**BRIAN CHILD, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, University of Florida

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### Career Objective: Intellectually challenging role that contributes meaningfully to conserving wildlife and promoting social justice and rural livelihoods in economically marginal environments in Africa.

**Research objective**: inter-disciplinary research (ecology, economics, management, institutions, governance) that bridges scholarship and practice in conservation and development.

### HONOURS:

**Rhodes Scholar 1984, Zimbabwe**

### EDUCATION:

**B.Sc. (Honors) 1983 University of Zimbabwe,** Agricultural Economics, 1st Class Pass

**D.Phil. 1988 University of Oxford, Departments of Ecology & Forestry** Ecology/economics of wildlife/ livestock in rangelands

### AWARDS & SERVICE RECOGNITION

2022- Councillor for Africa, IUCN

2020 South Africa Minister’s High-Level Panel on Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Rhino

2014-2018 Biodiversity Panel Member, Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, GEF

2012 Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Studies Fellowship

2010 UFRF Research Foundation Professor

2008 International Teacher of the Year, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida

2002-2008 Chair IUCN-Southern African Sustainable Use Specialist Group

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

**2004- present: Professor, University of Florida,**

**Centre for African Studies and** **Department of Geography**

* **Teaching:** Taught / developed 10 course on people and conservation, developed field practicum Masters in Sustainable Development Practice, Developed UF in Africa Study Abroad, Developed lifethroughwildlife off-book training for Africans
* **Students:** PhD Chair (10 complete, 5 on-going, 37 Committees), Masters (16 + 10 Committees)
* **Higher Education for Development** Grants:
  + Masters in Sustainable Development Practice. MacArthur Grant UF $1,096,415,
  + USAID/HED “Transforming CBNRM Education Southern Africa” 9 African partners, $600,000
  + NORHED “Improving the governance and economics of …conservation” $3.4m, 4 partners
* **Research Grants:** 
  + National14 = $4,687,006 (NSF, NASA, TNC, DFID, etc.);
  + Internal grants 4 = $131,500,
  + Grants for African partners 3 =$4,375,000.
  + In-kind funding for 150 students/African professionals field projects, summers 18 years
* **Voluntary teaching / training:** African Leadership University Rwanda, Masters in Conservation Biology University of Cape Town, Environmental Masters Stellenbosch University, Southern African Wildlife College, Community groups in Botswana, Zambia, Mozambique etc.

**Career prior to academia**

**2002-2004 Independent Consultant in Lusaka**

* Anti-poaching Kafue NP, 3 years, cut poaching 80% (World Bank/NORAD),
* Protected area financing and management (World Bank, Norway, UNDP, SANParks).

**1989-present Independent Consulting**

* Economics, governance, and organizational management of Protected Areas and community conservation
* Led / participate over 66 consultancies (Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Kenya, South Africa) Egypt, Uganda, Mozambique, global; World Bank, USAID, Norway, UNDP, GEF, DANIDA, WWF, TNC, PeaceParks Foundation)

**2002-2008 Chair, IUCN-Southern African Sustainable Use Specialist Group**

* Managed high-impact regional stakeholder network of over 150 professionals, officials, communities, scholars
* Coordinated southern African approach at international conservation forums including World Parks Congress, IUCN World Conservation Congresses, etc.
* Developed four books encapsulating southern Africa’s innovative conservation approach
* Initiated use of theatre as a communication tool at international and local level
* Raised $1.3m from Norway and Ford Foundation, and managed this funding

**2002-2004 SEED Project, Kafue National Park, Zambia**

* Used performance pay and adaptive management to reduce poaching by 75%+ at a quarter of projected costs

**1996-2002 Technical Advisor, Luangwa Integrated Resource Development Project, Zambia**

* Established highly successful CBNRM programme for 70,000 people
* Restructured failing South Luangwa National Park, performance management systems, commercial viability

**1995 Chief Ecologist, Department National Parks & Wildlife Management, Zimbabwe**

* Supervised 30 research scientists and field stations

**1989-1995 CAMPFIRE Coordinator, Department National Parks & Wildlife Management**

* Led National CAMPFIRE Programme, managing inter-agency and international cooperation
* Developed systems for governance, private negotiations, performance management, etc.

**1989-1995 Economist and Game Ranching Coordinator, DNPWM, Zimbabwe**

* Provided research/extension advice to pioneering game ranch sector that expanded 6-fold

**Publications (1985-2011)**

* Books/Edited Books (8), Journal special Editions as Editor (1), Book Chapters (36), Publications in Refereed Journals (35), Non-Refereed Publications and Published Monographs (9), Published Working Paper Series (8), Key Reports for Government Agencies (24), Major Consultancy Reports and Policy Documents (Primary Author) (33), Published Workshop and Conference Proceedings (8), Conference and Workshop Presentations (Unpublished) (list of 90+), Consultancy Reports (total) (60+), Contributions to Documentary Film, Radio, Theatre (14+)