

# Tracy Ann Graziano

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Tracy Graziano owns Moonfire Film Productions in Erie, PA. Moonfire Film Productions (MFP) is a science, wildlife and natural history documentary film company that is dedicated to accurate science communication. MFP recently completed a zebra mussel control training film for Pennsylvania Sea Grant, an avian documentary for the Presque Isle Audubon Society, and four public service announcements for the Northwestern Pennsylvania County Conservation Districts. The Sea Grant film will help recruit and train volunteers for their Monitoring Network, which keeps track of the invasive mussel in Pennsylvania's waterways. "Wings, Sand & Song" is a film on the habitats and birds at Presque Isle State Park, and premiered at the 2008 Migratory Bird Festival at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle. The Conservation District PSA's will air on WJET, the local ABC affiliate. They will inform the public on a different conservation issue each week. MFP is currently contracted to operate the Big Green Screen at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. Tracy also assisted the Science North film crew at Presque Isle State Park for the "Mysteries of the Great Lakes" IMAX film, which premiered in May of 2008. She is currently active on the Presque Isle Partnership Environmental Research Committee, the Presque Isle Audubon Society Board of Trustees, and the 32<sup>o</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children Board of Governors. Tracy has also completed a documentary for the Regional Science Consortium, which plays on a continuous loop at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Tracy Graziano holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in Science and Natural History Filmmaking from Montana State University. She completed two films for the National Science Foundation's EPSCoR program, and worked on her thesis film in Yellowstone National Park, Algonquin Provincial Park, and Presque Isle State Park. Presque Isle State Park has committed to using the film in the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle. Tracy was awarded grants from the National Science Foundation and the American Wildlife Research Foundation for her thesis film. She also worked with Batwin & Robin Productions on the Presque Isle Orientation Film as a local guide and expert to the park. In addition, Tracy also recorded sound for the film production. Tracy was a teaching assistant for Cell Biology at Montana State University for three semesters.

Tracy graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in December of 2000 with degrees in Environmental Science-Biology and Applied Media Arts-Cinematography. Tracy acted as an intern supervisor at Presque Isle State Park in Erie, Pennsylvania. Here, she developed and implemented a plan for 2000 and 2001 to control invasive plant species. She was awarded the Pennsylvania Biology Student of the Year by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists and a recipient of the Franks G. Brooks Award from Beta Beta Beta (*BBB*) for undergraduate scientific research on coyotes. She was an Associate Member in *BBB*, a national biological honors society. Tracy has given many lectures about her research on *Canis latrans* for DCNR Administration and Staff, visiting groups to Presque Isle State Park, three *BBB* meetings. The Stull Interpretive Center at Presque Isle has also hosted Tracy as a speaker six times for public lectures. She has twice presented her graduate work at Presque Isle's Environmental Research Symposium, as a lecturer for the Visiting Scientist Series at Presque Isle, at Penn State – The Behrend College, and three times as a guest speaker at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.

She served two and one-half years as the Scholar-In-Residence on the Science, Management, Technology and Business Living and Learning floor on Edinboro campus. Based on her field observations at Presque Isle, Tracy produced a twenty-minute video on Canis latrans at Presque Isle. From October 2000 to July 2001, park staff, Edinboro and Gannon Faculty and students assisted Tracy in trapping and radio collaring two coyotes on Presque Isle. She received a grant from the Presque Isle Partnership to complete this work on C. latrans, a newcomer to the park. This project was designed to involve students and faculty of Edinboro and Gannon; and strengthen the working relationship with surrounding universities and Presque Isle. Carrie Duafala, a graduate student at Edinboro University, is currently in the process of revamping Tracy's scientific research on coyotes at Presque Isle State Park.

Her undergraduate courses included biology and geology, ornithology, ecology, mammalogy, genetics, organic evolution, botany, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and an independent study in biology. As a film student, she enrolled in four film courses, basic courses in art, drawing, painting, four photography courses, ceramics, and many art history courses. Tracy attended a course at the International Wildlife Film Festival with Jeffery Boswall in April of 2000 where she earned credits toward her film degree.

Tracy's major goal in film production is to educate about the importance of biodiversity and environmental ethics. Her interests include hiking, camping, birding, reading, travel, culture, and religion.

#### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

July 2007	NW Pennsylvania Conservation Districts	\$2,000 Film Project Grant
June 2007	Presque Isle Audubon Society	\$17,500 Film Project Grant
June 2007	Regional Science Consortium / DCNR	\$5,000 Film Project Grant
May 2007	Regional Science Consortium /	\$10,000 Film Project Grant PA Sea Grant
June 2006	Regional Science Consortium / DCNR	\$7,000 Film Project Grant
June 2005	Regional Science Consortium / DCNR	\$10,000 Film Project Grant
January 2005	Montana State University	\$3,000 Departmental Scholarship
August 2003	Montana State University	\$2,000 College of Graduate Studies Scholarship
June 2003	Montana State University	\$473 Departmental Scholarship
May 2003	American Wildlife Research Foundation	\$2,000 Thesis film grant
January 2003	Montana State University	\$2,837 Scholarship
August 2002	Montana State University	\$2,917 Scholarship
August 2002	MT National Science Foundation EPSCoR	\$10,000 Thesis film grant
January 2002	Montana State University	\$3,232 Discovery Channel Scholarship
August 2001	Montana State University	\$1,500 Departmental Scholarship
January 2001	ADVEST, Inc.	\$1,000 graduate school scholarship
January 2000	Presque Isle Partnership	\$1,000 coyote research

## AWARDS

Nov 2006 American Conservation Film Festival “Chasing Coyotes” official selection  
May 2006 International Wildlife Film Festival “Spirit Dog” Honorable Mention in Animal Behavior  
April 2006 Reel Women International Film Festival “Chasing Coyotes” official selection  
July 2005 Michael Brinkman Award Fellowship to attend the Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival  
Feb 2004 Big Sky Documentary Film Festival “Japan’s Lost Wolves” official selection  
June 2003 Science & Natural History Film Festival Best Science Film, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
May 2000 Beta Beta Beta (BBB) Frank G. Brooks Award for Scientific Research  
2000 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists (CPUB) Biology Student of the Year

## LECTURES

November 2006 Edinboro University, Environmental Biology Guest Speaker  
November 2005 Penn State Erie – The Behrend College, Field Zoology Guest Speaker  
October 2005 Regional Science Consortium Annual Environmental Symposium  
October 2005 Edinboro University, Environmental Biology Guest Speaker  
Sept 2005 Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Presque Isle State Park Visiting Scientist Series  
November 2004 Edinboro University, Environmental Biology Guest Speaker  
August 2004 Stull Interpretive Center, Presque Isle State Park Regional Research Consortium  
August 2003 Stull Interpretive Center, Presque Isle State Park Public Lecture  
August 2003 Stull Interpretive Center, Presque Isle State Park Regional Research Consortium  
2002 Stull Interpretive Center, Presque Isle State Park Public Lecture  
2001 Stull Interpretive Center, Presque Isle State Park Public Lecture  
2001 Stull Interpretive Center, Presque Isle State Park Public Lecture  
2001 Stull Interpretive Center, Presque Isle State Park Management & Maintenance Staff  
2001 Albion, PA, Beta Beta Beta Induction Ceremony Guest Speaker  
2000 Gannon University Tri State Undergraduate Science Research Competition  
2000 Edinboro University Beta Beta Beta Induction Ceremony Keynote Speaker  
October 2004 Edinboro University Environmental Biology course Guest Speaker  
October 2003 Edinboro University Environmental Biology course Guest Speaker  
2000 Moraine State Park, Franklin, PA DCNR Region 3 Meeting

## FILM CREDITS

May 2008	Moonfire Film Productions, Erie, PA Writer, director, camera, editor	<u>Wings, Sand &amp; Song</u> 70 min 2008 Migratory Bird Festival
April 2008	Moonfire Film Productions, Erie, PA Co-writer, director, camera, editor	<u>Conservation District PSAs</u> 4 x 15 seconds WJET Green Tip of the Week
November 2007	Moonfire Film Productions Writer, director, camera, editor	<u>Stemming the Tide</u> 20 min 2007 PA Zebra Mussel Summit
May 2006	Moonfire Film Productions, Erie, PA Writer, director, camera, editor	<u>The Regional Science Consortium</u> 8 min Tom Ridge Environmental Center
June 2005	Batwin & Robin Productions, New York, NY Production Assistant, Soundperson, local guide	<u>Presque Isle Orientation film</u> 10 min Tom Ridge Environmental Center

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May 2005	Moonfire Film Productions, Erie, PA Writer, director, camera, editor	<u>Spirit Dog</u> 57 min National Park Service Presque Isle State Park Algonquin Provincial Park
May 2005	Moonfire Film Productions, Erie, PA Writer, director, camera, editor	<u>Chasing Coyotes</u> 13 min
July 2004	MT EPSCoR Final editor	<u>On The Frontier</u> 60 min MT PBS
Dec 2003	MT NSF EPSCoR Writer, director, camera, editor	<u>Japan's Lost Wolves</u> 7 min MT PBS
August 2002	MT National Science Foundation EPSCoR Camera, sound, editor	EPSCoR Promo 5 min National Science Foundation
April 2002	Montana State University camera	<u>Portrait of a Montana Artist</u> 11 min
1999	-- Writer, director, camera, sound, editor	<u>Coyotes at Presque Isle</u> 20 min
1998	-- Writer, director, camera, sound, editor	<u>Soal</u> 2 min

### SPECIAL COURSES

July 2001	Animal Handling Techniques USFWS - NCTC	Mark Johnson, DVM, course instructor Shepherdstown, West Virginia
April 2000	Wildlife Filmmaking International Wildlife Film Festival	Jeffery Boswall, course instructor Missoula, Montana State University

### VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

May 2008 – current	Presque Isle Audubon Society Board of Trustees – Program Coordinator
July 2007 – current	Presque Isle Partnership Environmental Research Committee
January 2007 - current	“TREC on the Wild Side” Wildlife Film Festival Coordinator, Erie, PA
September 2005, 2003, 2001	Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, Jackson Hole, WY
April 2003	International Wildlife Film Festival, Missoula, MT
July 2003	Discover Presque Isle, Erie, PA
April 2002	International Wildlife Film Festival, Missoula, MT
September 2001	Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival, Jackson Hole, WY
July 2001	Discover Presque Isle, PA
July 2000	Discover Presque Isle, PA
1986-89	Asbury Woods Nature Center, Erie PA

### RESEARCH

2000-1	Presque Isle Partnership Invasive Plant Program Director, Erie, PA
1999-01	Coyote tracking, trapping and radio telemetry, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA

### TEACHING POSITIONS

Spring 2002-Spring 2003	Cell Biology Lab Instructor Montana State University- Bozeman Carol Johnson, Associate Professor
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