

## Invited Speakers



### **Dr. Graeme Lockaby**

Graeme Lockaby is a native of South Carolina and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Forestry from Clemson University and his Ph.D. in forest soils from Mississippi State University. He specializes in the study of forest biogeochemistry and has investigated decomposition, water quality, disturbance ecology, and biogeochemical controls over net primary productivity within riparian ecosystems. His current positions at Auburn University include Associate Dean of Research in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and Director of the AU Water Resources Center.

### **David L. Galat**

David Galat is Assistant Unit Leader-Fisheries at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cooperative Research Unit and Associate Professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences, University of Missouri. He received his B.S. from Cornell University and MS and PhD degrees from Colorado State University. He has been a Research Associate at Colorado State University, Research Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada's Desert Research Institute, and Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Arizona State University, before joining the U.S. Geological Survey at the University of Missouri in 1988. His research focuses on predicting how environmental factors influence structure and function of large river-floodplain ecosystems, particularly fishes. Dr. Galat has been major advisor to over 20 graduate students, is an author of over 75 scientific publications on freshwater aquatic ecology, and has taught graduate level classes in fish and wetland ecology. He has also served on several regional and national committees assessing waterways and their management. Currently he serves on the editorial board of *River Research & Applications*.



### **Cliff R. Hupp**

Cliff R. Hupp, Ph.D. has investigated riparian vegetation ecology in relation to fluvial landforms and processes for 30 years. Additional research includes studies on channel evolution, floodplain processes and forms, sedimentation dynamics, and carbon sequestration in riparian ecosystems in the U.S. and Western Europe. He has been employed by the U.S. Geological Survey since 1978 where is Research Project Chief of the Vegetation and Hydrogeomorphology Relations Project. He was a student of the late John T. Hack at the George Washington University, where he received his doctorate in 1984. Dr. Hupp is the 1993 recipient of the Ecological Society of America, W.C. Cooper Award for outstanding research in physiographic ecology. He received the U.S. Department of Interior Superior Service Award in 2006. He has served as section editor for the ESA journals "Ecology" and "Ecological Monographs" since 1999.

## John Hodges

John Hodges was recently selected as a University Alumni Fellow at Mississippi State University. His B.S. is in forest management at Mississippi State University and his graduate degrees are in ecology and plant physiology from the University of Washington. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service in both management and research, taught at Mississippi State University for 23 years, and served as Vice-President and Land Manager for Anderson-Tully Company. He has authored or co-authored more than 150 scientific or technical publications and is a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters.



## Mark Barford ([www.nhla.com](http://www.nhla.com))

Mark is Executive Manager for the National Hardwood Lumber Association (NHLA). A native of Rochester, NY, Mark has worked in the forest products industry since his graduation in 1975 from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse. His experience includes working as a field forester, timber buyer and logger before moving on to administrative responsibilities. His first position in forestry association work was in 1981 with the Hardwood Research Council, and later for the Virginia Forest Products Association and Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association. Before his present position, he served as President of Appalachian Hardwood Manufacturers, Inc. for 12 years and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE). Mark currently sits on the Board of the North Carolina Forest Association and the American Hardwood Export Council and remains active with many other industry related groups. He travels extensively throughout the United States and around the globe and is a recognized spokesman for the U.S. hardwood industry.

## Randy Wilson

Randy Wilson is a Migratory Bird Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service facilitating biological planning, conservation delivery, coordinated monitoring and research activities associated with migratory birds in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley. Past experience includes serving as the Science Coordinator for the Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture partnership as well as a research associate with the USGS - Patuxent Wildlife Research Unit investigating the effects of forest restoration and forest management actions on migratory birds.

## Dr. Richard Keim (<http://www.rnr.lsu.edu/keim/Keim.htm>)

Richard Keim is an Assistant Professor in the School of Renewable Natural Resources, Louisiana State University. His research interests include hydrology of forested wetlands and watersheds; management of bottomland and coastal forests; and hydrological interactions between forests, soils and the atmosphere. His current research is on spatial assessment of forest and hydrological conditions in the delta of the Mississippi River, hydrological processes connecting backswamps to flowing waters, dendrochronological assessment of hydrological effects on wetland forest productivity, and development of management tools for cypress-tupelo wetland forests. He holds a B.S. and M.S. in Forestry from Mississippi State University, and a Ph.D. in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University. He is a native of Colorado.



## Bengt “Skip” Hyberg

Skip Hyberg is an agricultural economist with the Economic Policy Analysis Staff of the Farm Service Agency focusing on the effective delivery of USDA conservation programs. Currently he is directing Farm Service Agency’s conservation outcomes monitoring, assessment, and evaluation program. This research is designed to quantify conservation program benefits.

In 22 years as an USDA economist, Skip has helped analyze conservation policy and estimate environmental benefits for the CRP, design and install an integrated workload and performance measurement system with NRCS, Lead the Fibers and Oils Research Section at the Economic Research Service, and served as ERS’s exchange officer with the Australian Bureau Agriculture and Resource Economics. Prior to his becoming an economist in 1986, Skip worked for a living (as forester). He has written over 60 articles examining resource, commodity and trade policy. Educated beyond his intelligence upon graduating the third grade, Skip holds a BS (Forest Management) Rutgers University, 1974, MS (Forest Management) North Carolina State University, 1979, and Ph.D. (Economics, Forest Management) North Carolina State University, 1986.



## David Shoch

David Shoch is a forester with The Nature Conservancy's Climate Science Team and advises on the development and management of the Conservancy's forest carbon projects. David has over 10 years of experience in forest biomass carbon measurement and monitoring and forest growth and yield modeling, and has been involved in planning and monitoring bottomland hardwood restoration projects in the Mississippi Alluvial Valley since 2001. Prior to joining the Conservancy in 2006, David served as a program officer for Winrock International's Ecosystem Services Group. David received his masters degree in Forestry from the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment and a bachelors degree in Biology from the University of Richmond. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters.

## Rebecca Sharitz (<http://www.uga.edu/srel/ESSite/Sharitz.htm>)

Rebecca Sharitz is a Senior Research Ecologist at the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory and a Professor in the Department of Plant Biology at the University of Georgia. A native of Virginia, her research interests include community structure and ecological processes in southeastern swamp and bottomland forests, responses of wetland communities to disturbance, and wetland conservation and restoration. She has served on several National Research Council committees associated with wetlands, including the Committee on Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystems, Committee on Restoration of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem, and the Committee on Water Resources Activities at the USGS. She is co-editor of the current textbook, *Ecology of Freshwater and Estuarine Wetlands*. She received a B.S. in biology from Roanoke College and a Ph.D. in botany and ecology from the University of North Carolina.

