

**Sarah Gaines Barmeyer,
Water Issues Coordinator, Georgia Wildlife Federation (GWF)**

Sarah has been responsible for building, organizing, and managing the Georgia Water Coalition, a diverse group of interests that advocates for sustainable water management policies. Sarah recently moved to Savannah, where she has begun working on coastal environmental issues, such as marshlands and wetlands protection. Prior to working for GWF, she researched sea turtles with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Caribbean Conservation Corporation in Tortuguero, Costa Rica. She performed aerial surveys of right whale calving grounds off the Georgia coast with Wildlife Trust.

**Jim Deming
Executive Director, TN Interfaith Power and Light**

As the Executive Director of Tennessee Interfaith Power & Light since April 2007, Jim Deming works to engage the faith community in middle and west Tennessee on issues of environmental stewardship. Deming works with individual congregations to explain how faith, values transformation and creation care can help reduce the causes of global warming. His position is funded as a staff position with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

His non-profit experience includes positions as director of the Ohio Field Office for Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, director of the Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services (the state-wide support organization for legal aid) and director of the Kentucky/Tennessee Water Environment Association.

Rev. Deming is an ordained minister with the United Church of Christ and currently serves part-time as the interim minister at First United Church in Nashville, Tennessee. He is also the course coordinator for the Northwest Earth Institute. Deming is a graduate of the University of North Texas and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University and a Masters of Education degree in Human Resource Development from Vanderbilt University.

**Elizabeth Eason, AIA, LEED AP
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Elizabeth Eason is the Principal Architect at Elizabeth Eason Architecture, the Knoxville based design studio she established in 2003. She is a graduate of the University of

Tennessee and a native East Tennessean. Elizabeth has more than 19 years of professional experience and has worked with a wide variety of commercial, civic, non-profit and residential clientele. Her firm specializes in sustainable design for residential, historic, civic and commercial clients.

Ms. Eason is a licensed architect in Tennessee with NCARB certification. She is also an accredited professional with the US Green Building Council's LEED certification for sustainable design. She is an active board member of Knox Heritage, the League of Women Voters, and serves on the City of Knoxville Tree Board and the Knoxville Energy Task Force. She is chair of the US Green Building Council East Tennessee Chapter.

Ben Gerhardstein
Graduate Student, Emory University

Ben is a Master of Public Health candidate in Environmental and Occupational Health at Emory University, where his research examines the health effects and the environmental justice implications of land use decisions in the Atlanta region. His current focus is informed by a diverse background in sociology, risk perception and communication, environmental law and policy, and youth development. Ben's experience is in both the non-profit and public sector - he has held positions at the Environmental Law Institute, in Washington, DC and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. His work on community medical monitoring in contaminated communities has been published in the Environmental Law Reporter. Committed to environmental health advocacy and education, at Emory he serves as the Vice President of the Rollins Environmental Health Action Committee. An adventurous soul, Ben is an avid rock climber and urban cyclist.

Ernest Muhammad
Natural Resource Technician, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

Ernest works on two different projects, the Marine Fish Tagging Program and the Trip Interview Program (TIP). His duties with the Marine Tagging Program are to disseminate tagging program information through presentations and workshops, maintain tagging and recapture data, and enter and edit tagging and recapture data. As a Port Agent with TIP, Ernest maintains a good rapport with the public, wholesale dealers, and commercial fishermen. He also collects biological samples, conduct interviews, enter and edit data into the states database and TIP online database. In addition to my duties with the tagging program and TIP, he helps other sections within the Marine Resources Division. He is currently helping MARMAP obtain samples from contracted commercial fishermen and aiding them in collecting fin clippings from Banded Rudderfish, Greater Amberjacks and Lesser Amberjacks. He also helps the Mariculture Section obtain Cobia for research. He is a member of the department's Minority Affairs Committee, a member of the Trident

Fishing Tournament Committee, and a member of South Carolina's Chapter of the American Fishery Society.

Madeleine Weil
Deputy Director of Policy & Communications, City of Knoxville

Madeleine is the Deputy Director of Policy & Communications for the City of Knoxville. She is the City's downtown manager and the chair of the new energy & sustainability initiative. Madeleine moved to Knoxville in 2006 from New Haven, CT where she was a Policy Analyst with Environment Northeast, a non-profit policy and advocacy organization that works on energy and environmental issues throughout New England. Prior to that, Madeleine worked with the City of New Haven, CT as the Project Coordinator for the City's clean air program. Madeleine has a Master of Environmental Management degree from the Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and a BA in American Studies from Carleton College in Northfield, MN.

Madeleine lives in South Knoxville with her husband Bob Morrissey, a professor in the History Department at UT, and their Siberian husky, Elsa.