Most Exciting Project or Discovery
Small streams are tightly linked to forests and the larger river network through the inputs of leaves and wood from trees on river banks. Unexpectedly, I found that the slimy, biofilm layer on submerged wood in aquatic ecosystems can be an important food source for some invertebrates.

When did you know you wanted to be a scientist?
As a kid, I spent a lot of time in streams and lakes catching aquatic animals and identifying them with books borrowed from the library and a homemade microscope. I learned much about aquatic animal identification, behavior, and life history which led to a career in science.