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**David Brandes**

David Brandes is an Associate Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. He is a native of Appalachia and has been involved in field studies of hawk migration at various sites around the U.S. for about 20 years. While completing his Ph.D. at Penn State he spent a lot of time observing Golden Eagle migration in central Pennsylvania and founded the Tussey Mountain spring hawkwatch near State College. He is now part of a multidisciplinary team of scientists using satellite telemetry and modeling to better understand the risks posed by wind energy development to Golden Eagles in the Appalachians. During his recent sabbatical year he was a visiting scientist at the Acopian Center for Conservation Learning at Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, and he is currently the Chair of HMANA's Conservation & Education Committee.

**Laurie J. Goodrich**

Laurie Goodrich is the Senior Monitoring Biologist for Hawk Mountain Sanctuary in Kempton, Pennsylvania. Laurie's work includes supervising Hawk Mountain's raptor migration counts and coordinating activities with other North American raptor migration sites. She is an advisor and co-founder for the Veracruz River of Raptors program in Mexico and conducts research on raptor migration ecology and nesting ecology of forest birds. She is currently completing a Ph.D. in Ecology from Pennsylvania State University, serves on the Board of Directors of the Raptor Research Foundation, and is a former member of the board of the Hawk Migration Association of North America.

**Paul Goossen**

Paul Goossen grew up on a farm and a small town in southern Manitoba. He earned his BSc and MSc from the University of Manitoba. Paul has worked as a wildlife biologist for the Canadian Wildlife Service for nearly 30 years – most of that time has been spent working with Species at Risk. Paul is also involved with A Rocha, an international faith-based conservation organization. He coordinates the A Rocha Pembina Valley Raptor Migration Project. He and his wife, Valorie, make their home in Morden, Manitoba.

**David Grosshuesch**

Dave has been involved with ornithology for the past 15 years. He has an extensive background in both raptors and passerines, coordinating an owl monitoring and passerine migration program for the Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory. He recently received his Master's degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth conducting research on Northern Hawk Owls, and currently he works for the US Forest Service on the Superior National Forest.



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**Ernesto Ruelas Inzunza**

Ernesto is Raptor Population Index Project Manager for the Hawk Migration Association of North America and a Postdoctoral Fellow at Dartmouth College. He is interested in the ecology of raptor and wading bird migration that he has studied in his native Veracruz, Mexico, since 1991. Ernesto is also interested in continental-scale bird monitoring and more recently in the use of long-term datasets to study changes in the phenology and geography of migration.

**Brett Mandernack**

Brett Mandernack received his Bachelors and Masters of Science degrees from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. He then hacked Peregrine Falcons back into the wild, assisted in a peregrine breeding project, trapped and studied depredating wolves in Minnesota for the USFWS, and trained raptors and other birds at the Minnesota Zoo before becoming manager of Eagle Valley Nature Preserve in southwest Wisconsin in 1987. Since then, Brett has focused on several raptor research projects, including a 15-year study on the dynamics of the Bald Eagle winter night roost on Eagle Valley, fall raptor migration counts, and satellite tracking Bald Eagles.

**Mark Martell**

Mark Martell is Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon Minnesota. He has been involved in bird conservation and studies for more than 25 years; serving as co-coordinator of the Midwest Peregrine Falcon Restoration Program and the Minnesota Osprey Reintroduction team, and as a member of the National Bald Eagle Recovery Team. He formerly was Coordinator of Conservation/Research Fellow at The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota. He has a M.S. in Wildlife Conservation from the University of Minnesota and has published more than 40 articles in scientific journals. Mark has served as an advisor to reintroduction programs in Germany and England, and has studied a number of birds including Burrowing Owls, Bald Eagles, Goshawks and Ospreys. For the past thirteen years he has focused on national and international migration research with Ospreys, Swainson's Hawks, and Broad-winged Hawks across the U.S. and in Costa Rica and Cuba.



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**Louis Cruz Martinez**

Louis Cruz Martinez is native to Costa Rica where he received his degree in veterinary medicine in 2005. After graduation, he moved to Minnesota to work at The Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota. He completed a two-year clinical internship caring for sick and/or injured raptors. Upon completion, he continued on a veterinary residency program at The Raptor Center that, in addition to clinical work, allows a completion of graduate studies degree in population medicine. For this, he has been researching potential sources of lead exposure and poisoning in bald eagles.

**Cathleen Monson**

Cathleen Monson is a field biologist from Illinois. A Northland College graduate with a degree in Biology, Cathleen's work has taken her from Northern Wisconsin to Western Montana, Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois. Her primary area of interest is ornithology, with an emphasis on birds of prey. She has enjoyed work with the US Forest Service, Montana Audubon, the US Geological Survey and Fish and Wildlife Service. Cathleen presently works for BioEco Research and Monitoring Station on the Milan Bottoms Bald Eagle Night Roost Survey Project. She lives in Reynolds, Illinois with her husband and three daughters.

**Aldo Raul Contreras Reyes**

Aldo began birding at age 12, when he was introduced to hunting. At age 14, he switched tools, and began studying birds and watching hawks with a passion. A year later, he became a member of Cafaselva and started working with Pronatura Veracruz. In 2006, Aldo built his own count platform/tower to monitor the migration through Veracruz, and began an education program for local youth. He worked for Hawk Watch International in 2007 and 08, and was a fall counter for Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory in 2009. Aldo plans to continue his education program in Veracruz while expanding his knowledge and experience with birds. He would like to thank his family for supporting and encouraging him in his work.



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**Dr. Jean-Pierre L. Savard**

Jean-Pierre Savard is a Research Scientist for Science and Technology (Environment Canada) in Québec. He holds a bachelor's degree from Université Laval, Québec, a M.Sc. from the University of Toronto, Ontario, and a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. He spent 14 years with the Canadian Wildlife Service in British Columbia, where he studied the distribution and ecology of molting and wintering seaducks (scoters, goldeneyes, Harlequin Duck), the breeding ecology of Barrow's Goldeneyes and Eared Grebes, old-growth forest birds, and seabirds (Marbled Murrelet). His current research interests in Québec include urban wildlife ecology, impact of forest practices on birds, bird survey techniques, sea duck ecology (breeding, staging, molting and wintering), Wildlife and climate cycles and biodiversity concepts. He has adjunct status at several Quebec universities (Laval, McGill, UQAM and Sherbrooke) where he co-supervises graduate students. He has over 200 scientific publications and has given over 200 scientific presentations. He is currently the chair of the scientific advisory group of the Observatoire d'oiseaux de Tadoussac (OOT).

**Heidi Seeland**

Heidi Seeland recently completed a Master's degree in Integrated Biosciences with an emphasis on ecology from the University of Minnesota Duluth. Her thesis work explored raptor migratory pathways along the north shore of Lake Superior in response to regional interest in wind power. She received a Bachelor's of Science degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Heidi has spent the past several years working with birds through breeding bird and migration surveys in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education. Currently she is seeking a career in avian and wildlife conservation.

**Sharon Stiteler**

Sharon Stiteler was given a Peterson Field Guide to Birds when she was seven years old and snapped, she loves birds, and it's just the way she's wired. After ending a successful career with Universal Exports in 1997, she made it her goal to get paid to go birding. She runs one of the most popular birding blog, Birdchick.com and has been in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, and on NBC Nightly News as well as making regular appearances on Twin Cities' TV and radio stations. She's a professional speaker and story teller and her writing can be found in several publications including WildBird Magazine, Outdoor News, and Birding Business. She wrote the books Disapproving Rabbits and City Birds/Country Birds. When she's not digiscoping or banding birds, she's a part time park ranger and award-winning beekeeper.



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**Janice Sweet**

Mrs. Janice Sweet is a Volunteer, Data Compiler, and site "Mom" at Illinois Beach State Park Hawkwatch. A full time mother, Janice has raised two wonderful children while traveling around the USA and Far East with her US Army husband. Now in retirement she has discovered in herself a profound passion for raptors, and with Vic Berardi and her son Paul, has been instrumental in the organization and success of the Illinois Beach State Park Hawkwatch. Perhaps her most important job is making sure there is always chocolate available, because as every hawk watcher knows – Chocolate Brings Hawks.