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I work for the City of Austin on the Salamander Conservation Team, which focuses on conservation of federally listed salamander species. My focus on the team is salamander habitat restoration projects, including the Eliza Daylighting Project that was completed in 2018 to restore stream habitat at Eliza Spring for Barton Springs salamanders.

Currently, I'm performing a study to evaluate the success of the stream restoration. I also work at our salamander captive breeding facility and am currently pursuing a project investigating courtship behavior of Barton Springs and Austin blind salamanders. Courtship behavior for these species has not been observed in the wild and may occur underground, as we believe that these salamanders reproduce underground. Finally, I am evaluating potential impacts of climate change to the salamanders.



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