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2015 UF Water Institute Faculty Fellow

The UF Water Institute Faculty Fellow Award program recognizes UF faculty who are making outstanding contributions to interdisciplinary water research, extension, or education programs, as well as substantial contributions to the goals of the UF Water Institute.

Dr. Clark is widely sought-after throughout Florida as an expert on wetland ecosystems. Dr. Clark’s research program addresses wetland ecology and water quality, and his extension work focuses on using wetlands to improve water quality and ecological function, with a focus on Low Impact Development practices. He has been a key member of many UF Water Institute projects, including the recent peer review of the Suwannee River Water Management District’s proposed Minimum Flows and Levels.

Dr. Clark is also recognized for his excellence as a classroom instructor and mentor of graduate students. He teaches a broad suite of water-related courses including, for example, South Florida Ecosystem Services, and several courses about wetlands, including Wetlands and Water Quality and a seminar in Wetlands and Watersheds. He currently serves as the major advisor for 7 graduate students, who all speak very highly of him. Here’s what students have to say about Dr. Clark:



“In terms of mentoring, I have realized how much trust his clients have in him. It makes me yearn to be that trusted by my clients if I am an extension agent/specialist. That is what brings about behavioral change.”
 -Graduate Student



“Dr. Clark has had a tremendous influence on my research, extension and teaching methods. Rather than do things quickly, he is more concerned with doing things properly and making the greatest impact possible. Most importantly, his work is dedicated to providing usable, applied, informed and impartial research evidence and guidance to concerned parties, no matter their ‘side’.”
 -Graduate Student



“Working with Dr. Clark as an advisor is an adventure in scholarship. Each conversation reveals some new insight of a holistic connection or nuanced detail that furthers curiosity. He is a true scientist, devoted to the integrity of natural landscapes and the reality of sustainability with exceptional generosity.”
 -Graduate Student

