Greetings from AAG!

Welcome back to the start of spring term! Several IGERT students and faculty are participating in the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting— it’s great to see so much PSU representation. As a reminder, the next IGERT Student-Faculty meeting will be Friday, April 8th, 11AM-12PM in MCB 123. Robert Liberty, the new director of ISS will be joining us, please attend to help introduce him to the IGERT program!

This newsletter contains many important announcements and exciting opportunities for IGERT student and faculty. Don’t forget to send your news and opportunities to Mary Ann for future IGERT newsletters.

**Upcoming Dates**

- **4/8 IGERT Student-Faculty Meeting** 11AM-12PM, in MCB 123
- **4/8 The Greater Sage Grouse: A Tale of Cooperation** (Free Talk!) 2PM-3:30PM, in MCB 123
- **5/6 Dan Larson presenting on his research trip to Chile** 2PM-3PM, in MCB 123

**Action Items**

- **Fill out your NSF Annual Report:** Deadline April 11
- **Hold IGERT Committee Meeting:** For students who do not have an accepted dissertation proposal, you must have your annual IGERT committee meeting and report completed by end of June, 2016.
- **Update Award Info:** have you received any outside support, awards, etc? Update

**News & Updates**

**April Student-Faculty Meeting** We will meet Friday, April 8th at our normal time (11AM) in MCB 123. Robert Liberty, the new ISS director, will be joining us, please plan to attend!

**Brett Brownscombe**, former Policy Adviser for Gov. Kitzaber will be giving a talk, "The Greater Sage Grouse, a
123. This event is being put on by the student group, CARES (Communities Active in Resources, Environment, and Society) which is PSU’s student chapter of the International Association for Society and Natural Resources. Many IGERT students are members of this organization, come out and learn more!

**Summer Expectations:** Students still on stipend should be spending time researching and applying for funding. Students are not allowed to take a job while receiving stipend and there is no tuition remission in summer.

**Annual Report and Maresi Visit:** Students must complete their individualized annual report from NSF by April 11 (online). Save the dates for Maresi’s visit, she will be coming May 2, 3, &4 as well as May 6, 8, & 9. Maresi wants to meet with the Gerties and Swaggerts one on one and the other cohorts as a group.

**Travel Authorization:** You must have a travel authorization in place, fully approved, before you leave for travel if you want to be reimbursed for any amount of money. Email your advisor with details re your travel asking for approval (CC Kim). Work with Kim to purchase airplane tickets and/or to determine a budget if you want to purchase tickets yourself. Work with Kim to gather details re per diem, lodging, taxi, business purpose. Sign the completed travel auth. Kim will route the travel auth for other (up to three) approvals. This takes time as Kim has to get signatures from three different people.

**Update Award Info:** Please update any info regarding outside support, awards, etc. here.

**Publishing Fees:** If students have any publication related fees, please let Kim know. There may be funds to cover these costs.

**IGERT & USP Happy Hour IGERT** During Spring term, IGERT Happy Hour will rejoin Urban Studies students at Hot Lips Thursdays at 5PM.

**NSF Acknowledgements:** Any paper and/or presentation IGERT Fellows complete must explicitly acknowledge the support received from the National Science Foundation. The acknowledgement should appear at the bottom of the title page, and should read: This material is based upon work supported by National Science Foundation IGERT Grant #0966376: “Sustaining Ecosystem Services to Support Rapidly Urbanizing Areas. Any opinions, findings, and conclusions or recommendations expressed in this material are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Science Foundation.” If

**Update your Committee List:** As you move through the program, please update your committee list here.

**Lab / Field Equipment:** Be sure to reserve field equipment ASAP! Link here. Also, please email Mary Ann when reserving equipment so that we know to check in with you and can arrange a pickup time.

**Encumbering Research Funds** Don’t forget: if you are in your second or third year, you need to have a plan in place for how you will spend out your $10.5k research funds. This plan needs to be documented, with advisor approval, and in Kim’s hands by the end of your third summer in the IGERT program. Talk with Kim if you have questions.
presentation, please contact the IGERT Program Administrator for the PSU and NSF logos.

**Need Help? Planning to Hire a Student Worker?** Did you know you can use your research funds to hire a student worker? And at a recent event, the ISS/MCB first floor pollinator, questions came up as to how many opportunities for engagement exist. If you have opportunities (for example: hiring a student worker to do transcription work, data entry or field work) please let Kim know. Likewise, if you are seeking a student volunteer to help with your IGERT research, please let Kim know. There are many networking channels through ISS that she can help facilitate.

**ISS Shared Space Protocols** This is a friendly reminder to be a good officemate in ISS! Most importantly, wash your dishes! Also, be conservative with printing! Please review the attached memo for other guidelines.

**Comp Study Funds** Don’t forget that IGERT has comparative study funds available for both domestic and international projects. If you are not sure if your project fits under a "comparative" umbrella, or if you simply have an upcoming expense that doesn’t seem to fit in other boxes, contact Kim to inquire about whether comp funds or other sources could cover it.

**IGERT Publication List** Publications are pouring in! Check out our latest list of IGERT publications [here](#).

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**Critical Physical Geography Workshop**

IGERT Students Melanie Malone, Erin Looper, and Marissa
hosted by Dr. Rebecca Lave of Indiana University. The 3-day workshop took place in Berkely prior to the annual AAG meeting and focused on a new discipline called "Critical physical geography." Ten students from around the country were accepted and received support for travel. Each of the students submitted their dissertation proposals and received feedback from each other as well as from Dr. Lave and Dr. Engel-Di Mauro. Topics ranged from Melanie’s agricultural work to dimensions of outer space and oceans.

Critical physical geographies is a new interdisciplinary field at the forefront of synthesizing important critical social science theories and approaches with biophysical studies. Dr. Rebecca Lave has worked with a number of IGERT students and is well known in her field for advancing critical scholarship around ecological restoration. The group is already talking about organizing something again next year and would love to see more IGERT students involved.

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**IGERT Achievements**

**Diana Denham** received honorable mention for a student research proposal competition with the Latin America studies specialty group at AAG. **Amy Coplen** completed her dissertation colloquium. **Ariana Chiapella** received IGERT comparative funds to research alpine lakes in Austria. **Melanie Malone** was recently awarded research funding for more sampling equipment (a drone!) **Mary Ann Rozance** just passed her comprehensive exams! **Amy Coplen** and Dr. **Nathan McClintock** recently published a paper in the *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development* with co-authors, "Forging links between food chain labor activities and academics."

**Congratulations, Diana, Amy, Ariana, Melanie, Mary Ann, and Nathan!**

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**ESM 399: Urban Rivers Environmental Planning, Policy, and Activism**

Mary Ann Rozance, Melanie Malone, and Diana Denham are involved putting on the IGERT sponsored course, happening this spring term. There are 10 highly engaged undergraduate students enrolled from both social and natural science departments. We will be studying both the Portland Harbor and Duwamish River Superfund sites, taking field trips, hearing from guest speakers, and connecting these experiences to literature on planning, community development, and remediation.
The students will be posting articles, videos, podcasts, and more to the course blog:
http://urbanrivers.weebly.com/

Follow along with us as we explore these important issues!!

Resources

Link to ESUR-IGERT Student Handbook and Resources, including lab supply checkout list, newsletter archives, student/faculty meeting notes, committee progress report spreadsheet, research funding balances, funding opportunities, and student awards/achievements list. You must be signed in with your .pdx email account to access.

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tigert@lists.pdx.edu = second cohort IGERT students
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