



President: Shasta Kamara is a PhD student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Her research focuses on differences in Paddlefish across their wide latitudinal range and aims to inform the conservation and management of the species. To do this, she has combined laboratory and field studies to provide insight into the influence of thermal variation on Paddlefish stress response, post-release behavior, life history traits, and performance. Warming environments may pose a threat to Paddlefish recovery after enduring capture stressors, and alter their long-term adaptive capacity.