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BACKGROUND

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Biology – Department of Biology, University of Kentucky. Characterization of pollutant response in teleosts with varying degrees of pollutant sensitivity.

M.S., Biology – Department of Biology, Tennessee Technological University. Evaluation of brook trout restoration efforts in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

B.S., Biology – Department of Biological Sciences, Eastern Kentucky University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor (2020 – present) – Department of Science and Health, Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

Associate Professor (2013 – 2020) – Department of Science and Health, Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

Assistant Professor (2010 – 2013) – Department of Science and Health, Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

Research Scientist I (2008 – 2010) – Department of Civil Engineering, Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Lecturer (full time) (2004 – 2008) – Department of Biology, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY

Research and Teaching Assistant – (2000 – 2004) – Department of Biology, University of KY, Lexington, KY

Research Assistant (1998 – 2000) – Department of Biol. Sciences, Ten. Technological Univ., Cookeville, TN

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

PUBLICATIONS (12 manuscripts in print or press since joining Asbury, * = undergraduate coauthor, 15 undergraduate coauthors since joining Asbury)

In Review:

Brammell, Ben F., Sara A. Brewer*, Ethan A. Hoogerheide*, and Mary R. Johnson*. Molecular detection of a cryptic salamander: Development of an eDNA assay for the detection of the mud salamander (*Pseudotriton montanus*). *In Review at Conservation Genetics Resources*, Sept. 17, 2024.
<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2025.01.12.632641v1>

In Print or Press:

(17) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Sara A. Brewer*, Elizabeth K. Strasko, Madeline M. Cox*, and Jarrett R. Johnson. eDNA monitoring of a rare salamander: The use of eDNA in detection of *Eurycea junaluska* in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 20(3):550-570.

(16) Brewer, Sara A.*; Rebecca R. Piche*, Florene G. Bell*, Angie F. Flores*, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow*, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2025. The use of eDNA in detection of Northern Red (*Pseudotriton ruber*) and Spring (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*) Salamanders: development and validation of quantitative PCR assays with notes on phylogeographic effectiveness. *Herpetology Notes* 18:427-449.

(15) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Sara A. Brewer*, Karsner S. Fetter*, Lauren E. Slone*, Matt A. Kulp, and Ben R. S. McLaughlin. 2025. Ichthyofaunal metabarcoding in the Southern Appalachians: Use of eDNA metabarcoding in fish surveys in lotic systems of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park with comparisons to historic electrofishing data. *Fishes* 10(4): 145. <https://doi.org/10.3390/fishes10040145>

(14) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Elizabeth K. Strasko*, Sara A. Brewer*, Rebecca R. Piche*, Cierla M. Sams*, Cy L. Mott, Malinda A. Stull. 2023. Detecting fossorial salamanders using eDNA; development and validation of quantitative and end-point PCR assays for the detection of five species of *Ambystoma*. *Conservation Genetics Resources* 15(4):187-198. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12686-023-01322-6>

(13) Strasko, Elizabeth K.*, Rebecca R. Piche*, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2023. Development and validation of PCR primers for detecting *Ambystoma texanum* (smallmouth salamander) from eDNA samples. *Tennessee Journal of Herpetology* 6:4-18. <https://www.tnherpsociety.org/copy-of-template-12>

(12) Bell, Florene F.*, Angie F. Flores*, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow*, Ronald B. Sams*, David K. Peyton, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. Development and validation of qPCR assays for use in eDNA detection of southern two-lined (*Eurycea cirrigera*) and northern dusky (*Desmognathus fuscus*) salamanders. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 17(2):398-412. https://www.herpconbio.org/Volume_17/Issue_2/Bell_et_al_2022.pdf

(11) Guivas, Ramon M.* and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2020. Evaluation of biomass and filtration method on eDNA detection of fantail darters (*Etheostoma flabellare*). *International Journal of Zoology* 3:1-7. <https://doi.org/10.1155/2020/4731686>

(10) Sena, Kenton L., **Ben F. Brammell**, and S. Ray Smith. 2016. Converting hayfield to switchgrass increases small mammal relative abundance. *Journal of the KY Academy of Science* 77(1-2):11-18.

(9) **Brammell, Ben F.**, David J. Price, Wesley J. Birge, Adria A. Elskus. 2013. Lack of CYP1A responsiveness in species inhabiting chronically contaminated habitats: two varieties of resistance? *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology, Part C* 52:2317-2322.

(8) **Brammell, Ben F.** and Shawn M. Banks. 2011. Notes on the Crayfish of Blackburn Fork Watershed, Jackson and Putnam County, Tennessee. *Journal of the TN Academy of Science* 86:105-107.

(7) **Brammell, Ben F.** and A.W. Wigginton. 2010. Differential gene expression in zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) following exposure to gaseous diffusion plant effluent and effluent receiving stream water. *American Journal of Environmental Sciences* 6 (3): 286-294.

(6) **Brammell, Ben F.**, David J. Price, Wesley J. Birge, Adria A. Elskus. 2010. Differential sensitivity of CYP1A to 3,3',4',4 - tetrachlorobiphenyl and benzo(a)pyrene in two *Lepomis* species. *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology, Part C* 152:42-50.

(5) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Scott J. McLain, James T. Oris, David J. Price, Wesley J. Birge and Adria A. Elskus. 2010. CYP1A Expression in Caged Rainbow Trout Discriminates Among Sites with Various Degrees of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Contamination. *Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology* 58:772-782.

(4) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Ian T. Struewing*, David M. Klarer, Scott G. Lynn. 2009. An Evaluation of the Ichthyofauna of Old Woman Creek Estuary, a Unique Aquatic Resource. *Journal of Freshwater Ecology* 24:521-527.

(3) Craig E. Wheelock, Kai Eder, Inge Werner, Huazhang Huang, Paul D. Jones, **Benjamin F. Brammell**, Adria A. Elskus, Inge Werner, Bruce D. Hammock. 2005. Individual variability in esterase activity and CYP1A levels in Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) exposed to esfenvalerate and chlorpyrifos. *Aquatic Toxicology* 74:172-192.

(2) **Brammell, Ben F.**, David J. Price, Wesley J. Birge, Adria A. Elskus. 2004. Apparent lack of CYP1A response to high PCB body burdens in fish from a chronically contaminated PCB site. *Marine Environmental Research* 58:251-255.

(1) Shepherd, Brian. S., Katherine Drennon, **Ben F. Brammell**, Adria A. Elskus. 2002. Effects of Aroclor 1254 on endocrine physiology in the channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*). In Endocrine Disruptors: Mechanisms and Impacts. M. Vijayan, A. Hontel and D. Mackinlay eds. pp 63-68.

GRANTS AND FUNDING (\$88,435 since joining Asbury, Career Total=\$942,335)

\$7,500. NSF EPSCoR, URE. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2025. eDNA metabarcoding-based profiling of microbial diversity and simultaneous fecal source tracking in urban lotic systems in the inner Bluegrass.

\$2,730. Kentucky Academy of Science, Summer Research Grant. **Ben F. Brammell** and Amy Braccia. 2025. Assessing the influence of genetic database enrichment on eDNA-based metagenomic biodiversity monitoring of macroinvertebrates.

\$500. Asbury University, internal research grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Effects of mitochondrial evolution on eDNA assay efficacy throughout the range of a widely distributed plethodontid, *Hemidactylum scutatum*.

\$19,780. United States Geological Survey, 104b Grant Program. Kenton L. Sena, Cy L. Mott, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Evaluating effects of ecological restoration efforts on ecosystem function in the inner Bluegrass (via traditional and molecular [eDNA metabarcoding] surveys of amphibian communities).

\$1,790. Kentucky Academy of Science, Summer Research Grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Assessment of biodiversity in freshwater lotic Galápagos habitats (San Cristóbal) through the use of eDNA metabarcoding.

\$19,533. United States Geological Survey, 104b Grant Program. Kenton L. Sena and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2023. Evaluating the effects of ecological restoration efforts on stream health in the inner Bluegrass (through the use of eDNA metabarcoding of aquatic invertebrate communities).

\$500. Asbury University, internal research grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2023. Multiple methods of detection of semiaquatic salamanders in small lotic systems: A comparison of traditional (leaf litter bags) and molecular (eDNA) detection methods.

\$7,102. Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association, Carlos C. Campbell Memorial Fellowship. **Ben F. Brammell**, Jarrett Johnson, and Elizabeth Strasko. 2023. Assessment of salamander distribution in the GSMNP through the use of eDNA metabarcoding with an emphasis on a reexamination of the distribution of the rare salamander, *E. junaluska*.

\$500. Asbury University, internal research grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. Assessment of biodiversity in freshwater lotic Galápagos habitats (San Cristóbal) through the use of eDNA metabarcoding.

\$500. Asbury University, internal research grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. Detecting fossorial salamanders using eDNA; development and validation of quantitative and end-point PCR assays for the detection of five species of Ambystomid salamanders.

\$3,000. Lilly Fellows Program Small Grant. Dan Strait and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. Boundaries and Horizons: Engaging Faith, Science, and Humanities. Provided funds to support an on-campus symposium on Faith and Science.

\$500. Asbury University, internal research grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2019. Use of eDNA to detect salmonids and amphibian species in high elevation habitats in the Sierra Nevada in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park.

\$10,000. Daniel Strait and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2019. Funds accompanying selection as Lilly Faculty Fellows designated for the development of a Lilly Faculty Fellow program on Asbury's campus.

\$500. Asbury University, internal research grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2018. Use of eDNA to detect salmonids and amphibian species in high elevation habitats in the Sierra Nevada in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park.

\$3,000. Kentucky Academy of Science, Summer Research Grant. **B. F. Brammell**. 2018. Use of environmental DNA in detection of an endangered species in remote, high elevation habitats in the Sierra Nevada.

\$500. Asbury University, internal research grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2017. Use of environmental DNA to determine the distribution of *Rana sierrae* and *Rana muscosa* (mountain yellow legged frog species complex) along a 70 mile transect of the Pacific Crest Trail (Kings Canyon National Park, CA).

\$5,000. Kentucky Water Resource Research Institute. David K. Peyton and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2012. Development and calibration of biomarkers in native sunfish (*Lepomis spp.*) for use in detection of endocrine active compounds.

\$5,000. Kentucky Water Resource Research Institute. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2011. Use of gene expression in longear sunfish (*Lepomis megalotis*) and green sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*) as a biomarker of polychlorinated biphenyl and metal exposure.

\$440,000. Commonwealth of Kentucky, Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management. 2010. Wigginton, A.W. and **Ben F. Brammell**. Genetic markers and ecological and chemical assessment of low level environmental impact at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.

\$412,000. Commonwealth of Kentucky, Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Waste Management. 2008. Wigginton, A.W. and **Ben F. Brammell**. Assessment of ecological conditions compared to environmental sampling at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant with a reassessment of previous analysis.

\$1,000. Morehead State University. 2006. Wymer, C. L., R.D. Boram, M.L. Wallace, J. O'Keefe, **Ben F. Brammell**, and J.M. Whitworth. Evaluation of the understanding of foundational science concepts by pre-service elementary school teachers at Morehead State University.

\$800. Kentucky Academy of Science, Graduate Research Grant. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2004. Linking chemical tolerance to reproductive fitness in fish from contaminated environments.

\$600. Sigma Xi. **Ben F. Brammell**. 2003. Effects of Pollution Resistance on Polychlorinated Biphenyl Mediated Endocrine Disruption.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (88 presentations with 49 undergraduate coauthors since joining Asbury, 31 presentations prior to joining Asbury)

(88) Johnson, Jack E., Ryan H. Williamson, Jon L. Cox, and **Ben F. Brammell**. Evaluation of wild hog (*Sus scrofa*) diet in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park through the use of DNA metabarcoding. 110th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 21-22, 2025, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. Poster.

(87) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Kenton L. Sena, Cy L. Mott, Ethan A. Hoogerheide, Sara A. Brewer, Natalie E. Hill, and Ben R.S. McLaughlin. 2025. Evaluation of urban ecological restoration through the use of vertebrate eDNA metabarcoding surveys. 110th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 21-22, 2025, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. Platform.

(86) Richmond, Caroline E. and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2025. eDNA metabarcoding-based microbial diversity profiling and simultaneous fecal source tracking in urban lotic systems in the inner Bluegrass. 110th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 21-22, 2025, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. Poster.

(85) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Kenton L. Sena, Cy L. Mott, Ethan A. Hoogerheide, Sara A. Brewer, and Natalie E. Hill. 2025. Evaluating Urban stream restoration success: Assessing the impact of urban reforestation efforts on water quality and aquatic systems in the inner Bluegrass. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, September 12, 2025, Lexington, KY. Platform.

(84) Hoogerheide, Ethan A., **Ben F. Brammell**, Kenton L. Sena, Cy L. Mott. 2025. Evaluating the effects of ecological restoration on amphibian communities in lotic systems in the inner bluegrass region of Kentucky. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, September 12, 2025, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(83) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Kenton L. Sena, Cy L. Mott, Ethan A. Hoogerheide, Sara A. Brewer, Karsner S. Fetter, Lauren E. Slone, Ben R. S. McLaughlin. 2025. Riparian Reforestation in Lexington, KY: The influence on seven urban streams. Annual Conference of the Kentucky Stormwater Association, July 9 – 11th, 2025. Lexington, KY. Platform.

(82) Sena, Kenton L., Zachary J. Hackworth, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2025. Evaluating Urban Stream Restoration Success: Water Quality, Macroinvertebrate Surveys, and eDNA. Annual meeting of the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Reclamation Sciences, June 1-5th, 2025. Butte, MT. Platform.

(81) Hill, Natalie E., Sara A. Brewer, Cy L. Mott, Ben R. S. McLaughlin, Karsner S. Fetter, Lauren E Slone, Ethan A. Hoogerheide, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Surveying amphibian biodiversity in ephemeral habitats: The use of eDNA metabarcoding and field surveys in quantification of amphibian community composition. 109th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 1-2, 2024, Kentucky State Univ., Frankfort, KY. Poster.

(80) Fetter, Karsner S., Sara A. Brewer, Lauren E. Slone, Ethan A. Hoogerheide, Ben R. S. McLaughlin, Kenton L. Sena, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Evaluating ecological restoration efforts in the inner Bluegrass through eDNA assessment of invertebrate communities. 109th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 1-2, 2024, Kentucky State Univ., Frankfort, KY. Poster.

(79) Slone, Lauren E., Sara A. Brewer, Karsner S. Fetter, Cy L. Mott, Rebecca R. Piche, Elizabeth K. Strasko, Jarrett R. Johnson, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Bryce Wade, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Development of an eDNA assay for use in detection of four-toed salamanders (*Hemidactylum scutatum*): Significance of mitochondrial evolution rates in eDNA assay development. 109th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 1-2, 2024, Kentucky State Univ., Frankfort, KY. Poster.

(78) Sena, Kenton L., Zachary J. Hackworth, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Urban riparian reforestation can contribute to stream-water quality improvement. Annual meeting of the Southeastern Water Pollution Biologists Association, Oct. 22-24th, 2024, Louisville, KY. Platform.

(77) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Sara A. Brewer, Ethan A. Hoogerheide, Mary R. Johnson, Karsner S. Fetter, and Lauren E Slone. 2024. Molecular detection of a cryptic salamander: Development of an eDNA assay for the detection of the mud salamander (*Pseudotriton montanus*). Annual meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Sept. 26-27th, 2024, Bristol, TN. Poster.

(76) Brewer, Sara A., Ethan A. Hoogerheide, Karsner S. Fetter, Lauren E Slone, Kenton L. Sena, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2024. Evaluating the effects of ecological restoration efforts on stream health in the inner Bluegrass through eDNA assessment (metabarcoding) of invertebrate communities. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, September 27, 2024, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(75) Brown, Hope A. Brown, Abigail K. Fletcher, Sara A. Brewer, Joanne Jung, Mary R. Johnson, Cierla V. McGuire, Malinda A. Stull, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2023. Development of environmental DNA (eDNA) qPCR assays for the detection of darter species: Significance of phylogeography in assay efficacy. 108th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 3-4, 2023, Northern KY Univ. Highland Heights, KY. Poster.

(74) Brewer, Sara A., Cy L. Mott, Rebecca R. Piche, Florene G. Bell, Elizabeth K. Strasko, Jarrett R. Johnson, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, **Ben. F. Brammell**. 2023. eDNA detection of four-toed salamanders (*Hemidactylum scutatum*): Significance of mitochondrial evolution rates in assay development. 108th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 3-4, 2023, Northern KY Univ. Highland Heights, KY. Poster.

(73) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Sara A. Brewer, Elizabeth K. Strasko, Jarrett R. Johnson and Madeline Cox. 2023. eDNA monitoring of a rare salamander: The use of eDNA in detection of *Eurycea junaluska* in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. 108th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 3-4, 2023, Northern KY Univ. Highland Heights, KY. Poster.

(72) Brewer, Sara A. Florene G. Bell, Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2023. The use of eDNA in detection of Northern Red (*Pseudotriton ruber*) and Spring (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*) Salamanders: Development and validation of quantitative PCR assays with notes on phylogeographic effectiveness. 108th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 3-4, 2023, Northern KY Univ. Highland Heights, KY. Poster.

(71) Brammell, Ben F., Sara A. Brewer, Elizabeth K. Strasko, Jarrett R. Johnson and Madeline Cox. 2023. The search for a rare salamander: the use of eDNA in detection of *Eurycea junaluska* in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Annual meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Sept. 28-29th, 2023, Union City, TN. Poster.

(70) Brewer, Sara A., Cy L. Mott, Rebecca R. Piche, Florene G. Bell, Elizabeth K. Strasko, Jarrett R. Johnson, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, **Ben. F. Brammell**. 2023. An improved assay for eDNA detection of four toed salamanders (*Hemidactylum scutatum*): significance of mitochondrial genome region in primer development. Annual meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Sept. 28-29th, 2023, Union City, TN. Poster.

(69) Brewer, Sara A. Florene G. Bell, Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2023. eDNA detection of northern red (*Pseudotriton ruber*) and spring (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*) salamanders in eastern Kentucky streams. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, September 15, 2023, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(68) Brewer, Sara A. Florene G. Bell, Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. eDNA detection of northern red (*Pseudotriton ruber*), spring (*Gyrinophilus porphyriticus*), and mud (*Pseudotriton ruber*) salamanders in eastern Kentucky streams. 107th Annual Kentucky Academy of Sci. Meeting, Nov. 10-12, 2022, Morehead State Univ., Morehead, KY. Poster.

(67) Fletcher, Abigail K., Mary R. Johnson, Cierla V. McGuire, Sara A. Brewer, Joanne Jung, Malinda A. Stull, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. eDNA detection of darters (Percidae: *Etheostomatinae*) in central Kentucky streams. 107th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 10-12, 2022, Morehead State Univ., Morehead, KY. Poster.

(66) Jeffrey, Brendan C., Sara A. Brewer, Florene G. Bell, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. eDNA detection of four toed salamanders (*Hemidactylum scutatum*): significance of mitochondrial genome region in primer development. 107th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 10-12, 2022, Morehead State Univ., Morehead, KY. Poster.

(65) Brewer, Sara A. Florene G. Bell, Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. Use of eDNA in the detection of semiaquatic salamanders in eastern Kentucky streams. Meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Sept. 29-30th, 2022, Austin Peay Univ., Clarksville, TN. Poster.

(64) Jeffrey, Brendan C., Sara A. Brewer, Florene G. Bell, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. Development and validation of qPCR assays for detection of four toed salamanders (*Hemidactylum scutatum*). Meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Sept. 29-30th, 2022, Austin Peay Univ., Clarksville, TN. Poster.

(63) Brewer, Sara A. Florene G. Bell, Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. Development and validation of qPCR assays for use in eDNA detection of four species of semiaquatic salamanders. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, September 18, 2022, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(62) Fletcher, Abigail K., Mary R. Johnson, Cierla V. McGuire, Sara A. Brewer, Joanne Jung, Malinda A. Stull, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2022. Development of eDNA protocols for detection of four darter (Percidae: *Etheostomatinae*) species in central Kentucky streams. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, September 18, 2022, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(61) **Brammell, Ben F.**, Cierla M. Sams, Elizabeth K. Strasko, Rebecca R. Piche, Cy L. Mott, Malinda A. Stull. 2021. Detecting fossorial salamanders using eDNA; development and validation of quantitative and end-point PCR assays for the detection of five species of Ambystomid salamanders. 2021 Meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Dec. 6-7, 2021, Chattanooga, TN. Poster.

(60) Strasko, Elizabeth K., Rebecca R. Piche, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. Development and validation of qPCR assays for use in eDNA detection of *Ambystoma texanum* and *Ambystoma talpoideum*. 2021 Meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Dec. 6-7, 2021, Chattanooga, TN. Poster.

(59) Piche, Rebecca R., Eliza M. Crawford, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. Multiple methods of detection of semiaquatic salamanders in small lotic systems: A comparison of eDNA and leaf litter bags. 2021 Meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society, Dec. 6-7, 2021, Chattanooga, TN. Poster.

(58) Piche, Rebecca R., Eliza M. Crawford, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. A comparison of detection methods for semiaquatic salamanders: eDNA and leaf litter bags. 106th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 5, 2021, Virtual presentation.

(57) Strasko, Elizabeth K., Rebecca R. Piche, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. Development and validation of qPCR assays for use in eDNA detection of *Ambystoma texanum*, *Ambystoma talpoideum*, and *Notophthalmus viridescens*. Annual KY Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 5, 2021, Virtual presentation.

(56) Piche, Rebecca R. and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. Comparison of leaf litter bag and environmental DNA in detection of salamanders in Maywoods Environmental and Educational Laboratory. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, September 13, 2021, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(55) Sams, Cierla M. Elizabeth K. Strasko, Rebecca R. Piche, Cy L. Mott, Malinda A. Stull, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2021. Development and validation of qPCR assays for use in eDNA detection of *Ambystoma* species. KY Water Res. Annual Symposium, September 13, 2021, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(54) Day, Faith H., Rebecca R. Piche, and **Ben F. Brammell**. Effects of predation hazard on habitat selection of fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*). 106th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 6, 2020, Virtual presentation.

(53) Bell, Florene G., Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow, David K. Peyton and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2019. Seasonal detection of four salamander species using eDNA in eastern Kentucky streams. 105th Annual KY Academy of Sci. Meeting, Nov. 1-2, 2019, Berea, KY. Poster.

(52) Beery, Elle, S., Marvin S. Ruffner, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2019. Development of eDNA detection tools for queen snakes (*Regina septemvittata*) and northern water snakes (*Nerodia sipedon*) in central Kentucky. 105th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 1-2, 2019, Berea, KY. Poster.

(51) Peyton, David K., Bell, Florene G., and Ben F. Brammell. 2019. Verification of eDNA salamander detection using cloned amplicons. 105th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 1-2, 2019, Berea, KY. Poster.

(50) Bell, Florene G., Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas A. Maigret, Chi Jing Leow and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2019. Use of eDNA to detect multiple salamander species in eastern Kentucky streams. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, March 25, 2019, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(49) Guivas, Ramon A. Kyle T. Laufenburger and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2019. Evaluation of biomass and filtration method on eDNA detection of fantail darters (*Etheostoma flabellare*). Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, March 25, 2019, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(48) **Ben F. Brammell**, Sumathi Sankaran-Walters, Kayceline Deguzman, Chi Jing Leow, and Michael C. McGrann. 2018. Use of eDNA in a wilderness setting to detect multiple species of conservation interest. SEKI Science Symposium, Nov. 14-15, 2018, Three Rivers, CA. Poster.

(47) Bell, Florene G., Angie F. Flores, Kenton L. Sena, Thomas Maigret, Chi Jing Leow and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2018. Use of eDNA to detect multiple salamander species in eastern Kentucky streams. 104th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 2-3, 2018, Bowling Green, KY. Poster.

(46) Guivas, Ramon A. Kyle T. Laufenburger and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2018. Evaluation of biomass and filtration method on eDNA detection of fantail darters (*Etheostoma flabellare*). 104th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 2-3, 2018, Bowling Green, KY. Poster.

(43) Leow, Chi Jing, Michael C. McGrann, Sumathi Sankaran-Walters, Christopher C. Pauley, Ronald B. Sams, Cierla V. McGuire, Malinda A. Stull, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2018. Use of eDNA to detect salmonids and amphibian species in high elevation habitats in the Sierra Nevada in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park, CA. 104th Annual Kentucky Academy of Science Meeting, Nov. 2-3, 2018, Bowling Green, KY. Poster.

(42) Nesselroade, Andrew W., Sams, Ronnie B., Cierla V. McGuire, Malinda A. Stull and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2018. Seasonal fluctuations in salamander eDNA in central KY streams. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, March 19, 2018, Lexington, KY. Poster.

(41) Guivas, Ramon A., Kyle T. Laufenburger, Mary R. Johnson, Cierla V. McGuire, Annissia L. Wood, Harold A. Brabon, Malinda A. Stull, and **Ben F. Brammell**. 2018. Relationship between fish biomass and eDNA in central Kentucky Streams. Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, March 19, 2018, Lexington, KY. Poster.

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(2) **Brammell, Ben F.**, David K. Peyton, Kelly R. Barnett, Joshua C. Ferrell, and Andrew J. Wigginton. 2011. *Lepomis megalotis* metallothionein, mRNA. Accession #JF497775.

(1) **Brammell, Ben F.**, David K. Peyton, Kelly R. Barnett, Joshua C. Ferrell, and Andrew J. Wigginton. 2011. *Lepomis cyanellus* cytochrome P4501A, mRNA. Accession #JF497776.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024 eDNA Microgrant, Full tuition to “eDNA Bioinformatics,” Dec. 9-13, 2024. Awarded competitively annually by The eDNA Collaborative.

2019–2021 Lilly Faculty Fellow, \$5,000. Selected with colleague Daniel Strait as members of the first cohort of the Lilly Faculty Fellows program.

2019 Faculty Scholar, Asbury University, Awarded annually to faculty for a record of high scholarly productivity, two awarded in 2019.

2017 Joe and Caroline Butler Distinguished Service Award, \$500, awarded annually to department faculty member for outstanding service.

2004 SETAC Travel Award, \$500. Merit based award that provides travel funds to the annual SETAC national meeting.

2003 Ohio Valley Chapter SETAC Travel Award. Merit based award that provides travel funds to the annual SETAC national meeting.

2001 University of Kentucky, Graduate Student Development Award, Merit based award presented to one graduate student in the Department of Biology annually.

2001 University of Kentucky, Ribble Scholarship, \$2,500. Provides stipend for research activities during the summer for graduates students in the Department of Biology.

1997 Dean’s Award Recipient, Eastern Kentucky University. Awarded to students who have been on the Dean’s list (GPA of 3.5 or greater) three times.

1996 Eastern Kentucky University, Outstanding Junior in Biological Sciences. Awarded annually to one student in the Department based on GPA and scholastic achievement.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTORING (*32 senior research mentees since joining Asbury, 17 student research awards at professional meetings, 5 extramural undergraduate research funded proposals*)

UNDERGRADUATES SENIOR RESEARCH PROJECT STUDENTS (*32 since joining Asbury*)

Natalie Hill – 2025
Karson Fetter – 2025
Ethan Hoogerheide – 2024
Hope Brown – 2024
Sara Brewer – 2024
Abigail Fletcher – 2023
Brendan Jeffry – 2022
Rebecca Piche – 2022
Faith Day – 2021
Angie Flores – 2021
Florene Bell – 2020
Ramon Guivas – 2019
Kyle Lafenburger – 2018
Elle Berry – 2018 (co-mentored with Marvin Ruffner, Ph.D.)
Ronnie Sams – 2017
Robert Washburn – 2017
Ashton Bain – 2017
Harold Brabon – 2017
Cierla McGuire – 2016
Rebecca Blackburn – 2016
Dallas Murphy – 2016
Christopher Pauley – 2016
Annissia Wood – 2015
Mary Johnson – 2015
Trevor Smith – 2015
Samantha Burr – 2014
Matt Johnson – 2013
Jordan Cox – 2013
Ben Adams – 2013
Demetria Todd – 2012
Graham Howell – 2012
Matt Engler – 2011

Non-Senior Research Project Students

Jack Johnson – 2025
Caroline Richmond – 2025
Lauren Slone – 2024
Joanne Jung – 2024
Elizabeth Strasko – 2021
Chi Jing Leow – 2020
Andrew Nesselroade – 2019

UNDERGRAD RESEARCH MENTEE STUDENT AWARDS (*17 awards with 13 Asbury undergraduates*)

Sara Brewer – Fall 2023, “Thoroughbred” designation (highest award), 2023 Annual KY Academy of Science Meeting, November 2023
Hope Brown – Fall 2023, “Thoroughbred” designation (highest award), 2023 Annual KY Academy of Science Meeting, November 2023
Sara Brewer – Fall 2023, Best Student Poster Presentation, Tennessee Herpetological Society, Annual Meeting, September 2023

Sara Brewer – Fall 2023, Niemiller Travel Scholarship, Tennessee Herpetological Society, Annual Meeting, September 2023

Abigail Fletcher – Fall 2022, “Thoroughbred” designation (highest award), 2022 Annual KY Academy of Science Meeting, November 2022

Brendan Jeffry – Fall 2022, “Thoroughbred” designation (highest award), 2022 Annual KY Academy of Science Meeting, November 2022

Sara Brewer – Fall 2022, “Thoroughbred” designation (highest award), 2022 Annual KY Academy of Science Meeting, November 2022

Abigail Fletcher – Fall 2022, Most Outstanding Undergraduate Poster, Annual Kentucky Water Resource Research meeting, September 2022

Elizabeth Strasko – Niemiller Travel Scholarship, Tennessee Herpetological Society, Annual Meeting, December 2021

Rebecca Piche – Fall 2021, 2nd place Ecology undergraduate student poster, 2021 Annual KY Academy of Science meeting

Rebecca Piche – Fall 2021, Most Outstanding Undergraduate Poster, Annual Kentucky Water Resource Research meeting

Ramon Guivas – Fall 2018, 2nd place Ecology undergraduate student poster, 2018 Annual KY Academy of Science meeting

Ronnie Sams – Fall 2015, 1st place Ecology and Environmental Science undergraduate student poster, 2015 Annual KY Academy of Science meeting

Cierla McGuire – Fall 2015, 3rd place Ecology and Environmental Science undergraduate student poster, 2015 Annual KY Academy of Science meeting

Christopher Pauley and Ronnie Sams – Fall 2014, 2nd place Ecology and Environmental Science undergraduate student poster, 2014 Annual KY Academy of Science meeting

Ben Adams – Fall 2013, 3rd place Ecology and Environmental Science undergraduate student poster, 2013 Annual KY Academy of Science meeting

Demetria Todd – Fall 2011, 3rd place, Ecology and Environmental Science undergraduate student poster, 2011 Annual KY Academy of Science meeting

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENT FUNDED PROPOSALS (Five awards, \$2,389 total)

\$468. Kentucky Academy of Science. Sara A. Brewer and B. F. Brammell. 2023. Development and validation of qPCR assays for three species of *Plethodon* salamanders.

\$459. EKU Division of Natural Areas Grant in Aid of Research. Rebecca R. Piche and Ben F. Brammell. 2021. Comparison of leaf litter bags and environmental DNA in detection of salamanders in Maywoods Environmental and Educational Laboratory.

\$512. Kentucky Academy of Science. Ramon A. Guivas and B. F. Brammell. 2018. Use of eDNA in multiple species fish biomass determinations in small to mid-sized lotic systems.

\$500. Kentucky Academy of Science. Ben M. Adams and B. F. Brammell. 2012. The effects of atrazine on chemical alarm cue response in predator and prey centrarchid species.

\$450. Kentucky Academy of Science. Matthew W. Engler and B. F. Brammell. 2011. A survey of the distribution and habitat preferences of the crayfish of Hickman and Jessamine Creek watersheds.

TEACHING

ASBURY UNIVERSITY (2010-present)

Bio 100 – Introductory biology for non-majors

Bio 101 – Introductory biology lab for non-majors

Bio 100O – Introductory biology for non-majors (On-line)

Bio 101O – Introductory biology lab for non-majors (On-line)

Bio 201 – Introductory biology for majors

Bio 221 – Ecology

Bio 217 – Environmental Science

Bio 272 – Principles of Plant Science

Bio 293 – Aquatic and Wetland Biology
Bio 352 – Physiology (first taught Spring 2015)
Bio 352X – Physiology lab (first taught Spring 2015)
Bio 374 – Cell and Molecular biology lab
Bio 393 – Biogeography of the Galapagos Islands

EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY (*Adjunct work, continuously from 2010 – present*)

Bio 171: Human anatomy with lab
Bio 100: Introductory biology for non-majors

MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY (*Lecturer, Fall 2004-Summer 2008*)

Bio 105 – Introductory biology for non-biology majors
Bio 110 – Biology for education majors with multiple lab sections, also served as lab coordinator
Bio 171 lab – Introductory biology lab for biology majors
Bio 217 – Medical microbiology with multiple lab sections
Bio 231 – Human anatomy
Bio 232 – Human physiology

CREATION OF TEACHING MATERIAL

Created a total of 129 multiple choice questions for specified categories of Bloom's taxonomy of learning
For The Economy of Nature, 6th edition (Ecology textbook) (MacMillan Higher Ed), 2014 – 2015.
Reviewed three chapters for Biology Now (W.W. Norton and Company), a new biology textbook,
December 2014 – February 2015.
Created supplemental teaching material (activities, instructor's notes, misconception alerts, quizzes) for
Chapter 7 (DNA) of Biology for a Changing World, 2nd edition (MacMillan Higher Ed), 2013.
Reviewed nine chapters and test banks for eleven other chapters for Life: The Science of Biology, 10th
edition (Sinauer Associates), May – December 2012.

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advisory Editor, *Environmental Biology of Fishes*. Appointed May 2021. 4 manuscripts 2021, 3 in 2022, 5
in 2023, 2 in 2024, 7 to date in 2025.
KY Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Amphibian Taxa Team Support Member, 2023 Kentucky State Wildlife Action
Plan.
STEM Lilly Endowment Network Program Representative for Asbury University, Valparaiso University,
appointed August 2022.

MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

2025 – Ichthyology and Herpetology (1 manuscript)
2025 – Global Ecology and Conservation (1 manuscript)
2025 – Scientific Reports (1 manuscript)
2025 – PeerJ (1 manuscript)
2025 – Environmental Biology of Fishes (2 manuscripts)
2025 – Herpetological Conservation and Biology (1 manuscript)
2025 – Aquatic Conservation: Marine and Freshwater Ecosystems (1 manuscript)
2025 – Hydrobiologia (1 manuscript)
2024 – Journal of Herpetology (1 manuscript)
2021 – Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology (1 manuscript)
2021 – Environmental Biology of Fishes (1 manuscript)
2021 – Environmental Science and Pollution Research (1 manuscript)
2020 – Environmental Biology of Fishes (1 manuscript)
2020 – Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety (1 manuscript)
2019 – Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety (1 manuscript)

2018 – Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology (1 manuscript)
2018 – Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety (1 manuscript)
2017 – Ecotoxicology (1 manuscript)
2017 – Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology (1 manuscript)
2013 – 2015- Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety (3 manuscripts)
2013 – Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (1 manuscript)
2011 – Fisheries Science (1 manuscript)
2011 – Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology (1 manuscript)
2005 – Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology (1 manuscript)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY LEADERSHIP/SERVICE

Vice President elect of the Kentucky Academy of Science, elected fall 2025. Four-year term beginning in 2026.
Secretary of the 2025 Kentucky Academy of Science Ecology Section, University of Louisville, November 21-22, 2025.
Chair of the 2023 Kentucky Academy of Science Ecology Section, Northern Kentucky University, November 3-4, 2023.
Secretary of the 2022 Kentucky Academy of Science Ecology Section, Morehead State University, November 10-12, 2022.
Chair of the 2019 Kentucky Academy of Science Environmental Science Section. Berea College, November 1-2, 2019.
Secretary of the 2018 Kentucky Academy of Science Environmental Science Section, Western Kentucky University, November 2018.
Chair of the 2016 Kentucky Academy of Science Ecology and Environmental Science Section, University of Louisville, November 4-5, 2016.
Secretary of the 2015 Kentucky Academy of Science Ecology and Environmental Science Section, Northern Kentucky University, November 13-14, 2015.
Chair of the 2005 Kentucky Academy of Science Physiology and Biochemistry Section, held in Richmond, Kentucky, November 2005.
Chair of the 2004 Kentucky Academy of Science Physiology and Biochemistry Section, held in Murray, Kentucky, November 5-6, 2004.

OUTREACH/INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025 – “Evaluation of urban ecological restoration through the use of eDNA metabarcoding surveys.” Invited lecture at the Kentucky Division of Water, Water Quality Section, Annual End of Year meeting.
2025 – “Biodiversity quantification through the use of eDNA and metabarcoding,” Murray State University Bio 261 Lab (via Zoom), February 26, 2025.
2024 – “Ecological surveys using molecular biology: eDNA surveys of salamander populations in the salamander capital of the world,” Invited presentation to fall meeting of the Great Smoky Mountains Conservation Association, Knoxville, TN, October 24, 2024.
2024 – “Molecular ecology: The use of eDNA in biodiversity surveys,” Invited seminar to the Biology Department at Murray State University, April 12th, 2024.
2022 – “Ichthyofauna of Central Appalachia” - Invited lecture in the “Appalachian Natural History Seminar Series,” Lewis Honors College, University of Kentucky, Feb. 2, 2022.
2021 – Led electrofishing collecting trip for Bluegrass Fish Keepers Association to multiple sites in Madison County, KY, June 5, 2021.
2021 – “Thoughts on Kentucky fish” - Invited lecture, Bluegrass Fish Keepers Association, Lexington, KY, May 15, 2021.
2017 – Presented ecology lecture and activity (owl pellets) to third grade class at Hattie Warner Elementary School, Nicholasville, KY, May 8, 2017.
2014 – Presented invited talk to Asbury University faculty at fall 2014 annual faculty retreat titled: “DNA or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Franken-Science”, August 11, 2014.

2014 – Presented lecture on reptiles and amphibians for the children at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, Lexington, KY, April 29, 2014.

2013 – Presented lecture on reptiles and amphibians to preschool children at Trinity Christian Academy, Lexington, KY, May 13, 2013.

2013 – Presented lecture on reptiles and amphibians for the children at the Lexington Hearing and Speech Center, Lexington, KY, March 26, 2013

2012 – Conducted a one-day outdoor ecology laboratory at Bluegrass Christian Camp for the 120 6th grade students of the Lexington Christian Academy, October 9, 2012.

2012 – Conducted a brief (three meetings) after school course on reptiles for elementary students at the Lexington Christian Academy, September and October 2012.

2012 – Conducted a brief (eight meetings) summer school course on reptiles for elementary students at the Lexington Christian Academy, June and July, 2012.

2011 – Conducted a one-day outdoor ecology laboratory at Bluegrass Christian Camp for the 120 6th grade students of the Lexington Christian Academy, October 2, 2011.

JUDGING

2025 – Served as judge for Junior KY Academy of Science presentation, Ecology Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, November 21-22, 2025.

2023 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Ecology Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, November 3, 2023.

2022 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Ecology Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, November 11, 2022.

2021 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Environmental Science Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, November 6, 2021.

2020 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Environmental Science Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, November 7, 2020.

2019 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Environmental Science Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, Berea University, November 1-2, 2019.

2018 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Environmental Science Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, Western Kentucky University, November 2-3, 2018.

2018 – Served as a judge evaluating science fair projects for the Southern Middle School annual science fair, January 11, 2018, Southern Middle School, Lexington, KY.

2017 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Ecology and Environmental Science Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, Murray University, November 3-4, 2017.

2016 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Ecology and Environmental Science Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, Univ. of Louisville, November 4-5, 2016.

2015 – Served as judge for undergraduate and graduate research presentations, Ecology and Environmental Science Section, KAS meeting, Northern Kentucky University, November 13-14, 2015.

2015 – Served as a judge evaluating science fair projects in the Animal Science Division of the Kentucky Science & Engineering Fair, March 28, 2015 at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

2015 – Served as a judge for high school science fair at Clark County High School, Jan. 27, 2015.

2014 – Served as judge for undergraduate research presentations, Ecology and Environmental Science Section, Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, Nov. 15, 2014, Lexington Convention Center.

2014 – Served as a judge evaluating science fair projects in the Earth Science Division of the Kentucky Science & Engineering Fair, March 29, 2014 at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

2013 – Served as judge for undergraduate research presentations, Biochemistry and Physiology Section, at the annual Kentucky Academy of Science meeting, Nov. 9, 2013, Morehead State University.

2013 – Served as a “best of show judge” evaluating science fair projects in the Earth Science Division of the Kentucky Science & Engineering Fair, Eastern Kentucky Univ., Richmond, KY, March 30, 2013.

2012 – Served as a judge evaluating science fair projects in the Earth Science Division of the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair, March 31, 2012 at Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

2010 – Served as a “best of show judge” evaluating science fair projects in the Earth Science Division of the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair, April 2, 2010, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

2010 – Served a judge evaluating science fair projects in the Earth Science Division of the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair, April 3, 2010 , Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

2005 – Served a judge evaluating science fair projects in the Earth Science Division of the Kentucky Science and Engineering Fair, March 2004, 2005; Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY

2004 – Served as judge evaluating middle school science fair projects, grades 6-8, February 11, 2004, Morton Middle School, Lex., KY

2003 – Served as judge evaluating elementary school science projects, grades 4-5, January 23, 2003, KY American Water Company Science Fair, Glendover Elementary School, Lexington, KY

GRADUATE COMMITTEE SERVICE

Ethan Hoogerheide, Eastern KY University, Department of Biology, Project title - Evaluating effects of ecological restoration efforts on ecosystem function in the inner Bluegrass. Committee member and co-advisor with Cy Mott, Ph.D.

Jill Fisk, KY State University, Project title – Salamander diversity in Bernheim Forest, advisory role.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE SERVICE

- Tenure and Promotion Committee (2021–present)
- Academic Policy and Curriculum (2018–2023)
- Institutional Review Board (2020–2023)
- Faculty Interview Committee (2016–2018)
- Learning Resources Committee (2011–2016)

OTHER COMMITTEE SERVICE

Appalachian Math and Science (AMSP) Biology Education Committee – Met seven times between Dec. 2006 -April 2007 to develop a new standardized biology course for elementary education majors.

Ohio Valley Chapter of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Student Affairs Committee, May 2003 – August 2004.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Kentucky Academy of Science
- Tennessee Herpetological Society

COLLECTING PERMITS HELD

Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Scientific Research and Collecting Permit, Brammell Evaluation of wild hog (*Sus scrofa*) diet in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park through the use of DNA metabarcoding. #GRSM-2023-SCI-1191.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Scientific and Educational Collecting Permit, Brammell #SC2311090. 2010-2025.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Scientific Research and Collecting Permit, Brammell. Assessment of salamander distribution in the GSMNP with an emphasis on a reexamination of the distribution of a rare salamander, *Eurycea junaluska*. #GRSM-2023-SCI-1191.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, Aquatic Collecting Permit, Brammell #6095, 2023.