

Biographical Profiles of the WNS Panel Participants

Dr. DeeAnn Reeder-

Dr. Reeder is an Assistant Professor at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. She is well known among mammalogists for her association with Dr. Don Wilson, leading to the publication of "Mammal Species of the World, A taxonomic and geographic reference," a publication that is one of the standard mammal references throughout the world. She is a member of the American Society of Mammalogists and the North American Society for Bat Research. Although her primary research interests encompass ecology, physiology, behavior, and evolution, in very recent years, she has been heavily involved with research into the causes of White nosed Syndrome in Pennsylvania. Along with Greg Turner, biologist with the PA Game Commission, she has been conducting research at several infected sites in the state to try to determine just how fast the disease proliferates and what factors may influence its spread. Dr. Reeder is also a member of the Mammal Technical Committee of the PA Biological Survey.

Peter Youngbaer-

Peter Youngbaer is the Liaison on White Nose Syndrome for the National Speleological Society, and manages the WNS webpage for the NSS, and the NSS's White Nose Syndrome Rapid Response Fund grants. He joined the National Speleological Society in 1974 (NSS 16161), thanks to inspiration from his wife, Jane (NSS 10227). Currently, Peter is President of the Vermont Cavers Association, Vice-President of the Northeastern Regional Organization of the NSS, and Vice President of the Northeastern Cave Conservancy Board, and serves as the Northeastern Cave Conservancy's agent in Vermont. Peter has been extremely instrumental in keeping the caving community informed of the progress of WNS research as well as how WNS has been affecting the caving community across the northeast and the U.S.

Greg Turner-

Greg Turner is currently a Wildlife Biologist with the Wildlife Diversity Section of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. His primary focus is to survey, monitor, and manage the state's protected mammals including water shrews, woodrats, and all bat species. Greg received his B.S. in Biology at Wilkes University where he worked with Dr. Mike Steele in a study of the northern flying squirrel, an endangered species in Pennsylvania. He received his M.S. degree in 2001 from Frostburg State University, Maryland where he studied plague in ground squirrels. Greg is a member of the Mammal Technical Committee of the PA Biological Survey, The American Society of Mammalogists, and the PA chapter of The Wildlife Society.