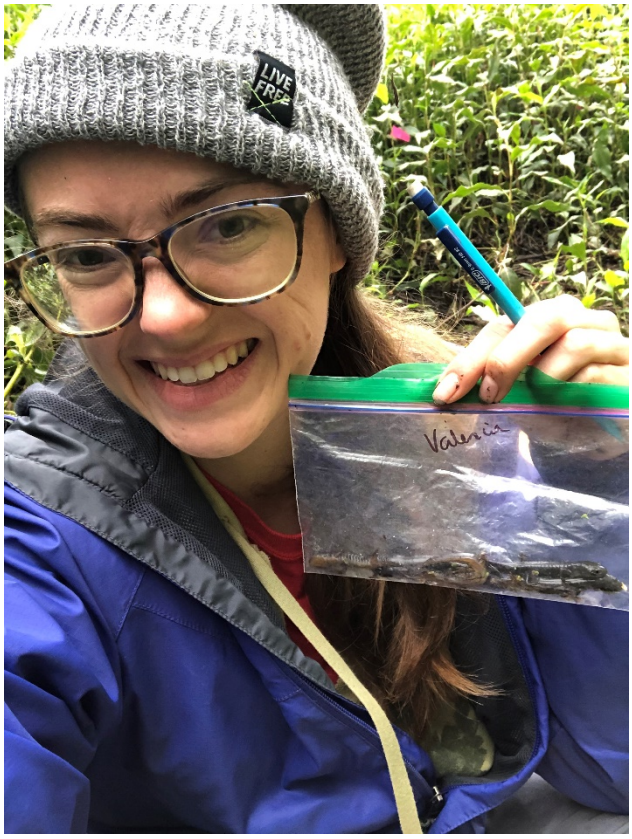
Leyna Stemle (GGG President)
PhD Student, Biology, C. Searcy Lab



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!

Ellery Lennon (GGG Member)
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.

Abbey Yatsko (GGG Member)
PhD Student, University of Miami, Zanne Lab

I am interested in the balance of forest carbon dynamics, specifically in how wood decays and stores carbon through time and across environmental gradients. I am also interested in characterizing decomposer communities, focusing on termites, and how they process wood and emit carbon based gases (such as methane). Taken together, I want to explore forest biogeochemistry to more accurately fine-tune terrestrial carbon storage earth system models. I am always excited to talk about forest conservation, low-impact lifestyles, and the best outdoor spaces to explore!

Fabio L. Tarazona-Tubens (GGG Member)
Ph.D. Student, Biology, Galetti Lab

I am broadly interested in ornithology, applied wildlife conservation, animal survival and ecology of frugivores. I graduated from University of Puerto Rico, where I double majored in Biology and Crop Biology. Through collaborations with Belize Bird Conservancy and New Mexico State University, I obtained a Master's degree investigating nest survival and nest conservation practices with Yellow-headed Parrots in Belize. Following my interest in applied wildlife conservation, I returned to Puerto Rico to work with the critically endangered Puerto Rican Parrot. During my time working with the parrots in Puerto Rico, I became broadly interested in their habitat use and functionality within forested systems, specifically in how they consume fruits and their potential as long distance seed dispersers. I recently joined the Ph.D. program at University of Miami, where I hope to investigate the ecology of frugivores and seed dispersal in the Caribbean. I am happy to work together towards making our campus more sustainable and ecologically friendly!