



In your own words, describe your job here at Ohio State.

My job is focused on advancing the university's resource stewardship goals. Most of my workdays are spent aligning university operations with the Zero Waste Goal, which aims to achieve a 90% diversion rate through recycling, composting, waste prevention, and reuse.

What do you love most about Ohio State?

Leadership in environmental sustainability.

What is your favorite memory as a staff member at Ohio State?

Any time with Heidi Shortridge, administrative assistant extraordinaire.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Hiking, kayaking, beating my "athletic" boyfriend at pickleball.

What is something that most people don't know about you?

We can trace one side of our family to 13th century England. Two of our 16th century ancestors were hanged for fomenting a rebellion against the Crown.

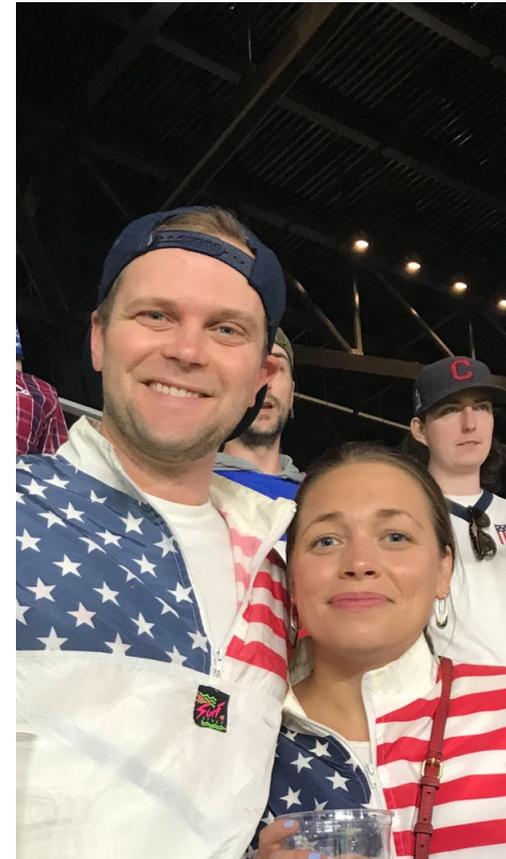
What is your favorite quote, TV show, movie, or book?

The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nathan Fielder's HBO Docuseries *The Rehearsal*.

Nominators: Aparnal Dial

Nominators' remarks:

"Mary's dedication has spurred growth in the culture of sustainability at Ohio State. Through her leadership and expertise, the university's landfill diversion rate increased from 27% when she was hired in 2017 to more than 35% in 2021. She not only strives to make continuous and strategic improvements within her department, but also serves as a key collaborator for other organizations on campus, helping to secure grant awards, skillfully removing roadblocks to create positive change, and launching new programs. Mary's impact at Ohio State extends beyond annual improvements to waste reduction; she has supported colleagues with achieving goals and mentored many students who now have fulfilling careers in the environmental sector. Mary is a pleasure to work with and an invaluable member of the Buckeye community."



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