

# 2023 Annual Environmental Science Retreat

April 25, 2023 • 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
FPL Manatee Lagoon • Main Room  
6000 N Flagler Dr • West Palm Beach

## Agenda

- 1:00 - 1:15 **Welcome, Dr. Tiffany Roberts Briggs**  
Director, Environmental Science Program
- 1:15 - 1:20 **Dr. Valery Forbs**  
Dean, College of Science
- 1:20 - 1:25 **Dr. Colin Polsky**  
Director, Center for Environmental Studies
- 1:25 - 1:30 **Rachel Shanker**  
Conservation Liaison and Educator, Manatee Lagoon
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Keynote Address, Cara Capp**  
Senior Everglades Program Manager  
National Parks Conservation Association  
*“Restoring America’s Everglades”*
- 2:30 – 3:30 **Panel Discussion**  
*From class to career: A panel discussion engaging students and professionals*  
**Jennifer Jordan Báez**, Supervisor, Ecosystem Management  
Department of Environmental Resources Management  
**Richard Botta**, Environmental Scientist  
South Florida Water Management District  
**Stacy Buck**, Senior Marine Biologist  
Coastal Protection Engineering  
**Dr. Cory Callaghan**, Assistant Professor  
Ft. Lauderdale Research & Education Center. University of Florida  
**Dr. Gregory Mount**, Assistant Chief Resilience Officer  
Broward County Resilient Environment Department
- 3:30-5:00 **Student Poster Session and Social**  
Poster judging will be held from 3:30-4:30  
Winners of the 2023 *Charles E. Roberts Environmental Science Research Award*  
will be announced April 26 on the Environmental Science website  
<http://science.fau.edu/envirosoci/>

**Cara Capp** is a double alumna of Florida Atlantic University and has spent more than a decade working to protect and restore the Everglades. As a senior program manager with the National Parks Conservation Association – a 1.7 million member national conservation nonprofit – Cara’s mission is to safeguard Everglades National Park and the surrounding landscape and waters for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations. She works at the intersection of science and policy to advance key restoration projects to improve the quality and flow of water entering the Southern Everglades and the Florida Keys, including critical habitat for numerous endangered species and water quality that is critical to Florida’s public health, economy, and environmental legacy.

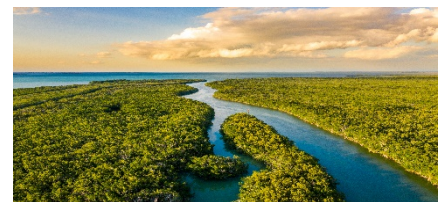


Since 2010, Cara has served on the Board of Directors of the Everglades Coalition, an alliance of 50+ conservation nonprofits working collaboratively to protect the Everglades. In this leadership position, she spearheaded creation of a scholarship program to welcome college students from across the country to attend the Everglades Coalition’s annual conference to learn about Everglades restoration from scientists, agency leaders, and policymakers. She regularly leads student trips into Everglades and Biscayne National Parks, working to engage young conservationists in environmental policy work.



Cara works closely with national leaders in Congress and the U.S. Department of the Interior to support high-level Everglades restoration funding, including last year’s historic announcement of \$1.1B for Everglades restoration authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Her advocacy was also instrumental in advancing restoration projects like the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir and the bridging of Tamiami Trail to allow for more clean, freshwater to flow into Everglades National Park.

Cara’s talk will focus on the history of the Everglades, status of restoration projects, and the important role that future scientists and environmental advocates will play in safeguarding the Everglades.



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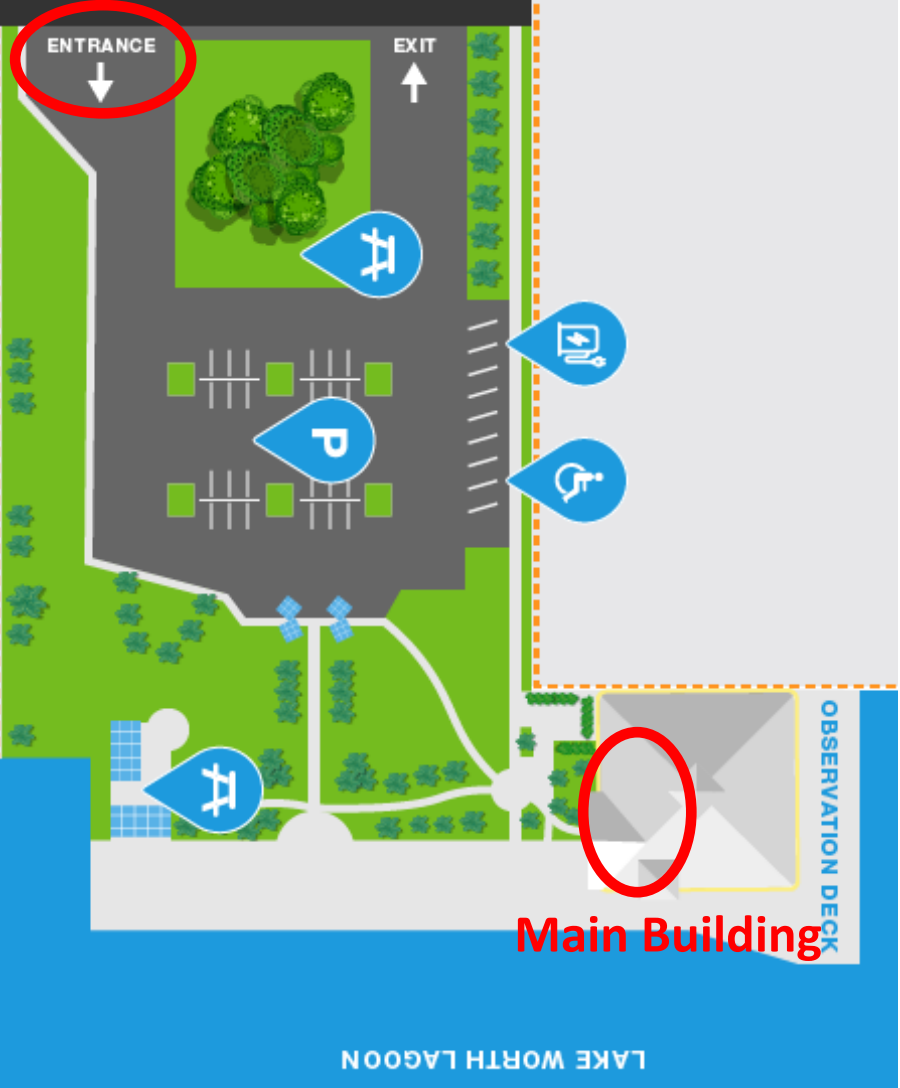
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ENTRANCE

EXIT

KEY

- Manatee Lagoon Parking
- Charging Station
- Handicap Parking
- Picnic Area
- Solar Trees
- Solar Pavilions
- Property Boundary



Main Building

LAKE WORTH LAGOON