

# EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATION LEADERS

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## Boone and Crockett Fellows - Where Are They Now?

**The Boone and Crockett Club University Programs is designed to provide science-based knowledge from seasoned wildlife professionals and educators to college graduates in the wildlife field to better prepare the graduates for the responsible and wise management of wildlife in the future. Since the program began in 1992, more than 100 Boone and Crockett Fellows have completed courses of study in wildlife conservation and related fields.**

A Boone and Crockett Fellow is defined as an undergraduate or graduate student, or postdoctoral associate, who is supported by Boone and Crockett funding and/or advised by a Boone and Crockett Professor or Professional Member. In addition to displaying academic excellence, Boone and Crockett Fellows are committed to scholarship that:

- Promotes effective conservation policy through dedication to research, education, outreach and service.
- Exhibits leadership in wildlife conservation.
- Helps others understand the mission of the Boone and Crockett Club and the evolution of conservation in America.
- Recognizes and appreciates the values of hunting and fishing and the principles of fair chase.

Once a fellow has graduated and left the program, we like to stay connected in their professional careers. We have highlighted where three of our former fellows are now on the following page. ■

### BY THE NUMBERS

**Michigan State University**  
6 Current Fellows — 25 Former Fellows

**Oregon State University** (currently inactive)  
2 Former Fellows

**Texas A&M University**  
1 Current Fellow — 14 Former Fellows

**Texas A&M University-Kingsville**  
1 Current Fellow — 1 Former Fellow

**University of Montana**  
14 Current Fellows — 38 Former Fellows

**University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point**  
2 Current Fellows — 12 Former Fellows

**Clemson University** is currently in development.  
**Mississippi State University** is currently inactive.



See a complete list of current and former fellows online and listed in the 2020 University Programs Annual Report.



**BRYAN STEVENS**  
PH.D. - GRADUATED 2016 - MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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UNIVERSITY



Dr. Bryan Stevens completed his doctoral degree under the mentorship of Dr. Bill Porter, where he developed population assessment and decision support tools to inform wild turkey harvest management in Michigan. While completing his doctoral degree, Bryan also worked directly with management stakeholders and other scientists to evaluate turkey management options using structured decision making. Following completion of his degree, Bryan and his wife headed west to Idaho, where he was hired as a postdoctoral research associate with the Idaho Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and then promoted to Research Scientist in 2018. His recent research has included modeling habitat for wetland birds, developing population assessment tools to inform management of whitetail deer harvests, and modeling vital rates for greater sage-grouse. Bryan is currently based in Moscow, Idaho.

**TESSA HASBROUCK**  
B.S. - GRADUATED 2014 - UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - STEVENS POINT



Tessa Hasbrouck completed her undergraduate fellowship at UWSP under the mentorship of Dr. Eric Anderson, where she studied bobcat home-range size and habitat characteristics in Wisconsin. Following completion of her B.S. degree, Tessa's interest in wildlife and big game research brought her home to Alaska, where she received a Master's degree at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Her M.S. research, which was funded by the National Science Foundation, focused on quantifying effects of environmental factors and hunter overlap on moose harvest in Interior Alaska. This work uncovered complex interactions between weather and hunter harvest and provides managers and hunters with information that may be used to refine regulations and inform hunt locations and strategies. Tessa was hired as an Assistant Area Management Biologist in 2019 by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation. She is currently based in Ketchikan, Alaska.

**MARK STEINBACH**  
PH.D. - GRADUATED 2004 - UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA



Dr. Mark Steinbach completed his doctoral degree under the mentorship of Dr. Jack Ward Thomas, where he evaluated the consequences of public land grazing permit buyout programs, permit reductions, and increased fees on land ownership and open space in Western states. A native of Texas, he worked as a private lands wildlife biologist with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department upon completion of his degree. His graduate work in the policy arena and working with landowners was the perfect steppingstone to his current work in the non-profit sector. Mark joined the staff of the Texas Land Conservancy, a statewide land trust, in 2007 and currently serves as Executive Director of the organization. His work focuses on protection of Texas land from the negative effects of land fragmentation by working with private landowners as well as state and federal agencies. Mark is currently based in Austin, Texas.