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Melissa Caspary is an Assistant Professor of Biology at Georgia Gwinnett College.

She was awarded her degree from the Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia in 2011. Since then she has been teaching botany, environmental science, and biology to undergraduate students in Georgia.

Melissa Caspary has served as a Conservation Ecologist in the Research Department of the State Botanical Garden and was the Curator of Conservation Collections at the State Botanical Garden throughout her graduate career.

Melissa Caspary's research interests include biogeographic change due to climate change and disturbance, plant conservation and restoration, and science education. She has published and presented on native plant propagation and habitat restoration in the Southeastern United States, regional landscape disturbance, and the role of problem-based learning in science education.

In 2007, she was awarded the Beattie Fellowship from the Garden Club of America and the Center for Plant Conservation for her research on threats to native plant communities in granite rock outcrop systems. She has also received research grants from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Institute for Museum and Library Sciences, the Botanical Society of Georgia, and the Georgia Native Plant Society, and was awarded an outdoor classroom service award by the Environmental Education Alliance of Georgia.