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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Ecology & Environmental Sciences, University of Maine  
M.S., Natural Resources Planning, University of Vermont  
B.A., Environmental & Evolutionary Biology, Dartmouth College

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Assistant Director & Lecturer**, Sustainability Dual Major, University of New Hampshire, NH (2016-present)  
**Adjunct Faculty**, Thompson School of Applied Science, University of New Hampshire, NH (2015)  
**Project Coordinator**, Casco Bay Estuary Partnership & Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition, ME (2011-2014)  
**Natural Resources Planner**, Town of Brunswick, ME (2007-2010)  
**Senior Planner & NOAA Coastal Management Fellow**, Maine State Planning Office Coastal Program (2004-2007)  
**Environmental Educator**, College of the Atlantic, ME; Nature's Classroom, CT; Youth Conservation Corps, VT (2000-2001)  
**Community Outreach Training Advisor**, World Wildlife Fund, Papua New Guinea (1999)  
**Community Conservation Coordinator, Peace Corps**, Uganda (1996-1999)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Levesque, V.R.**, Bell, K.P., Calhoun, A.J.K. 2019. Actions speak louder than words: Designing transdisciplinary approaches to enact solutions. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 9(2): 159-169.

**Levesque, V.R.**, Calhoun, A.J.K., Hertz, E. 2019. Vernal pool conservation: Innovative approaches to using and enhancing existing policy tools. *Case Studies in the Environment*.

**Levesque, V.R.**, Calhoun, A.J.K., Bell, K.P., Johnson, T. 2017. Turning contention into collaboration: Engaging power, trust and learning in collaborative networks. *Society and Natural Resources* 30(2): 245-260.

**Levesque, V.R.**, Bell, K.P., Calhoun, A.J.K. 2017. Planning for sustainability in small municipalities: The influence of interest groups, growth patterns, and institutional characteristics. *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 37(3): 322-333.

Meyer, S.R., **Levesque, V.R.**, Bieluch, K.H., Johnson, M.L., McGreavy, B., Dreyer, S., Smith, H. 2016. Sustainability science graduate students as boundary spanners. *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*: 6(2): 344-353.

McGreavy, B., Calhoun, A.J.K., Jansujwicz, J., **Levesque, V.R.** 2016. Citizen Science and natural resource governance: Program design for vernal pool policy innovation. *Ecology and Society*. 21(2):48.

- Gardner, S.K., Jansujwicz, J., Hutchins, K., Cline, B., **Levesque, V.** 2014. Socialization to interdisciplinarity: faculty and student perspectives. *Higher Education*: 67(3): 255-271.
- Gardner, S.K., Jansujwicz, J., Hutchins, K., Cline, B., **Levesque, V.** 2012. Interdisciplinary Doctoral Student Socialization. *International Journal of Doctoral Studies* (7): 377-394.

#### PUBLICATIONS IN PRESS

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- Calhoun, A.J.K., **Levesque, V.R.**, Hertz, E. *In Press*. The Maine Vernal Pool Special Area Management Plan: A tool to conserve vernal pool ecosystems and support municipal growth In S.C. Walls, S.C. and O'Donnell, K.M. (Eds), *Strategies for Conservation Success in Herpetology*.

#### PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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- Levesque, V.** 2018. Measuring student mastery of sustainability competencies. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences. Washington, D.C.
- Levesque, V.** 2017. Sustainability science methods, Or, How to learn a new culture & language in 15 weeks. Sustainability Curriculum Consortium webinar. October 23, 2017.
- Bell, K.P., Calhoun, A., Bauer, D.M., Freeman, R., **Levesque, V.**, and J. Balukas. 2015. Using a hybrid regulatory approach to conserve small natural features: lessons from Maine, USA. 2015 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association Annual Meeting, June 30, 2015, Newport, RI.
- Levesque, V.**, Calhoun, A., Bell, K. 2014. Turning contention into collaboration: The role of collaborative networks in natural resource governance. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences. New York, NY.
- Levesque, V.**, Bell, K., Calhoun, A. 2014. A collaborative economic and ecological analysis of a proposed vernal pool regulatory mechanism. Maine Water and Sustainability Conference. Augusta, ME.
- Levesque, V.**, Bell, K., Calhoun, A. 2013. The role of networks in developing municipal environmental policy. International Association for Society and Natural Resources, Estes Park, CO.
- Levesque, V.**, Bell, K., and Calhoun, A. 2012. Some do and some don't: Factors that enable smaller communities to contribute to sustainability. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Cincinnati, OH.
- Levesque, V.**, Calhoun, A., and Bell, K. 2012. Municipal Vernal Pool Policy: Sustainability Science in Action (poster). Society for Conservation Biology, Oakland, CA.
- Levesque, V.**, Calhoun, A., Bell, K. 2011. Overview of the vernal pool team portfolio. AAAS review of Maine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative, Orono, ME.
- Levesque, V.**, and Craig, M. 2011. Does a rising tide really lift all boats: the social feasibility of restoring the New Meadows 'lakes'. Maine Water Conference, Augusta, ME.

#### CLASSES TAUGHT

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SUST 401 – Surveying Sustainability  
SUST 501 – Sustainability Methods & Perspectives  
SUST 750 – Sustainability Capstone  
IAG 408 – Foundations for Living Sustainably in New England

#### SERVICE TO ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

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Project lead, University-wide Sustainability Education Goals Committee, UNH, 2018 - 2019  
Advisory Council member, Sustainability Curriculum Consortium, 2017 - present  
Program Chair Search Committee, Sustainability Dual Major, UNH, 2016  
Sustainability Solutions Initiative Seminar Committee, UMO, 2011 - 2013  
Department of Wildlife Ecology Seminar Committee, UMO, 2012

#### JOURNAL REVIEWER

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Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning  
Journal of American Water Resources Association  
Journal of Planning Education and Research  
Urban Planning