepers Iraq Program (a part of the international Waterkeepers Alliance and the first in the Middle East), which conducts water quality and threat assessment field surveys as well as education and outreach initiatives. She also manages a large staff as the Manager for the the Iraq Key Biodiversity Areas program to survey, identify and advocate for the protection of areas which are globally significant for their biological diversity. When in the U.S., Anna calls Port Townsend, Washington home.

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I teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Community, Food and Agriculture (45% of my appointment).  
   
My research focuses on the “[food system](https://www.msu.edu/%7Ehowardp/foodsystem.html)” (55% of my appointment). The food system involves all of the steps required to produce food and get it to our plates–from farming and processing to distribution and consumption.   
  
My work is unified by three main questions, (1) what changes are occurring? (2) what are the impacts of these changes on communities? (3) what can communities do to respond positively to these changes?   
  
These questions drive two main projects, (1) characterizing consolidation in food and beverage industries, and (2) bridging information gaps between producers and consumers through ecolabels.

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Wetland Restoration Specialist with the Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration within the Dept. of Fish and Game.

Jeremy specializes in coastal and freshwater restoration projects, with an emphasis on plant ecology and site hydrology.

He has been involved in some of the largest wetland restoration projects in Massachusetts including the Eel River Headwaters Restoration Project in Plymouth, the Sesuit Creek Restoration Project in Dennis, and the Stony Brook Restoration Project in Brewster. Jeremy has completed over 15 projects in Massachusetts, and is set to complete several more in the coming years.

Previous work experience includes a position as a GIS Specialist and Habitat Analyst with MassAudubon, contracted to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Projects included a state-wide analysis of vernal pools on DFW properties, and data development and analysis for the state’s proposed forest reserve system.

Prior to moving to Massachusetts, Jeremy was a Project Specialist with the King Conservation District, outside Seattle, Washington, where he specialized in stream and wetland enhancement projects, and native wetland plant propagation in a nursery facility.

Jeremy holds a B.A from Michigan State University and a Master of Environmental Studies from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington.

Jeremy is currently on the Board of the SER New England Chapter as the Massachusetts Director, with an interest in growing the network of restoration practitioners in the region.

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**Jeremy Bell**, Resource Specialist with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game’s Division of Ecological Restoration. Mr. Bell has provided outstanding leadership on some of the most complex coastal restoration projects in New England, resulting in acres of restored habitat, such as the Stony Brook Restoration Project in Brewster, Massachusetts.

**Rochelle Gause, MES 2002**

Project Coordinator at Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice

**Jill Wasberg, MES 2003**

Membership and Development Director at Washington Wild (Washington Wilderness Coalition)

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Jill has ten years of experience working in communications, fundraising and organizing for environmental advocacy organizations in the state. She earned an English major at the University of Washington and a Masters in Environmental Studies degree at The Evergreen State College where she studied salmonid ecology as well as how naturally-functioning ecosystems contribute to human livelihoods and daily quality of life. Hiking and spending time in wilderness are her favorite activities, so she is thrilled to be part of the effort to protect her favorite wilderness places in the state. Besides hanging out in the woods, her other pastimes include gardening, developing new recipes, watching salmon spawning behaviorisms (yes, really) and volunteering.

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Jessica, originally from upstate New York, came to WHWT from Washington D.C. after over 8 years of experience supporting and managing projects in the environmental field.  She holds a B.S. in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont’s Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources and a M.S. in Environmental Studies from The Evergreen State College. Her primary focus was ecotourism, conservation, and community empowerment.  As a consultant, she served as the Project Manager and a Subject Matter Expert in support of the U.S. European Command Defense Environmental International Cooperation Program (DEIC) which fosters cooperation among nations through military-to-military environmental engagement.  She was a key author for the University of Hawaii, National Disaster Preparedness Training Center’s Coastal Community Resilience Awareness Course, a relatively new concept that recognizes the importance of community engagement to achieve real improvement in disaster planning, response, recovery, and mitigation. She is a self-motivated and energetic with strong communication skills and a fierce sense of humor. Her special strengths include building relationships, fostering innovative approaches, and executing projects effectively.  In her free time, she races road bikes, rock climbs, runs, and is looking forward to pursuing cross-country skiing.

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**Jared Parks** joined ESLC as Land Protection Specialist in February 2007. Born and raised on the Eastern Shore, Jared spent four years as a faculty research assistant and crew leader for the grassland restoration project on Chino/Bluestem Farms in Queen Anne’s County. In addition to his work on Chino, Jared has worked with a University of Maryland PhD candidate on a project studying conservation buffers on different farms in Queen Anne’s, Caroline, and Talbot counties. His professional experience also includes serving as a research technician for the University of Wisconsin at Madison, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Colorado Bird Observatory. Jared received his Masters of Environmental Studies at Evergreen State College and his Bachelors in Anthropology from Lawrence University. *You can reach Jared at 410-827-9756 ext. 167.*

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Steve joins our i6/NBETH team to implement technical portions of the project. He will implement and guide technical specifications for NBETH platform development, including building energy standards. He will also work with stakeholders on NBETH monitoring requirements and processes, and create functionality for the NBETH project including technical needs assessment, capacity build out, testing protocols, data management, links to test beds, and more.

Steve has been a manager and consultant for Paladino and Company, where he worked with technical implementation of numerous green building projects. He has provided technical leadership on green building systems through design, construction, and occupancy on a range of standard to cutting-edge projects across the U.S. and internationally. Steve has a Master of Environmental Science from the Evergreen State College and a BA from University of Washington. He is a LEED Accredited Professional and is an associate member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

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I became Colgate's first Director of Sustainability in 2009. Since that time, we have reduced our consumption of heat energy, electricity, water, and paper. Through composting and better recycling the university has also reduced its landfill waste by over 50 tons. This has resulted in a 20 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and a savings of over $500,000 off our annual operating budget. In 2011, Colgate received the national Climate Leadership Award from Second Nature in recognition of these efforts.  
  
Born and raised in Central New York, I hold degrees from SUNY ESF at Syracuse University and The Evergreen State College in Washington State.  
  
Prior to coming to Colgate, my professional experience included work for organizations such as the National Park Service, National Audubon Society, and Tauck World Discovery. I also worked on the Florida Panther Recovery Project in the Everglades, guided tours through the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) and Machu Picchu (Peru), led safaris in East Africa, guided hiking excursions throughout Alaska and British Columbia, completed breeding bird surveys on Hog Island, Maine, and conducted field research in the West Indies (Jamaica). In these roles, I have developed programs to introduce hundreds of individuals, students and citizen-scientists to the principles of sustainable living and the wonders of our natural world.  
  
In 2005, I officially began working in the field of sustainability trying to find a way for human communities to survive and prosper in harmony with ecological communities. In this pursuit, I collaborate daily with individuals from all walks of life including academics, senior administrators, students, local residents, elected officials, and professionals at every level of an organization.   
  
I enjoy birdwatching, hiking, and reading in my spare time. Above all, I am a proud and devoted father.   
  
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Jeff Anderson, Science Coordinator at North Cascades Institute, works to incorporate field-based science and research into the Institute's programs. He has an undergraduate degree from The University of Richmond and a graduate degree from The Evergreen State College, where he researched the breeding biology of an endangered bird species in Washington State. Prior to coming to the North Cascades, Jeff was lucky enough to conduct research and teach in some of the most beautiful spots in the country, including Denali National Park, the Sonoran Desert, and the waters of the Puget Sound, the Bay of Fundy and the island of Hawaii.

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From Jean MacGregor:  This is a fascinating story.  Maki first arrived at Evergreen in the late 90s, to learn English in the EF program on campus.  While on campus, she discovered the MES program and was inspired to enroll in it!  But first she needed to get her English proficiency up to snuff, so she continued to stay in Olympia, and taking intensive ESL for a year at SPSCC.  Then Evergreen asked her to do an entire year of undergraduate work to prove that she could handle the work.  She could.  And so she was accepted to MES and started graduate school in a second language that she was still just learning.  Talk about courage and diligence!!  After completing her MES (which focused on museums and aquaria as vehicles for environmental education), she did a a stint in the Japanese version of the Peace Corps, in Kenya and Uganda – learning another new language, Swahili.  Then she returned to Japan.  She was actually on a bus traveling near Sendai when the earthquake and tsunami occurred on 3-11-11.  She had a harrowing experience of arriving at the Sendai bus station where, with no electric power or working cell phones, people there did not realize the enormous magnitude of the damage to their city, nor the disaster at Fukushima.  Anyway, she then went to live in a city north of Sendai, Kesennuma, another small fishing town devastated by the tsunami.  She worked for World Vision as part of the clean-up and recovery.  She has now settled in this city as an environmental educator, and has helped the local museum create a fantastic exhibit about the “East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami,” as it is known there. I know quite a bit about this exhibit, because I helped Maki with the English translation of the museum catalogue. (See photo, Rias Ark Exhibit). Maki could be reached and interviewed over Skype.  She is a lovely person with guts and talent. MES changed the course of her life.

Ariadna Reida, MES 2002

From Jean MacGregor: Another amazing graduate is Ariadna Reida. [ariadna.reida@gmail.com](mailto:ariadna.reida@gmail.com)  She came here around 2000 as a Muskie Scholar from the Lake Baikal region of Russia. She did her MES work on envisioning an NGO at Lake Baikal modeled somewhat on Earth Corps in Seattle – that would develop the first environmental trail system in parks and protected areas in Russia.  And then she went home and did it!  The Great Baikal Trail organization (see [www.greatbaikaltrail.org](http://www.greatbaikaltrail.org) and click on the English flag if the Russian version of the website comes up first...the website is in three languages but Katie, you can read the Russian site!) has created MOUs with most of the parks and protected areas and wildlife refuges around the lake and they recruit volunteer trail-builders every summer from all over the world to work on the trails, which are now providing access to these parks as never before.  Rob Cole and I have gotten hooked into this project in a big way, as we are working with another organizational partner, the Earth Island Institute, to bring aspiring interpretive naturalists and cultural interpreters over to the US to go through Certified Interpretive Guide training and to take these interpretive practices back to Russia to build the first community of interpreters in that country.  Anyway, Ariadna lives in the area now (on Bainbridge Island) and works on this amazing project from here.  It is rare in Russia for any NGO to last more an a few years, so it’s pretty impressive that GBT (Great Baikal Trail) is in its 12th year.  Ariadna is a remarkable leader and would make a terrific speaker.

Oksana Bartosh, MES 2003

From Jean MacGregor: ([ksenia\_brt@yhaoo.com](mailto:ksenia_brt@yhaoo.com)) Oksana came here in the early 2000s as another Muskie Scholar, from Ukraine.   Her background was in environmental education, environmental science, and computer science...a really brilliant student. She did her Master’s thesis research on whether the use of the environment as an integrating concept for public school learning could actually improve students’ achievement as measured by standardized tests.  Her thesis became the paper that is attached, which is one of the most widely cited and most highly regarded pieces of research on this topic.  Oksana went on to complete a Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia and now lives in Vancouver with her family, where she works for an educational research firm.  She is another amazing MES grad!!

Millie Piazza, MES 1994

from Jean MacGregor: who went on to do her PhD at U of Michigan in environmental justice.  She now is the EJ lead for the state of Washington at Dept of Ecology.  Another fine leader in our midst. Also supervised Matt Fuller, MES student (from Gail)

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