

WLI 2019 Welcome Directory

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WLI 2019 Participant Locations = ●

Aaron Rivard



I was extremely lucky to have found my career in wastewater and have been enjoying it for the last 9 nine years. I have a Bachelors of Science degree from Central Michigan University (Fire up Chips!). Being relatively new to management and the wastewater field in general, I am looking forward to networking and learning from others in the field. I am a married, father of four, all under the age of 8. We have one dog and two cats, it is a very busy and sometimes loud household. We enjoy soccer, camping, hunting and just generally being outdoors.

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Abbye Neel



I am a Colorado native, who loves to ski, mountain bike, and spend time outside. When I am not enjoying an outdoor activity, you will probably find me cooking a dish that has a high probability of containing cheese.

I have been working for Fort Collins Utilities as a Water Conservation Specialist since April of 2017. My prior work history varies from working for an environmental consulting firm to studying development and urban hydrology to teaching high school Math!

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Adriana Caldarelli

I joined WEF in April 2018 as the Director of NGICP. Before joining WEF, I spent 17 years at the NJ Department of Environmental Protection working in various water quality-related programs, including wastewater management planning, combined sewer outfall permitting and stormwater policy. I have a BS in Natural Resource Management from Rutgers University and an MS in Environmental Policy from the NJ Institute of Technology. I'm a bit of a stormwater nerd and can often be seen taking pictures of stormwater or GI in random places or receiving those kinds of pictures from my stormwater nerd friends and colleagues.



AHMED ELSHESHTAWY



- ▶ I supervise the operation and maintenance of the Cayman Water Authority's seawater reverse osmosis potable water plants. I'm originally from Egypt but been living in the Cayman Islands since 2014. I have a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering, and I'm recognized as an Engineer-In-Training in the state of Texas.
- ▶ I enjoy running, spending time on the beach, and playing both soccer and Gaelic football.

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Three things about me...



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I have been working as a treatment process engineer for just over a year dealing with wastewater and resource recovery at Cole Engineering. Before this, I spent a few years in R&D designing technology and piloting systems.



Background

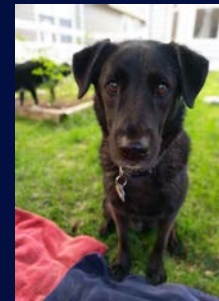
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Details

- I have worked with the Analytical Instruments business the last few years from GE Water to now Suez Water Technologies & Solutions in application and product development of water quality monitoring tools.
- Last year, I took a leadership and managerial role to head up a new focus for our business in Industrial & Environmental Markets to lead development, strategy, and a portfolio of growing product lines to provide tools and data for operators to make smarter decisions for compliance, quality, and control of water and wastewater treatment. I'm excited for the opportunity, challenges, and Suez mission to lead the resource revolution toward a more circular economy. I'm excited and grateful for the opportunity to join the 2019 Water Leadership Institute and I'm looking forward to meeting and discussing with everyone.

Outside of Work

- I love living and working in Boulder, CO where I enjoy exploring the beauty of the front range and the Rocky Mountains just behind us especially with my dog (Frank), my boyfriend (Mike), and my mom (Eola).
- My passion is running and I enjoy racing competitively from the ½ mile to ultramarathons. On Leap Day 2020, I will compete in the US Olympic Marathon Trials for the third time.



Amy Eberhardt




Passionate Marketer. Strategic Thinker.
Hello, I am so excited to meet our WLI19 participants! I join this year's group with 12-years of experience in the marketing and business development of public works services. I'm originally from Seattle, and I've also lived in Las Vegas for several years, but today I call Columbus, Ohio home.


Fun Facts:

- ✓ *Mother to Cam and Addison (ages 4 and 1)*
- ✓ *Lover of gardening & the outdoors*
- ✓ *Enjoys playing golf and yoga*

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I was born and raised in Mexico (San Miguel de Allende) until 1995 when he came to the U.S. for High School. I started my college education in Arkansas and completed it at Norwich University in Vermont, 2006. My professional career started in Las Vegas in engineering and CM firms. I am a Licensed Engineer in Texas and Nevada with broad experience in all phases of projects, from pursuit through construction and stakeholder engagement. I have 13 years of experience in national project leadership responsibilities involving planning, design, and construction of water/wastewater infrastructure facilities, conveyance, construction, and project management. I became a US Citizen in 2008 and have been living in Dallas for six years with my wife (Martha) and two daughters (Estela-3, and Natalia-6). I recently discovered woodworking, however, my #1 hobby is spending time with my family, traveling and seeing new places.



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GIS Superhero



Greetings! I'm Ari. I have been working with Cal Water for nearly 4 years in the Drought Management and Conservation Department. My specialty is water-related Geography and GIS. Both my undergrad and graduate degrees are in **GIS**. I was born and raised, and currently reside in Southern **California**.

I love space shuttles (I've visited them all in person), **adventuring** with my dogs, Gypsy and Ezzri, and husband, Bryan (WLI'18), and **baking**. Don't be surprised if you see me dancing if **music** is playing. You can ask me about all-things **maps** — I love sharing knowledge and learning.



Bruce Weckworth

I began my career at HRSD 12 years ago in the Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Division as a Water Quality Assistant. I currently serve as a Water Quality Supervising Specialist within the Technical Services Division of HRSD. I am directly involved with initiating, coordinating, planning, and executing multiple projects and studies associated with permit compliance and environmental monitoring. I have a Master's of Science degree in Community and Environmental Health from Old Dominion University and am currently working on my MBA from the college of William & Mary.

I have 3 wonderful children with another on the way (mid-July). I don't have much time for hobbies at the moment but I do enjoy working on my reef tank. I'm also a self proclaimed space nerd!



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Chris Roberts



I have been working as an Operations Manager since February 2018 but have worked for the City of Tacoma for the last 14 years. I started as a temporary machinists helper and worked my way into a permanent position as an Electrical/Instrumentation Technician. I have been on many projects and have had the opportunity to lead several cross functional teams. I have been married to my wonderful wife Amanda for ten years and we have two children, Sam (4) and Izzy (2) with another one due on May 1st. We just purchased our forever home in Waller, Washington which is a green belt nestled between Tacoma and Puyallup. Our small "farm" is 2.4 acres but is conveniently 10 minutes from work. So far, Sam and Izzy's favorite chore (and past time) is playing with the chickens and collecting eggs. Most recently, they discovered they can dig up the dirt and collect worms to give to the chickens.

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Currently, I am a Senior Project Manager at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District in Milwaukee (MMSD). Prior to that I work as a Product Engineer at Evoqua/Siemens Water Technologies in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Before moving to the USA with my family I completed a PhD at the Technical University of Denmark in Copenhagen. I have also lived and worked in Zurich, Switzerland. I grew up in a small village, called Old Harbour, by the sea-side on the south coast of Jamaica.

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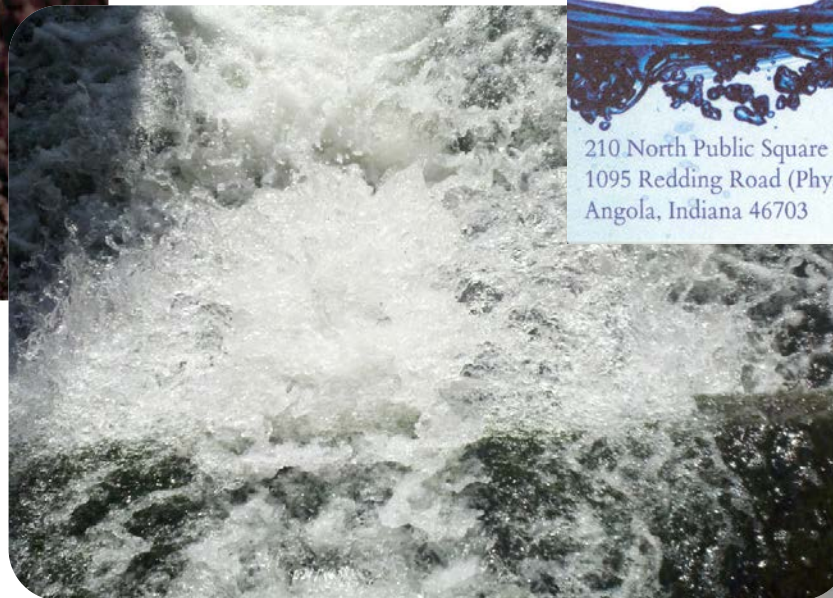
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I am a certified 3A Water Resource Recovery Operator with the Buffalo Sewer Authority. I am Currently studying to take my 4A certification exam, which is New York's highest level of certification. I grew up close to Lake Erie which gives me an appreciation for clean water. It also keeps me motivated in what I do so future generations can enjoy the lake as much as I have. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, golfing, and I'm also an avid baseball fan.

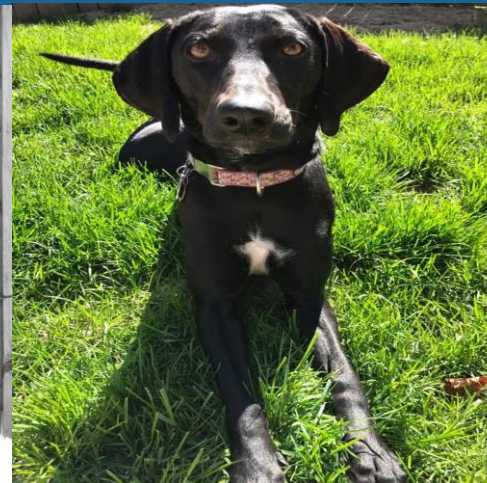
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Daniel Scott

I am the Utility Superintendent and City Engineer for the City of Boone, Iowa located near the middle of Iowa near the center of the USA. I grew up on a farm. I have two little daughters that love both real and stuffed animals that keep me busy with family activities. I am focused on making the world a better place for them and excited to be here.

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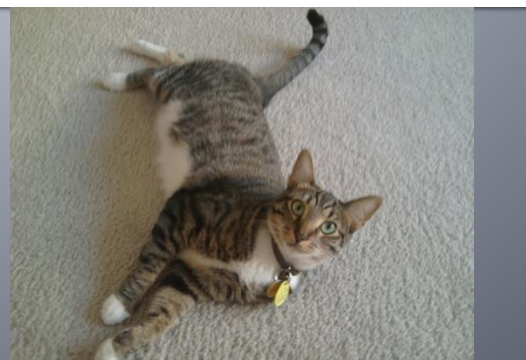
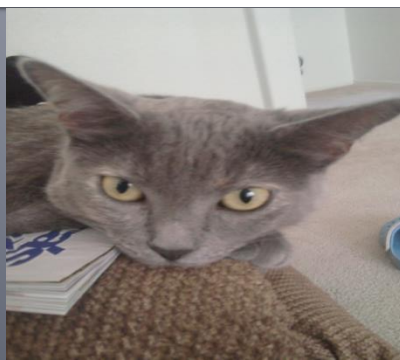
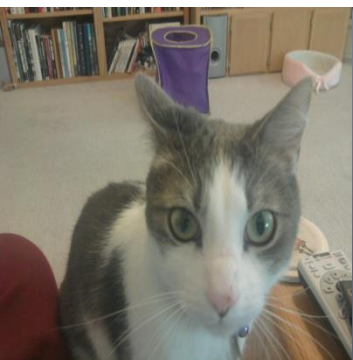
I have been working for the City of Surprise since 1997. My present title is Water Reclamation Supervisor and I operate a 2.0 MGD MBR (Membrane Bioreactor). I am originally from New Jersey, where I was a volunteer firefighter for 16 years. Started my career in Wastewater in 1990 working for the Bergen County Utilities Authority.

I love cooking all sorts of things, have 3 rescue cats, and have been happily married for over 30 years. Like to travel and take hikes.



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EDDIE ABISAAB

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I started working for HRSD in 2008. Prior to HRSD, I worked as a design engineer and a project manager for both the private and public sectors for over 10 years.

I am passionate about the environment we live in and truly believe that we must protect it. I love spending time with my family and helping others.



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Motto: "Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do"

Favorite quote: "Leadership is about partnership, not position"



Ellen Stitt

I am a Sr. Operator/Mechanic with the [Ontario Clean Water Agency](#) and the Marketing Manager for the [Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services](#). I am a very active volunteer in the water space. I am currently the lead on the WEAO [Student Design Competition](#) Committee and on the Walkerton Clean Water Centre's [Board of Directors](#). Previously I volunteered with [Waterlution](#) and the [Canadian Water Network](#). I am passionate about bridging the knowledge gap between the general public and the water sector.

Facts:

1. Over the past few years I have travelled to Scotland, England, Ireland, China & Australia
2. I co-authored the children's book [Canada's Great Water Adventure](#)
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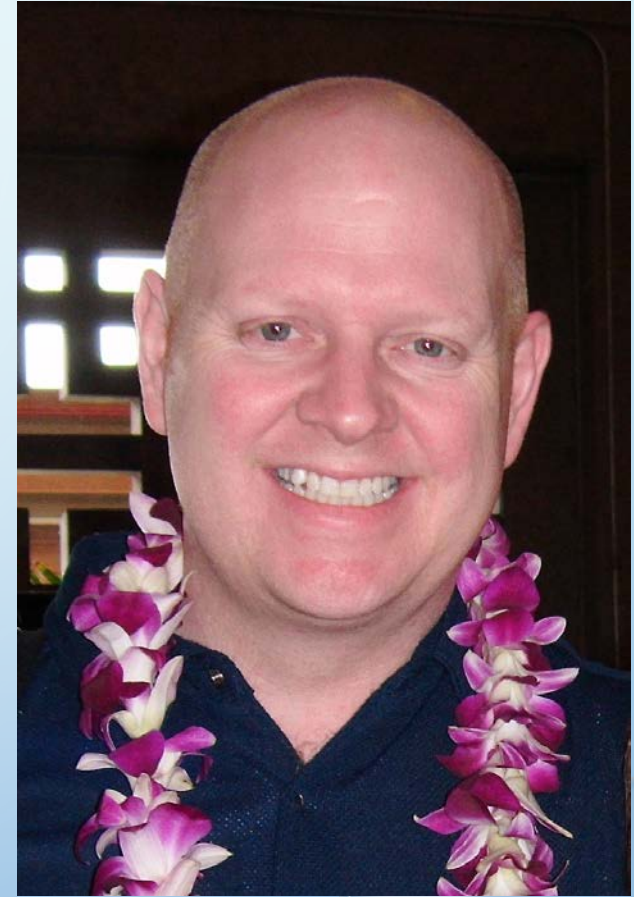


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I enjoy living in Milwaukee in close proximity to Lake Michigan. I try to get out on the water whenever I can - swimming, paddling and fishing. I also enjoy live music, and downhill skiing in the winter months. I really want an electric scooter or skateboard but my family won't let me have one, I think they're afraid that I will crash it and hurt myself.

Jennifer Loudon

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I've always loved the ocean; my happy place is at the nearest aquarium (Georgia aquarium whale shark pictured). When I was younger, I wanted to be a dolphin trainer so I went for my B.S. in Marine Biology. Realizing it would be difficult making a living at Sea World for the rest of my life, I refined my focus to include cleaning up water pollution and did a M.S. thesis in Environmental Sciences. I started as RTMUA Lab Manager right out of school and fell in love with the water/wastewater industry and WEF. I think more utilities should be doing in-house R&D so I am going for my PhD in Environmental Engineering. In my non-existent free time, I have a husband, a Green-Cheeked Conure, and a Puggle (the last 2 are rescues) who keep me on my toes.



Jessica Hou, PE, BCEE, ENV SP

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Jessica is celebrating 20 years at Gannett Fleming, and works as a vice president and client services manager for Virginia water clients. She earned a Bachelors in Civil Engineering and a Masters in Environmental Engineering from Old Dominion University. Active in professional associations on committees and at the state level, Jessica is a member of Virginia AWWA and VWEA, and is past chair and research committee chair for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at ODU.



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- Mother to four awesome kids under 10 years old
- Loves to play volleyball – especially on the beach!
- Passion for student design competitions, scholarship fundraising & mentoring





John McGettigan

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Professional Bio:

- Water professional located in Northern Virginia
- Support a variety of small projects and large programs throughout the DC Metro Area
- Great experiences with my local MA (VWEA!) and WEF

Personal Bio:

- Recovering introvert
- Wife, kids, ill-behaved dog
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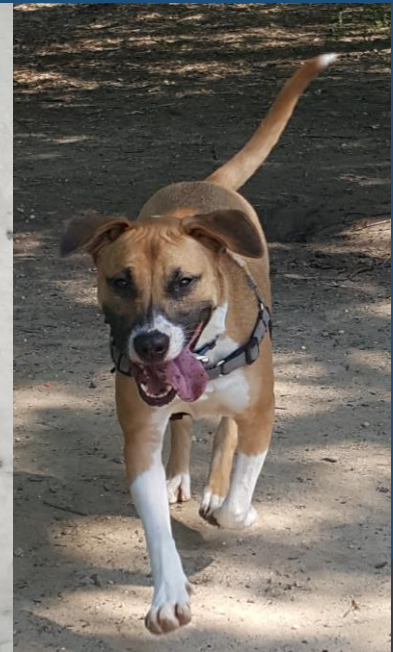
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JULIANNE JONES

I have been working as a Manager in Education and Training at WEF since March 2018. Before joining WEF, I worked at Frankfurt School of Finance and Management in Frankfurt, Germany organizing customized trainings for international clients. I'm originally from Virginia, but lived in Germany from Aug. 2011- Dec. 2017 to do my masters and then stayed to work. I have a rescue dog named Willow. She is an almost 2 year old Black Mouth Cur/Staffy mix and full of energy. She keeps me busy with her crazy antics.



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Joe Navas

I currently live in Las Vegas, NV. I am originally from Lincoln, Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska with B.S. in Construction Management in 2008. I joined McCarthy Building Co. right after school, and have been building water infrastructure around the Western United States since 2008. Recently I had the chance to help out my co-workers on the new NFL stadium for the Las Vegas Raiders. I enjoy traveling any chance I get, cooking at home, and anything that has to do with the ocean or mountains. From the summer of 2017 to the summer of 2018, my wife and I completed the “Trifecta”. That is getting married, buying our first house, and we welcomed a baby boy to our family. I am excited to help make WLI class of 2019 the best ever!

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I have been working as a Principal Engineer in our Water Resources Group at T&M for three years. Before that, I worked in construction and consulting in Texas, also in water resources.

When I'm not working I enjoy working with horses, especially training my new two-year-old. I also regularly help kids with handicaps learn to ride.



Hi Everyone,
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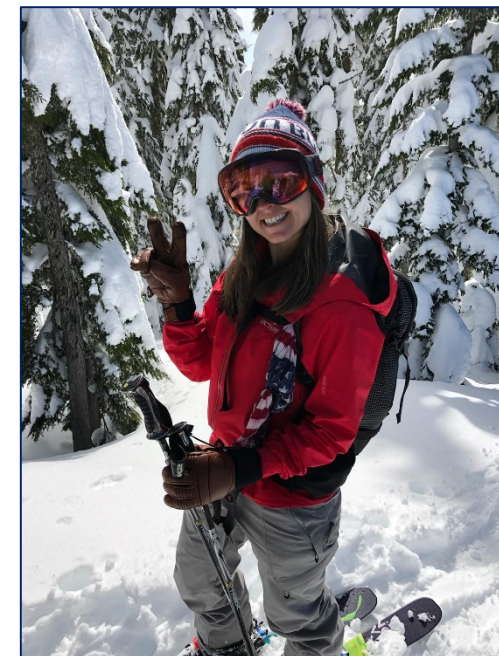
How I got here....

I have a B.S. in Civil Engineering from N.C. State and an M.S. in Water Resources Engineering from Virginia Tech. I spent 5 years as an engineering consultant, before transitioning into the public sector with Clean Water Services about 2 years ago. I'm completely in love with our water industry and its people and am passionate about leading positive change for the future.

In case you were wondering,

My true "Happy Place" is the mountain, but I love almost any outdoor activity. I'll be attempting to summit my 3rd mountain in May!

I have wanted to be an Engineer in the water industry since I was in middle school.



I currently have the privilege of being Chair of our PNCWA¹ Students & Young Professionals Committee.

¹Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association (my local WEF member association)

Laura Shields



I am the Operations Superintendent at Hampton Roads Sanitation District's (HRSD) Boat Harbor wastewater treatment plant (BH WWTP). I began my career as a plant operator and had the opportunity to work at three of HRSD's WWTPs. I am also a facilitator with HRSD, which promotes teamwork and problem solving with my colleagues

I was originally born in South Dakota. I have lived in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia for the last 28 years. I had my daughter Dahlia in 2015. After her birth, my world completely changed. Dahlia has a rare syndrome called Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome which occurs for ~ every 1 in 50,000 children born. Because of her I have grown and found a voice I never knew I had. Her syndrome keeps us busy, but her smile and laugh are worth it!

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I am currently working as a people manager and water/wastewater engineer for CHA Consulting out of our Blacksburg, VA office. I am a Virginia Tech graduate (Go Hokies!) for both my undergraduate degree in Biology and graduate degree in Civil Engineering. Before joining CHA, I worked at AECOM (2 years) and Novozymes, Inc. (5 years) in their water engineering departments. On my days off, I love to be outside with my 5 year old daughter, husband and dog hiking, biking, and rock climbing. I am obsessed with dark chocolate and pottery!

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This is me swimming with the penguins in South Africa.



I live in Watkinsville, GA with my husband And two teenagers. In this photo we're on our way to the Women's March in Atlanta.



I was inducted into the Northwestern University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017. I have a BA in Economics from NU and a Master of City Planning from GA Tech.



I created our water conservation mascot, Lily Anne Phibian and associated campaigns. Yes, that is me in the suit.

Matt Magruder

I have worked at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District for about 10 years. In addition to managing and coordinating the District's research efforts, I represent the District on various planning advisory groups, am the co-chair of the WRF LIFT Working Group for Green Infrastructure, and currently serving as the Chair of the NSF Industry/University Cooperative Research Center for Water Equipment and Policy. I received a B.S. in Biology from UW- Whitewater, a M.B.A. from Cardinal Stritch University, and am an American Society for Quality Certified Six Sigma Black Belt.

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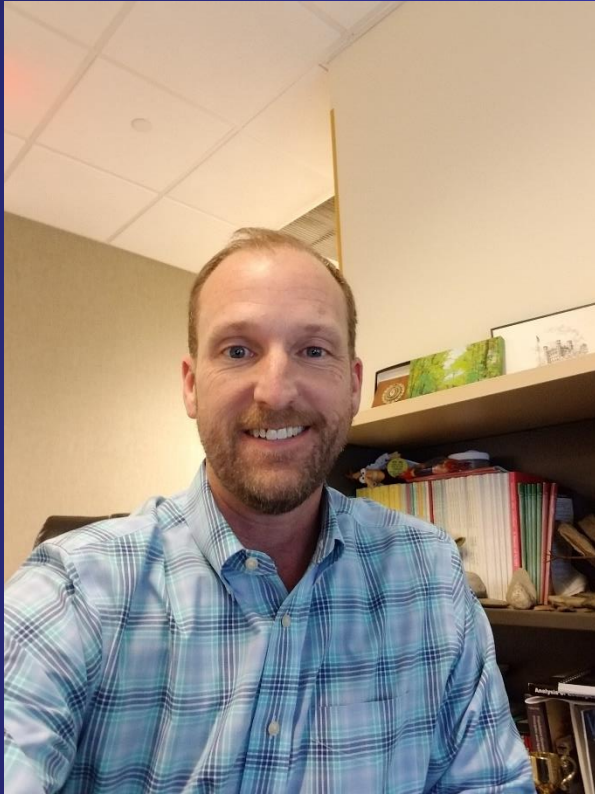
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I have spent the last 13 years researching the impacts (and how to mitigate those impacts) of stormwater runoff to our receiving streams at SD1, the local wastewater and stormwater utility. Prior to that, I spent 7 years at ORSANCO developing Ohio River biological criteria.

I'm originally from the mountains of East Kentucky (which I'm told you can hear when I talk), and when I'm not doing the "Dad" thing, I'm an avid runner and outdoorsman, and of course, hailing from Kentucky, I enjoy bluegrass music, fine bourbon, and college basketball!



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Megan Livak



I'm a thirty something, super passionate, young water professional who is a former NJWEA YP Chair and member, now current and very proud WEF Staffer. I manage WEF's Student and Young Professionals Programs – and I LOVE my job!

Even though I currently live in the DC Metro, I'll forever be a Jersey Girl at heart and a huge pizza snob. I love all things athletic, snacks, the shore, and have more trucker hats than I can count. I have a serious case of wanderlust and am happiest when I'm in or near the ocean. I enjoy racing and am a super competitive, endurance IRON(WO)MAN triathlete, former USA Triathlon Age Group National Team Member, and most recently, a novice rower for the City of Alexandria. I get excited about swimming ridiculous bodies of water.



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Mike Anderson

15 years ago, I thought, sure I'll give this wastewater job a try. It turned into a passion and a career. I'm somewhat new to Idaho but I love it here. The weather, the natural beauty, and the people are all wonderful. My wife and I enjoy exploring our new home!

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 - *Staff Engineer at Burns & McDonnell in Kansas City, MO*
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- *Interesting Facts:*
 - *Married to my wife, Marilyn, since October 2012*
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 - *Hobbies:*
 - *Spending time with my family, meeting people, traveling, trying new foods, and doing anything outdoors*

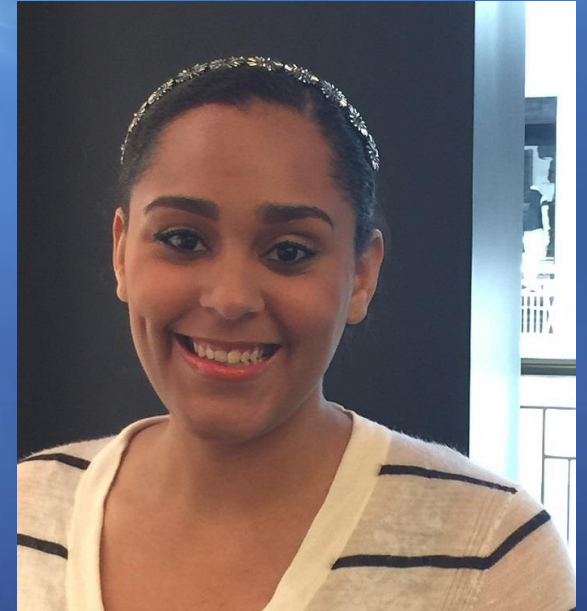


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Morgan Brown

I have been a WEF staff member since February 2017, and my role is to work with the technical committees and help manage different technical initiatives. I mainly work on topics related to nutrients, water reuse, and resource recovery. Surprisingly, I am not an engineer! My undergraduate degree is in Biology and Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia (go Hoos!). I am also currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Environmental Sciences and Policy from Johns Hopkins University. Outside of work and school, I enjoy cooking, staying active, and binge watching TV shows (I know the last two contradict one another). I also love animals and hope to adopt a dog as soon as I move into a pet-friendly apartment building.



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Nadine Robertson

I have been working as a Wastewater Treatment Operator for almost a year now with Veolia North America. Prior to, I worked within the oil and gas industry as a Safety Attendant and later as a Process Operator. I was born and raised in New Orleans, LA and yes we celebrate all year round. I enjoy the brass bands, food, and diverse culture the city has to offer.

I have two fur babies, Romeo (Shih Tzu 1 year & 8 months old) and Wynter (Maltipoo 6 months old) In my spare time I enjoy volunteering in the community, playing basketball, and listening to music.

3 Interesting Things About Me:

- Known as DJ NOLA
- Licensed USA Basketball Coach
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Though not a Native New Mexican, I call Albuquerque home. I grew up in a military family and when my father retired he found a job out west and I have never left. I graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in Civil Engineering and have been working for Bohannon Huston Inc for about 10 years planning, designing, and constructing potable water infrastructure. While I thought life was going to slow down after school I was mistaken, as over this period I have gotten married to my wonderful wife Kelli, and been blessed with four children. So while I do not exercise much, I do a lot of running around!



Three Interesting Things About Me:

- I am naturally an introvert.
- I was originally a History Major
- One of my life's motto's is JOY!

J esus First
O thers Next
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This is my first year as Deputy Director and 16 Years with AACo. I've been in the water and wastewater industry for almost 30 years. I hold a B.S. in Biology and a M.S. in Public Administration....but I'm most proud of my husband, 3 children and 4 cats.



I love: pun-off competitions, bad karaoke, themed vacations, 80's music and FAMILY! I am very passionate about helping others realize all the good things within them. That's what I want for my epitaph....."She helped others achieve!"



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I worked in Northern California in regional water supply and management, water quality, hydraulics and hydrology, floodplain management, and EIR/EIS.

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I recently learned to swim and still have a lot to learn.

I have a 6-yr old son who teaches me multi-tasking, patience, and negotiation skills. 😊

I grew up in India and moved to the US to do my Masters from University of Florida.

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I am a native of Charleston, SC and am proud to still call it home. I received my B.S. in Environmental Engineering in 2014 from Clemson University and became a professional engineer in 2018. At Weston & Sampson, I work on large municipal wastewater projects including pump stations and force mains. I am an active member of SCAWWA and WEASC having served as YP Chair, Membership Chair, and am currently the Chair for our state conference planning committee. Outside of work, I love to spend time with my family, friends, and dog, Dixie. I enjoy cooking, exercising, camping, hanging out at breweries, and taking advantage of all the good food and scenery Charleston has to offer.



About me

A Californian who admires the beauty of mountains and oceans. Environmental consultant by profession and I love what I do and truly believe in contributing to the community may it be small or big or unrecognized. Excited to be part of WLI 2019 for a learning and sharing experience.

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ROBERT W. "WICK" WARDEN

I work with a Garver Water Design Center in Fayetteville, AR since 2018. Prior to Garver, we have lived in Tennessee, Michigan, and Oklahoma where I was involved in water facility design and construction. We enjoy the Ozark Mountains for their beauty and access to hiking trails and camping spots.

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Bio.

Native from El Salvador, Central America where I manage **BLACK WATERS**, a small a Wastewater Design, Construction & Operations company. Also do environmental sustainability consulting and currently the Vice President of the El Salvador Green Building Council.

Previously held the post for Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of El Salvador acquiring important experience in the public sector.

Additionally, have more than 15 years of experience in the construction industry, and in the design, construction and operations of wastewater treatment systems. Have also performed as a coordinator of relevant international environmental performance programs such as WADA (Water & Development Alliance) between The Coca-Cola Company and USAID.

Hold a civil engineer bachelor's degree, an MBA, and a Master's in Environmental Engineering from TEXAS A&M University.

Additionally, have gone through important programs in HARVARD and STANFORD Universities.

3 Things:

- Don't take myself serious.
- Empathetic.
- Sense of humor.

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Ryan Lacharity



- I have been working with the Region of Waterloo since 2010, first as an EIT and then as a Project Engineer in Engineering and Wastewater Programs. In my role I work with our contract operator to ensure operational and capital work is performed to the Region's requirements for five of our thirteen WWTP's, among many other things. Additionally, I oversee the maintenance and capital requirements for the SCADA systems throughout all Regional WWTP's and SPS's.
- In my spare time I enjoy a number of outdoor activities including snowboarding, hiking, fishing, backcountry camping, cycling, and more.

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HELLO WLIT9! I AM SO GLAD TO BE HERE. I WORK AS A PLANT CAPITAL PROJECT LIASION TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AT NOMAN COLE. CURRENTLY WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF UPGRADING ALMOST EVERY PROCESS AT THIS 67 MGD PLANT...EXCITING TIMES!

IN MY PAST LIFE, I HAVE BEEN A PLANT PROCESS ENGINEER AND A CONSULTANT IN THE WASTEWATER INDUSTRY. I AM ALSO A CLASS I WASTEWATER OPERATOR AND ENJOY WORKING WITH THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SIDE OF THE BUSINESS. I HAVE SERVED AS A YP COMMITTEE CHAIR IN IWEA (LIVED IN CHICAGO, IL FOR 10 YEARS) AND CURRENTLY SERVE IN THE WERF LIFTSEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

BORN AND RAISED IN NEPAL, I HAVE CALLED UNITED STATES HOME FOR LAST 15 YEARS! GOT MY MASTERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING FROM BRADLEY UNIVERSITY (GO BRAVES!). MOM OF TWO KIDS (ABHIYAN -8, AASHRA- 4). WHEN I AM NOT PROBLEM SOLVING WITH MY ENGINEER HUBBY (KIDDING!), YOU CAN FIND ME AT THE GYM (BODYPUMP, ANYONE?), IN THE PLAYGROUND WITH MY KIDS, TENDING OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN OR CATCHING UP WITH NETFLIX WITH SOME VINO...CHEERS!



Sarah Van Frank-Affrunti

I've been with Butler County Water & Sewer since October of 2016 primarily handling regulatory compliance for the wastewater facilities and water distribution system. I've worked in government for close to 8 years now as a storm coordinator, park manager and public educator. Previously had my own photography business and am an avid knitter (the sweater in my photo, shawl and tie our the wedding photo are all my hand knits)! My husband and I recently got married and have two pups, Lucy, 8 year-old black lab/hound mix and Jeter, staffordshire bull terrier, who will be 3 this year. I have a M.EN. ('13) from Miami University and a BS in Communication ('05) from Ohio University.



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A Florida native, I am a proponent for promoting environmental stewardship through public education and outreach. I have a M.S. in Soil Science from Virginia Tech and previously worked at several botanical gardens before joining Pinellas County Utilities in January 2017 to lead the South Cross Bayou education program. I spend my free time photographing native wildflowers or curled up with a good book and my cat, Dusty, on my lap.

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SOUTH CROSS BAYOU
Water Reclamation Facility

Steve Hill



I have been working as the Maintenance Manager at AlexRenew for about 6 years. Prior to working as the Maintenance Manger I was a Controls Systems Technician for AlexRenew. I currently hold my certification for a Maintenance Reliability Professional along with a Virginia Journeymen License. I enjoy coaching youth sports and spending my summers on the beach. I am also a die hard Los Angeles Rams Fan.

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My family owns a brewery and a distillery, so I may know more than anyone realistically needs to know about alcohol, but I do know it needs high-quality water! So if anyone needs recommendations on good breweries in SD, I'm your girl!



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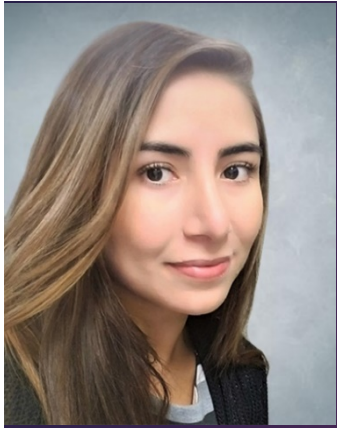
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I'm excited to be a part of WLI 2019!

After earning my M.S. in Environmental Engineering from UMass Amherst I spent four years in consulting prior to joining the operations division of Aquarion Water in 2015. I love that my job is an engaging mix of operations, capital work, and research.

Outside work I enjoy skiing, running, and golfing.





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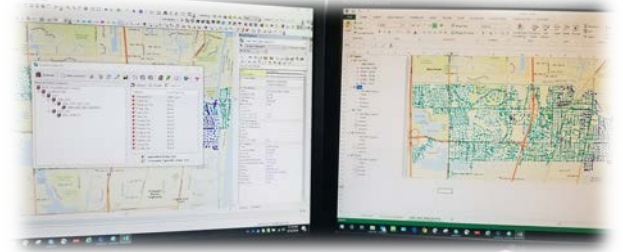
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a little bit about me...

I was born and raised in Medellin, Colombia. I moved to the states in 2004. I attended Florida International University where I received a bachelors and master's degree in Environmental Engineering. I've been working in the engineering field for over six years. My main focus has been stormwater, water, and wastewater modeling.

Three interesting things about me...

► My priorities:



► My Hobbies



► Some of my favorite quotes

- "Choose a job **you love**, and **you will never** have to **work a day in your life**," Confucius once said
- Sometime we think too much and feel too little, Charlie Chaplin
- "Give a Man a Fish, and You Feed Him for a Day. Teach a Man To Fish, and You Feed Him for a Lifetime," Anonymous