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**100 Years of Natural Parks:
The Role of Citizens in Protecting and Managing U.S.
National Parks**

A presentation by Dr. Gillian Bowser

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Eastfield College-Room C-135A

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Dr. Gillian Bowser

Dr. Gillian Bowser is an adjunct professor and Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit Liaison for the National Park Service in the Departments of Wildlife and Fisheries Science, Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences, beginning her second year at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Bowser comes from a federal research background with a successful career of obtaining grants and training wildlife biologists.

A native of Brooklyn New York, Dr. Bowser has worked at eight different park locations as an ecologist or wildlife biologist from the wilds of Washington DC to the tae parklands of Wrangell St. Elias National Park and Preserve, Alaska.

Dr. Bowser's current research interests include changing demography around national parks, All Taxa Biodiversity Inventories (ATBI) using citizen, science, and conservation of protected populations within parks.

Dr. Bowser also exhibits ceramic sculptures that are mostly based on mythological themes of African American heritage and she has been in three group shows in Houston and one solo show in College Station, Texas.

Dr. Bowser is an active member of the Black Faculty Alliance (Texas A&M University), Ecological Society of Americana, Society for Conservation Biology, and American Association for the Advancement of Science.

She serves on the boards of several non-profit organizations including the George Wright Society, Thicket of Diversity (Big Thicket Association), and Discover Life in America.

She is one of the founding members of the ATBI Alliance that works with parks and protects areas on all taxa biodiversity surveys using citizens.

Dr. Bowser is also a Sloan Foundation Faculty Mentor for minority students interested in pursuing doctorate degrees in the natural science. She is also an elected fellow to the Royal Linnean Society of London.

