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Introducing the 2023-2024 Class of the SWCS Emerging Leaders Program

We are excited to announce the inaugural class of the Soil and Water Conservation Society’s Emerging Leaders Program! Throughout this year-long program, these 128 Emerging Leaders from 36 states/territories/provinces will fine-tune and expand their skills and networks to further advance conservation and their career.

They will go through four immersive and interactive learning modules that will allow them to connect with their peers and leaders in conservation. Emerging Leaders will then apply their learning to host a conservation event locally.

We are excited to kick off the first year of this program with such an amazing group of professionals. Here’s to a year of learning, growing, and conservation!

[Learn more](#) about this program.



Dr. J. Gordon Arbuckle Jr. Appointed New Research Co-Editor of JSWC



SWCS is excited to announce that Dr. J. Gordon Arbuckle Jr. has been selected to fill the position of Research Co-Editor of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation* (JSWC). Dr. Arbuckle is a professor of rural sociology in the Department of Sociology at Iowa State University; his research and extension efforts focus on improving the environmental and social performance of

agricultural systems. Dr. Arbuckle has served as an Associate Editor of the JSWC since 2012 and received the 2021 Associate Editor of Excellence Award for his outstanding contributions. He was also awarded SWCS's prestigious Fellow Award in 2022, and his publications in the JSWC have received the Best Research Paper for Quality and Impact Award numerous times over the years. His strong publication record, expertise in the social sciences, and proven dedication to advancing conservation science and the JSWC make him highly qualified for the position as Research Co-Editor.

Under the leadership of Dr. Gretchen Sassenrath and Dr. Arbuckle as Research Editors, the JSWC will continue its legacy as a leading journal in conservation science.

Time to Update Your Information

Have you moved recently? Has your email address changed? Here at SWCS we are doing a bit of "house cleaning" and need your help! Please take a moment to review and update your account and contact information so you can be sure to stay up-to-date with all of the news and events happening at SWCS. Please log on to members.swcs.org to access your membership account and update your information. Thank you for your help!



Student T-Shirt Contest

Unleash your inner artist and champion conservation. Enter the 2023 SWCS Student T-Shirt Contest and see your design on display! Submissions are open until **November 1, 2023**.

SWCS invites submissions that express the creativity of our student community and include an element of conservation. These images are meant to be adaptable for a t-shirt design and should be geared toward students and professionals working in the conservation field. The top images will be displayed on social media, where the SWCS community at large will vote for their favorite design!

[View submission requirements and details.](#)

[View additional opportunities for students.](#)



Upcoming Webinar Series

SWCS hosts several educational webinar series, all of which are free or exclusive to members. [Learn more.](#)

The next **Conservation Matters** webinar is Thursday, October 26, at 12 p.m. CT. In this webinar, presented by the SWCS Science and Policy Committee, we will explore "Leveraging Carbon Markets to Encourage Conservation Adoption." [Register online](#) and share this opportunity with interested colleagues!

The next session of the **SWCS Members Only Book Club: A Year with Aldo Leopold** is Friday, October 27, at 12 p.m. CT. Participants will continue their discussions about *A Sand County Almanac*. Registration details will be emailed directly to active members.

The next **Student Professional Development** session is Wednesday, November 29, at 4 p.m. CT on "Effective Public Speaking." Join leading experts in natural resources, conservation, agriculture, and related STEM sciences as they share insights to help you develop your career. [Learn more and register.](#)

Change at SWCS

The season of change is here! As we enjoy the colorful transition of the leaves outside headquarters, we are undergoing transitions inside as well. This past month SWCS said farewell to two stellar staff members. Although they will be missed, we are excited for each to begin new chapters in their lives.



Annie Binder, editor/director of publications, joined SWCS in 2011, and has played an instrumental role in shaping the voice and vision of SWCS publications over the last decade. Most know her as the editor of the *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, but her participation

in every department has contributed significantly to the Society's success throughout the years.



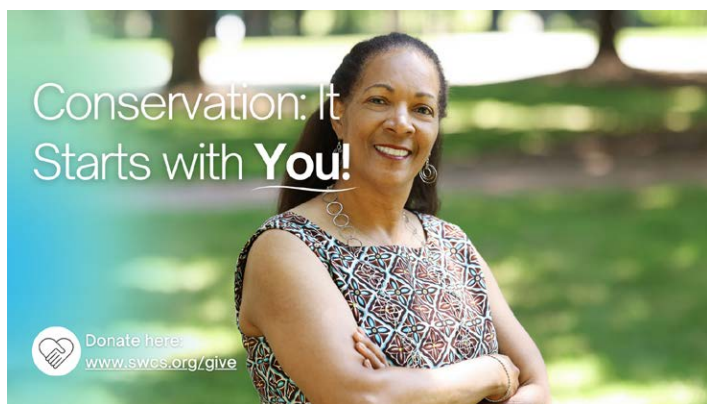
Joe Otto, special projects and partnerships director/historian, joined SWCS in 2020. His work managing grants and cultivating strategic partnerships has been an integral part of growing the Society's impact in the conservation movement. He also archived and organized the Society's

artifacts and historical records so that past achievements and knowledge would not be lost to time.

While we will miss both Annie and Joe on our team, we are grateful for the lasting impact they leave on our organization. We wish them continued success in their futures, confident that their talent will continue to shine brightly.

2023 Giving Campaign

Conservation: It Starts with YOU!



Our planet faces unprecedented challenges, from deforestation and declining biodiversity to climate change and water shortages. The consequences are real, impacting the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the

future we leave for generations to come. But, there is hope—and it starts with you.

By taking a stand and supporting conservation professionals worldwide, you can make a significant difference. Conservation professionals are driven and passionate individuals who have dedicated their careers and lives to ensuring we have clean water, nutritious food, and healthy ecosystems for years to come. As the demand for conservation professionals continues to rise globally, we are continually striving to provide additional services and support for the new and growing workforce. By supporting SWCS, you are helping ensure the future of conservation is in good hands.

Give Today

Upcoming Chapter Events

[Iowa Chapter Annual Meeting](#)

Ankeny, Iowa

October 20, 2023

[California/Nevada Chapter 2023 Annual Conference: From the Dam to the Delta —Stewardship and Challenges](#)

Lodi, California

November 1-2, 2023

[Hoosier Chapter Social: Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds Conference](#)

West Lafayette, Indiana

November 1-3, 2023

[Empire Chapter Annual Meeting](#)

Auburn, New York (virtual option available)

November 9, 2023

[Bluegrass Chapter Lunch and Learn: Urban Agriculture](#)

Virtual Event

November 14, 2023

New Members

Welcome members who joined in September!

California/Nevada

Jamie Gottlieb

Connecticut—University of Connecticut Student Chapter

Allie Calabro

Connecticut/Massachusetts/Rhode Island—Southern New England Chapter

Pete Capuano
Calla Pederson
Stephen Pereira

Georgia

Sarah Johnson

Illinois

Eric Gerth

Kentucky—Bluegrass

Travis Keeling

Michigan

Sarah Bowman

Nebraska

Patrick Cowsert

Oklahoma

Tyler Burton
Justin Cash
Jim Harris

Pennsylvania—Keystone

Hayden Fox
Melinda Marsh
Nora Mason

Utah

Daniel Boyer

Virginia

Ellyse Marques

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