NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Say hello to some of the folks who have recently joined IAGLR. They've kindly agreed to introduce themselves. Below and on the next page are their stories.

Kerry Caslow

Application Development Manager
In-Situ, Inc.

About my work

As an application development manager, I work with scientists all over the world who are leading fascinating projects that use our water quality and level sensors. I help people find the right tools for the job, assist in the development of new technologies, create informational and educational content on a variety of topics, and every once in awhile I get to go back to my roots and help with field deployments.

Favorite part of work

The best part of my job is that I get to continually learn new things. Every day is a little bit different, so I never know what I will be presented with. However, each of those experiences tend to teach me something that I didn't know about before. It's like being in school without having to worry about a grade!

Something else about myself

I started my career as part of a stormwater monitoring program and having stepped outside of that field, I realize now that there are so many more cool water-related careers and fields of study out there. I am excited to meet other members of IAGLR who are truly making an impact on the world around us.



Jacob Cianci-Gaskill

Monitoring Program Coordinator
Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve

About my work

I work at the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve in Huron, Ohio, one of two such reserves in the Great Lakes. I organize the long-term water quality monitoring program at the reserve. Much of our work is focused on measuring nutrient loads into Lake Erie's central basin and collecting the data needed to quantify the ability of the Old Woman Creek wetland to process nutrients. I just started in this position last summer and was surprised to learn that the Old Woman Creek water quality monitoring program has been in existence since 1980!

Favorite part of work

Contributing to such a long-lived monitoring program is rewarding and provides some great opportunities to learn how nutrient loads are processed and used within the estuary. Long-term datasets are challenging to maintain, but are crucial to decision making and vital to understanding how complicated systems adapt and change over time. I really enjoy my work and believe that the work I do matters.

Something else about myself

It is great to be back in the Laurentian Great Lakes! After spending most of my life a short drive from the lakes, I spent the past four years outside of the watershed. I did not realize how much I took the lakes for granted, and I am happy to once again be close to one of the largest bodies of freshwater in the world.

