2016 is coming to an end!

It's the end of the term and the calendar year! I hope everyone finishes strong.

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

Please read on about IGERT student activities here and in the IGERT achievement section below.
IGERT Students Erin Looper and Marissa Matsler are in Baltimore for much of December doing dissertation research on bioswales. As you can see, they got down and dirty in the name of science!

Erin writes

“Marissa and I spent almost 2 hours combing garbage out of this one bioswale! Whew, it was pretty gross. Let’s see, the weirdest things we found were vampire teeth, lots of diapers, and plenty of paraphernalia! We haven’t weighed the trash mass yet, but we got 7 big ol’ bags of garbage out!”

Good job Erin and Marissa!

Also, IGERT student, Sarah Kidd, and IGERT faculty member, Elise Granek, recently had a C4SI3 paper accepted in BioScience entitled “Incorporating socio-cultural phenomena into ecosystem service valuation: The importance of critical pluralism.” This paper was a direct result of combined efforts of the C4SI3 conference held last year. The full author list is as follows:

van Riper, Carena; University of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
Landon, Adam; University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources
Kidd, Sarah; Portland State University, School of the Environment
Bitterman, Patrick; University of Iowa, Geographical and Sustainability Sciences
Fitzgerald, Lee; Texas A&M University, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Granek, Elise; Portland State University, Department of Environmental Science and Management
Ibarra, Sonia; University of Alaska Fairbanks, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences
Iwaniec, David; Arizona State University, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability
Raymond, Christopher; Sveriges lantbruks universitet, Department of Landscape Architecture, Planning and Management
Toledo, David; US Department of Agriculture, Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

Congrats Sarah and Elilse!

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

Transcription Services: If you have plans to use a transcription service for research interviews, be sure to talk to Kim about setting up an account. The service Fiverr is now approved for transcription and can save you a lot of money.
IGERT student faculty meeting. Julius and Meredith provided the students with many insightful tips about hunting for jobs during the last year of the PhD. Be sure to open the notes from the last student faculty meeting to see what those tips are and please take advantage of them! The students that attended the meeting found their advice to be extremely helpful.

**Research Fund Spending:** Make sure you have a plan in place with Darrell for how you plan to spend any remaining research funds. Deadlines for spending are coming up and Darrell will reallocate spending money to those students that need the money for their dissertation research needs and to support IGERT functions.

**IGERT purchases of $1,000:** If you are planning to purchase equipment over $1,000 or if you have travel plans that will likely exceed $1,000, be sure to talk to Kim and get your travel authorizations and equipment requests in ASAP. All purchases and travel arrangements must be completed 90 days before the end of the grant project. This is a new restriction from our RSP grant manager. As our current end date is June 30th the deadline for purchases or travel over $1,000 would be March 31st.

**Winter Seminar:** The IGERT winter seminar series will be centered around the theme of climate adaptation this year. We have a diverse set of speakers lined up so far. See https://sites.google.com/a/pdx.edu/maxnp/courses/esm-407-507 for the most recent schedule. Notable speakers include Richard Norgaard, who will be lecturing at the Native American Center over dinner from 5:30 to 7pm on Wednesday, February 1st, and in the speaker series on Thursday, February 2nd from 4 to 5 pm. Please contact Melanie Malone and Max Nielsen-Pincus with any questions about the seminar.

**Desk Space:** Desks are being removed from the IGERT office space. Please make sure your personal desks are in order and talk to Kim if you have any questions.

**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.

**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.
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 you are creating a poster and/or a power point presentation, please contact the IGERT Program Administrator for the PSU and NSF logos.

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.

IGERT Publication List Publications are pouring in! Check out our latest list of IGERT publications here.

New Email Lists: Our IGERT listserves have been migrated from Mailman Lists to Google Groups, and the Mailman listserves will be deleted soon.

igertcore@lists.pdx.edu is now: igertcore-group@pdx.edu
igertfaculty@lists.pdx.edu is now: igertfaculty-group@pdx.edu
igertstudents@lists.pdx.edu is now: igertstudents-group@pdx.edu

Cohort specific lists are not being migrated and will be deleted. You can send messages and announcements to the new groups by sending an email to the new address or you can open google groups via apps icon in the top right hand corner of your pdx.edu email and post a message to the group that way.

Samantha Hamlin showcasing some of the job search tips from our guests at the December IGERT Student Faculty meeting.

Research and Travels

This past November, Mary Ann Rozance traveled to Japan for two weeks where she got engaged to fiancé David Mebane. Congrats to Mary Ann!

Samantha Hamlin spent the fall collecting interviews with agency employees in Oregon on floodplain management. She traveled to Eugene, Prineville, and Milton-Freewater and will be using the interviews for her dissertation to determine how different communities in Oregon decide to use different green and grey infrastructure.

Melanie Malone spent the fall collecting interviews with farmers and agency employees in Wasco County, Oregon. These interviews will be used in her dissertation research to determine how farm bill policies and conservation practices have influenced environmental problems in the area.
More pics of Marissa and Erin killing it in the bioswales of Baltimore!

Resources

Link to ESUR-IGERT Student Handbook and Resources, including lab supply checkout list, newsletter.
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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igertfaculty-group@pdx.edu = All IGERT Faculty (+Kim)
igerstudents-group@pdx.edu = All IGERT Students (+Kim and Darrell)

Link to ESUR-IGERT website. Check out faculty bios, student bios, recent publications, community partners, and more.

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