

# So, you want to go to grad school?

## Navigating the process

### Science and Mathematics

### Colloquium Series

**Wed., Oct. 14, 3 p.m.**

**Zoom link: <https://asu.zoom.us/j/99112840824>**

Professor Steven Saul will discuss what students interested in pursuing graduate degrees in biology, ecology, natural resource management, and related fields can expect in a graduate program. Topics will include:

- 1) What to expect: your roles and responsibilities as a master's and doctoral student
- 2) Course work: what and how much to expect
- 3) Who is your boss? how to research and select an advisor/mentor
- 4) Admissions: tips and tricks to greatly improve your chances
- 5) The vow of poverty: how to pay
- 6) Research: the fun part
- 7) Writing and publishing
- 8) Challenges, obstacles, and words of wisdom

Steve Saul completed his undergraduate work at the University of Richmond in environmental science and music. He then received his PhD in marine biology and fisheries, and a master's degree in marine affairs and policy from the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School for Marine and Atmospheric Science.

After graduate school, Dr. Saul worked as a research fisheries assessment biologist for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Miami, where he conducted stock assessments on commercially important reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico and provided management advice to regional management bodies. He then worked as a senior research scientist for Nova Southeastern University, where he was a Khalid bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation Fellow. During this time, Dr. Saul contributed to the Global Reef Expedition by using remotely sensed and ground-truthed data to develop depth elevation and habitat maps of coral reefs for resource managers in Small Island Developing States. His research interests include using quantitative tools and a systems-based approach to support natural resource management.

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*Faculty and practitioners discuss their current research and field projects in the Science and Mathematics Colloquium Series, held throughout the academic year at ASU's Polytechnic campus. All seminars are free and open to the public.*