

The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society would like to present the A. Stephen Weithman, Jr. Leadership Award to Emily Tracy-Smith. This award was created to honor A. Stephen Weithman, Jr. for his long-term and outstanding leadership to the Missouri Chapter and Missouri's aquatic resources. The recipient of this award is recognized for their leadership qualities which continue the leadership standards Steve established.

Emily earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in 2000, and a Master's Degree from the University of Missouri in 2006. She is currently a Research Associate with the Missouri Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, where her work focuses on ecological flows and the response of fish communities to flow alteration.

Emily's research has ranged from understanding effects of modified flows on the lower Missouri River to understanding ecological flows and fish community response in the state's wadeable streams. Emily's research is crucial to informing water policy and development within this state.

Emily has been a thoughtful, involved, invaluable member of MOAFS. She took on the task of updating the Chapter Newsletter and has led the MOAFS Legislative Actions and Concerns Committee since 2017. She has been extremely active with the committee, working closely with partner groups including the Conservation Federation of Missouri on issues affecting the state's aquatic resources. Emily serves as part of CFM's Rivers, Streams, and Fisheries Committee, and as Advocacy Advisor for Stream Teams United, a nonprofit which supports the Stream Team Program and advances protection and improvement of Missouri's waterways through education, advocacy, and stewardship. Emily also was a co-author of *Still Hooked – Our First 50 years*, documenting the history of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

For her outstanding leadership, advocacy, and dedication to and for the Chapter and aquatic resources of the State of Missouri, the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society presents the A. Stephen Weithman, Jr. Leadership Award to Emily Tracy-Smith.