

Bio information for EPN June 8, 2017 presenters

Michael Graziano, PhD, OSU School of Environment and Natural Resources, Columbus State University

I was born and raised largely in Ohio, where I gained my appreciation for nature under the tutelage of my grandfather and many others. I moved from Ohio when I was six years old, living in Illinois, California, and South Carolina before moving back to Ohio to graduate high school. During my college years at Ohio State University I spent as much time as possible finding new records of reptiles, amphibians, and plants during my explorations of the state until I earned my Bachelor of Science in Evolution and Organismal Biology in 2006. Then I served as a field technician in Arkansas and West Virginia until I began my Master of Science in biology work at the University of Nebraska, graduating in 2010. During my years away from Ohio - from the deserts of California, prairies of Nebraska, Ozarks of Arkansas, and mountains of South Carolina and West Virginia, I always yearned to return back to my home state of Ohio. So, for my second time and after having finished my Masters, I moved back to Ohio and began teaching biology at Columbus State University and have been working on my PhD in Environment and Natural Resources since 2012. My research interests fall under the umbrella of ecology, and my research and interests focus upon amphibian and reptile communities. I would like to continue in my path of community outreach, research, and teaching...hopefully still in Ohio.

John Krygier, PhD, Ohio Wesleyan University, Dir. of Environmental Studies & Professor of Geography

John Krygier is a Clintonville-area resident who is active in local efforts to protect and manage the area's ravines. He is Director of Environmental Studies and Professor of Geography at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware. His research efforts focus on geography and cartography. Previously he was a Visiting Scholar in the Department of Geography at Ohio State University, and Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Buffalo. He received a PhD in Geography from Penn State University, and MS and BS degrees in Geography and Cartography from the University of Wisconsin. He is a past-president of the North American Cartographic Information Society.

Laura Fay, Director of Grants, ms consultants

Laura Fay is the Director of Grants at ms consultants in Columbus. Laura also volunteers as Secretary of Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW), a watershed group devoted to making the Olentangy and its tributaries clean and safe for all to enjoy. FLOW is known for rain barrel education, tree planting and litter cleanup service events, and advocacy. She is a FLOW past-president. Laura previously worked for the Ohio State University's Center for Lake Erie Area Research (CLEAR) as the Chief Scientist on the Research Vessel Hydra, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in various positions related to water quality. She received a BS (1974) and an MS (1976), both from Ohio State University.