



## LAURA TALBERT

### *Coordination Associate: Gulf Center for Equitable Climate Resilience*

Laura Talbert, coordination associate with the Gulf Center for Equitable Climate Resilience at The Water Institute, brings extensive experience in environmental conservation and public policy to the Institute's Gulf Center for Equitable Climate Resilience.

#### COMPANY ROLE

Coordination Associate

#### PROJECT ROLE / FOCUS AREAS

Group Facilitation

Community  
Engagement

Project Management

Public Policy

#### EDUCATION

MA, Governance,  
Development, & Public  
Policy, University of  
Sussex, 2023

MSc, Conservation &  
Rural Development,  
University of Kent,  
2019

BS, Biology,  
International Studies  
Minor, University of  
Kentucky, 2016

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for  
Conservation Biology

Talbert has brought her passion for combining natural science and social science for better community engagement and scientific outcome. Her work has taken her around the world, and now she is applying lessons learned to challenges in the United States and specifically the northern Gulf of Mexico region.

Laura received her bachelor's degree in biology with international studies minor at the University of Kentucky. Laura received her first master's degree in conservation & rural development from the University of Kent, where she conducted a mixed methods study on predator deterrents in the Indian Himalayas with the Snow Leopard Conservancy – India Trust. She completed her second master's degree in governance, development, & public policy at the Institute of Development Studies, where she conducted a state policy analysis for her dissertation. Laura previously worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for two years in the National Wildlife Refuge System as a Natural Resources Planner where she co-managed the region's effort to complete all habitat management plans for National Wildlife Refuges.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-Present: Coordination Associate, The Water Institute

2020-2022: Natural Resources Planner, US Fish and Wildlife Service

2019-2020: Environmental Programs Manager, Keep Prince William Beautiful

2018: Research Technician, Atlas Golden Wolf Project, Azrou, Morocco

2018: Research Technician, Kluane Red Squirrel Project, Yukon Territory, Canada

2017: Leadership Resident, Harpswell Foundation, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

2016-2017: Biology Teacher, Takpittayakhom School, Tak, Thailand



## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

1. Nery Silva, L., Diederichsen, A., Talbert, L., Leslie, S., & Black, S. (2022). Insights into Leadership, Gender, and Organisational Effectiveness Revealed by Benchmarking Conservation Programmes against the Conservation Excellence Model. *Open Journal of Leadership*, 5(4).
2. Talbert, L., Leslie, S., & Black, S. (2020) Use of predator controls to address human wildlife conflict. *International Journal of Avian and Wildlife Biology*, 5(1).