2017 is here!

It’s the beginning of 2017 and despite national turmoil and epic Portland snowstorms, the IGERT students are up to great work! See all of the impressive things that students have been accomplishing since the beginning of the New Year!

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 student Katie Conlon participated in and spoke at the NELIS (Next Leaders Initiative for Sustainability) in Kyoto and Omihachiman Japan the week of January 12-19.

NELIS focuses on leadership and innovation for sustainability through collaboration, and brought together 35 sustainability practitioners from 14 countries to participate in the 2 day conference (300+ Japanese attendees) and 3 days of closed session next-steps planning for the NELIS platform. The vision of
leaders around the globe—the brainchild of a group of Japanese business leaders who value triple-bottom-line visioning. Workshops in the conference included sustainable urban design; food security; empathy as a strategy for social change; the circular economy; social entrepreneurship; from strategy to action and implementation; alternative worldview and indigenous wisdom; sustainable investment; and co-creative learning and mindful communication.

IGERT student Sarah Kidd has been hard at work finishing her dissertation and recently made a video about her work on wetlands entitled “Unraveling a Mystery: Wetland Restoration and Non-native Plant Invasions.” Check out the video at https://youtu.be/EHEKzh_HQtE. Sarah is also presenting her past six years of work at a “Nature Matters” presentation on Thursday, February 9th in Astoria.

IGERT students Z. Grabowski and Marissa Matsler have a paper emerging from the C4S13 conference, which has been accepted with minor revisions (currently being processed by the editor) to the premier infrastructure engineering journal in the USA. The paper provides an interdisciplinary framework for the joint analysis and design of infrastructure system and starts a dialogue between the environmental and social sciences as well as the infrastructure engineering community. See the citation below.


Ashlie Denton is having a paper published entitled “Voices for environmental action? Analyzing narrative in environmental governance networks in the Pacific Islands” in the journal Global Environmental Change. Full citation to come soon.

Congrats Katie, Sarah, Z, Marissa, and Ashlie!
News & Updates

Kim Heavener has moved to CUPA! Kim has recently accepted a job as the Department Manager for the Department of Public Administration at PSU. While we’re sad in the IGERT group to be losing Kim full time, we’re glad that she will still be at PSU to help out part time with IGERT affairs. Be sure to attend the IGERT Student Faculty meeting on 2/3 and to read the email from Darrell about how Kim’s transition will affect you as faculty and students.

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/or Darrell to 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.

Other Research Spending and No-Cost Extension Details: The no-cost extension from NSF has been extended to August 31st. In the next couple of months Darrell will be contacting students with significant amounts of money remaining in their research fund accounts and comparative studies accounts to ensure that the money gets used, either by the student or for other student support. This extension means that there is a bit more time to spend out the research funds, but Darrell will be keeping a close eye on the funds and how students propose to use them.

Winter Seminar: The IGERT winter seminar series is centered around the theme of climate adaptation this year. We have a diverse and exciting set of speakers lined up for this term. See https://sites.google.com/a/pdx.edu/maxnp/courses/esm-407-507 for the schedule of speakers and online talks you can’t make it to in person. See ISS Events to see the speaker talk titles https://www.pdx.edu/sustainability/events. 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, Angela Strecker, or Max Nielsen-Pincus with any questions about the seminar.

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.
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 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.

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**IGERT Achievements**

**Mary Ann Rozance** passed her colloquium! Mary Ann passed her defense in January in the midst of the snowstorm that overtook Portland. Mary Ann also recently received an Anchor QEA Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to assist graduate students in fields related to water resources, surface and groundwater quality, coastal development, habitat restoration, and contaminated sediment.

**Melanie Malone** recently accepted a position as an Environmental Studies Professor at the Oregon Extension to start July 1. Melanie will be teaching on environmental contamination, critical physical geography, geospatial analysis, and setting up forest test plots in the Cascade-Siskiyou forest. She will also be leading students in community gardening and aquaponics gardening projects.

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In addition to the co-authored paper above, Z. Grabowski was part of a team which submitted a manuscript on biomarkers in Baltic sea cod. See the following:


Z. has also been working on a collaborative art-science project with PSU MFA sculpture student Isaac Weiss, now described and published on the situated urban political ecology blog. See http://www.situatedecologies.net/archives/1737

Congrats Mary Ann, Melanie, and Z!

An image from Z’s blog post.

Research and Travels

Amy Coplen was in Berlin for a workshop on Care, Ecology, and Sustainability hosted by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung foundation for social democracy. The workshop was for a forthcoming special issue of Feminist Economics and was attended by scholars from Germany, the UK, Costa Rica, India, and Peru. Amy and a colleague workshopped a paper titled "The Labor of School Lunch: Reorganizing Social Provisioning for a More Just and Sustainable Food System."

Erin Upton will be traveling to Tasmania for two weeks in March to continue her research on wine regions and climate change.

More pictures from Katie’s trip to Japan are below.

Nice work Amy, Erin, and Katie!
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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igertstudents-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.