

# EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATION LEADERS

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.



## The Wildlife Society and Boone and Crockett Club's University Programs

This year's Wildlife Society conference was held virtually September 28 through October 2. This is the largest gathering of wildlife professionals and students in the U.S. and the Boone and Crockett Club was one of the event sponsors this year. Once again the Club was well-represented by our graduate fellows who presented posters and talks in various symposia.

More than 2,500 participants—a record number—took part in the week of informative symposia and talks, thought-provoking panels and chances to connect with fellow wildlifers from afar.

“Despite the virtual nature of the event, I was really pleased by how much this still felt like a conference,” said TWS CEO Ed Thompson. “There were plenty of live events and engagement opportunities that made it essential to attend each day to get the full value out of the experience.”

“Pivoting this conference online was such an incredible feat,” said TWS Business Relations and Conferences Manager Nick Wesdock. “We’re all adapting to this new virtual world together. Lots of learning happened this week, but I’m most excited that we’ve learned new ways to come together. Thanks to everyone, especially our attendees.”

Thompson said he was pleased so many more were able to attend the event, including more than 1,200 career professionals. “The education and training they are receiving plus the new connections they’ve made during the conference will benefit future wildlife conservation efforts,” he said.

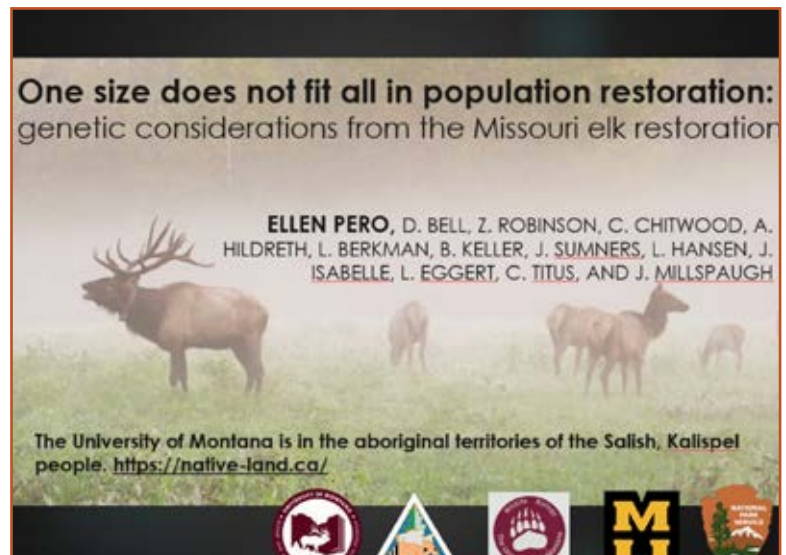
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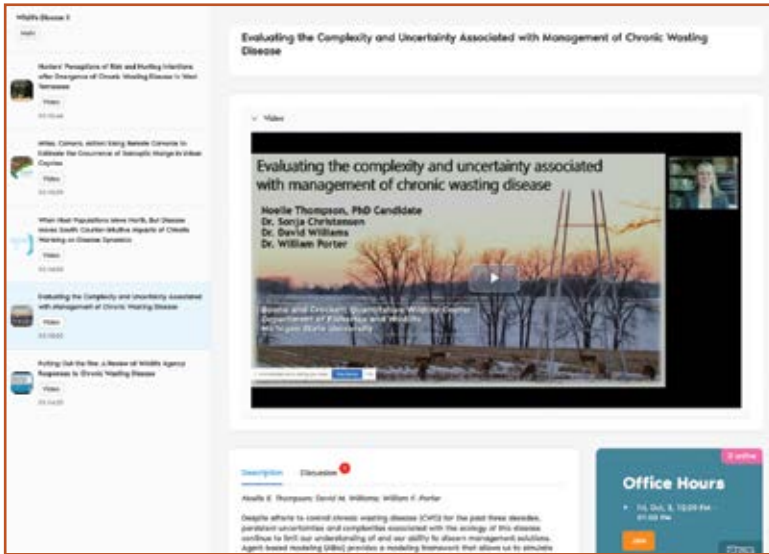


B&C Professional Member Alan Wentz spoke during the Welcome Plenary event titled Keeping Science Scientific: Web of Unscience

Alan Wentz gave the Aldo Leopold Keynote Address as the 2019 Aldo Leopold Memorial Award Recipient. His presentation was titled Science and its Responsibility for Wildlife Policy.

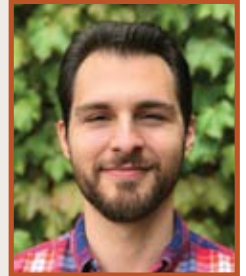
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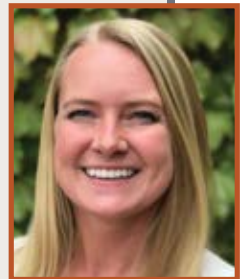


## B&C FELLOW PRESENTATIONS AT TWS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**Adapting Habitat Suitability in a Dynamic Season Environment**  
 Nicolas E. Jaffe  
 Ph.D. student - Michigan State

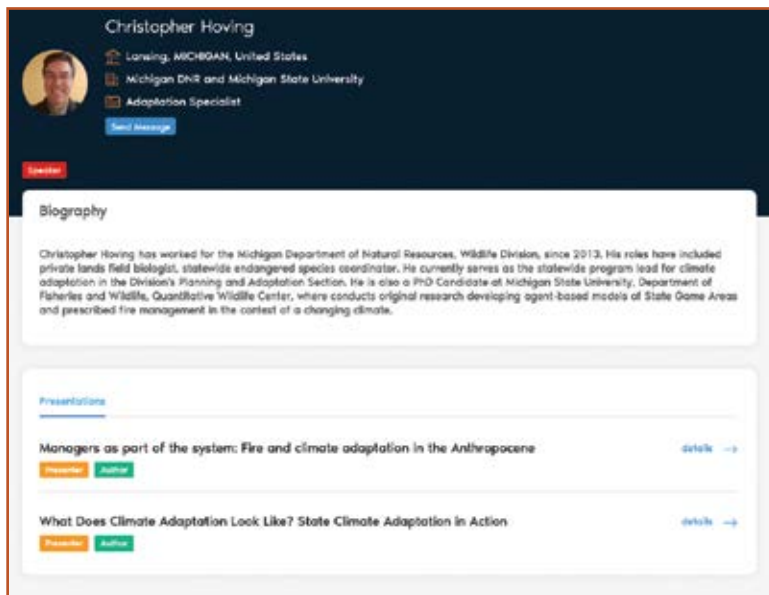


**Evaluating the Complexity and Uncertainty Associated with Management of Chronic Wasting Disease**  
 Noelle E. Thompson  
 Ph.D. student - Michigan State



**Managers as Part of the System: Fire and Climate Adaptation in the Anthropocene**

**What Does Climate Adaptation Look Like? State Climate Adaptation in Action**  
 Chris Hoving  
 Ph.D. student - Michigan State



**Modeling Spatial Mate Search Strategies and Interactive Networks during Reproduction in Mule Deer**  
 Levi Heffelfinger  
 Ph.D. student - TAMU-Kingsville



**One Size Does Not Fit All in Population Restoration: Genetic Considerations from the Missouri Elk Restoration**  
 Ellen Pero  
 Ph.D. student - U of Montana

