**Project Manager Qualifications**

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**Professional preparation:**PhD in Plant Biology, University of Vermont (UVM), 2013   
MS in Biology, West Virginia University (WVU), 2008   
BS in Environmental Science, BS in Earth Science, State University of New York College at Brockport,2004  **Professional appointments:**

• Assistant Professor, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Dept. of Biological Sciences 2016-current

• Director of the Darlene and William Radichel Herbarium (MANK), 2016-current   
 Minnesota State University, Mankato, Dept. of Biological Sciences

• Adjunct Faculty, Saint Catherine University, St. Paul, Dept. of Biology 2016

• Postdoctoral Research Associate, UMN Twin Cities, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior 2012-2016

**Professional experience:**

• 15 years of experience in prairie or related systems (environmental science, invasive species biology, plant biology, botany, ecology, sustainability science). 10 publications on prairie species, invasive plant species/management and biodiversity. Hired, trained and mentored over 18 students on related ecological, environmental science and/or plant biology projects. Presented >20 research projects at regional, national and international meetings.

• Managed logistics and reported progress on 10 projects awarded from various funding sources: Federal (USDA, NSF), State (UMN UROP, WV View) or private/organizational (The Prairie Enthusiasts, MANK herbarium, MSU Mankato startup, HHMI UMN). Direct research and curation of the Darlene & William Radichel Herbarium (MANK) with a $110,000 endowment.  
• Certified Wetland Delineator (MN training in soils, plant identification and hydrology) 2016-current

**Organization Description**

Minnesota State University, Mankato is an educational institute delivering courses, research and training for future practitioners. Set in outstate, it’s mission is to promote learning through effective undergraduate and graduate teaching, scholarship, and research in service to the state, the region and the global community.

College of Science, Engineering and Technology (CSET) Mission - As educational leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), our accessible faculty advances student scholarship through innovative teaching, research expertise, and the exploration of new technologies and ideas. We prepare our students for professional careers and advanced study, while connecting with local, regional and global communities

CSET Vision - We strive to provide a mentored educational experience to every student in our college, develop the most qualified engineers, scientists and STEM teachers, and establish our college as the preferred Master's degree provider in Minnesota.

Biological Sciences - The Department of Biological Sciences introduces students to a broad spectrum of topics related to the study of living things and helps them develop specializations that lead to a wide range of career opportunities. Faculty advisors work closely with biology majors as they identify and pursue their specialties through real-world research opportunities in our well-equipped labs.