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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Oklahoma State University	Dec. 2017	Rangeland Ecology and Management
M.S.	The University of Tennessee	Dec. 2014	Wildlife Science
B.S.	Texas A&M University-Kingsville	Dec. 2009	Animal Biotechnology & Conservation

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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Academic			
2022-Present	Assistant Professor, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Department of range and Wildlife Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville		
2020-2022	Assistant Professor of Research, Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences, Texas A&M University-Kingsville		
2012-2017	Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management Oklahoma State University		
2010-2014	Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries The University of Tennessee		
Non-Academic			
2017-2020	Deputy Science Coordinator Western EcoSystems Technology, Inc.		

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Kalisek, M.A., **A.M. Tanner**, E.P. Tanner, C.D. Hilton, C. Hoskinson, R.L. Sramek, K. Garwood, and M.J. Bodenchuk. *In review*. First Record of Trichosporon asahii in the Obligate Scavenging Black Vulture (Coragyps atratus). EcoHealth
- Yackulic, C.B., T.P. Archdeacon, R.A. Valdez, M. Hobbs, M.D. Porter, J. Lusk, **A.M. Tanner**, E.J. Gonzales, D.Y. Lee, and G.M. Haggerty. *In Press*. Quantifying flow and nonflow management impacts on an endangered fish by integrating data, research, and expert opinion. Ecosphere 13(9): e4240.
- Brennan, L.A., **A.M. Tanner**, and E.P. Tanner. 2022. Adaptive management and quail conservation on rangelands in the American West. National Quail Symposium Proceedings 9:13–26.
- Tanner, E.P., **A.M. Tanner**, S.D. Fuhlendorf, R.D. Elmore, C.A. Davis, J.A. Polo. 2021. Assessing the Role of the Conservation Reserve Program and Anthropogenic Features On the Roosting Ecology of the Lesser Prairie Chicken. Global Ecology and Conservation 32: e01916.
- Peterson J.M., J.E. Earl, S.D. Fuhlendorf, R.D. Elmore, D.A. Haukos, **A.M. Tanner**, S.A. Carleton. 2020. Estimating response distances of lesser prairie-chickens to anthropogenic features during long-distance movements. Ecosphere 11(9): e03202.

- **Tanner A.M.**, E.P. Tanner, M. Papes, S.D. Fuhlendorf, R.D. Elmore, and C.A. Davis. 2020. Using aerial surveys and citizen science to model habitat suitability for an imperiled grouse. Biodiversity and Conservation 1-20.
- Lituma, C.M., D.A. Buehler, E.P. Tanner, **A.M. Tanner**, P.D. Keyser, C.A. Harper. 2017. Factors affecting availability for detection: An example using radio-collared Northern Bobwhite (Colinus virginianus). PLoS ONE 12(12): e0190376.
- Fuhlendorf S.D., T.J. Hovick, R.D. Elmore, **A.M. Tanner**, D.M. Engle, C.A. Davis. 2017. A hierarchical perspective to woody plant encroachment for conservation of prairie-chickens. Rangeland Ecology and Management 70:9-14.

Nonrefereed Articles

LeBeau, C., M. Kauffman, K. Smith, J. Haddock, A. Tanner, K. Kosciuch. 2020. Placement of wind energy infrastructure matters: A quantitative study evaluating response of lesser prairie-chicken to a wind energy facility. AWWI Technical Report, Washington, DC.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

Presentations and Posters at Professional Meetings

- Kalisek, M.A., **A.M. Tanner**, E.P. Tanner, C.D. Hilton, C. Hoskinson, R.L. Sramek, K. Garwood, and M.J. Bodenchuk. 2022. Assessment of Environmental Contaminants in Obligate Avian Scavengers. The Wildlife Society 29th National Conference. Spokane, Washington.
- Kalisek, M.A., **A.M. Tanner**, E.P. Tanner, C.D. Hilton, C. Hoskinson, R.L. Sramek, K. Garwood, and M.J. Bodenchuk. 2022. Assessment of Environmental Contaminants in Obligate Avian Scavengers. Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting. Marble Falls, Texas.
- Lozano, T.H., **A.M. Tanner**, E.P. Tanner, K.A. Wells, and S.J. Corbett. 2021. Turkey Vulture and Black Vulture Roosting habits in Kingsville, TX. Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference.
- **Tanner, A. M.**, E. P. Tanner, S. D. Fuhlendorf, R. D. Elmore, C. A. Davis, and J. A. Polo. 2021. Human policy influences roosting ecology of an imperiled prairie grouse. 74th Annual Society for Range Management Meeting, Virtual Conference.
- E.P. Tanner, A.M. Tanner, S.D. Fuhlendorf, R.D. Elmore, C.A. Davis, and J.A. Polo. 2020. Human policy influences roosting ecology of an imperiled prairie grouse. The Wildlife Society 27th National Conference. Virtual Conference.

Extension and Additional Presentations

- Stewart, M. T. and **A. M. Tanner**. 2022. Population demographics and habitat use of Gray Hawks in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Arroyo Colorado Audubon Society. Harlingen, Texas.
- **A.M. Tanner**, K.A. Travis, C. McKinney, E.P. Tanner, F. Hernández, H. Perotto-Balvidieso, L.A. Brennan, D.G. Hewitt, D.B. Wester, R. Luna, and J. McLaughlin. Assessing Ecological Connectivity on Chestnut-Bellied Scaled Quail Populations. CKWRI Houston Partner's Meeting, Houston, Texas.
- E.P. Tanner, K.A. Travis, C. McKinney, **A.M. Unger**, F. Hernández, H. Perotto-Balvidieso, L.A. Brennan, D.G. Hewitt, D.B. Wester, R. Luna, and J. McLaughlin. 2022. Assessing Ecological Connectivity on Chestnut-Bellied Scaled Quail Populations. CKWRI San Antonio Partner's Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.
- Travis, K.A., E.P. Tanner, **A.M. Unger**, F. Hernández, H. Perotto-Balvidieso, L.A. Brennan, D.G. Hewitt, D.B. Wester, R. Luna, and J. McLaughlin. 2022. Understanding Scaled Quail Movement with Independent Step Selection Functions. Sam Houston State University Class Tour at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Kingsville, Texas.
- Coronado, A., **A.M. Tanner**, E.P. Tanner, and S. Rideout-Hanzak. 2021. Urban Ecology Texas Tortoise Project. Rio Grande Valley Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, Harlingen, Texas

Travis, K.A., E.P. Tanner, **A.M. Unger**, F. Hernández, H. Perotto-Balvidieso, L.A. Brennan, D.G. Hewitt, D.B. Wester, R. Luna, and J. McLaughlin. 2021. A multi-scale assessment of habitat connectivity on chestnut-bellied scaled quail populations. CKWRI San Antonio Partner's Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

STUDENTS

Graduate Students

Michael Stewart. PhD Student. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: Habitat use and population demographics of Gray Hawks in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas

Laura Beck. MS Student. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: Effects of vegetation on temperature and sound transmission.

Katherine Travis. MS Student. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: A multiscale assessment of habitat connectivity on chestnut-bellied scaled quail populations.

Undergraduate Students

Vianka Trevino. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: The thermal effects of grazing.

Daniel Woolsey. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: Northern bobwhite quail response to grazing and other disturbances.

Michael Kalisek. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: Disease sampling and blood lead levels of black and turkey vultures. *Graduated December* 2022

Autumn Coronado. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: Urban ecology of Texas tortoises. *Graduated December 2021*

Tristan Lozano. Department of Range and Wildlife Sciences. Research Project: Vulture roost dynamics in Kingsville, Texas. *Graduated December 2020*

LIST OF COURSES TAUGHT

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

WSCI 6390 Data Management and Visualization

RWSC 4319 Methods in Range Ecology

RWSC 3310 Wildlife Techniques WSCI 6381 Population Ecology

Oklahoma State University

NREM 1014 Introduction to Natural History (Teaching Assistant)

The University of Tennessee

FWF 415 Upland Habitat Management (Teaching Assistant)

Non-Academic

2016-Present Instructor for Conservation Leaders for Tomorrow