



Bernadette Plair joined the staff at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden in 1991 as a Research Associate at the Center for Conservation & Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW). She received her B.A in Biology from the College of Mount St. Joseph and her M.S from the University of Cincinnati. She is an Adjunct Professor at Miami University of Ohio and received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the College of Mount St Joseph.

With support from the Cincinnati Zoo, Bernadette spear-headed the reintroduction of Blue and Gold Macaws to her native island of Trinidad & Tobago after they were extirpated from the island for almost 40 years.

Her passion for wildlife conservation, research and teaching positioned her to work in both the animal and plant divisions at CREW as well as instruct Zoo and Earth Expedition courses in Trinidad and Africa. She has hosted Zoo travel trips to Trinidad to see nesting Leatherback sea turtles and Blue and Gold Macaws in the wild and to Morocco to experience their exotic cultural traditions and wildlife. Bernadette and her husband live in Centerville, Ohio but take every opportunity to spend time with their two grand daughters in Maryland and a new grand daughter in Memphis, Tennessee.