

# **Environmental Stewardship in the Gulf of Mexico**

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I am the Assistant Director for Extension and Education with Florida Sea Grant and Assistant Dean for Environmental & Natural Resource Programs at the University of Florida. My responsibilities are to link diverse extension programs ranging from aquaculture to water quality to forestry and fisheries and across different disciplines to solve problems that stretch from the uplands to the coast. I provide leadership to aquatic, coastal, marine, and natural resource programs and interact with our University of Florida county agents and campus-based specialists and with research faculty at all participating Sea Grant institutions within the state of Florida to incorporate research results into outreach programs.

I have nearly 30 years of professional experience in extension and education activities. I've worked in Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington and Florida working on a variety of environmental and natural resource issues. I also had the opportunity to teach courses in environmental science, environmental ethics and organizational behavior at the University of Phoenix-Washington State campus.

I have served in a number of leadership positions regionally and nationally, including serving on the board of directors and chair of the National Assembly of Sea Grant Extension Program Leaders and on the board of directors and President of the National Marine Educators Association. I am a Co-P.I. for the CGOM-COSEE Project. I also have been involved in development of the education and outreach council for the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System. Since 1990, I have developed and led a number of teacher workshops that focus on stewardship and environmental ethics.

I have a BA, MPA and MS degrees from the University of Wisconsin and PhD degree from Portland State University. I am married, and have two dogs that take care of me...most days! When I can find the time, I enjoy the outdoors, canoeing or fishing. I also enjoy playing the piano and cooking.