

## Arbor Day Webinar

Friday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m.



### FAU Webinar Hosts



**Alana Edwards**, Education & Training Coordinator, Florida Center for Environmental Studies

Alana Edwards has worked for Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies (CES) since 1999. In her 20+ years with CES, she has worked on a variety of projects, such as serving as lead facilitator for dozens of teacher training workshops throughout south Florida, including workshops focused on the Everglades, Climate Science, and Ocean Energy Technology. Since 2005, she has served as the Robert J. Huckshorn Arboretum Project Manager. Alana is a three-time graduate of FAU (undergraduate: Spanish; graduate: Environmental Science; graduate: Geosciences). In her spare time, she volunteers for the [local chapter](#) of the North American Butterfly Association (NABA), heading up the Palm Beach County yearly butterfly counts.



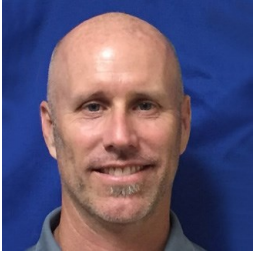
**Cara C. Perry**, Asst. Vice President of Communication

Cara Carlton Perry is the Assistant Vice President of Communication for Florida Atlantic University's Northern Campuses, which include Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in St. Lucie County and John D. MacArthur Campus at Jupiter. She has enjoyed 17 years of service at FAU in various external relations roles. She is a member of Leadership Florida and an appointed member of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. Cara also serves on the St. Lucie Economic Development Council board of directors and the Palm Beach North Chamber's Executive Trustee Council. Cara received her bachelor's degree in communication from Florida State University and her master's degree in university administration from the University of Central Florida. She is a proud fifth-generation Florida native and resides in Martin County with her husband Paul and son Will.



## Featured Speakers

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**Barrett Cruce**, Natural Resources Supervisor, Town of Jupiter

Barrett has been fortunate enough to work in his dream job twice. After serving his country in the US Navy, Barrett attended the University of Arizona, graduating with a BS in Environmental Science, with a focus in Soil and Water Science. After moving back to Florida, Barrett worked as a biological consultant for several years prior to accepting a position with the Town of Jupiter. He first worked at the Town of Jupiter as the Natural Resources Program Supervisor from 1999 through 2005, before moving with his family to Costa Rica. Returning to Florida in 2012, he worked in the landscaping industry for a few years and then was able to rejoin the Town of Jupiter in 2015 where he currently works as the Natural Resources Supervisor. He is an ISA Certified Arborist and is also working to obtain his certification as a Natural Areas Manager. Barrett lives in Tequesta, Florida with his wife and daughters.



**Jeff Nurge**, Owner, Native Choice Nursery

Jeff Nurge is the owner and founder of [Native Choice Nursery](#), a company devoted to the practices of consulting and creating sustainable landscapes through the selection of local indigenous plants. Jeff has been a South Florida resident for over 45 years. He is a Master Gardener graduate (2009) and current Director at Large for the Palm Beach County's chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. Jeff is also on the Board of Keep Palm Beach Beautiful and Community Greening. Jeff is a public speaker and promoter of native plants giving lectures on various topics throughout Palm Beach County.



**Steve Vecchio**, Certified Arborist/ Owner, Only Trees

Steve has spent his entire adult life right here in South Florida. He graduated from Palm Beach State College in 1981 with a degree in business and a minor in hospitality. After an extensive career in the restaurant business and several years as an automobile auctioneer, Steve desired a change; he wanted to continue to work with people, but he wanted to do something tangible. He started working with Only Trees LLC as a grounds man in 1999. He soon discovered his passion for trees. He began to learn everything he could about trees and tree care, becoming an ISA Certified Arborist in 2003. Soon after, he bought the company. Only Trees LLC has been Accredited by the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) since 2008. Only Trees currently employs 47 full-time employees including 4 ISA Certified Arborists and 3 TCIA Certified Treecare Safety Professionals (CTSP's.)



**Daniel Turbet**, Sr. Vegetation Specialist, FP&L

Daniel Turbet has lived in Florida for 30 years and in Palm Beach County for 21 of those years. He earned his B.S. in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism from University of Florida in 2005. After graduation, Daniel worked as a park ranger with the Florida Park Service for 6 years. He's been a Utility Arborist with Florida Power and Light since 2012. He is also an ISA Certified Arborist. Daniel lives in Jupiter, Florida with his wife and two children.