



## David FitzSimmons

Photographer & Writer

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### Biography

David FitzSimmons is a free-lance photographer and writer as well as a Professor of English. David photographs and writes for various magazines, including *Ohio Magazine*, *Popular Photography & Imaging*, and *Shutterbug*, numerous newspapers, and online publications, including *PopPhoto.com*. He currently is at work on a handful of books, including *Animals of Ohio's Ponds and Vernal Pools* (Kent State University Press, 2010), *Waterfalls of Ohio*, and several children's picture books.

One of six Sigma Pro photographers in North America, David, publishes calendars with BrownTrout and Barnes & Noble. He presents public programs and workshops across the country, and his exhibit "Wild Wetlands" will stop at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History and the National Center for Nature Photography in 2009. Among other programs in 2010, he will lead a writing & photography workshop in Reno, Nevada, for the North American Nature Photography Association.

David, a former high school English teacher, has been teaching for over 15 years. He currently is an Assistant Professor of English at Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio. He holds a Ph.D. in English from Ohio State University, with a specialty in narrative theory—investigating the components of storytelling—something that influences his photography and writing. Besides teaching literature and composition courses, David is helping develop a Visual Studies program at Ashland University.

David was inspired to photograph and write about nature by his parents, Mick and Judy FitzSimmons, active environmentalists and life-long teachers, and he is assisted in his natural history endeavors by his wife, Olivia, a naturalist, and his 5 year-old daughter, Sarah, who on long hikes in the woods keeps her father's senses keen as she disappears into the underbrush, planning ambushes on her pack-laden pa.

To see more of David's work and to find out about upcoming programs and workshops, visit [www.fitzsimmonsphotography.com](http://www.fitzsimmonsphotography.com).