

Brigette completed her B.S. in General Biology at Drury University and her M.S. in Plant Science at Missouri State University. During undergrad, she identified equal interest in plants and genetics, and then combined the two in her M.S. thesis research exploring the genetics of leaf shape morphology in grapes. She also has a life long interest in conservation and is a member of the Missouri Master Naturalists. She comes to SLU and the Missouri Botanical Garden to pursue a PhD in Plant Conservation Genetics as the 2016 Needleman Fellow. She will be co-advised by Dr. Allison Miller at SLU and Dr. Christine Edwards at Missouri Botanical Garden. Brigette is very excited to join both labs and hopes to use a novel approach to research the genetics of plasticity in a species of conservation concern. In her free time she enjoys being active outdoors, especially hiking, floating, and camping with her dogs.