

# Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Members Winter 2019

### Katie Bloomfield

B.A. Psychology, The University of Texas at Austin *Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member* 

Katie is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. While at UT, Katie taught yoga, worked for the Outdoor Program, and did water quality research with the Longhorn Stream Team. During summers, Katie worked as a raft guide on the Chattooga River, and upon graduation served as a Community Health Volunteer with the Peace Corps in Cameroon. Always enthusiastic about exploring new places and learning new things, Katie is so excited for the opportunity to work with the Teton Science School this winter!



## Lindsey Brand

B.A. Environmental Science and Strategic Communication, University of Denver

Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member

Lindsey's passion for outdoor experiential education sparked from a youth of outdoor learning in Vermont and participation in experiential-learning research programs at the University of Denver. She first heard about the AmeriCorps program at TSS her first year at school and is grateful to be able to live out the long-time dream. She brings a background in nature education and non-profit outreach. In her free time she can be found skiing, climbing, or cooking some (hopefully) yummy food.



## Luca Guadagno

B.S. Biology and Environmental Science, Tufts University *Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member* 

A New Jersey native, he has worked on a number of wildlife conservation research projects, as a trip leader for Overland summers, and more recently as a Science Apprentice at the High Mountain Institute. A believer in the power outdoor education has to empower future conservationists, Luca is excited to work with TSS as an Americorp member to foster STEM literacy in the students that visit TSS and help connect them to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. When he's not scheming about his next potluck dinner, you can find Luca swimming or riding his bike.









#### Hannah Habermann

Environmental Studies and Creative Writing, Middlebury College *Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member* 

Born and raised in Montana, Hannah Habermann is excited to grow as an educator, connect with a new community, and learn more about the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in her time with AmeriCorps! She's spent the last four years in Vermont, receiving a degree in Environmental Studies and Creative Writing from Middlebury College. She's especially interested in using art as a tool for helping learners of all ages engage with their landscapes, others, and themselves through creativity and curiosity! While at college, she also spent time planning her weekly radio show, running a climbing gym, and doing her best to combat systems of inequality. In the summers, she has led outdoor leadership trips in Northern Minnesota and Canada, helping young women grow in their strength and leadership through camping and canoeing. When she's not out exploring, she loves snuggling with dogs, painting, reading good books, and playing guitar with the birds

#### Hannah Kirshenbaum

Environmental Engineering and Music, University of Vermont *Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member* 

Hannah Kirshenbaum is from Pound Ridge, New York. After graduating high school she attended the University of Vermont where she studied environmental engineering and music. Throughout college she spent two years on a research project on groundwater hydrology contamination and was involved with the local radio station and the African drumming club. Hannah's first job out of college was as an outdoor educator at Camp Cody in Freedom, NH, and is excited be working in a similar capacity at Teton Science Schools through AmeriCorps! When Hannah isn't working she loves to play the drums, listen to music, and spend time outside!

#### Anna Kremer

International Studies, Hope College Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member

Anna Kremer was born and raised in Zeeland, Michigan. She attended Hope College and graduated in 2016 with a degree in International Studies. After graduating she worked as an ESL instructor in Pasto, Colombia, Kerala, India and Thornwood, New York. She worked as an outdoor educator at Camp Cody in Freedom, New Hampshire. Anna loves skiing, traveling, trying new foods and exploring the great outdoors with friends and family.





Tim Radford B.S. Geography, Virginia Tech Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member

Tim grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Roanoke, Virginia. From a young age, he surrounded by a family and community that taught him the importance of natural places, which fostered a passion for wilderness and recreation. During his collegiate years, he was a trip leader for the college recreation program where he developed an enthusiasm for facilitating experiences in natural places for others. And that is why he chose to become an Americorps member at Teton Science School, to help shape the lives of others through the power of natural places. In his free time, Tim enjoys biking, snowboarding, and woodworking.



#### **Margaret Sutton**

B.A. Political Science with a concentration in Leadership Studies, Williams College *Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member* 

Margaret has spent the past few summers working as a teaching intern, trip leader, and camp counselor and is excited to continue pursuing her interest in education in Jackson this spring. Margaret loves adventuring in the mountains in practically any capacity, but particularly trail-running, rock-climbing, and skiing. She is looking forward to sharing this passion for the outdoors with kids, increasing accessibility to outdoor education and hopefully building community in the process as a part of the AmeriCorps team.



#### Brenna Swetman

B.S. Biology, B.A. Psychology, Villanova University *Teton Science Schools AmeriCorps Member* 

Brenna developed a love for the outdoors by exploring trails with her cross-country running team and hiking in the Adirondack Mountains of her home state. Through various study experiences both at Villanova and abroad, Brenna further discovered a passion for traveling, exploring our natural world, and sharing that experience with others. After graduation, she led kayak tours to the Mendenhall Glacier in Juneau, AK. This past year, Brenna co-led school camping trips in Denver, CO and cycled around the Pacific Northwest with the nonprofit Bike & Build. She is excited to get to know the Jackson community and become involved in place based education at Teton Science Schools.





#### Maria Umana

Chemistry and World Religions, Hope College

Maria Umana was born in Medellín, Colombia and grew up in sunny Naples, Florida. She graduated from Hope College in Holland, Michigan where she studied world religions and chemistry. After graduation, she taught English in Pasto, Colombia, Kerala, India, and Thornwood, New York. She has worked an outdoor education season in Freedom, New Hampshire at Camp Cody. She is a lover of candy, Bob Dylan, traveling, sea turtles, cheese, and the great outdoors.

# Members that are Continuing to Serve Our Community



#### Michael Kasper

B.S. Biology, Case Western Reserve University *Teton Literacy Center AmeriCorps Member* 

I graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a degree in Biology. While in school, I developed an interest in place-based education through taking biology courses at a University in the Galapagos Islands. I chose to become an AmeriCorps member because of my interest in specifically STEM education and the ability to give back to a community through the position. In my free time I like to play ultimate Frisbee and hike.





#### Sarah Pruden

B.S. Environmental Science and Policy, Minor in Sociology and Anthropology, Southern Oregon University *Teton Raptor Center AmeriCorps Member* 

Hailing from Alaska, and spending the last 15 years in Oregon, Sarah has grown up with a love for wild places. An avid outdoor enthusiast with a passion for environmental stewardship and wildlife conservation, Sarah obtained her degree in Environmental Science and Policy from Southern Oregon University, with a minor in Sociology and Anthropology. While creating an educational outreach program for a local wildlife rehabilitation center, and working with children in the classroom, Sarah recognized the importance of learning through doing, and place based environmental experiences, and made it a priority to get involved. This led her to find the Teton Science School field education programs, where they do just that, teaching through experiences! As part of the TSS team Sarah hopes to learn valuable skills from fellow experienced field instructors, as well as having an awesome summer giving kids unforgettable experiences in the beautiful Teton range and surrounding areas!



#### Hannah Neve

B.S. Human Development and Family Sciences/Minor in Sociology, Oregon State University

Teton Youth and Family Services AmeriCorps Member

Hannah was raised in a small town in Washington. She made her way to Oregon where she graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Human Development and Family Sciences. She focused her studies on Human Services, and since graduating, has discovered her passion for working with youth. She has worked with youth and teens in different capacities, ranging from an agriculturally based alternative high school classroom to a residential treatment center. Hannah hopes to combine working with youth with her interest in experiential learning and her love for the outdoors. In her free time, you could find her adventuring outside, dancing, rock climbing, eating tasty food and spending time with friends.