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EDUCATION/TRAINING

Present Post-Baccalaureate Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

1992 B.S., Fisheries and Wildlife Management. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ecotoxicology, Environmental Physiology, and Wildlife Endocrinology for the assessment of wildlife responses to environmental contaminants and changing environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1995 - present Fishery Biologist (research), U.S. Geological Survey, Florida Caribbean

Science Center, Gainesville, FL

1989 - 1995 **Biological Science Technician,** U.S. Geological Survey, Environmental

Contaminants Science Center, Columbia, MO

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Malacological Union
American Society for Testing and Materials
Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society
North American Benthological Society
Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

CERTIFICATIONS

EPA 40-hour HAZMAT training course U.S. Department of Interior Motorboat Operation Certification Course

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Keller, A.E., **D.S. Ruessler**, and C.M. Chaffee. 1998. Testing the toxicity of sediments contaminated with diesel fuel using glochidia and juvenile mussels (Bivalvia, Unionidae). Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management 1:37-47.

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