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Personal Information:

Nationality: United States Citizen

Date/Place of Birth: 8 Jun 1978; Shawnee, OK

Marital Status: Married **Date of Marriage:** 15 Aug 1998

Spouse's Name: Julie A. Butler

Educational Background:

1992; Shawnee Junior High, Shawnee, OK 74801

1996; Shawnee High School, Shawnee, OK 74801

1996; Masonry Trades, Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech, Shawnee, OK 74801

1999; Associate of Science, Conservation and Wildlife Management, Murray State College,
Tishomingo, OK 73460

2000-2002; Undergraduate Study in Conservation Biology, St. Gregory's University, Shawnee, OK
74804

2004; Bachelor of Science, Conservation Biology, St. Gregory's University, Shawnee, OK 74804
(following class completion, 2003, East Central University, Ada, OK)

May-Jun, 2011; Summer Session Field Herpetology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Willis,
OK 73439

Aug 2011-present; Undergraduate courses; Seminole State College; Seminole, OK 74868

Computer Skills:

MS Word – 60wpm; MS PowerPoint; MS Excel; Dreamweaver/Fireworks (website production/photo editing software)

Heavy Equipment:

Tractor and various implements; forklift/fork truck; 2- and 4-wheel drive vehicles; manual and automatic transmissions

Related Experience:

2000-2002; Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians/Laboratory and Field Assistant, Division of Science, St. Gregory's University, Shawnee, OK; Maintain lab, set up labs, laboratory animal care, study skin preparation, collected and preserved specimens for the St. Gregory's University Museum of Natural History. Specific duties include daily care and maintenance of reptiles and amphibians.

Mar 2001-Dec 2002; Volunteer; Shawnee Conservation District Outdoor Learning Center, Shawnee, OK

June 11-16, 2001; Student Mentor, 2001 Dwight D. Eisenhower Summer Teacher Institute in Conservation Biology and Biostatistics

Sept 4-8, 2001; Outdoor Classroom Exhibit; Pottawatomie County Fair; Expo Center, Shawnee, OK

Sept 22, 2001; Poisonous and Venomous Plants and Animals Exhibit; Safety Fair; Shawnee Mall, Shawnee, OK

Sept 28, 2001; Led outdoor classroom field trip for Holy Trinity Middle School students; Okarche, Canadian County, OK

Oct 17, 2001; Herpetology field trip leader; Martin Park Nature Center; Oklahoma City, OK

Dec 2001; Water Quality Certification for Oklahoma Water Watch, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Jan 25, 2002; Starfish Dissection Instruction for Holy Trinity Middle School students; Okarche, Canadian County, OK

May 3, 2002; Herpetology field trip leader for Central Middle School (Broken Arrow) at Sequoyah State Park; Cherokee Co., OK

May 16-Aug 23, 2002; Water Quality Monitor (Intern); Oklahoma Water Resources Board; Oklahoma City, OK

June 2-8, 2002; Videographer, 2002 Dwight D. Eisenhower Summer Teacher Institute in Conservation Biology and Biostatistics

Aug 16, 2002; Reptile Show & Tell; North Rock Creek School; Shawnee, OK

Sept 17, 2002; Snake ID and Safe Handling; Shawnee Middle School; Shawnee, OK

Sept 24, 2002; Microscopy Lab; Shawnee Middle School; Shawnee, OK

Oct 26, 2002; Reptile Exhibit; HarvestFest; Faith Christian Outreach; Shawnee, OK

Nov 4-5, 2002; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science (OAS); Fall Field Meeting; Lake Wister; Le Flore Co., OK

Nov 26, 2002; Science Fair Judge; Christ the King School; Edmond, OK

Jan 8, 2003-present; Reptile and Amphibian Specialist; Petopia, LLC (formerly Pedigreed Pets); Shawnee, OK

Apr 11-12, 2003; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Spring Field Meeting; Sequoyah State Park; Cherokee Co., OK

Apr 29, 2003; Herpetology Talk; Mrs. Tonubee's class; North Rock Creek School; Shawnee, OK

Apr 30, 2003; Herpetology field trip leader for Berryhill Public School (Tulsa); Camp Buster; Cherokee Co., OK

May 2, 2003; Herpetology Talk; Mrs. Shell's class; Shawnee Middle School; Shawnee, OK

May 11-18, 2003; Sponsor; Gulf Coast Ecology of Port Aransas, TX

Jun 2-28, 2003; Teacher Assistant/Camp Counselor; Field Studies in Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Kingston, OK (Contact: Bruce Smith, Ph.D. – see References)

Jul 6-11, 2003; Camp Counselor; Horizons Unlimited; University of Oklahoma; Norman, OK (Contact: Amy Logan, Program Development Associate, Precollegiate Programs, OU – 405-325-6897)

Sep 16, 2003; Turtle Demonstration; Mrs. Pfeiff's class; Will Rogers Elementary; Shawnee, OK

Sep 26, 2003; Venomous Snakes Demonstration; Mrs. Wilsie's class; North Rock Creek School; Shawnee, OK

Oct 9, 2003; Snake Classification; Intro to Biology; Bruce Smith, Ph.D.; Seminole State College; Seminole, OK

Jan 19, 2004; Reptile and Amphibian Identification; Miss Auld's class; Liberty Academy; Shawnee, OK

Feb 19, 2004; Reptile Presentations; Grades 6-8; North Rock Creek School; Shawnee, OK

Feb 26, 2004; Reptile Presentations; Grades 1-3; North Rock Creek School; Shawnee, OK

Feb 26, 2004; Reptile Presentations; McLoud High School; McLoud, OK

Mar 3, 2004; Reptile Presentations; Grades 4-5; North Rock Creek School; Shawnee, OK

Apr 1, 2004 – Aug, 2004; Part-time SNOOZE Instructor; Oklahoma City Zoological Park; Oklahoma City, OK

Apr 24, 2004; Assistant Field Trip Leader (Herpetology); Oklahoma Academy of Science; Spring Field Meeting; Murray Lake State Park; Ardmore, OK

May 1, 2004; Birthday party for Logan Boren (age 8), son of Carrie Boren; Shawnee, OK

May 8, 2004; Birthday party for Joseph Chesser (age 8), son of Barbara Chesser; Shawnee, OK

May 29, 2004; Birthday party for Blake Molone, son of Darin and Kellie Molone; Shawnee, OK

Jun 20-28, 2004; Field Zoology instructor; Field Studies in Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Kingston, OK

Jul 10, 2004; Birthday party for Andrew Johnson (age 7), son of Tammy Johnson; Shawnee, OK

Sep 18, 2004; Birthday party for Jacob Keenom (age 7), son of Bobby and Shyla Keenom; Meeker, OK

Sep 24-25, 2004; Assistant Field Trip Leader (Herpetology); Oklahoma Academy of Science; Fall Field Meeting; Black Mesa State Park; Kenton, OK

Oct 3, 2004; Reptile Presentation; Twin Lakes Church of the Nazarene; McLoud, OK
 Jan 24, 2005; Snake Presentation; McLoud High School; McLoud, OK
 Feb 7, 2005; Cub Scout Presentation (Snakes and Outdoor Safety); Shawnee, OK
 Mar 10, 2005; Reptile Safety Seminar; Math and Science Fair; North Rock Creek School; Shawnee, OK
 Apr 21, 2005; Herpetology field trip leader/coordinator; Berryhill Public School (Tulsa); Camp Buster; Cherokee Co., OK
 Jun 5-18, Jul 3-16, 2005; Field Zoology instructor; Field Studies of Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Kingston, OK
 Jun 19-27, 2005; Field Herpetology instructor; QuESTT, Inc.; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Kingston, OK
 Aug 27-28, 2005; Venomous snakes display; Herptiles of Oklahoma Exhibit; Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Expo 2005; Lazy E Arena; Guthrie, OK
 Nov 3, 2005; Snake Presentation (general information); Bethel Elementary School; Bethel, OK
 Apr 1, 2006; Kids' Day; Dillards; Shawnee Mall; Shawnee, OK
 May 5, 2006; Herpetology field trip leader; Berryhill Public School (Tulsa); Camp Buster; Cherokee Co., OK
 Jun 4-17, Jul 2-15, 2006; Field Zoology instructor; Field Studies of Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Kingston, OK
 Jun 19-27, 2006; Field Zoology instructor; QuESTT, Inc.; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Kingston, OK
 Aug 25-27, 2006; Herptiles of Oklahoma Exhibit; Wildlife Expo; Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; Lazy E Arena; Guthrie, OK
 Sep 23-25, 2006; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Fall Field Meeting; Boiling Springs State Park; Woodward Co., OK
 Oct 10, 2006; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma; Chandler 4-H Wildlife Club; Chandler, OK
 Nov 3, 2006; Field Studies in High School Biology; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Fall Technical Meeting; Rogers State University; Claremore, OK
 Apr 13-15, 2007; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Spring Field Meeting; Quartz Mt. State Park; Greer Co./Kiowa Co., OK
 May 4, 2007; Herpetology field trip leader; Berryhill Public School (Tulsa); Camp Buster; Cherokee Co., OK
 May 24, 2007; Reptile presentation; Biology II class; Mrs. Jaime Crosby, teacher; Choctaw High School; Choctaw, OK
 Jun 10-16, Jul 1-21, 2007; Field Zoology instructor; Field Studies of Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Kingston, OK
 Sep 14-15, 2007; Herpetology field trip co-leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Fall Field Meeting; Sequoyah State Park; Cherokee Co., OK
 Sep 28-30, 2007; Herptiles of Oklahoma Exhibit; Wildlife Expo; Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation; Lazy E Arena; Guthrie, OK
 Apr 18-20, 2008; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Spring Field Meeting; Beavers Bend Resort Park; McCurtain Co., OK
 May 2, 2008; Herpetology field trip leader; Berryhill Public School (Tulsa); Camp Buster; Cherokee Co., OK
 May 30, Jun 9-12; 16-19, 2008; Consultant; Math/Science Partnership Grant; Beavers Bend Resort Park, McCurtain Co.; (Contact: James Calaway, Grant Writer, Cameron University, Lawton, OK)
 Sep 26-28; 2008; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Fall Field Meeting; Black Mesa State Park; Cimarron Co., OK
 Oct 10-11; 2008; Herpetology group leader; BioBlitz! 2008; Great Salt Plains State Park and National Wildlife Refuge; Alfalfa Co., OK
 Oct 14, 2008; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma Presentation; Introduction to Biology; Dr. Bruce Smith, teacher; Seminole State College; Seminole, OK
 Oct 28, 2008; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma Presentation; Zoological Society; University of Oklahoma; Norman, OK

Oct 31, 2008; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma Presentation; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Fall Technical Meeting; Southern Nazarene University; Bethany, OK

Nov 14, 2008; Herp talk; Natural Science Club; Choctaw High School; Choctaw, OK

Apr 16, 2009; Herpetology field trip leader; Tallgrass Prairie Preserve (for Wynona Public Schools); Osage Co., OK

Apr 17-18, 2009; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science; Spring Field Meeting; Lake Eufaula State Park; McIntosh Co., OK

Apr 25, 2009; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma Presentation; Project WILD; Oklahoma State University; Stillwater, OK

May 14, 2009; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma Presentation; OBU Zoology (John McWilliams PhD)/Bethel High School (Stephen McWilliams); Oklahoma Baptist University; Shawnee, OK

May 29-30, 2009; Herpetology field trip assistant (Ouachita Mts); NSU Herpetology class (David Kahrs); Northeastern State University; Tahlequah, OK

Jun 9, 2009; Lizard venue manager; Oklahoma City Herp Society Youth Camp (1st Annual); Midwest City Public Library; Midwest City, OK

Jun 17, 2009; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma Presentation; ODWC Wildlife Youth Camp; OU Biological Station; Willis, OK

Aug 22, 2009; Birthday party for Grayson Guild (Age 7); Son of Billy and Alyssa Guild; Midwest City, OK

Aug 29, 2009; Field trip coordinator; Oklahoma City Herp Society; Tishomingo National Fish Hatchery (Reagan) and Durant State Fish Hatchery (Caddo)

Sep 18-19, 2009; Herpetology Team Leader; BioBlitz! 2009; Robbers Cave State Park; Latimer Co., OK

Sep 25-27, 2009; Herps of Oklahoma Exhibit; Wildlife Expo; Lazy E Arena; Guthrie, OK

Oct 4, 2009; Native Herps of Oklahoma Display; Nature Day 2009; Stillwater, OK

Oct 9-10, 2009; Herpetology Trip Leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science Fall Field Meeting; Osage Hills State Park; Osage Co., OK

Feb 27, 2010; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma Presentation; Midwest City Public Library; Midwest City, OK

Apr 9-11, 2010; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science Spring Field Meeting; Lake Wister State Park; LeFlore Co., OK

Apr 17, 2010; Herp field survey coordinator; Oklahoma City Herp Society; Pontotoc Ridge Nature Preserve; Pontotoc Co., OK

Jun 6-Jul 2, 2010; Field Zoology Instructor; Field Studies in Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Willis, OK

Sep 24-26, 2010; Reptiles and Amphibians of Oklahoma Exhibit; Oklahoma Wildlife Expo; Lazy E Arena; Guthrie, OK

Sep 24-26, 2010; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science Fall Field Meeting; Roman Nose State Park; Watonga, OK

Oct 5, 2010; Native herp presentation; Boy Scout Troop 424 (Bethel); Bethel United Methodist Church; Bethel, OK

Oct 8-9, 2010; Herpetology team leader; BioBlitz! 2010; Camp McFadden (Kaw Lake); Kay/Osage Counties

Oct 17, 2010; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma presentation; 4-H Group; Peppers Ranch (Amber Given); Guthrie, OK

Apr 8-10, 2011; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science Spring Field Meeting; Lake Murray State Park; Ardmore, OK

Jun 5-Jul 2, 2011; Field Zoology Instructor; Field Studies in Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Willis, OK

Sep 18, 2011; Venomous Snakes of Oklahoma display; The Nature Conservancy Nature Festival; Jenks, OK

Sep 23-25, 2011; Field meeting co-coordinator; Oklahoma Academy of Science Fall Field Meeting; Robbers Cave State Park; Wilburton, OK

Oct 14-15, 2011; Herpetology team leader; BioBlitz! 2011; Chickasaw National Recreation Area; Sulphur, OK

Nov 11, 2011; Tech meeting wildlife section administrator; Oklahoma Academy of Science Technical Meeting; Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Durant, OK
Feb 8, 2012; Reptile display/Information booth; Choctaw High School Career Fair; Choctaw, OK
Feb 16, 2012; Venomous identification and safety; Oklahoma City Herpetological Society; Oklahoma City Zoo Education Building; Oklahoma City, OK
Mar 12, 2012; Venomous Snakes of Keystone Lake; Westport Community Center; Sand Springs, OK
Mar 19, 2012; Venomous Snakes, Identification, and Safety; Animal Resource Center Kids Camp; Oklahoma City, OK
Apr 2, 2012; Venomous Snakes, Identification, and Safety; Boy Scouts of America; St. Benedict's Education Building; Shawnee, OK
Apr 20-22, 2012; Herpetology field trip co-leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science Spring Field Meeting; Sequoyah State Park; Wagoner, OK
Jul 2-27, 2012; Field Zoology Instructor; Field Studies in Multidisciplinary Biology; University of Oklahoma Biological Station; Willis, OK
Sep 21-23, 2012; Field Meeting Director; Oklahoma Academy of Science Fall Field Meeting; Boiling Springs State Park; Woodward, OK
Oct 5-6, 2012; Herp Taxa Team Leader; BioBlitz! 2012; Foss Lake State Park and Washita National Wildlife Refuge; Custer County, OK
Nov 9, 2012; Technical Meeting Fish & Wildlife Section Administrator; Oklahoma Academy of Science Technical Meeting; University of Central Oklahoma; Edmond, OK
Apr 19-21, 2013; Herpetology field trip leader; Oklahoma Academy of Science Spring Field Meeting; Lake Eufaula State Park; McIntosh Co., OK
May 14, 2013; Venomous and Nonvenomous Snakes of Oklahoma; Konawa Middle School; Camp Goddard Youth Camp; Sulphur, OK
May 18, 2013; Mini-BioBlitz; Kessler Atmospheric and Ecological Field Station; Purcell, OK

Teaching Experience:

Aug 2004-May 2006; Science Instructor; Middle and high school life sciences; Liberty Academy; Shawnee, OK
Aug 8, 2006-May 23, 2013; Physical Science/Biology Teacher; McLoud High School; McLoud, OK
Sep-Dec 2007; Biological Sciences Teacher; Forest Trees of Oklahoma; Seminole State College; Seminole, OK
Jan-May 2009; Botany Teacher; Seminole State College; Seminole, OK

Research Experience:

Aug 2000-May 2002; Herpetological Inventory project, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Sulphur, OK
May 13-19, 2001; Gulf Coast Ecology, UT Austin Marine Science Institute of Port Aransas, TX
Collections: seine, trawl, cast net, dip net, and by hand
Aug-Dec 2001; Conducted Fish Community Composition research for Aquatic Biology, Blue River Public Hunting and Fishing Area, Tishomingo, OK
Jan-Dec 2002; Monthly water quality monitoring for Oklahoma Water Watch, Shawnee Twin Lakes, Shawnee, OK
July 14-20, 2002; Ecology of the Southern Rocky Mountains; Alamosa Canyon; Alamosa, CO
May 11-18, 2003; Gulf Coast Ecology; UT Austin Marine Science Institute of Port Aransas, TX
Collections: seine, sieve, shrimp/fish trawl, cast net, dip net, and by hand
Mar 13-16, 2006; Faunal and Floral Survey of Hobbs State Park – Recreation Area, Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Benton Co., AR
Apr 2013-present; Herpetofaunal Survey of Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge, Okmulgee Co., OK

Acknowledgments/Citations:

2011; Sievert, G. and Sievert, L. A Field Guide to Oklahoma's Amphibians and Reptiles. Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. 3rd ed.

Honors/Awards/Service:

1999; Vice-President's Honor Roll, Murray State College, Tishomingo, OK

1999; Student Senate Parliamentarian, Murray State College, Tishomingo, OK

2000-2002; Conservation Biology Chair, St. Gregory's University Science Club, St. Gregory's University, Shawnee, OK

Dec 2001; Certified Water Quality Monitor for Oklahoma Water Watch, Oklahoma Water Resources Board; certification includes basic (pH, DO) and advanced parameters (ammonia, nitrates, and phosphorus)

June 22, 2002-2003; Member at Large, Oklahoma Herpetological Society

Dec 17, 2002; Outstanding Lab Assistant, St. Gregory's University

Feb 24, 2004; Oklahoma Teaching Certificate (License), Biological Sciences; Oklahoma State Department of Education

Oct 2006-present; Member, Oklahoma Academy of Science

Oct 2007-present; Committee Member, Board Committee, Friends of the University of Oklahoma Biological Station (FUOBS)

Aug-Nov 2011; Fish & Wildlife Conservation Section Co-chair, Oklahoma Academy of Science

Nov 2011-Nov 2012; Fish & Wildlife Conservation (Applied Biology and Conservation) Section Chair, Oklahoma Academy of Science

Hobbies:

I enjoy spending time with my family, anything outdoors (fishing, hunting, camping, hiking, scuba diving, etc.), working on older vehicles, and taking care of my animals. I also enjoy going to church, where my wife and I are involved in various ministries.

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