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Curriculum vitae

Environmental Science and Policy  
George Mason University  
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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences, 2014  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA  
*Official Departmental Minor: Experimental Statistics*  
Advisor: James H. Cowan, Jr.
- M.A. Environmental Studies-Conservation Biology and Management, 2008  
Prescott College, Prescott, AZ
- B.S. Biology, 2000  
Shorter University, Rome, GA

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2014 - Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Department of Environmental Science and Policy  
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA  
Fish Ecology Lab  
PI: Kim de Mutsert

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer Reviewed**

- 2016 **Lewis, K.A.**, De Mutsert, K., Cowan, J.H., Steenbeek, J., and Buszowski, J.. Employing ecosystem models and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to investigate the response of changing marsh edge on the historical biomass of estuarine nekton in Barataria Bay, Louisiana, USA. *Ecological Modelling. Ecopath 30 Years Special Issue*. Available online: [doi:10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2016.01.017](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2016.01.017)
- 2015 De Mutsert, K., Steenbeek, J., **Lewis, K.A.**, Cowan Jr., J.H., Christensen, V., Exploring effects of hypoxia on fish and fisheries in the northern Gulf of Mexico using a dynamic spatially-explicit ecosystem model. *Ecological Modelling. Ecopath 30 Years Special Issue*. Available online: [doi:10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2015.10.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2015.10.013).
- 2010 Stevenson, D. E., **Lewis, K. A.** Observer-reported skate bycatch in the commercial groundfish fisheries of Alaska. *Fish Bull.* 108(2):208 – 217.

- In prep **Lewis, K.A.**, Sills, A., De Mutsert, K., and Cowan, Jr., J.H... Tipping points in coastal fisheries: An investigation in Barataria Bay, Louisiana, USA. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*. (Manuscript available)
- In prep Schlick, C.J., Pehrson, C., De Mutsert, K., and **Lewis, K.A.** Diet Analysis of juvenile river herring in Gunston Cove, VA. *Open Fish Science Journal*. (Manuscript available)
- In prep **Lewis, K.A.**, Cowan Jr., J.H., McClenachan, G., De Mutsert, K.. Historical descriptive models using fisheries and environmental data in Barataria Bay, Louisiana, USA. *Fish Bull.* (Manuscript available)

## PEER REVIEWED TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2015 De Mutsert, K., **Lewis, K.A.**, Buszowski, J., Steenbeek, J. & Milroy, S.. Louisiana Coastal Area Delta Management Ecosystem Modeling: Delta Management Fish and Shellfish Ecosystem Model. Final Report. (73 p.) Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.
- 2015 De Mutsert, K., **Lewis, K.A.**, Buszowski, J., Steenbeek, J. & Milroy, S.. 2017 Coastal Master Plan: Ecosystem Outcomes, Community Model Description (4.5). Final Report. (99 p.) Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.  
<http://coastal.la.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Attachment-C3-20-EWE.pdf>
- 2014 De Mutsert, K., **Lewis, K.A.**, Steenbeek, J., Buszowski, J., Milroy, S., Cowan Jr., J.H.. Louisiana Coastal Area Delta Management Ecosystem Modeling: Delta Management Fish and Shellfish Ecosystem Model. Prepared for: Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. (101 p.)
- 2014 De Mutsert, K., **Lewis, K.A.**, Steenbeek, J., Buszowski, J., Milroy, S., Cowan Jr., J.H... 2017 Coastal Master Plan: Ecosystem Outcomes, Community Modeling Justification. (4.5). Version 1. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. (52 p.)
- 2014 De Mutsert, K., **Lewis, K.A.**, Steenbeek, J., Buszowski, J., Milroy, S.. 2017 Coastal Master Plan: Ecosystem Outcomes, Community Model Description (4.5). Version 1. Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. (117p.)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 **Lewis, K.A.**, De Mutsert, K., Steenbeek, J., Buszowski, J., Cowan, Jr., J.H.. Using Ecopath with Ecosim and Ecospace to model the response of estuarine nekton to multiple habitat scenarios in Barataria Bay, Louisiana, USA. Page 192 *in* Fisheries Centre Research Reports 22(3). University of British Columbia, Canada.
- 2014 **Lewis, K.A.** Addressing the Land-Loss Fish Production Paradox. Dissertation in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences (Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University), (138 p.)

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

(Total funding to date: \$584,554)

### PENDING

- 2016 **Lewis, K.A. (PI)**, De Mutsert, K. (co-PI). Evaluation of fishing operations within and adjacent to Assateague Island National Seashore. United States Department of the Interior: National Park Service. \$25,000.
- 2016 De Mutsert, K. (PI), **Lewis, K.A. (co-PI)**, Campbell, M. (co-PI), Brandt, S. (co-PI), Laurent, A., Buszowski, J., & Steenbeek, J.. User-driven predictive tools to assess effects of reduced nutrients and hypoxia on living resources in the Gulf of Mexico. RFP: NOAA-NOS-NCCOS-2016-2004640. 01Sept2016 – 31August2019, \$899,996.
- 2016 De Mutsert, K. (PI), **Lewis, K.A. (co-PI)**. The Water Institute of the Gulf and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. Ecopath with Ecosim Modeling for the Mississippi River Hydrodynamic Study. \$8332.

### FUNDED

- 2015 De Mutsert, K. (PI), **Lewis, K.A. (co-PI)**, Steenbeek, J., and Buszowski, B.. 2017 Louisiana Coastal Master Plan: Fish and Shellfish Model Development and Application. The Water Institute of the Gulf. \$131,759 (2.25 years)
- 2014 De Mutsert, Kim (PI), **Lewis, K.A. (co-PI)**, and 4 others. Delta Management Ecosystem Modeling. The Water Institute of the Gulf. \$194,613.10. (1.25 years).
- 2013 De Mutsert, Kim (PI), **Lewis, K.A. (co-PI)**, and 4 others. Simulating Coastal Restoration Impacts on Fish and Shellfish Communities in Louisiana. The Water Institute of the Gulf. \$258,182 (1-2.5 years).
- 2009 - 2014 Graduate Research Assistantship. Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, LA.

### NOT FUNDED

- 2015 **Lewis, K.A.** (co-lead PI); de Mutsert, K. (co-lead PI); van der Ham, J. L. (co-PI); Zhang, Y. (co-PI), McClenachan, G.; Boswell, K.. Fish and shellfish ecology in flux: network analyses and community dynamics following the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative. \$734,314. (2 years)

### INVITED TALKS

- 2015 Environmental Science and Policy Lecture Series. “Tipping points in coastal fisheries.” George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 4 December 2015.
- 2014 Environmental Science and Policy Lecture Series. “Addressing the land-loss fish production paradox--Applied Fisheries Ecology.” George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

2010 Science Seminar Featured Speaker. “Wanderings of a Shorter University Biologist.” Shorter University, Rome, GA, April 2010.

2010 Integrated Ecosystem Assessment Workshop. “Data synthesis, historical distribution changes, and ecosystem model development.” NOAA, New Orleans, LA.

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION**

### **Papers Presented**

2016 The International Society for Ecological Modelling Global Conference 2016. “Informing an estuarine food web model with spatially-explicit and time-dynamic GIS data.” Baltimore, MD, 8 -12 May.

2016 American Fisheries Society Tidewater Chapter Annual Meeting. “Employing ecosystem models and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to investigate the response of changing marsh edge on the historical biomass of estuarine nekton in Barataria Bay, Louisiana, USA.” Edgewater, MD, 7 -9 April.

2015 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference Coastal Estuarine Research Federation. “Addressing the land-loss fish production paradox.” Portland, OR, November 8-12.

2014 Ecopath 30 Years: Modelling dynamic ecosystems: beyond boundaries with EwE. “Using Ecopath with Ecosim and Ecospace to model the response of estuarine nekton to multiple habitat restoration scenarios in Barataria Bay, Louisiana, USA.” Barcelona, Spain, November 4-14.

2011 American Fisheries Society, 141<sup>st</sup> Meeting. “Historical analysis of species abundance distributions of nekton with emphasis on economically important fish species. “ Seattle, WA, September 4-8.

### **Posters**

2016 Mason Water Research Symposium. “Informing an estuarine food web model with spatially-explicit and time-dynamic GIS data.” George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 18 March.

2015 Student Conference on Conservation Science-New York. “Exploring the land-loss fish production paradox in coastal Louisiana.” October 7-9.

2015 Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting. “Employing statistical models and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to investigate the effect of changing marsh edge on the biomass of estuarine nekton in Barataria Bay, Louisiana, USA.” August 9-14.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **George Mason University: Department of Environmental Science and Policy**

Ecosystem Modeling using Ecopath with Ecosim and Ecospace (Spring 2016)

Controversy in Fisheries Science Seminar (Co-taught, Summer 2015)

Estuarine and Coastal Ecology Lab (Co-taught, Summer 2015)

**Guest Lectures**

Diversity in Organizations. “Gender Inequality in STEM and Beyond.” (Fall 2015)

Introduction to Oceanography. “Applied Oceanography in a Changing World.” (Fall 2015)

Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science. “Using GIS techniques to track ocean-going sharks.” (Spring 2015)

**Louisiana State University: Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences**

Introduction to Oceanography (TA, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2014 - George Mason University  
Fairfax, VA  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2009-2014 Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Graduate Research Assistant

2006-2008 Prescott College  
Chattahoochee Hill Country, GA  
Independent Researcher

**FIELD RESEARCH SKILLS**

Tidal freshwater, estuarine, and coastal nekton sampling techniques:

- Nekton sampling (multiple gear types: trawl, seine, fyke, etc.)
- Zooplankton sampling (plankton trawls)
- Nutrient sampling
- Sediment/benthic macroinvertebrate sampling
- Small boat trailering, launch, navigation
- Hand-held YSI

Large, ocean-going fishing vessel sampling techniques:

- Sample collection from trawls
- Crab pots and long-lines
- Otolith, gonad and stomach extraction and collection
- Motion-compensated platform scales
- Catch counts and estimations
- CTD

## **QUANTITATIVE SKILLS**

### Quantitative Skills:

- Univariate analyses
- Multivariate analyses
- Categorical analyses
- Non-parametric analyses
- Network analyses
- Food web modeling
- Spatial modeling
- Time series analyses

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- 2016            Panelist: Chesapeake Modeling Symposium, June 1-2  
                  “The Challenge of Transparency in Management Modeling: What is transparency, why do we need it and how do we get there?”
- 2016            Journal Reviewer  
                  *Ecological Modelling*
- 2016            Journal Reviewer  
                  *Estuaries and Coasts*, Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation
- 2015            Provost’s Multidisciplinary Research Seed Grant Review Panel  
                  George Mason University, Fairfax, VA  
                  Environmental Public Health Panel
- 2014            Independent Science Reviewer  
                  Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act (RESTORE Act)  
                  Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.
- 2014-present   Training Coordinator  
                  Ecopath Research and Development Consortium, Barcelona, Spain.

## **SERVICE TO COMMUNITY**

- 2008-2009     Expanding Your Horizons. Bellevue Community College. Bellevue, WA. “Creature Features from Alaska.” STEM education for middle and high school girls.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- 2016            Poster Judge  
                  Mason Water Forum, March 18  
                  George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

- 2015            Founder  
 Women in Science Lunch Series (WISLS)  
 George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- 2015            Poster Judge  
 Undergraduate Research Symposium  
 George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

## **GRADUATE COMMITTEES**

Jackie McCool. M.S. Oceanography and Coastal Sciences. 2016. “Using Ecosystem Models to predict the spatial distribution of spotted seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) in Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana.” Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, LA.

Robert Owens. M.A. Environmental Studies. 2015. “The Triple Bottom Line of the Cannabis Industry of Humboldt County, California and Prospects for Posterity in a Post-prohibition Era.” Prescott College. Prescott, AZ

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

SAS, v. 9.3  
 ArcGIS/ArcMap, v. 10.3  
 R, v. 3.2.3  
 Ecopath with Ecosim and Ecospace v. 6.5 (VB)  
 Primer, v. 6

## **NON-ACADEMIC RELATED WORK**

- 2012-2013      Stock Assessment Biologist  
 Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
 Fisheries Management: Research and Assessment Division  
 Baton Rouge, LA
- 2008-2009      Marine Biologist  
 NOAA Fisheries  
 Alaska Fisheries Science Center  
 Fisheries Monitoring and Analysis Division  
 Seattle, WA
- 2000-2003      North Pacific Groundfish Observer, Field Marine Biologist  
 Northwest Observers, Inc. (NOAA Fisheries)  
 Alaska, Various Locations and Ports

## **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Fisheries Society

Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation

Ecopath Research and Development Consortium

Ecological Society of America

American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists