

**Tuesday, January 26: 11:30 am until 12:00 pm; Virtual/Rm 313**

## **Kristina M. Delaski, DVM, DACZM Class of 1999**



Dr. Kristi Delaski is the Associate Veterinarian for the Department of Conservation Medicine at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia. Her primary role at SCBI is to maintain the health and well-being of the animals housed at the breeding and research facility. Kristi also performs her own clinical research, supports the research activities of others, and trains veterinary students and residents.

Before joining SCBI, Kristi taught veterinary students as a Clinical Practitioner for the Zoo Medicine Service at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital and served as the Associate Veterinarian at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. She started her zoo medicine career as the Veterinary Intern at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens after a year in private small animal practice at the Anne Arundel Veterinary Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She has published papers in peer-reviewed journals in a variety of topics including red panda pathology, avian pharmacology, and parasitology.

Dr. Delaski earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-Veterinary Medicine/Biology from The University of Findlay in 2003. She then earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Tufts University, in North Grafton, Massachusetts in 2007.

Kristi married Jeff Brown in 2017, and adopted a shepherd mix named Tali last year, both of whom have been essential support. In 2018, she achieved a long-time professional goal of becoming a Diplomate of the American College of Zoo Medicine, officially becoming a zoo medicine specialist. In her free time, she enjoys reading, hiking, and playing video games.

At Carroll High School, Kristi's favorite memories take place in the costume room or backstage as she was very active with the Freedom Players. She also enjoyed home football games, senior Spanish, and AP English with Mr. Hemmert.

***Carroll High School Activities:*** Choir, Drama, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Muse Machine, National Honor Society, Ohio Math League, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, Swing Club, Write-On