

## Previous Lab Mate, Dr. Lauren Moffatt, Returns to DC Region



Lauren worked in our lab from 2000-2003 on projects including both stream and wetland ecology. She was one of our first students to perform investigations of the natural Delmarva Bays on Maryland's Eastern Shore. After graduating from the University of Maryland in Environmental Science and Policy in 2003 with honors, she attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, for her Ph.D. She worked in Karen Arcaro's lab to produce her dissertation entitled, "The development and characterization of fish gene expression bioassays for detecting aquatic endocrine disruptors and other emerging contaminants," graduating in 2008. Until recently, she worked as the Coordinator at the Berkshire Environmental Resource Center of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She is now a Research Scientist at the MedStar Research Institute at the Washington Hospital Center, where she oversees, implements, and assists in basic and applied research relating to the biology and physiology of burn wounds. We picture Lauren holding snakes on display at the Catoctin Wildlife Zoo in Thurmont.