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Summary

Science communication specialist, environmental educator (K to grey), dynamic manager of people and programs, experienced ecological field & lab technician

Education

Ph.D., Forest Resources; University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Dissertation focus: Evaluating Nonnative Forest Pest Risk, Preparedness, and Action in Massachusetts
[[*expected 2022*]]

M.F.A., Writing, Literature, and Publishing; Emerson College

Concentration: Creative Nonfiction Writing
[won student prize from the American Academy of Poets]

B.A., Environmental Studies; Mount Holyoke College

Concentration: Conservation Biology
Minor: English

Professional Experience

2009 – Present

Outreach & Development Manager for Education & Research Programs

Harvard Forest, Harvard University - Petersham, MA

2007 – 2009

Research Assistant to Senior Ecologist Aaron Ellison (focus: arthropod food webs)

Harvard Forest Lab Manager

Harvard Forest, Harvard University - Petersham, MA

2004 – 2007

Assistant to the Executive Director (full-time)

Emerson College, Institute for Liberal Arts & Interdisciplinary Studies - Boston, MA

2006 – 2007

Research Writing Instructor, course: “Wilderness and the American Mind”

Emerson College, Dept. of Writing, Literature, and Publishing - Boston, MA

2005 – 2007

Editorial Assistant: Poetry (part-time)

The Atlantic Monthly - Boston, MA

2003 – 2005

Research Assistant (full-time) / Naturalist (seasonal)

Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies - Provincetown, MA

2001 – 2003

Intern/ Research Assistant (seasonal)

Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies - Provincetown, MA

Current Appointments

U.S. Long-Term Ecological Research Network

- Co-Chair: Communication Committee
- Co-Chair: Diversity in Ecology Committee
- Executive Committee for Education
 - Co-chair: Higher Education Working Group

Issues in Ecology (ESA journal)

- Advisory Board member

Petersham, Mass. Forest & Shade Tree Committee

- Co-Chair (appointed position)

Recent Publications

Books, Reports, & Peer-reviewed Articles

- Foster D, Fallon Lambert K, Kittredge D, Donahue B, **Hart C**, Labich W, Meyer S, Thompson J, Buchanan M, Levitt J, Perschel R, Ross K, Elkins G, Daigle C, Hall B, Faison E, D'Amato A, Forman R, Del Tredici P, Irland L, Colburn B, Orwig D, Aber J, Berger A, Driscoll C, Keeton W, Lillieholm R, Pederson N, Ellison A, Hunter M, and Fahey T. 2017. [Wildlands and Woodlands, Farmlands and Communities: Broadening the Vision for New England](#). Harvard University Press, Cambridge MA.
- Hirsch, J. 2017. [And Again: Photographs from the Harvard Forest](#). Essays by Foster D, **Hart C**, and Kelley MA. Harvard University Press, Cambridge MA.
- **Hart C**. 2016. [Harvard Forest Biennial Report](#). Harvard Forest.
- Foster D, Kittredge D, Donahue B, Lambert KF, **Hart C**, Levitt J. 2014. The Wildlands and Woodlands Initiative of the Harvard Forest. In: Levitt JN, in *Conservation Catalysts: The Academy as Nature's Agent*. Cambridge: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. pp. 3-30.
- Driscoll C, Lambert K, Chapin FS, Nowak D, Spies T, Swanson F, Kittredge D, **Hart C**. 2012. [Science & Society: The Role of Long-Term Studies in Environmental Sustainability](#). *Bioscience* 62(4): 354-67.

Recent Press Releases

- Hart C. 2017. [Wildfire in a Warming Climate](#). *Science Daily*.
- Hart C. 2017. [Hemlock Decline Linked to Shift in Water Resources](#).
- Hart C. 2017. [Visiting Artist Explores Ecosystem Change with Scientists](#).
- Hart C. 2016. [Canadian Forests a Refuge as Warming Creeps North](#). *Science Daily*.
- Hart C. 2015. [Why More Hotspots Aren't So Cool](#). *Harvard Gazette*.
- Hart C. 2014. [More Maple Seeds, Less Maple Syrup](#). *Tufts Now*.
- Hart C. 2014. [When Forests Take the Hit](#). *Harvard Gazette*.
- Hart C. 2013. [Pitcher Plants Provide Tipping Point](#). *Harvard Gazette*.
- Hart C. 2013. [An Inside Look at Carnivorous Plants](#). *Science Daily*.
- Hart C. 2012. [When It's Best to Do Nothing At All](#): Survival in blown-down forests. *Harvard Gazette*.
- Hart C. 2012. [Butterflies Heading North](#). *Harvard Gazette*.
- Hart C. 2012. [Mighty Exhibit](#): Artist portrays colonial clash over land. *Harvard Gazette*.

Recent Freelance Articles

- Hart C. 2018. *Mount Holyoke Alumnae Quarterly*. "[Trees that Teach and Are Remembered](#)"
- Hart C. 2016. *Tree Care Industry Magazine*. Feature: "[Spreading the Warmth](#): Firewood Donations an Investment in Community"

- Hart C. 2016. *Orion*. Lay of the Land: "Tree People"
- Hart C. 2016. *Whole Terrain*. Feature: "Being There"
- Hart C. 2016. Massachusetts Audubon Society's *The Quiet Earth*. Poem: "[Summer Rain](#)"
- Hart C. 2015. *Worcester Living Magazine*. Feature: "[Trees of Life](#)"
- Hart C. 2014. *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*. Article: "[Petersham arborist](#) hopes to climb her way to tree championship"
- Hart C. 2014. Ecological Society of America. Blog: "[Parachuting In](#): Writing that Drops Readers into the Field of Ecology"
- Hart C. 2014. *Ecotone*. Feature: "[While Our Backs Are Turned](#)"
- Hart C. 2013. *Worcester Living Magazine*. Feature: "[Therapy on Wheels](#)"
- Hart C. 2013. *Christian Science Monitor*. People Making a Difference: "[Scott Budnick serves breakfast](#)--with a side order of respect--to the homeless"

Recent Presentations

- Workshop: "Convening Conversations about Diversity & Inclusion at LTER Sites"
Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network: All Scientists' Meeting 2018 (expected)
- Workshop: "Building Student Data Literacy"
Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network: All Scientists' Meeting 2018 (expected)
- Workshop: "Communicating Science Vividly and Effectively" (and variations to title)
 - *Harvard Forest Freshman Seminar 2012-2017*
 - *Harvard Forest Summer Research Program 2013-2017*
 - *Int'l Society for Arboriculture – New England annual conference 2016*
 - *Ecological Society of America 2015 & 2016*
- Workshop: "Telling Nature's Stories" (poetry, fiction, nonfiction)
 - *Montgomery College: "A Day of Writing with Authors" 2016*
 - *Harvard University Wintersession course 2014-2017*
- Student Workshop: "Prioritizing Conservation Projects"
UMass Amherst – Conservation Biology course 2016
- "Wood Banks: A Tool for Wood Utilization and Community Outreach"
Tree Care Industry Association annual meeting 2016
- Workshop: "Ants & Spiders: Myths, Facts, Your Questions Answered"
Int'l Society for Arboriculture – New England annual conference 2015
- Workshop: "Undergraduate Education: Innovations and Opportunities"
Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network: All Scientists' Meeting 2015