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***Curriculum vitae***

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### EDUCATION

2008 – 2012 Ph.D., Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (UF)

### Title: Understanding Stakeholder Conflict: An analysis of public values, risk perceptions and attitudes toward outdoor cat management. (Advisor: Susan K. Jacobson)

### 2008 M.S., Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

### Title: Policy Mechanisms to Enhance Long-Term Management of Sustainable Communities.

(Advisor: Mark E. Hostetler)

Certificate: Tropical Conservation & Development

2004 B.A., Biology, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA Minor: Environmental Studies, Theater

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Spring 2013 Postdoctoral Associate, UF Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

2008 - 2012 Graduate Research Fellow and Alumni Fellow, UF Department of Wildlife Ecology and

Conservation

2008 - 2010 SPICE Graduate Fellow, US National Science Foundation & UF Department of Zoology

2009, summer Graduate Researcher, US National Science Foundation, Kwa Zulu-Natal, South Africa & UF International Center

2006-2008 Graduate Research Assistant**,** UF Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

2006 Researcher, editor and writer “Your Backyard Woods and Wildlife. A Handbook for Florida

Landowners,” UF School of Forestry Resources and Conservation

2004 - 2006 Grant Coordinator and Senior Program Educator, New England Aquarium, Boston, MA

2003 Undergraduate Study Abroad**,** School for Field Studies, Kenya, Africa

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Environmental conflict, coupled human and natural systems, risk perceptions, sustainable behavior, human-wildlife conflict, decision analysis, social network analysis.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Wald, D.M.** & Jacobson, S.K. (2013). Factors affecting student tolerance for free-roaming cats. *Human Dimensions of Wildlife.* 18(3) *in press*.

**Wald, D.M**. & Jacobson, S.K. (in press). The influence of perceptions, attitudes, and experiences on the perceived risks and benefits of free-roaming cats. *Proceedings from the 25th Vertebrate Pest Conference*. Monterey, CA.

Jacobson, S.K., **Wald, D.M**., Haynes, N., & R. Sakurai (in press). Communication and Managing Conflict. In R. McCleery, C. Moorman & N. Peterson (Eds.). *Urban Wildlife Science: Theory and Practice*. New York, NY: Springer.

Ferrand, H., Iyer, G., **Wald, D.**, Willcox, E., and Yates, G. (2012). 164pp. In C. Demers, A. Long, and A. Oxarart (Eds.), *Your Backyard Woods and Wildlife. A Handbook for Florida Landowners.* Gainesville, FL: University of Florida IFAS Information and Communication Services.

**Wald, D. M.,** & Hostetler, M. E. (2010). Conservation value of residential open space: Designation and  
management language of Florida’s land development regulations. *Sustainability,* 2(6), 1536-1552.

Tennent, J., Downs, C.T., **Wald, D.M.** & Watson, H. (2010). Public perceptions of feral cats within an urban conservancy on a campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal. *South African Journal of Wildlife Research,*40(1), 16-26.

**MANUSCRIPTS In PREPARATION**

Peterson, A., **Wald, D.M,** Silva, E. and K. Sieving. *The Cat Comes Home: Making Sense of the Feral Cat Controversy.* Project accepted by Columbia University Press.

**Wald, D.M.,** Jacobson, S.K, and Levy, J.K. Identifying Differences between Stakeholder and Public Risk Perceptions,

Beliefs, and Attitudes about Outdoor Cat Management. In preparation for *Biological Conservation.*

**Wald, D.M.** and Jacobson, S.K. A Multivariate Model of Stakeholder Preference for Outdoor Cat Management*.* In preparation for *Society and Natural Resources.*

**GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2011-2013 Morris Animal Foundation. Established Investigator, Small Companion Animal Grant *$48,552*

(Author, co-PI and Project Director)

2011-2013 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (Author, co-PI) *$12,135*

2008-2012 Alumni Fellowship (4 years), Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, UF *$90,000*

2009 International Supplement to Science Partners in Inquiry-based Collaborative Education II *$99,744*

(co-Author, co-PI)

2008 Science Partners in Inquiry-Based Collaborative Education Fellow (2 years), UF *$32,800*

2008-2009 Caribbean Conservation Corporation, Living with Sea Turtles (Author)  *$10,500*

2007 UF Natural Area Teaching Laboratory Minigrant (PI)  *$500*

**TRAVEL GRANTS**

2012 Dr. James Davidson Graduate Travel Scholarship ($300); The Office of Research and Graduate Programs, UF ($250); Graduate Student Council ($250); Vertebrate Pest Conference, Student Travel Award ($500); 2 x Wildlife Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UF ($250)

2010 Wildlife Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UF ($300); Graduate Student Council, UF ($250); Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, UF ($300)

**AWARDS & HONORS**

2013 Nominated for an Award of Excellence for Graduate Research, UF

2011-2013 Doris Lowe and Earl & Verna Lowe Scholarship, UF

2011 Agricultural Women & Vam C. York Graduate Scholarship, UF

2007 Howard J. Leonhardt Business Plan Competition, Social Entrepreneurship Category 1st place, UF

2006 Jennings Scholarship, Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, UF

2004 Morris W. Weingarden Memorial Award for outstanding research in Environmental Studies, Brandeis

University

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Environmental Risk Communication, Environmental Policy, Society and Natural Resources, Environmental Conflict Management, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and Ecology, Social Science Research Methods.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2013 Coordinator, “Networking Women in Sustainability Science and Action” Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, UF

2012 Guest Lecturer, “Stakeholder conflict and communication over the management of feral cats” Animal Ethics, UF.

2012 Guest Lecturer, “Incorporating social science methodologies into human dimensions research” Human

Dimensions of Natural Resource Conservation, UF.

2012 Teaching Assistant, UF Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Conservation (Undergraduate/Graduate)

2011 Guest Lecturer, “Designing, Implementing and Analyzing Focus Groups” Human Dimensions of Natural

Resource Conservation, UF.

2011 Teaching Assistant, UF Natural Resources and Ecology, Online course (Undergraduate)

2011 Teaching Assistant, UF Wildlife Issues in a Changing World (Undergraduate)

2011 Teaching Assistant, UF Biodiversity Conservation (Undergraduate)

2010 Course development, UF Natural Resources and Ecology, Online course (Undergraduate)

2008 SPICE Fellow and Instructor, A. L. Mebane Middle School, Physical Science, Life Science and Earth Space

Science (6th-8th)

2005 Coordinator, New England Aquarium. Organized and presented a series of workshops to a team of 200 teachers,

volunteers and students on identifying, reporting and monitoring aquatic invasive species.

**PRESENTATIONS & SYMPOSIA**

**Wald, D.M. (**October, 2012) Understanding Stakeholder Conflict: An Analysis of Public Values, Risk Perceptions and Attitudes Toward Outdoor Cat Management. Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Seminar. University of Florida. Gainesville, FL.

**Wald, D.M.** & Jacobson, S.K. (September, 2012) The Risks Associated with Feral Cats: Experiences, Attitudes and Perceptions in Florida. Pathways to Success Conference: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fisheries & Wildlife Management. Breckenridge, CO.

**Wald, D.M.** & Jacobson, S. K. (May, 2012) Predicting the perceived risks and benefits of free-roaming cats. 32nd Annual Coordinating Committee Meeting. USGS FL Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Ordway Swisher Biological Station. Melrose, Fl.

**Wald, D.M.** & Jacobson, S. K. (March, 2012) The influence of perceptions, attitudes and experiences on the perceived risks and benefits of free-roaming cats. Vertebrate Pest Conference. Monterey, CA.

**Wald, D.M.** (September, 2010) The Conservation Value of Residential Open Space: Florida’s Land Development Regulations and the Implications for Conservation Development. Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fish and Wildlife Management Conference. Estes Park, Colorado.

**Wald, D. M.** (2009). An analysis of the risk of invasive species in South Africa. NSF research day. UF.

**Wald, D. M.** & Hostetler, M (2008). Policy Mechanisms to Enhance the Long-term Management of Sustainable Communities. The Wildlife Society Annual Conference. Miami, FL

**Wald, D. M.,** & Gazda, S. (2005). Invasive Species: Early Detection and Reporting Part I. NEAQ, Boston, MA.

**Wald, D. M.,** & Gazda, S. (2005). Invasive Species: Early Detection and Reporting Part II. NEAQ, Boston, MA.

**Wald, D. M.,** & Gazda, S. (2005). Invasive Species: Early Detection and Reporting Part III. NEAQ, Boston, MA.

Padawer, S. & **Wald, D. M.** (2005). Invasive Species; Early Detection and Reporting Workshop for Teachers. On the Waterfront Institute, Department of Education. NEAQ, Boston, MA.

**Wald, D. M.** (2003). The Impact of Shifting Land Tenure Systems on Livelihood Strategies, Land use Methods and the Ecological, Social, and Cultural Variables within the Kuku Group Ranch. Kajiado District, Kenya

**SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer: *Biological Conservation, Applied Environmental Education and Communication, Island Press*

Member: Society for Risk Analysis Risk Communication Specialty Group and Decision Analysis.

University and Community Service: Graduate Representative, Search Committee, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

(WEC) Departmental Chair, Board Member for the SPICE Advisory Board, UF 2011-present. President, Wildlife

Graduate Students Association, UF 2009 -2010. Graduate member of 10 year review committee (WEC) 2010.

Wildlife Representative, Graduate Student Council, UF 2008. 2010. Vice President, Wildlife Graduate Students

Association, UF 2008-2009. Secretary, Wildlife Graduate Students Association, UF 2007 -2008.

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

Proficient in the application of SPSS, R, AMOS and GIS packages. Fluent in Hebrew and English.