Jennifer West has been the Training and Engagement Coordinator with the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve since 2005. In this position, she develops and delivers training events and technical assistance programs for municipal officials and other decision-maker audiences on topics related to water quality, habitat protection, and climate change. Jennifer has expertise in program design, management, and evaluation; communicating science to diverse audiences; meeting facilitation; and planning and implementing collaborative methods for engaging stakeholders in successfully addressing environmental issues. She provides facilitation assistance to a variety of groups, from municipal advisory committees vetting and adopting new zoning ordinances to strategic planning for conservation groups. Prior to her position at the Reserve, Jennifer worked as an environmental educator for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, was a Marine and Environmental Teaching Fellow through URI's Office of Marine Programs, and held positions at RI Sea Grant/URI Coastal Resources Center and the Audubon Society of Rhode Island. Jennifer has a MS in Environmental Sciences from the University of Rhode Island and a BS in Environmental Biology from the State University of New York College at Oneonta.

Dr. Christine Baumann Feurt served as the Coastal Training Program Director for the Wells Reserve through spring of 2024. She is now pioneering a new role as Coastal Resilience Scientist. Dr. Feurt is also a Research Associate with the School of Marine and Environmental Programs at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. Her interdisciplinary work uses Collaborative Learning to engage partners working on shared goals for clean water, diverse habitats and resilient coastal ecosystems.

During 2020 Chris served on the Marine and Coastal Working Group of Maine's Climate Council to develop the four year Climate Action Plan, "Maine Won't Wait." She also worked with over a dozen National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) professionals to develop the "Resilience Dialogues" training course for people who facilitate collaborative research to benefit coastal communities and ecosystem resilience.

Beginning in 2021, Dr. Feurt will work with a national team of NERR scientists looking at climate change impacts in tidal marshes to develop science-based best management approaches and communication tools. She will also be working with the partners of the Saco Watershed Collaborative, hosted by the University of New England, to implement action plan strategies to protect drinking water and build resilience to climate change impacts in this largest watershed in southern Maine.