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Scott D. Klopfer is the director of the **Conservation Management Institute (CMI)**, a multidisciplinary research center within the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech. Klopfer was named director in January 2009 after serving as a research associate and coordinator of the Geographic Information System and Remote Sensing Division at CMI, and its predecessor, the Fish and Wildlife Information Exchange, since 1998. He has been very active in providing professional development courses for several state agencies in Virginia. His research interests include landscape ecology, wildlife management on small and medium-sized properties, and natural resource management administration.

Klopfer received his B.S. in environmental and forest biology from The State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse in 1993.

He worked as a park manager for the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center in Englewood, N.J., for a year before coming to Virginia Tech to pursue his master's.

Klopfer worked on the Virginia Gap Analysis Project during his graduate years and received an M.S. in wildlife sciences from Virginia Tech in 1997. His thesis research focused on developing landscape-scale climate estimation models for use in animal and habitat distribution modeling. After graduating, he took a research position with the ecosystem modeling unit of the U.S. Forest Service Northeastern Experiment Station in Delaware, Ohio, where he developed TabGen, a software program designed to provide various forest timber stand metrics from plot data.

Klopfer is a fisherman, hunter, birder, and musician originally from western New York State. He lives in Newport, Va., with his wife, Michelle, and their twins, Ryan and Madeline.

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