

Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Technical Assistance Center
Regional Planning to Provide Underserved Communities Access to Public Lands

Presenters' Biographies



Jaime Eidswick, P.E., is the Resource Manager for the Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks Technical Assistance Center (TAC) and a research engineer with the Western Transportation Institute. She has over 10 years of experience developing transportation solutions for federal lands. She has a M.S. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She is serving as a technical liaison on the Car-less CA project.



Emilyn Sheffield, Ph.D., is a Professor of Recreation and Parks Management at California State University, Chico where over 500 students volunteer their time and talents to public lands through Field School each year. Dr. Sheffield works with interdisciplinary teams on complex projects involving scenic byways, alternative transit, long distance trails, tourism infrastructure, and visitor services throughout California and the western United States. These projects share the common goal of increasing access to and support for public lands through branding, identity systems, strategic planning, or product development.



Ben Rasmussen is a community planner at the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center with expertise in alternative transportation in parks and public lands, climate change mitigation and adaptation, non-motorized transportation planning and evaluation, and regional transportation planning. Benjamin manages the Volpe Center's portfolios for the Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service and has conducted and managed projects for the National Park Service, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and local, regional, and state transportation planning agencies. Benjamin holds a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Anita Bueno, ASLA, PLA, is a licensed Landscape Architect, working for the US Forest Service, and is the project lead for CAR-LESS California, a state-wide alternative transportation planning project targeting underserved populations. She earned her MLA from UC-Berkeley and has published work on diverse communities and public parks. She has extensive experience working with grassroots community organizations as well as organizing federal planning efforts.



Since July 2004, **Nathan Caldwell** has been the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Trails and Transit Coordinator in the USFWS Transportation Program, in the Visitor Services Branch of the National Wildlife Refuge System Headquarters Office in Arlington, VA. (Inside the Beltway, but across the Potomac River from DC.) Prior to coming to the national office, he was the Transportation Coordinator for the Pacific Region and California/Nevada Region of the USFWS based in Portland, Oregon. He has worked at four National Wildlife Refuges or NWR Complexes in Oregon, Hawai'i, California and Oklahoma as a park ranger and Outdoor Recreation Planner. He has also worked for Ecological Services Division of the USFWS as the Information and Education Specialist for the Nevada Office in Reno. He joined the Department of the Interior (DOI) as a seasonal law enforcement ranger on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park in May 1987, and worked or volunteered in five other National Park Service units before joining the USFWS in May of 1990. Before joining the DOI he had careers with the YMCA as a youth program director, and at San Diego State University as an English as a Second Language and remedial writing instructor.