



GEER 2017

Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration
Advancing Science, Restoring the Everglades

Please read this important recap of details.

Meeting Location & Host Hotel:

Coral Springs Marriott: 11775 Heron Bay Blvd,
Coral Springs, FL 33076; PHONE: 954-753-5598;

Parking, guest room internet and access to the fitness center is FREE for GEER guests who used the group reservation link. Here's an [interactive map](#) to generate custom driving directions to the hotel.

Tax Exempt Status Reminder:

If you wish to be exempt from taxes on lodging, you must present a Florida sales tax exemption form at check in and pay with a government ID issued by the same organization listed on the form. **Check with your host organization with questions about travel and tax exempt status.**

Program & Abstract Document Links:

[Final Program & Abstract Book](#)

[DETAILED PROGRAM AGENDA](#)

[DETAILED POSTER DIRECTORY](#)

Conference Registration:

We're open Monday, April 17 from 4–7pm and Tuesday–Thursday from 7:30am–5:00pm in the hotel conference wing. *To be environmentally friendly, we no longer print abstract books and we're not giving out totes so bring one with you if you like to use one.*

[Click Here to view a list of registered attendees.](#)

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Two workshops will be held 10am – 5pm on Monday, April 17 - Engaging Stakeholders and Carbon Cycling. A few seats are still available for a nominal fee of \$25. To enroll, call 352-294-3576 and ask for Kim Brand. She'll adjust your registration.
<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/GEER2017/workshops.html>

Sponsors:

You can set up your displays from 4–7pm on Monday, April 17. If you arrive earlier in the day – check with us at registration. You may be able to set-up early. All displays must be removed by 9pm Thursday, April 20.
http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/geer2017/sponsor_display.html

ATTENTION Speakers:

Please turn in your PowerPoint file no later than 24-hours prior to your talk at the AV Download Station next to registration. **NOTE: If you are not arriving until the day of your talk, please email your PowerPoint file to Ms. Tessa Gray at: tgray@gopearsontechnology.com.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to view **Presenter Instructions**.

ATTENTION Poster Presenters:

Session One Move-in is Monday, April 17, 4-7pm.

Session Two Move-in is Wednesday, April 19, 12-1:20pm.

Poster Display Instructions are posted [here](#).

ATTENTION: During Tuesday PM & Thursday AM Poster Sessions, stand at your posters per the detailed instructions posted [here](#).

This is the primary opportunity for attendees to meet with you and ask questions about your work, so please be available during the appointed time.

MODERATORS & VOLUNTEERS:

Remember to join us for the briefing meeting on Monday, April 17 at 5:15pm in the Ibis Room at the Marriott, so we can provide an overview of mics, equipment and important details. Please review [Moderator Responsibilities](#)

ATTENTION Licensed Engineers & Certified Professionals
A Record of Attendance Log will be maintained at the Conference Registration Desk. Sign in and sign out each day to create a record verifying your daily attendance. After the conference, we will email you a "Certificate of Attendance" indicating the actual number of contact hours you accrued.
[CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY - \$20 HEAD SHOTS

Tired of searching for a high resolution picture of yourself that can be used in print for interviews and bios? Our conference photographer, [Alex Quijano of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL](#) will be available during breaks and networking functions to take your picture and **give you a professional head shot for just \$20 – cash or credit card. Want it retouched? It's just \$10 more.**

Some Portrait Do's and Don'ts from Alex:

- Don't wear very dark clothing.
- Do wear simple attire - avoid busy prints.
- Don't wear shirts without sleeves
- For women, use just a touch of make-up (eyes and lips); small jewelry works best.

NETWORKING FUNCTIONS – MEET & CONNECT!

Join us Monday from 5pm–7pm on Breeze’s Terrace

at the hotel for an informal Welcome Networking Social. Early morning, mid-day and afternoon networking breaks will be held in the Poster & Sponsor Display Area.



A buffet lunch is provided Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, served in the poster hall, the restaurant and on the back patio (Breeze’s Terrace). A Vegan/Vegetarian Buffet Station will be set up during evening socials and daily lunches. For those attending a Monday workshop, the hotel is offering a lunch buffet special in the restaurant.

Consult the [agenda](#) for detailed times of all activities.

Free Wireless Internet:

Registration includes free wireless throughout the conference center. **The password is: GEER2017**

Communications Board:

A board will be located in the ballroom foyer so you can post grant, internship and job opportunities or share news with colleagues. Looking to hire someone? Seeking a new position? Bring job postings or copies of your resume to share.

Want to organize an impromptu meeting?

A small room that holds up to 22 people u-shape is blocked for impromptu meetings with colleagues and co-workers attending the conference. A sign-up sheet to reserve space is posted on the Message Board in the foyer. *No audio visual equipment is provided.*

WEATHER REPORT:



It will be sunny and in the high 80’s during the day, and cool and breezy in the evenings.

Meeting rooms are usually chilly, so wear long pants, and bring a sweater or jacket if you get

cold easily. Here’s the extended forecast:

<https://weather.com/weather/tenday//USFL0559:1:US>

PHOTOCOPYING

If you plan to distribute copies of anything to conference participants, we recommend you bring a sufficient supply with you. We expect close to 500 attendees.

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

FOLLOW US on Twitter @GEERConference and use the hashtag #GEER2017 when you tweet about us. Like us on Facebook to see GEER posts!

Be sure to join us at the [Closing Keynote](#)

Thursday, April 20, 2017 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

We are excited to bring you a keynote presentation by best-selling author **Michael Grunwald**, a senior writer for [Politico Magazine](#) and the Editor-at-Large of POLITICO’s new public policy site, [The Agenda](#).

Stay for a **BOOK SIGNING** and meet the author.

Both of the following books will be available at \$20 each (cash only please).

The Swamp - *The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise* - New York Times Bestseller

The New New Deal - *The Hidden Story of Change in the Obama Era* - New York Times Bestseller

Last but not least. . . If you are commuting, please arrive at the hotel in time join us for breakfast, and to be seated before sessions begin at 8:30am.

Oh, and remember – poster session two is right after breakfast on Thursday from 8:30am – 10:15am so please arrive in time to fully participate.

See you next week in Coral Springs!

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