

## Meet your Trip Leaders:



**Professor Declan McCabe** is an ecologist specializing in aquatic habitats. His teaching and research interests are broad and include projects on aquatic insects, freshwater fish, and aquatic mussels. He hails from the midlands of Ireland and brings a unique perspective to this study trip. He is particularly excited to introduce Saint Michael's College students to the biology of his native island.



**Professor Hideko Furukawa** was raised and educated in Kyoto, Japan and taught Japanese language and culture at Saint Michael's College for 29 years before retiring in 2015. She led three successful Academic Study Trips to Japan with SMC students in 2013, 2019 and 2021. Many of Professor Furukawa's former students are now living and working in Japan at different professional positions and levels. She has lifelong personal and academic interests in Japanese art.



**Professor Trevien Stanger** is an instructor of Environmental Studies here at St. Mike's. He teaches courses around themes of wilderness, justice, watersheds, ethics, and ecological restoration. When not teaching and bringing students to our various outdoor classrooms, Trevien loves hike, camp, and garden with his wife and young daughter at their small homestead in the foothills of the Green Mountains.



**George Ackerman** is a second-year graduate student at Saint Michael's College, where he is pursuing a Master's in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and serving as a Graduate Assistant for the Institute for the Environment. On campus, he helps facilitate field trips for local schools and community partners who use the college's outdoor learning spaces. George is also studying Japanese, with the long-term goal of living in Japan and teaching English. Outside of his studies and work, he enjoys snowboarding, golfing, and fishing.