

Welcome New ISC Team Members

Emily is excited to be a brand-new member of the Invasive Species Centre team. Drawing on previous experience managing invasive plants and insects and educating the public on them, she is looking forward to working with municipalities to manage invasive species and doing prevention work relating to the spread of the Spotted Lanternfly. She carries a Master of Environmental Science degree from the University of Toronto, Scarborough, where she concentrated in conservation and biodiversity and completed a collaborative specialization in critical development studies and policy.

Jenna is a Policy and Program Development Intern at the ISC where she predominantly works on projects related to the Asian Carp Canada program. Prior to her position at the ISC, Jenna worked as a Park Warden at Ontario Parks for three seasons, volunteered with various federal Members of Parliament in Ottawa, participated in the Canadian Conservation Corps parented by the Canadian Wildlife Federation, and interned for the Environment Division of the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe in Geneva, Switzerland. She maintains a degree in Political Science from the University of Ottawa with French Immersion certification and is currently in the final stages of her Master's in Environmental Studies from Nipissing University centered on bilateral ecopolitics in Canada and the United States.

Karen brings over 10 years of experience working with invasive Phragmites in Ontario and in the USA, to the ISC. She is the co-founder of the Ontario Phragmites Working Group and will be working with ISC partners to continue to develop a Phragmites Framework for Ontario. Karen will also bring her experience creating and facilitating collaborative working groups to the ISC's Municipal Community of Practice and Municipal Outreach and Services programs. Karen is the current President of the Essex County Field Naturalists Club and Chair of the Grant Committee. She participates in Thrive Amherstburg where she sits on the Climate Change committee. Karen also works with Lifesong Stories, an Essex County grassroots initiative that delivers virtual field trips to elementary schools about local nature. In her spare time, she is training her puppy Tucker and spending time with her family.

Jaime is a graduate of Algoma University, recently completing a Bachelor of Arts in Geography, where she further developed her interest in conservation, sustainability and the environment. In addition to her studies at Algoma, Jaime has worked as a certified holistic nutritionist (CNP) for over 10 years and is a trained yoga instructor. Jaime also brings retail, customer service, business management and event planning/facilitating experience, along with extensive knowledge about the local food community pertaining to the ecosystem and human health. In her spare time, you can find Jaime on her bike, hiking, paddling, identifying plants, and playing outside in general. She also has a background in arts and enjoys dabbling in music and painting.

Meet all of our team members