



WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE

Welcome, Carrie Pike

Carolyn "Carrie" Pike has accepted a position as regeneration specialist for the Northeastern Area's Forest Management Program. She has extensive experience with tree breeding, conducting applied research, and with establishing and analyzing common garden studies. Her primary duties will be delivering technical assistance to State nurseries in the Northeast and Midwest, and providing advice on genetics and restoration programs nationwide through the Reforestation, Nurseries, and Genetic Resources program. Her credentials include an extensive list of publications, presentations, and professional memberships.

Dr. Pike previously worked at the University of Minnesota where she spent over 15 years running the daily operations of the Minnesota Tree Improvement Cooperative from the Cloquet Forestry Center. More recently, she served as Director of Operations at the center and the Hubachek Wilderness Research Center (Ely, MN) while completing her Ph.D. in Natural Resources Science and Management at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul. Her dissertation project on white spruce included studying the effects of simulated winter warming on early season phenology, along with an evaluation of phenotypic and physiologic traits of seed sources selected for improved growth.

For her Master of Science at the State University of New York, Syracuse, her primary thesis project was characterizing black oak decline on Long Island, NY, and her secondary project was studying growth, blister rust, and weevil incidence in eastern and western white pine provenance trials. While earning her Bachelor of Science in Biology at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, she spent a semester at the School for Field Studies, Center for Rainforest Studies, in Queensland, Australia, where she studied seedling recruitment in riparian versus interior rainforest types for her student project. She has also volunteered at the Genesis II Cloudforest Preserve near Lima, Costa Rica.



Carrie Pike is the new regeneration specialist with the Northeastern Area's Forest Management Program. (Photo: Courtesy of Carrie Pike)

When not working, Carrie enjoys hiking, biking, camping, canoeing, playing Frisbee with her springer spaniel, and any other outdoor-based kinetic activity with her family.

Joining the Forest Service staff will be a change of pace for Carrie. She will be based at Purdue University where she may not get to use her snow shoes, mukluks, and cross-country skis.

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