

PROGRAM ORIGINATORS

KIMPTON COOPER

Kimpton is a native of Jasper, TX and currently a graduate student at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (FES). Kimpton attended Tuskegee University where he received a degree in Forest Management. He also spent a year at Mississippi State University as part of Tuskegee's forestry and natural resource 3+3 program. He has worked for the US Forest Service in several capacities in both Portland, Oregon and Walla Walla, Washington. He has experience working with students in his roles with the Inner City Youth Institute (ICYI)- Portland, Oregon. Kimpton has served as a mentor for this program since 2002 and has been staff director and lead Forest Service representative to its governing body. Kimpton currently resides in New Haven, CT where he is an active member of the FES community. He serves on the school's Diversity and Inclusivity Committee and is the co-chair of the Multi-Ethnic Student Association. He will graduate with a Master's of Environmental Management in May of 2008.

DERRICK DEASE

A native of Taylorsville, Miss., Derrick began his environmental career as a forestry major at Jones Co. Junior College in Ellisville, Miss. After completing two years there, he went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resource Management and a Certificate of Environmental Affairs from Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins, Colorado. Derrick then enrolled in the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Management with a focus on economics, policy, and law. Currently, Derrick is an Environment, Health, Safety, & Sustainability associate with International Paper Company (IP) at its corporate headquarters in Memphis, TN. Among his many responsibilities, Derrick's job in entails supporting the company's EHS&S Center of Excellence with a special focus on air and water compliance and chemical management.