

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

1989 High School Diploma – Sandy Spring Friends School – Sandy Spring, MD.
1993 Bachelor of Arts – Major: Biology, Minor Education – Earlham College –
Richmond, IN.

Scientific Field Experience

1993 Field ornithologist on Block Island – Brown University – Providence, RI. (A)
1994 Field ornithologist in Guatemala – U.C. Davis – Davis, CA. (W, Sp, S)
1994 Field ornithologist on Block Island – Brown University – Providence, RI. (A)
1995 Field ornithologist in Panama – Smithsonian Institution – Washington, D.C. (W)
1995 Field ornithologist in Louisiana – Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. (Sp)
1995 Field ornithologist in Ohio – Smithsonian Institution – Washington, D.C. (S)
1995 Field ornithologist on Block Island – Brown University – Providence, RI. (A)
1996 Field ornithologist in Panama – Smithsonian Institution – Washington, D.C. (W)
1996 Field ornithologist in Louisiana – Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. (Sp)
1996 Field ornithologist in Ohio – Smithsonian Institution – Washington, D.C. (S)
1996 Field ornithologist on Block Island – University of Southern Mississippi. (A)
1997 Field ornithologist in Panama – Smithsonian Institution – Washington, D.C. (W)
1997 Volunteer field ornithologist – Block Island – University of Southern Mississippi. (A)
1998 Volunteer field ornithologist – Block Island – University of Rhode Island. (A)
1998-2005 Volunteer field ornithologist – Block Island Bird Banding Station. (Sp, A)
1998-2014 Observer – Breeding Bird Survey – Block Island – US Geologic Survey. (S)
2003-2014 Coordinator for Rhode Island – Breeding Bird Survey – US Geologic Survey. (S)
2004-present Volunteer field ornithologist – USFWS. (Sp, A)

W= winter, Sp= spring, S= summer, A= autumn,

Career Experience

1990-1993 Owned and operated a painting and carpentry business – Block Island, RI.
1997-1998 Volunteer assistant coach girls varsity basketball – Block Island, RI.
1997-1999 Education Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy – Block Island, RI.
1997-2000 Volunteer coach of women's recreation basketball league team – Block Island, RI.
1997-present New England Wildflower Society. Rhode Island Task Force Surveyor.
1997-2007 Volunteer Survey Director, The Ocean Conservancy – Marine Debris Monitoring
Program – Block Island, RI.
1998-2015 Field science consultant, Block Island School – Block Island, RI.
1999-2002 Associate Director, Block Island Program, The Nature Conservancy.
1999-2004 Assistant boys varsity basketball coach, Block Island School – Block Island, RI.
1999 Summer program basketball coach – Block Island, RI.
2000-present Teacher high school field methods course – Block Island School, Block Island, RI
2002-2011 Director, Block Island Landscape Program, The Nature Conservancy.
2004-2015 Co-owner of organic farm – Blazing Star Farm.
2009-2011 Stewardship Director, Rhode Island Chapter, The Nature Conservancy.
2009-2011 South County Real Estate Specialist, R.I. Chapter, The Nature Conservancy.
2011-2014 Director of Land and Freshwater Conservation, R.I. Chapter, The Nature Conservancy.
2014-present Associate State Director, R.I. Chapter, The Nature Conservancy

Boards and Committees Experience

- 1997-2004 Block Island Chemical Intervention and Education Program Board (chair 2001-2004).
- 1998-2004 Conservation Commission (chair 2000-2004).
- 1998-2009 Recreation Board (chair 2000-2009).
- 1999-2006 School Building Committee.
- 1999-2003 Block Island Maritime Institute Education Committee.
- 1999-2001 Beach and Dune Ad-hoc Committee.
- 2000-2002 Housing Trust Legislation Board.
- 2000-2004 EPA Education Grant Advisory Committee.
- 2000-2004 Block Island School Athletic Committee.
- 2001-2002 Block Island Early Learning Center advisory subcommittee.
- 2001-2003 Local advisory group for the Block Island State Airport.
- 2002-2003 Block Island Cooperative Education Group.
- 2002-2005 Block Island Banding Station Board of Directors.
- 2002-2003 Hodge negotiating committee.
- 2003-2004 Density Discussion Panel.
- 2003-2005 Block Island Airport Master Plan – Technical Advisory Committee.
- 2003-2004 Town of New Shoreham police commission.
- 2009-2011 Island Energy Plan Committee
- 2011-present Juvenile Review Board.

Presentations

- 1999 Rhode Island Natural History Survey Annual Meeting. The Block Island Education Program.
- 1999 Rhode Island School of Design, People in Nature symposium. The Block Island Education Program.
- 2000 The Nature Conservancy Board of Directors. The Block Island Education Model.
- 2000 Rhode Island Natural History Survey, The Ecology of Rhode Islands' Islands. Current Status of Conservation on Block Island.
- 2000 The Nature Conservancy Eastern Region Conference. The education programs of Block Island, RI and Mashomack, NY.
- 2001 The Land Trust Alliance Annual Meeting. The Block Island Education Program Model. (declined).
- 2001 Block Island Heritage Dinner. The Natural Wonders of Block Island.
- 2002 Commencement Speaker. Block Island High School graduation.
- 2004 Around the Block tour. Annual Block Island Health Services fundraiser.
- 2008 The Nature Conservancy Eastern Region Conference. Nature versus Nintendo.
- 2009 Beetles, Birds and Beyond, Adventures on Block Island. Audubon Society of Rhode Island Birdfest.
- 2010 Spring Education Program about Conservation Easements for Sakonnet Preservation Association.
- 2011 Preserving Conservation and Historic Values in Developed Landscapes. Land and Water Conservation Summit.
- 2011 Presenter Historic Preservation Conference. Historic Landscapes on Block Island and a tour of Conservation lands via the Greenway.
- 2012 Commencement Speaker. Block Island High School graduation.
- 2015 Plenary Speaker – Northeast Associations of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Publications

- 1996 Parrish J., M. L. Whitman, and S. B. Comings. Analysis of fecal collection methods. Northeastern Birdbander.
- 1997-present Monthly conservation article in local newspaper, The Block Island Times.
- 1998 Payton P. and S. B. Comings. Migratory patterns of the saw-whet owl. University of Rhode Island.
- 1999-2000 Monthly conservation article in local newspaper, the Block Island Beacon.
- 1999 Balme, G. and S. B. Comings. The spiders of Block Island. The Nature Conservancy.
- 2000 Comings, S. B. A checklist to the birds of Block Island. The Nature Conservancy, Block Island, RI.
- 2001 Lang, K. and S. B. Comings. On This Island, A Guide to Block Island's Walking Trails. The Nature Conservancy, Block Island, RI.
- 2003 Littlefield, C. N., S. B. Comings, D. Wolkoff, and L. Rosenzweig. Community based conservation on Block Island, current status and future trends. Proceedings from Rhode Island's Islands Symposium. The Rhode Island Natural History Survey.
- 2003 Comings, S. B. Scientific work on Block Island. Proceedings from Rhode Island's Islands Symposium. The Rhode Island Natural History Survey.
- 2003 Comings, S. B. A checklist to the birds of the Carter Preserve. The Nature Conservancy, Rhode Island.
- 2004 Researcher for Block Island Wildlife, an introduction to familiar species. Waterford Press.
- 2005 Comings, S. B. and R. B. Montgomery. The Nature of Block Island.
- 2006 Lang, K. and S. B. Comings. On This Island, A Guide to Block Island's Walking Trails. The Nature Conservancy, Block Island, RI. Second edition.

Grant Writing and Administration Experience

- 1997 Environmental Protection Agency Education Grant. \$25,000.
- 1998 State Open Space Grant. \$400,000.
- 1998 State Recreation Grant. \$250,000.
- 1998 North American Wetlands Grant. \$1,000,000.
- 1999 National Fish and Wildlife Grant. \$75,000.
- 2000 State Open Space Grant. \$300,000.
- 2000 Project Wet Grant. \$2,000.
- 2001 North American Wetlands Grant. \$500,000.
- 2006 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program grant. \$78,000
- 2011 State Open Space Grant. \$400,000.

Certifications

- 1989-present Certified radio broadcaster, Federal Communications Council.
- 1996-present Master Bird Bander, Bird Banding Laboratory, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 2000-present CPR and First aid certified. American Red Cross.
- 2001-present Certified Rhode Island athletic coach.

Awards

- 1999 Educator of the year – Block Island School – Block Island, RI.
- 2001 Bronze medal – Better Newspaper Contest – Children's Education category – paper circulation 6,000-75,000 copies.
- 2003 Governor's award for tourism.
- 2004 Grand Marshal of the Block Island 4th of July parade.