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EDUCATION

B.S., Biology, University of Minnesota–Duluth MN 1989
A.A.S., Wildlife Management, University of Minnesota–Crookston, MN 1981

EMPLOYMENT/FIELD RESEARCH (Abbreviated)

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| <u>Administrative Assistant</u> | 2005 – Present |
| North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources | |
| • Serve under Deputy Secretary overseeing North Carolina State Parks, Historic Sites, and History Museums. | |
| <u>Bird Tour Leader and Tour Coordinator</u> | 1988 – 2004 |
| WINGS, Inc., Tucson, AZ | |
| • Led professional birding tours throughout the U.S. and Mexico. Coordinated birding tours throughout North America and the New World Tropics. | |
| <u>Hawk Counter</u> | 1989 |
| Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, Duluth, MN | |
| • Identified and censused raptors during fall migration. Also served as public liaison, discussing raptor identification, behavior, and biology, and captured and removed from nets birds of prey/assisted hawk banders. | |
| <u>Biological Technician</u> | 1989 |
| Pacific Southwest Research Station, U.S. Forest Service, Fresno, CA | |
| • Censused and monitored bird populations in the San Joaquin Valley and Sierra Nevada mountains. | |
| <u>Volunteer Biologist</u> | 1988 |

Western Aleutian Islands, AK, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Worked on Kiska, Buldir, and Agattu Islands monitoring population levels, reproductive success, and growth rates of seabirds. Captured, banded, and transferred endangered Aleutian Canada Geese in reintroduction program, as well as conducted Bald Eagle and Steller's Sea Lion surveys.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Bird Tour Leader

- Lower Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival, Harlingen, TX (1994 – 2004), and biennial American Birding Association, Inc., conventions in ND, AZ, and MN (1986 – 1993).

Volunteer Field Trip Leader

Minnesota Ornithologists' Union.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Backstrom, P. 1989. *A Gathering of Gulls*. The Loon, Vol. 61: 3-4.

Backstrom, P. 1990. *The Prairie Falcon in Minnesota*. The Loon, Vol. 62: 63-69.

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Dunn, J. and K. Garrett. 1997. *Warblers*. Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston.

Eckert, K. R. 1994. *A Birder's Guide to Minnesota*. Third Edition. Williams Publications, Inc., Plymouth, Minnesota.

Eckert, K. R. 2002. *A Birder's Guide to Minnesota*. Fourth Edition. University of Minnesota Printing Services, Minneapolis.

Howell, S. N.G. 1999. *A Bird-Finding Guide to Mexico*. Cornell University Press, Ithaca.

Lehman, P., editor. 2002. *A Birder's Guide to Metropolitan Areas of North America*. American Birding Association, Inc., Colorado Springs.

WEBSITES

Hall, S. P., J. B. Sullivan, P. Backstrom, and J. M. Lynch. 2016. *Moths of North Carolina*. North Carolina Biodiversity Project. <<http://www.dpr.ncparks.gov/moths/index.html>>.

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Beadle, D. and S. Leckie. 2016. *Peterson Field Guide to Moths of Southeastern North America*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Boston. (xx Photographs)

Gaddy, L. L. 2009. *Spiders of the Carolinas*. Kollath+Stensaas Publishing, Duluth, MN. (22 Photographs)

Garwood, K. and R. Lehman. 2011. *Butterflies of Central America, Volume 1. Papilionidae, Pieridae & Nymphalidae*. Edition RiCalé Publishing, McAllen, TX. (1 Photograph)

Glassberg, J. 2012. *A Swift Guide to Butterflies of North America*. Sunstreak Books, Inc., Morristown, NJ. (1 Photograph.)

Moth Photographers Group, 2016. Mississippi Entomological Museum, Starkville, MS. <<http://mothphotographersgroup.msstate.edu/>>. (28 Photographs)

Scott, O. 1992. *A Birder's Guide to Wyoming*. American Birding Association, Colorado Springs, CO. (1 Photograph)

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CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

- Carolina Butterfly Society
 - The Lepidopterists' Society
 - Minnesota Ornithologists' Union
 - North American Butterfly Association
 - The Southern Lepidopterists' Society
 - The Xerces Society
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