

**GIS Symposium:  
Inspiration Through Networking and Technology**  
Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve  
Wednesday, November 9, 2011

**Speaker Biographies**



**Ali Fain**

Ali Fain is currently an Account Executive with ESRI working at the West Palm Beach satellite office where she is responsible for accounts in South Florida. She attended Florida International University and Miami Dade College and held various IT related positions with both the public and private sector, including serving as an IT Manager for Miami-Dade County. While there, she served as Project Manager in the GIS area and was responsible for the conversion of their parcel landbase – a partnership with Florida Power and Light. She has been with ESRI for 18 years and was previously at the ESRI office in Denver.

**Michele Lundeen**

Michele Lundeen is currently a Solutions Engineer with ESRI, working in their West Palm Beach satellite office. She attended the University of Florida and is a serious Gator fan attending every home game when possible. Michele has many years of experience with GIS in both the technical and managerial capacity, and has been with ESRI for 18 years working in various areas including professional services and sales. Michele is considered a leader in South Florida in the technical GIS area.

**Karyn Tareen**



Karyn Tareen is currently the CEO of Geocove, a corporation based in Orlando, and has earned her Geographic Information Specialist Professional (GISP) certification. While previously employed with ESRI, she served as technical resource personnel responsible for customizing and maintaining a damage assessment tool for local governments. During her tenure with Geocove, she has led the development of a damage assessment solution based on requirements from various city, county and state organizations. Most recently, Ms. Tareen has supported Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Joplin, Missouri during their recent damage assessment processes following their devastating tornados.

**David Jones**

David Jones is a water resources engineer and GIS professional with Jones Edmunds and Associates. He has extensive experience in applying GIS to solve water resource engineering problems and has worked in the discipline of water resource engineering for nearly 25 years.



### **Steven Drake**

Steven Drake graduated from Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor's in Forestry Management. He is currently a GIS Analyst with Atkins North America, which was formerly known as PBS&J, where he performs a variety of engineering and environmental support tasks.

### **Shellie Watts**

Shellie Watts is a graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers. She has over 10 years of GIS experience and is currently the GIS Coordinator with the City of Fort Myers Public Works Department. Her responsibilities include utility data conversion, data analysis and reporting, asset data collection using GPS mobile devices, and training.

### **Andrew Brown**



Andrew Brown is a Senior GIS Programmer with the Collier County Information Technology department. He has a B.S. in Engineering, formerly was an application developer, and began working with GIS in 2006.

### **Jason Regula**

Jason Regula is a GIS Programming Analyst and has over ten years experience working with technology. He studied at Full Sail University, and through the union of art and computers, he found his niche in Collier County where he merged his analytical mind with implementing software systems. He is also the doting father of two daughters.

### **Dr. Shimelis Setegn**

Dr. Shimelis Gebriye Setegn is a Postdoctoral Research Scientist at the Department of Earth and Environment, Florida International University, Miami, Florida. Dr. Setegn earned his Ph.D. in Land and Water Resources Engineering. He has extensive skills in GIS, watershed modeling, climate and land use change impact assessment, soil erosion and sediment transport. He has more than 15 years of teaching, research, and industrial experience in the United States, Caribbean, Africa and Europe.

