

Dr. Ron Chandler
Biosketch

Dr. Ron Chandler is currently an Assistant Instructional Professor for UF Department of Psychology and the department's Undergraduate Coordinator. He has Bachelor of Science from Stephen F. Austin State University in Aquatic Biology and Wildlife Science, a Master of Science in Limnology and Aquatic Chemistry from Texas State University, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from Walden University. He teaches classes in the Psychology of Sustainability, Social Psychology, and Positive Psychology. His principal area of interest is "understanding and describing the role of human dignity in education, communication, and research for sustainability. It is his contention that to the extent that we resolve factors negatively affecting individual and societal experience of dignity it is to that extent that we can create and maintain a sustainable human ecology. He was inspired to choose psychology as his final career "...by the need to understand and "answer" the question "Why do we do what we do to ourselves and the planet?" and to employ that answer to inform individuals in ways that encourage them to treat themselves, others, and Earth with greater respect. Ron is also cofounder and president of Conservation Initiative for the Asian Elephant (CIFAE) a 501 (c)3 (2000). CIFAE's mission is to "identify issues of critical importance to the sustainability of the Asian elephant and the peoples sharing its habitat."