

School of Earth, Environment, and Society Presents Winter 2026 Seminar Series

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Environmental Microplastics: What, where, and why you might care

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm. Vernier Science Center, room 105.

JAN. 08	INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS Allie Tissot, PhD Environmental Science and Management alumna
JAN. 15	THE MOTION OF PLASTICS IN THE OCEAN: AQUEOUS TRANSPORT OF MICROPLASTICS Kellie Teague, MS Research Analyst, Oregon Microplastics Analytical Research Center
JAN. 22	MICROPLASTICS IN AQUATIC AND MARINE ORGANISMS: WHAT WE KNOW AND WHERE WE'RE HEADED Susanne Brander, PhD Pew Charitable Trusts and Oregon State University with Lauren Kashiwabara, Graduate student, OSU
JAN. 29	MICROPLASTICS IN SOILS: LONG-TERM ACCUMULATION DUE TO LAND-APPLICATION OF BIOSOLIDS Markus Flury, PhD Professor of Soil Physics, Washington State University
FEB. 5	THE GLOBAL MICROPLASTICS CYCLE: LAND, SKY, SEA, & ME! Britta Baechler, PhD Director of Ocean Plastics Research, The Ocean Conservancy (ESM alumna)
FEB. 12	LESSONS FOR MANAGING EMERGING CONTAMINANTS IN TRIBAL LANDS Negonne Blair, MS Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
FEB. 19	LESSONS LEARNED FROM DEVELOPING AN ACCREDITED MICROPLASTIC LAB FOR DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS Win Cowger, PhD Research Director, Moore Institute for Plastic Pollution Research
FEB. 26	MICROPLASTICS AND HUMAN HEALTH Guest Speaker TBD
MAR. 5	SHOULD WE JUST GO NAKED? EXPLORING SOURCES TO SOLUTIONS FOR TEXTILE MICROFIBER POLLUTION Lisa Erdle, PhD Director of Science and Innovation, 5 Gyres
MAR. 12	SOLUTIONS AT EVERY SCALE: FROM PLASTIC-EATING MICROBES TO THE GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY Anja Brandon, PhD Director of Plastics Policy, The Ocean Conservancy

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