



Andrew Barron

Andrew is from Scott, Louisiana, near Lafayette. He attended the University of Louisiana (UL) on a football scholarship while working on a B.A. in Anthropology and Archaeology. While working on this degree, he had health problems that forced him to resign from playing football, but maintained his scholarship as a strength coach for the UL football team. After graduating, he returned to school to receive a B.S. in Soil and Crop Science from UL, convinced it would make him a better archaeologist. He decided to continue to pursue his interest in soil science by attending Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge to obtain an M.S. in Soil Science. After completing this degree, he worked as a Research Associate in the Coastal Ecology Institute at LSU, which involved collecting and analyzing water quality samples from a transect across Lake Pontchartrain. When this position ended, he taught high school science at East Iberville High School in St. Gabriel, Louisiana, teaching Physical Science, Environmental Science, Biology, and Chemistry. He left this position to work, first as an Environmental Specialist, then as an Environmental Scientist for Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in the Nonpoint Source Pollution Program. He currently holds the position of Water Quality Program Coordinator for the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program, one that he has held for seven years and has focused on areas including. Professionally, his interests include marsh dieback, sulfide chemistry, clay mineralogy, water chemistry and human-environmental interactions. When not working, Andrew pursues his interests in gardening, hiking, experimental and material archaeology, Stone Age technology, and flintknapping.