

Learning and Networking – Leadership for Life

WLI 2019 Steering Committee Directory

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I have been at Black & Veatch for over 12 years. The last 3 years I have been integrated into the Anne Arundel County (MD) DPW Program Management team, supporting water and wastewater projects. Previously, most of my work had been inside the fence at wastewater treatment facilities, focusing on nutrient removal and solids handling. Somewhere along the way I also got my masters from John Hopkins.

I grew up in the Chicago suburbs. After undergrad (Marquette '00), I served in the Peace Corps in El Salvador for 3.5. I have been active in Engineers Without Borders and been able to travel to Burkina Faso, Cameroon and El Salvador to work on various water projects.

I live outside Washington DC with my 5 year old son Xavier and my husband Greg. We try to spend as much time outside as possible riding bikes, walking on the trail near our house and camping. After doing a few too many races in the fall of 2017 and burning out, I'm now trying to get back into a running habit.



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BJ Peterson

I have been building Water and Wastewater Treatment projects since graduating with a Masters Degree in Civil Engineering from BYU in 2011. I'm originally from Sandy, Utah and love hiking, snowboarding, and playing sports. My wife Amanda and I have 3 kids: Cooper (6), Kate (3), and Jane (9 months).

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I am a WLI 2018 grad. My favorite part of the program was meeting new people in the water industry and making connections that last beyond the WLI leadership course.

Bryan Wilfley

I am a second generation water guy. I started my water career at the same small water utility in Southern California that my father worked for. It was while working in the field as an operator that I discovered my passion for the water industry. While fixing leaks I was going to school. I have certificates in water distribution, water treatment, backflow, and GIS. I have a BS in civil engineering-environmental, an MS in civil engineering-water resources, and a PE in the State of California. I currently work for the California Water Service where I focus on tank, pipeline, and special projects. When I'm not working I am spending time with my wife and dogs, playing in the wilderness, woodworking, or whatever the flavor of the month hobby is.



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Some fun things I get to do at work!



ELISABETTA NATALE, PE, ENV SP

I am a lead water resources engineer with WSP in Orlando, FL. I am originally from Italy and came to the United States in 2008 to obtain a Master in Environmental Engineering from MIT, Cambridge (MA). I moved to Orlando to start my career and gain experience in consulting, convinced at the time that it would have been a temporary situation... well, that was 10 years ago 😊

I am specialized in the project management, design, permitting and construction and administration phases of new and re-rated municipal water resource recovery facilities for reuse applications. I love exploring new places, new cultures and experiencing new tastes. In my free time I enjoy planning my next trip(s) and cooking and experimenting in the kitchen.

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Professionally, I'm responsible for Kiewit's municipal Water collaborative delivery business. That means I have the privilege to work with Kiewit engineering & construction teams & our exceptional engineering partners across North America to design & build water, wastewater & integrated infrastructure programs & projects for public clients via design-build & other collaborative delivery procurement models.

Personally, I'm an enthusiastic advocate for making our world a better place through meaningful collaboration – I believe WLI is an AWESOME opportunity to collaborate meaningfully for a better world!

My wife Amber & two kiddos, Liam (14) & Ella (11), sometimes wish I'd stop trying to collaborate so much and just come home...



Conversation starters when we meet...

What is your wife's career?



What does your son want to be when he grows up?



What is your daughter's favorite sport & position?



What do you like to collect?





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Jeff Berlin – WLI 2013

- I work for Carollo Engineers in Broomfield (Denver), CO.
- I am an Associate VP and am the manager of our office of 55.
- I design wastewater treatment facilities, focusing on secondary treatment and nutrient removal.
- I was President of RMWEA in 2016 and am currently a delegate to WEF.
- I went to Georgia Tech for my undergrad and UC Berkeley for my Master's in Environmental Engineering.

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- This is me at the Great American Beer Festival with my pretzel necklace and Pure Water Brew t-shirt.
- I live in Boulder, Colorado, with my wife (Maureen) and two daughters (Isla is 8 and Margaret is 4).
- I enjoy hiking, camping, standup paddleboarding, and trail “running”.
- I tore my ACL last year and am working to get back at it.

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I'm a licensed professional engineer with 19 years of experience working in the private, public and state sectors. My career has primarily focused on wastewater policy, regulation, treatment, and conveyance. I have a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Duke ('98) and a M.S. in Environmental Engineering from U.C. Davis ('00). When I'm not working, you can find me in my fishing kayak, traveling with my wife, or on the couch reading a book to my wife and our dogs.

Things most folks don't know about me:

1. I've thru-hiked the entire Appalachian Trail – my trail name was “Tin Man”
2. My ancestors came to America on the Mayflower through Plymouth Rock. Three of my ancestors were convicted witchcraft during the Salem witch trials (only one was executed)
3. I'm partially color-blind
4. I have a metal plate with screws in my neck as a result of two cervical fusions



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I have a B.S. in Biological Engineering from the University of Arkansas, and I'm a licensed Professional Engineer. I spent the last 7 years working with ozone disinfection systems, before moving to my current company in December of 2018. I am a member of the WEF Disinfection and Public Health Committee, and have given over two dozen presentations in the US and Canada over ozone and Contaminants of Emerging Concern.

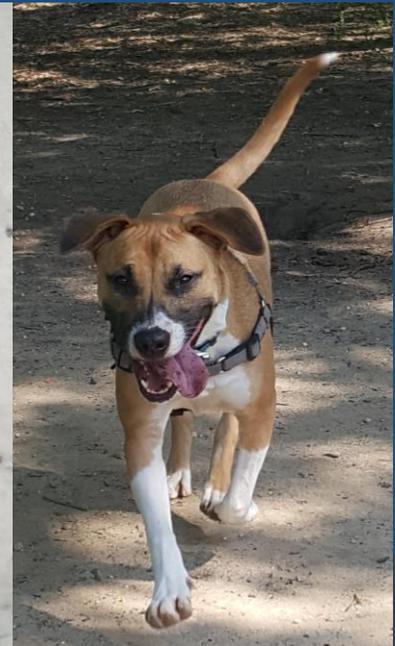
If I'm not working you'll probably find me outside, and one of my personal goals this year is to run a Tough Mudder!

JULIANNE JONES

I have been working as a Manager in Education and Training at WEF since March 2018. Before joining WEF, I worked at Frankfurt School of Finance and Management in Frankfurt, Germany organizing customized trainings for international clients. I'm originally from Virginia, but lived in Germany from Aug. 2011- Dec. 2017 to do my masters and then stayed to work. I have a rescue dog named Willow. She is an almost 2 year old Black Mouth Cur/Staffy mix and full of energy. She keeps me busy with her crazy antics.



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Kerrie Greenfelder, PE, DBIA



My name is Kerrie Greenfelder and I am a Registered Professional Chemical Engineer. I've been in the water space for over two decades, working on both water and wastewater solutions. By day, I'm a leader at Burns & McDonnell, managing people, projects, and clients. In my free time, I am an active leader in WEF, the Society of Women Engineers, and the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. I'm addicted to long-distance running and am attempting to run a half marathon in all 50 states by age 50! I live in the KC metro area with my husband, Matt, and her son, Carter.

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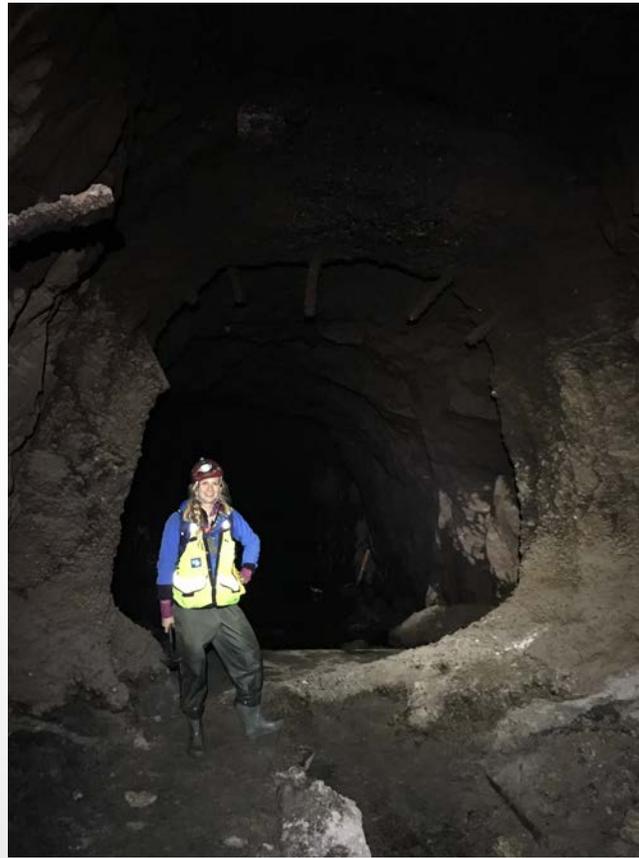
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I am a Civil Engineer working in maintenance engineering providing water and clean energy to 2.7 million people in the greater Bay Area. Prior to making the switch to the Public sector, I worked in consulting with a focus on the water and wastewater industry from water and sewer pipelines to wastewater treatment processes. I have lived and worked in Florida, Maryland, Washington DC, Virginia, California, and Bolivia.

My main passions are all things outdoors including rock climbing, paddleboarding, hiking, sailing, and skiing. I also have a self-diagnosed obsession with handstands.

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My name is Mel and I'm glad to be joining you for WLI19! My day job is as a Project Engineer at Arcadis where my specialties include industrial water sustainability and conservation.

In my spare time, I facilitate a career support group for women male-dominated fields called CollabSuite. I am also host of the Empowering Women Podcast. You can find me on Twitter and Facebook as @MelTheEngineer

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Michaela Rempkowski, PE

- I am a Licensed Professional Chemical Engineer.
- I've been a process engineer studying and designing municipal water, wastewater, and reuse treatment facilities for six years.
- I work for Burns & McDonnell in Wichita, KS.
- I was part of WLI 2018 Graduating Class!
- I love volunteering:
 - AWWA International Council
 - KSPE-Wichita Secretary
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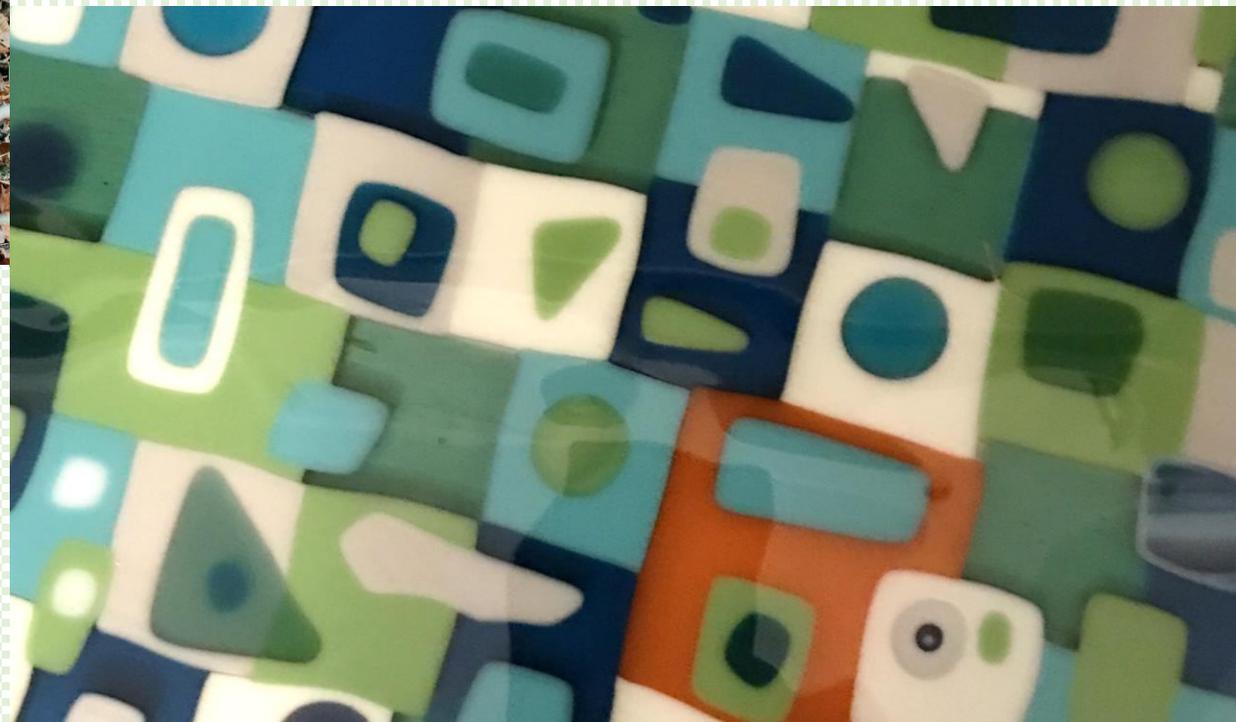


I currently work at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District here in Chicago. I work in the engineering department in our design group. Previous to the District, I worked at MWH. I graduated from Duke University with a BSE in Civil Engineering & an MSE in Environmental Engineering from Northwestern University. I'm a graduate of WLI in 2018 and really loved the program.

Outside of work, I have a husband, 2 beautiful daughters, and 1 spunky dog. I'm a wannabe artist (part of a fused glass platter I made below!) and enjoy spending time with my family/chauffeuring my daughters around.

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PIERRE CAYATTE

I have been working as a Program Manager at Arlington County since October 2018. Before joining Arlington County I worked as a consultant for several public utilities such as DC Water, and Anne Arundel County. I was born and raised in France, got my Masters in 2003, and moved to the United States in 2007. I have two kids (10-yr old daughter and 13-yr old son). I also coach two youth soccer teams (U14 girls and U10 boys), and like to travel and surf whenever I can.

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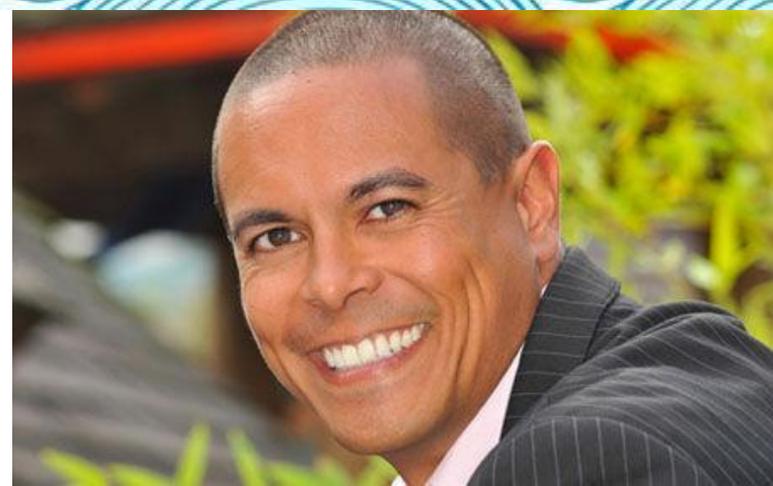
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I have been with HRSD since 2005 starting as a Project Manager in the Engineering Department and moving up to my current position as the Chief of Interceptor Operations, South Shore. I lead a division of 50 individuals comprised of engineers and field staff that operate and maintain the wastewater interceptor system of South Hampton Roads. Here are some interesting things about me:

- My wife, Lindsay, and I have been married for 16 years and have a 13-year old son names Logan
- I love snowboarding during the winter and bodyboarding, playing beach volleyball, and golf during the summer
 - I am a workout and healthy eating fanatic
 - I am the current President of the Virginia Water Environment Association



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I have been with CDM Smith since 2002 starting as a junior engineer and moving up to my current position as Client Service Leader. I enjoy the variety in my job. I graduated from the University of Florida (Go Gators!). I am born and raised in South Florida. I have a 6-year old son named Ryder. He is a typical boy and our weekends are spent mountain biking, soccer or flag football games, and lots of dirt. As a family, we love to travel!



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I have been “swirling” in the water environment in my academic and professional endeavors. Starting off with addressing ground water pollution as a graduate student, I have worked in the research, development of innovative technologies including NPXpress, monitoring, and management of wastewater, stormwater, reclaimed water, and drinking water.

As the Staff Scientist in COA, I am now fulfilling my passion of addressing real world water quality and watershed issues and marine debris through scientific research, citizen science and sound environmental policies.

I am a WLI2018 alumni and it was a very enriching experience to meet diverse people, each one with their unique skills and experience in the water sector.



TERENCE MAIELLARO

I have worked at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for almost 13 years now as a design engineer in our Process Facilities department where we work on preparing contract documents and providing post award assistance for Capital Improvement projects.

I am a big Chicago Cubs fan. We were fortunate enough that one of the stops on the 2016 World Series trophy tour was in the MWRDGC Board Room.

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