Anya Nova Metcalfe

## Ecologist/Entomologist

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## Education:

Northern Arizona University: M.S. Candidate for Aquatic Ecology in Marks lab

**Graduating May 2017** 

-Thesis on aquatic insect emergence in the upper Colorado River basin

#### Prescott College: BA in Environmental Studies with emphasis in Water Resources

2012

-Minor in Adventure Education

-Senior thesis on the biogeography of aquatic beetles in springs of the Colorado River Watershed

#### Universidad de Guanajuato

2010

-Semester of hydrology focused foreign-exchange program in Guanajuato, Mexico

## Work Experience:

Biologist Nov 2012 - Present

United States Geological Survey (USGS): Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center (GCMRC) Flagstaff, AZ
-Using a microscope to sort and identify insects captured by light traps along the Colorado River. Have

- processed more than 1400 samples from light traps (>630,000 insects) as of 8/10/2015
- -Using expert knowledge of Grand Canyon aquatic insect fauna to identify taxa down to species
- -Managing a large inter-state citizen science project in the Colorado River watershed
- -Designed and executed original research on life history and mating strategies of a moth. Publication in process titled "Phenology and life history of a bivoltine moth (Erebiidae: Cisthene angelus)"
- -Have spent more than 200 days in remote sections of Grand Canyon and Glen Canyon collecting aquatic and terrestrial invertebrate specimens using a myriad of traps and methods including drift nets, Hess samplers, ponar, light traps, sticky traps, and emergence traps
- -Initiating and designing a pilot study on the correlation of bat and insect activity in Grand Canyon, collecting and analyzing over 40 nights of bat/insect data
- -Inspiring youth through scientific outreach. Have given four in-class presentations for Flagstaff Festival of Science, participated in various community events, and spent over 20 days in the field with youth
- -Curating and managing a small in-house reference entomological collection. Properly storing thousands of samples utilizing a barcode system. Collaborating with local and international researchers to disperse excess specimens to various projects and collections.
- -Designed the curriculum for and led a 2 day long workshop on Trichoptera identification

#### **Assistant Curator of Natural History and Ecology**

May 2012 - Feb 2013

Museum of Northern Arizona

Flagstaff, AZ

- -Handling, sorting, labeling, and identifying entomological specimens for museum collections
- -Organizing and maintaining a collection of more than 200,000 specimens
- -Collected over 2,000 invertebrate specimens in the field
- -Overseeing and organizing museum volunteers
- -Working with Microsoft Access databases

#### **Lead Researcher**

Nov 2012, Oct 2013, Nov 2014

**Grand Canyon Wildlands Council** 

Flagstaff, AZ

- -Leading in collection of interdisciplinary datasets on flora, fauna, hydrology, and human impact
- -Collecting insects using Malaise traps, UV traps, pitfall traps, and randomized sampling

### Field Technician - Spring Inventories in Arizona and Nevada

Springs Stewardship Institute

May 2012 – July 2012 Flagstaff, AZ

- -Collected invertebrate specimens from over 40 springs in Kaibab National Forest, Spring Mountain National Recreation Area, and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
- -Gathering interdisciplinary datasets on the biology, geology, hydrology, and archaeology of springs
- -Aided in the facilitation of 2 workshops. One on restoration of spring ecosystems in Nevada, and the second on protocols for completing spring inventories on USFS land

#### Interpretation Internship for Respect the Rio

May 2011-Aug 2011

US Forest Service/Student Conservation Association + Americorps

Santa Fe National Forest, NM

- -Created and delivered 8 educational programs for mixed-age audiences
- -Designed and illustrated a field guide to freshwater macroinvertebrates
- -Made 2,000+ contacts with forest visitors

## Additional Scientific Research and Field Experience:

Field Technician Oct 19-25 2012

Seeds of Success/Northern Arizona University

- -Identifying and collecting seeds from native plants in Southern Utah
- -Using a field press to collect voucher specimens for Flagstaff herbarium and Smithsonian collections

# **Field Assistant – Monitoring populations of Humpback Chub in the Colorado River** US Fish and Wildlife Service

Apr 2012, Sept 2012

- -Ten day trip in April camped at the Little Colorado River in a remote area accessed by helicopter
- -Seven day river trip on the Colorado River from Lee's Ferry to Bright Angel Creek
- -Capturing fish using hoop nets and trammel nets
- -Handling, identifying, sexing, measuring, and PIT tagging fish

# Field Technician – Monitoring populations of Rainbow Trout in Glen Canyon/CO River Intermittent 2012-2014 USGS/GCMRC

- -Handling, identifying, sexing, measuring, and tagging rainbow trout
- -With a team, processing up to 5,000 fish a night (collected by electroshocking)
- -Working nocturnally (8 pm 4 am)

### **Bug Camp Instructor**

July 2012, July 2013

Summer Among the Peaks Discovery Camp

-Singe handedly instructed 10 students during week long bug camps with daily field trips

#### Elk calf-mortality study at the Valle Caldera National Wildlife Refuge, NM

June - July 2011

# -Tagging calves with ear tag transmitter, locating wildlife using telemetry, appropriately handling calves Independent research project on benthic invertebrates of the Colorado River and its tributaries Fall 2011

- -Sampled insects from ten tributaries and 9 sites along the Colorado River during a 21 day river trip
- -Authored an unpublished 8 page report and presented at Prescott College Grand Canyon Symposium

#### Collecting baseline resource data in remote technical slot canyons of Grand Canyon

2013-present

- -Collecting data on the ecology, hydrology, geology, and recreation impacts of technical slot canyons
- -Rappeling as much as 200 ft/pitch, swimming in cold water, hiking long distances, and packrafting

#### Colpomenia tuberculata as a microhabitat in Estero Santa Rosa, Sonora, Mexico

2011

- -Collecting, identifying, and recording the marine macroinvertebrates that live within a brown alga
- Collection methods required hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, and extensive wading
- Co-wrote a 15 page unpublished report

#### Electro-shocking with a backpack unit to remove invasive fish

Intermittent 2010-2015

-Participated in 14 collective days of fish removal in Prescott National Forest, AZ, Santa Fe National Forest, NM and Bright Angel Creek in Grand Canyon National Park, AZ.

#### Monitoring tamarisk beetle populations on the Colorado River

2011

-Assisting a masters student(CSU) in collecting tamarisk beetles

#### Surveying beaver population in the Verde River, AZ

2010

-Three weeks locating, surveying, and monitoring beaver dams for the Nature Conservancy

#### **Verde River and Butte Creek Restoration Field Technician**

2009

## **Volunteer Work:**

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Founder and president of marine conservation group "Make a Wave" in Pompano Beach, FL -Initiated and led 64 member club for 3 years	2007-2009
-Applied for and received grant for \$2,000 water testing equipment	
-Led weekly sampling and analysis of a local inlet for presence of E. Coli for one year	
-Participated in multiple community events, raising awareness of local marine conservation iss	
	ues
-Featured in 3 local newspapers and international magazine Teen Vogue	
- Secured sponsorships from 7 organizations	2011
Guest teacher for ecology club "Los delfines jovenes" in Bahia de Kino, Sonora, Mexico	2011
-Preparing and facilitating lessons on marine biology in Spanish for middle school students	2014 2012
<del>-</del> ,	2011-2013
-Two 1 ½ hour presentations on entomology for Flagstaff Festival of Science	
-2 hour presentation on Environmental Careers in a rural school district (Dewey, AZ)	
•	2006-2008
-Volunteered 300+ hours	
-Assisted in organization of 3 events and fundraisers	
Academic Honors & Awards:	
Western Bat Working Group Bob Berry Award (Bat detector and scholarship for bat software training	) 2015
AmeriCorps Award Recipient, Student Conservation Association (\$1200 for AmeriCorps service)	2011
Community Service Education Award (\$1200 for community service)	2011
Sustainability Scholar, The North American Mobility Program	2010
-Spent a semester abroad at the Universidad de Guanajuato on a full scholarship	
-Created an independent study with the Dean of Hydrology to research local water reclamatio	n systems
Prescott College Designated Class Archivist (\$300 photography award)	2010
John Wesley Powell Scholarship (\$8,000 for academic achievement)	2009
Environmental and Social Justice Scholarship (\$8,000 for community leadership)	2009
George Snow Foundation Scholar (\$12,000 for academic achievement)	2009
Ford Salute to Education Scholar (\$1,000 for academic achievement)	2009
Charles Franklin Parker Scholar (\$4,000 for community leadership)	2009
Specialized Training:	
-Titley ANABAT software training, 6 day	2015
·	Since 2012
-Trichoptera of the Southwest Workshop	2014
-Grand Canyon Semester Student, Consortium for North America Sustainability Program	2011
-Springs Restoration Workshop (Las Vegas, NV)	2012
-Aldo Leopold Land Ethic Leader Workshop (Albuquerque, NM)	2011
-Completed B-3 Combination Helicopter/Airplane Safety Course	2012
Memberships	

- -Entomological Society of America (ESA)
- -American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- -Citizen Science Association(CSA)

## **Additional Skills and Interests:**

- -Fluent in Russian and Spanish
- -Published photographer
- -Outdoor enthusiast. Skilled hiker, canyoneer, and rock climber
- -Proficient with Microsoft Office Suite and R