I am a fish ecologist and I work with fish communities and populations in freshwater ecosystems. Research questions I address are focused in three areas: (1) what are the ecological consequences of altered habitat connectivity; (2) how do life history traits of fishes mediate their responses to conservation and management actions; (3) how can we best apply theory to address basic and applied research challenges regarding the conservation and management of freshwaters and the fishes that reside there? I address these questions using rivers, streams, and impounded waters in Texas and the southern Great Plains. The future of water, fish, and humans will require science-based decision making, and my goal is to provide empirical foundations for making these decisions for the benefit of the public and private citizens in Texas and beyond.

I grew up in Abilene, Texas where I began my fisheries career as an intern with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Inland Fisheries Division. From there I moved to San Marcos, Texas to attend Texas State University-San Marcos where I earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in Aquatic Biology and Aquatic Resources. I then attended Kansas State University and earned a Ph.D. in Biology with emphasis in fish ecology. I spent the last three years as an Assistant Professor of Fish Ecology in Tennessee and I am very proud to now have the opportunity to once again work with people, fish, and water in Texas. My wife Lindsey and I were happy to welcome our son Jack to the world here in College Station and we are thrilled to be a part of the Aggieland Community.