# Nathan A. Briggs

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## **Education and Training**

2010 - Master of Science, Forest Ecology and Management, University of Freiburg, Germany Master's Thesis: Root system recovery on naturally regenerated Douglas-fir trees from suppression after canopy removal through natural (blow-down) or human (harvest) disturbance.

2008 - Master of Science, Forest Resources, University of Maine, Orono, ME

Master's Thesis: Forest cover change and assessment of drivers of forest conversion in Midcoast Maine between 2000 and 2006.

2005 - Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA

Bachelor Thesis: Timber investment management organizations: a study of sustainable forestry in Pennsylvania.

## Employment and Internship Experience

#### March 2009 - Present - Graduate Research Assistant,

Institute of Silviculture, University of Freiburg, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany. Silvicultural research for PhD candidates and professors across a variety of study areas.

#### 2009 - Graduate Teaching Assistant,

Teaching assistant for Silviculture and Intro to GIS courses.

#### August 2009 - October 2009 - Forester Intern,

Freiburg Forestry Office, Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany

Assisted in harvest marking, road layout, stand/harvest inventory, and felling/harvest operations.

#### February 2007 - June 2008 - Graduate Research Assistant,

Maine Image Analysis Lab (MIAL), University of Maine, Orono, ME

Research with remotely sensed image (Landsat TM/ETM+ and aerial photography) processing, analysis, and GIS integration for various natural resource managers in the Northeast.

### April 2004 - June 2004 - Forestry Intern,

Asbury Woods Nature Center, Erie, PA

Review and implementation of management plan and research regarding invasive forest vegetation.

#### Summer/Winter 2002-2004 and June-December 2005 - Assistant site manager,

A. R. Building Company, Pittsburgh, PA

Maintained work-site and provided input to management regarding environmental decisions such as appropriate erosion control and landscape management during and after construction.

## Collaborative Efforts and Community Involvement

Environmental Solutions Initiative, Fall, 2007 - Participation in a project working with local Maine towns and stakeholders regarding shoreline management issues in the Penobscot River watershed. What a Waste Module/Action Plan, Earth Force Pennsylvania, Junior Seminar Project (2004):

Developed a web page providing information on solid waste management and reduction for local citizens and educational curriculum.

#### Professional Societies and Associations

- · Society of American Foresters since 2006
- · Forest Guild since 2008
- Pennsylvania Forestry Association since 2009

## Skills and Other Interests

### **Computer Proficiency:**

- · Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint),
- · ERDAS Imagine 9.0 software, ArcGIS software,
- · SAS Statistical software, SPSS software,
- · USFS Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS), TSAPWin (Time Series Analysis Program for Windows)

Field Proficiency: Haglof Vertex, Laser Technology True Pulse, Criterion RD 1000 (laser diameter)

Additional languages: German (beginner/intermediate)

#### **Other interests:**

- · Competitive Timbersports
- Outdoor activities and work
- · Domestic and International travel and cultural interaction

## **Publications**

- **Briggs, Nathan A.** and Steven A. Sader. 2009. Tracking Forest Change and Development Using Low-Cost Remote Sensing Imagery and GIS Integration. *Northern Journal of Applied Forestry*. 26(4):148-155.
- **Briggs, Nathan A.**, Robert Freeman, Holly Theriault, Sarah LaRochelle, Robert J. Lilieholm, and Christopher Cronan. 2008. Modeling Riverbank Stability and Potential Risk to Development in the Penobscot River Estuary of Maine, USA. *Environmental Problems in Coastal Regions VII*. Ed. C.A. Brebbia. WIT Press: Southampton. pp. 111-118.
- Lilieholm, R.J., D. Hart, K.P. Bell, S. Sader, G. Zydlewski, C. Cronan, and **N. Briggs\***. 2007. Alternative Futures for the Penobscot River Watershed: A Collaborative Approach to Sustainable Resource Use. USDA Forest Service GTR. \*student co-author