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Educational Program Focus:

- The SRC Sea Gant Extension program promotes increased awareness of watershed issues such as coastal habitats, wildlife, water quality and increased stewardship and sustainable practices such as living shorelines, watershed restoration projects and sustainable coastal communities.
- **2012 Impacts:** More than eight acres of restored oyster reef habitat in East Bay. 100% of Florida Master Naturalist participants increased their knowledge of wetland systems by 21%. More than 2500 community members, leaders, teachers and youth have participated in events and workshops.



Work Experience

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| • 13 years in Extension | 2000-2013 | Extension Agent II, Santa Rosa County |
| • 5 years with FDEP | 1995-2000 | Environmental Specialist |

Education

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| • 2007 | Masters Degree | Education and Communication | University of Florida |
| • 1995 | Bachelors Degree | Environmental Science | University of West Florida |