

# DAVE PAOLETTI

**Instructor**



## TEACHER & RESEARCHER

My main assignment is teaching Wildlife Behavior and Effective Communication of Fisheries and Wildlife Science, as well as developing and improving our department's rapidly growing Distance Education program. However, I have also taught classes in Field Sampling and Problem Solving in Fisheries and Wildlife.

As an Instructor, I don't get the opportunities for research anymore, but my expertise lies in behavioral ecology, introduced species and herpetology.

## ADVISOR

As someone who teaches predominantly online, I look forward to being able to sit down with my students face-to-face and catch up with them. I believe we have one of the most fun, friendly, driven groups of students on campus. I love the opportunity to pass on some of the things I've learned to help students navigate their way through their college career.



I was born and raised in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. As a kid, my summers consisted of fishing, camping, and catching every snake, frog and salamander I could get my grubby hands on. I received my B.S. in Graphic Design from Illinois State University and spent the next seven years as an Art Director working in the city. I recall one morning, sitting on a bus headed down Michigan Avenue to work, realizing I spent much more of my free time learning about science and conservation than I did reading about design. Not long after this minor epiphany, in 2003, I quit my job and headed west. I earned another B.S. degree right here at Oregon State as a post-bac in Zoology, followed by a Master's in Environmental Science – Ecology.

When not geeking out on science, I still love to catch every snake, frog and salamander I can get my grubby hands on. I'm a rabid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. I also love to run, play drums and guitar, play indoor soccer, and get out with my wife and little man as much as I can!



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