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Before joining Biltmore, Dr. Ted Katsigianis earned Masters and Ph.D. degrees in animal science at Penn State and worked as a livestock extension specialist at the Universities of Kentucky and Maryland. In the past three decades, he has overseen the vineyards, the estate's production gardens, and much more. Today, "Dr. Ted," as he's affectionately known, serves as Vice President of Agriculture and Environmental Science and is in charge of raising antibiotic and hormone-free beef and lamb served in estate restaurants.

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Dr. Darin J. Waters is an Assistant Professor of History and Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Community Outreach and Engagement at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where he teaches courses in American history, North Carolina history, Appalachian history, African American history, and Brazilian history. He also specializes in the history of race relations in both the United States and Latin America.

Dr. Waters received his doctorate from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2012. Dr. Waters's research focuses on the history of African Americans in Asheville and Western North Carolina. More recently, Dr. Waters has written about issues surrounding the construction of the nation's collective historical memory, exploring the impact that that memory has on the present. In his role as Special Assistant to the Chancellor of UNC Asheville, Dr. Waters works closely with community leaders and organizations to strengthen old and build new partnerships for and with the university. For the past three years, he has successfully organized a major conference on the history of African Americans in Western North Carolina and Southern Appalachia. The conference has grown to become a major annual event for the university. Dr. Waters is also the co-host of The Waters and Harvey Show, a weekly radio program that airs on WCQS, the local NPR/public radio station in Asheville.

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A specialist in environmental law's attempts to integrate both natural science and societal values, Dr. Knisley has a Ph.D. in Philosophy (Values and Social Policy emphasis) from University of Colorado and a Master of Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School. Prior to joining Warren Wilson, Dr. Knisley was a faculty member and department chair at Colby-Sawyer College in New Hampshire and served as senior vice president at Unity College in Maine. Dr. Knisley's teaching and research blends environmental ethics, political theory, and the law. Dr. Knisley's academic work is complemented by practical experience as a small-scale organic farmer and as a founding board member for the Chemtronics Superfund Site Community Advisory Group. She is a western North Carolina native and currently lives in Asheville with her husband and daughter.

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Leslie J. Winner is a lawyer with a 42-year career of public service in North Carolina. She currently works with non-profit organizations on strategic planning and on issues related to justice, public education, and bridging divides. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, as Vice President and General Counsel of the University of North Carolina, and as a member of the North Carolina Senate.

Winner is engaged in many civic leadership roles, serving as the co-chair of the NC Leadership Forum, an effort to increase bi-partisan dialogue and cooperation; as co-chair of the board of the NC Justice Center and vice-chair of the board of MDC, organizations that work to promote equity and reduce poverty in NC and the US South; leading a local interfaith scriptural reasoning group; as Vice President of Durham's Beth El Congregation as well as chair of its Interfaith Working Group; and as a member of the Governor's Commission for a Sound Basic Education ("the Leandro Commission").

During Winner's three terms in the North Carolina Senate, representing a portion of Mecklenburg County, she served as Majority Whip, Education/Higher Education Committee co-chair, Appropriations--Education Subcommittee co-chair, and Judiciary Committee vice-chair. Winner has also served for three years as General Counsel of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education. Winner worked for 16 years as a public interest trial lawyer. As a partner at Chambers, Ferguson, Watt, Wallas, Adkins & Gresham, P.A. she served as lead attorney on cases involving voting rights and other civil rights issues.

Winner received an A.B. from Brown University and a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law. She is a native of Asheville, NC.

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Chuck has also had extensive experience lobbying both tax and other legislation in the North Carolina General Assembly. He was elected three times to the North Carolina General Assembly, serving from 1995 to 1999 as a member of the House of Representatives. During his tenure, he served as chairman of the House Judiciary II Committee, a member of the House Finance Committee, and as co-chairman of the Revenue Laws Study Committee of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Chuck served two years on active duty as an officer in the US Navy, achieving the rank of captain in his subsequent Naval Reserve service. He served as senior warden of the Christ Episcopal Church Vestry, on the board of trustees of St. Timothy's School, as president of the Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and as president of the Rex Hospital Foundation. He is past chairman of the Triangle Land Conservancy and is on the boards of the

School of Government Foundation, UNC Chapel Hill, the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation, and the Dix Visionaries, a group dedicated to the preservation of the grounds of the Dorothea Dix Hospital as a destination park. He is a member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference.

Chuck received his A.B. from the University of North Carolina, with honors, in 1965. He received his J.D. from Duke University School of Law in 1970.

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Jason currently serves on the board of directors of the Buncombe County Schools Foundation, the Asheville-Buncombe Economic Development Coalition, Asheville-Buncombe Chamber of Commerce, and the Asheville United Way, and is Chair of the Haywood County Economic Development Council a member of the Haywood County Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Monica, and their two sons, Ethan, 14, and Nicholas, 10, live in Arden, NC.

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Shannon Arata is a lecturing fellow at the Duke Environmental Law & Policy Clinic, where she teaches law to masters and Ph.D. students and represents environmental nonprofits in litigation matters affecting environmental justice communities. She also serves on the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, although she'd note that the views expressed during LNC's Environment session are her own.

Shannon previously worked as a county planner in California, with a focus on outreach to under-represented communities not fully benefiting from county services. She now resides in Durham with four cats and one human.

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As a first generation college student, Dave Ellum wasn't sure what to expect when he began his college education. It didn't take long before he fell in love with learning and later on to understand his passion for teaching. Growing up in southern New England, Dave always had an affinity for forests and a curiosity about how they functioned. He now works with students to understand how to best protect forests while maintaining their ecological, economic, and social values. Through his classes, research, and the Forestry Crew, they investigate management practices focused on non-timber forest products — especially medicinal plants, agroforestry techniques, and maintaining biodiversity through natural regeneration methods. The Warren Wilson College Forest is an incredible resource and vibrant living classroom for this inquiry and a wonderful place for students to begin their professional careers as natural resource managers.

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Paul Bartels is a self-described biophilist. E.O. Wilson coined the term "biophilia" to capture the innate need for nature that is a basic part of being human. To Paul, every life form, no matter how gruesome (think tapeworms, flukes, and the corpse flower of Borneo), is beautiful and awe inspiring. He first fell in love with biology when he jumped into Bahamian waters with scuba gear, but the courtship started long before, growing up in small town Southern Illinois, about as far from the ocean as you can get. Over the past 15 years, he has focused his attention on under-appreciated microscopic life, particularly the mighty tardigrades or "waterbears." These poorly studied animals have completely won him over, and sharing discoveries of new species in microscopic worlds with a bunch of eager, hardworking Warren Wilson students has been a complete joy.

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Bill Holman is NC State Director of The Conservation Fund. He directs The Conservation Fund's conservation acquisitions program in NC. His current projects include advocating for North Carolina's conservation trust funds in the state legislature, establishing a new wildlife management area for elk and other species in Maggie Valley, working with water and electric utilities to protect water quantity and water quality, and working with communities to build green stormwater infrastructure.

Holman directed Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions state policy program from 2007–2012. He served as Governor Jim Hunt's Secretary of the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources from 1999-2000 and as Assistant Secretary from 1998–1999. He worked as Executive Director of the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund, a water quality financing program, from 2001–2006.

The Water Environment Federation presented its Outstanding Contributions to the Water Environment for Non-Members Award to Holman in 2014. The NC Wildlife Federation added Holman in its Conservation Hall of Fame in 2018.

Holman graduated magna cum laude with a BS in biology from NC State University in Raleigh in 1978. He completed hiking the Appalachian Trail in 1975.

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Scott Stone is the president of Charlotte-based American Engineering, a regional civil engineering, planning, and survey firm. American Engineering is one of the fastest growing companies headquartered in the Charlotte area. In 2016 it was named a Fast 50 company by the Charlotte Business Journal, which ranked it as the 5th fastest growing company.

Scott is a former member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, where he represented southern Mecklenburg County. He served on several key committees where his technical background provided valuable input on a variety of policy issues, including: Energy and Public Utilities, Environment, and Transportation. He was appointed by Speaker Tim Moore to serve on the House Select Committee on North Carolina River Quality, which investigated potential contamination caused by discharge of the chemical GenX in the Cape Fear River. He has also served in the past on the Environmental Review Commission.

Scott has a degree in civil engineering from Clarkson University and an MBA from Marymount University. He is licensed as a professional engineer in 8 states including North Carolina. He is the father of two college-age daughters who attend UNC Chapel Hill and NC State University.

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Grady started as the NC Conservation Network's Policy Analyst in December 2000 and has served as Policy Director since 2007. He holds a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley (1993) and a BA in History and Economics from Yale University (1990). Before joining the NC Conservation Network, he worked for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (1994) in Annapolis and the National Wildlife Federation in Washington, DC (1994-2000). He has worked and written on water quality, water quantity, and growth issues, and he was named 2016 Water Conservationist of the Year by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

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Recently, John is a Founding Partner of One Better Ventures, a social impact firm that advises and invests in mission-driven consumer goods companies. He serves on the Boards of Seventh Generation, Leesa Sleep, Cree, Beautycounter, and BEST NC. He is an active environmentalist and champion of social entrepreneurs. He and his wife, Kristin, are celebrating 25 years of marriage and they are proud to have raised four smart, strong daughters with big hearts.

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Krieg Dosier has over 7 years of business experience managing millions of funds with a diverse team of scientists, engineers, architects, builders, investors, granting agencies, and strategic partners. Her background includes sustainable material development from prototype to commercialization and environmental architecture.

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