

***Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve***

Staff Profile



***Dave Graff
Education Specialist***

As the Education Specialist for the Reserve, Dave Graff is responsible for the development and implementation of on-the-water field trip programs. His primary audience is high school and university level science classes. He also provides land-based investigation activities, in-classroom programs, and a host of other educational programs to students of all ages. Dave is also responsible for the collection and care of living specimens on display within the Environmental Learning Center.

A certified Florida Master Naturalist instructor, Dave earned his B.S. from the University of Miami in photo-communication and psychology. Before joining the Reserve in 2002, he worked for the Conservancy of SW Florida for five years as a collections specialist, naturalist and environmental scientist.

As a prelude to his professional career, Dave spent four years in the Peace Corps as a health educator and environmental education specialist in São Tomé, West Africa.

Born in Baltimore, Dave is a freelance photographer, an avid cyclist, and recreational volleyball player.