

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)

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***Bridging Science and Policy via  
Collaborative Conservation Biology***

Holli is a Camp Fire Conservation Fellow and Master of Public Administration student at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. Holli recently finished her M.S. in Wildlife Biology at the University of Montana with Dr. Joshua Millspaugh where she led a large-scale collaborative research project of 150+ people across federal, state, and non-governmental agencies to build a predictive model for breeding harlequin ducks in Montana and Idaho.

Holli loved the collaborative nature of her M.S. work at the University of Montana. This inspired her to pursue an M.P.A. with Syracuse University to compliment the knowledge she gained as a biologist by learning how to implement science into action and policy. She is eager to build the skills necessary to bridge science and policy, become a stronger leader and communicator, and utilize a combination of ecology and policy tools as needed throughout her career. Holli wants to continue working as a collaborative conservation biologist.

Additionally, Holli works as a Research Associate at SUNY-ESF to support the regulated venison market project.

