

Leyna Stemle (GGG President)
PhD Student, Biology, C. Searcy Lab



I am interested in geographic information systems, conservation, herpetology, wildlife survivorship, and animal movement. More specifically, I am interested in how we can use movement and habitat use data to improve management practices and policies for wildlife. I received my Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology, with a minor in Environmental Studies, from Florida Southern College. For my honors thesis at Florida Southern, I studied the movement patterns and natural history of the Striped Mud Turtle in central Florida. During a Fulbright Student Research Grant, I was affiliated with the Ghana Wildlife Division and University of Ghana, researching a method to reduce sea turtle catch in gillnet fisheries. My project exploited the differences in the visual capacities of fish and turtles to deter the sea turtles from nets. I have always been passionate about sustainability and I hope to promote a more sustainable campus with our events and project. We hope to reduce UMs plastic use, especially at events!

Seokmin Kim (GGG VP)

Ph. D. student at the Biology Department, Galetti Lab



I am an aspiring ecologist with broad interests in animal extinctions and the resulting indirect effects on the ecosystem. With this knowledge, I hope to manage conservation projects with close cooperation with local human communities. Previously, I have worked with estimating seed shadows of wild, free-roaming forest elephants in Gabon and served with the Peace Corps as a public health teacher in Fiji. I am very interested in environmental activism and hope to effectively engage communities in making environmentally sound decisions.

I am new to Miami, so I look forward to getting to know everyone!

Bianca Zinger

MS Student of Sustainable Business



Biancia received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Florida International University in 2013. Since then, she has worked as a professional animal trainer and caretaker of exotic rescues and mostly marine mammals. As a animal care taker she educated the public on conservation and advocated for the preservation of the species in her care. Biancia assisted in the rehabilitation and release of several Florida Manatees as well as many different local sea turtle species. Her dedication to the preserving the environment for the species that inhabit it led her into her current position as a Miami Herbert Business School student studying Sustainable Business. Recognizing the large impact corporations have on the environment, Biancia hopes to consult with businesses to analyze their impact to create a more sustainable business model.

Ellery Lennon (GGG Sustainability Coordinator)
PhD Student, University of Miami, Sealey Lab



Ellery Lennon graduated from the University of Miami with a BS in marine science and biology in 2016. After graduating, she spent 2 years working seasonal research and outdoor education jobs, most recently at MarineLab in Key Largo. In 2018, she returned to UM in to pursue a PhD in biology with a focus on coastal marine ecology. Ellery is passionate about marine conservation, coastal restoration, and plastic pollution. On the weekends, you can find her SCUBA diving or volunteering at Shy Wolf Sanctuary.

Joan Glenny-Pescov (GGG PIBS representative)
PIBS



Joan Glenny Pescov graduated from FIU majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. She is currently a PIBS graduate student at UM interested in joining the MCP Department. At UM, she is a Green Grad Group PIBS representative.