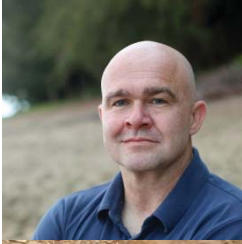


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**DR. MATTHEW DEMPSEY** – Dr. Dempsey earned a Bachelor’s in English from UCLA, a Master’s in Biology at the University of North Texas, and a doctorate in Higher Education at Texas Tech. He has been an adjunct instructor in Biology at North Lake and Collin College for 14 years, teaching labs/lectures in majors and non-majors biology, botany, and microbiology. He is also the Dean of the Mathematics and Science Department. He has worked with the Hawaiian Field Studies Program since 1999.



**DR. LEN KUBICEK** - Dr. Kubicek has been a geology faculty member at North Lake College for the past thirty five years. He joined the Hawaiian field Studies team in its second year. He has participated in a number of short courses in geology in Hawaii and has a broad background in field work in the western United States. He has also offered field courses in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, Alberta Canada, and Alaska. He was profiled by CBS DFW in discussing the recent earthquake activity in Irving, Texas.



**LARONNA DOGGETT** – Laronna earned a Bachelors in Science from Texas A&M University at Galveston with a double major in Marine Biology and Marine Fisheries. She teaches Biology and Aquatic Science at Coppell High School. She has taught Biology Labs at North Lake College since 2012, including the Hawaiian Field Studies Course.



**KATE JENKINS** – Kate Jenkins earned her Masters of Fine Art degree in photography from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2008. She has taught Photography at North Lake College since 2009. She teaches a variety of classes at North Lake including four successive levels of photography and topical classes. She is also a part of the Cuba Field Studies Program at North Lake College. She desires to incorporate her love of travel and adventure in her personal work, and help students visually articulate their own experiences.



**AMANDA MELLO** – Amanda Mello earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Biology from UNT, and a Master’s of Science in Secondary Education with a focus in Biology at Texas A&M Commerce. She has been an adjunct instructor in Biology and Chemistry at North Lake, Collin College and Grayson College for 5 years, teaching labs/lectures in majors and non-majors biology, botany, anatomy & physiology, microbiology, geographic information systems and chemistry. She is also the Science Learning Center Coordinator at North Lake which provides free tutoring for all science classes. We highly recommend visiting them and utilizing this resource during our pre-trip period.