



Group Introductions

September 6: Education and Outreach/Advocacy

Instructions: Start typing your answers to any of the following questions below the line

- What is your name?
- Where are you from?
- What are your organizational affiliations?
- Some dark sky work are you involved with?
- What motivates you to do this work?

Michelle Brown

State of Utah, Department of Government Operations
Dark Sky Tourism/Education with the Utah Office of Tourism
Improved Air Quality, preservation of natural spaces

Mark Bassett

Ely, Nevada. President of Nevada Northern Railway National Historic Landmark.
We have started an astrotourism program with Great Basin National Park. We want to increase the opportunities here. We also want to work with the City of Ely to become a Dark Sky City.
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Kelly Ricks

Currently living in Des Moines, NM, near Capulin Volcano National Monument. I have worked for the NPS and NM State Parks as an interpreter. I am between jobs at the moment, but continue to volunteer with Capulin Volcano and now the Folsom Museum both as a general interpreter and Night Sky interpreter. I do this work because I love it...I can't NOT do this work.

Kate Magargal

Currently living in SLC, originally from SE Pennsylvania

Affiliation: University of Utah

Dark Sky work: currently teaching in the UU Minor in Dark Sky Studies

Motivation: Hard to totally encapsulate it here, but I think dark skies are a proxy (a canary in the coal mine) for so many different issues we face. Focusing on restoring the night is an easy way to improve our quality of life in many realms.

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Sonya Popelka

Dinosaur National Monument, NPS

Dark Sky Park Coordinator for Dinosaur

As Interpretive Operation Supervisor I help train staff and schedule public programs around dark skies. This is a resource protection issue that transcends boundaries and investing time and effort into training staff to conduct dark sky interpretation and education benefits other parks around the country as many seasonal staff go to other parks. Topic is really special and of interest to visitors and locals alike.

Anil Seth

University of Utah Astronomy Professor, also board member for DarkSky International Utah. I'm currently teaching a course in the Dark Sky Studies Minor for the first time and am really excited about that (and am learning a lot). I also run an internship program for astronomy outreach at Bryce Canyon and have been part of a group who created a dark sky internship in Torrey & Capitol Reef this past summer.

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Sara Hinck

Program Manager with Friends of Arches & Canyonlands Parks, a branch of our organization is Moab Dark Skies. Looking to evolve and enhance our Dark Sky programming and services with the local community, youth, visitors, and the National Parks and Monuments of Southeastern Utah!

Steve Moore

Seasonal Ranger at Cedar Breaks Nat. Mon., Deliver night sky interpretive programs with dark sky discussions. Also involved with dark sky advocacy in central Oregon. Motivation: I've loved the night sky all my life!

Allison Yamamoto-Sparks

Monticello, UT, San Juan County Economic Development & Visitor Services. Our office promotes visitation in San Juan County, which includes providing information about the parks, monuments, public lands, astrotourism, etc.

John Barentine (Dark Sky Consulting, LLC)

Based in Tucson, Arizona, I work with clients around the world who want to create positive change in their communities around issues of dark skies and light pollution. I serve on light pollution committees of the American Astronomical Society and the International Astronomical Union, and have been involved with the CPDSC for much of the last decade. As of this year I advise the newly rebooted Southern Arizona chapter of DarkSky International, where I

previously worked as a staffer. My background is in observational astronomy and my adjacent interests include public policy/law/government and how they interact with science.

Didier Saumon

Los Alamos, NM. Amateur Astronomer and local Dark sky advocate. The county adopted a comprehensive lighting ordinance last December and we're currently working on its practical implementation.

Samuel Singer

Jackson WY, Wyoming Stargazing, Astronomy Public Outreach, promoting dark sky awareness and IDA Certification for Jackson, Teton County and Grand Teton National Park. The love for dark night skies. It's my happy place.

Libby Schaaf

Program Manager for Interpretation, Education and Partnerships at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument, Arizona & Utah. Our Interpretation staff provide dark sky programs which are quite popular. Rainbow Bridge is a Dark Sky Sanctuary, and we hope to eventually have Glen Canyon certified as a Dark Sky Park. We have international visitors who often comment that they have never seen the night sky so clearly in their home countries.

Rich Csenge

Stellar Vista Observatory, a 501c3 nonprofit in Kanab, Utah, has just received the "go ahead" from our local Water Conservancy District to form a partnership that will build an educational public observatory on two acres of land belonging to the conservancy. The City of Kanab has an outdoor lighting ordinance - Chapter 22 of Kanab City Code.
www.stellarvistaobservatory.org.

Sharolyn Anderson

Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division, NPS we are working with the parks to preserve the Night Skies resource - preserving the natural night skies.

Jodi Geroux

I live in Emigration Canyon, Utah. Originally, from NY. I serve on the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commission, and we recently completed a Dark Sky Ordinance for our Township. I am motivated to preserve the night sky because there are few places where we can actually see the vast nature of the night sky due to light pollution.

Margaret

Alta, Utah resident. Town is seeking designation and want to help with what would be necessary to accomplish that and encourage residents and business.

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Logan, UT. Coordinator, Colorado Plateau Dark Sky Cooperative (CPDSC) based out of the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism at Utah State University. My role is to connect people to the night sky by coordinating meetings like these, encourage people to explore the wonder of the night sky, and increase awareness about the importance of the dark sky resource. Be sure to check out the website for the [Dark Sky Passport](#).