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Gary Shaffer is a native of California and obtained his B.S. and M.S. at the University of California at Santa Barbara in aquatic and population biology. He obtained his Ph.D. in mathematical ecology at Louisiana State University and subsequently served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Experimental Statistics for four years at LSU. Dr. Shaffer is currently serving as a Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Southeastern Louisiana University where he studies wetlands science, restoration ecology, and statistical ecology. Dr. Shaffer has published several dozen papers in refereed journals and, in the last decade, received over seventy research grants totaling over \$6 million. He has received numerous awards for his research, including the Faculty Research Award of the Association of Southeastern Biologists (twice), SLU's career award for Excellence in Research, the Distinguished Paper Award from the World Organization of Systems and Cybernetics, and was named "Lead Ecologist" in the state of Louisiana by the Ecological Society of America (7,000 members) for their science education program. Dr. Shaffer has given invited presentations at universities and workshops across the nation, and at conferences of the Ecological Society of America, the Operations Research Society of America, the Estuarine Research Federation, the International Institute for System Studies, the World Organization of Systems and Cybernetics, and the Society of Wetland Scientists. Dr. Shaffer enjoys teaching several of the following courses each semester: applied biostatistics, botany, ecology, ecological methods, estuarine ecology, experimental design, plant ecology, multivariate statistics, simulation modeling, and wetlands ecology. He is an avid surfer, water skier, fisherman, backpacker, and gardener.