Happy New Year!

Welcome back from winter break! I hope you all had a restful holiday. There are a lot of exciting things coming up this Winter term, including the IGERT-ISS Seminar series!

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.

IGERT-ISS Winter Seminar

ISS and IGERT have generously agreed to fund some travel for guest speakers to present at our winter Ecosystem Services Seminar- listed as ESM 507. The seminar will be Thursdays during Winter Term from 4PM-5PM in Cramer Hall 71 with informal happy hour at Laughing Planet (1720 SW 4th Ave) to follow. This year we have partnered with the USFS PNW Research Lab and PSU’s School of the Environment. Dr. Max Nielsen-Pincus will be the main instructor again this year, Mary Ann Rozance and Kim Heavenar will help facilitate logistics, and IGERT students will host speakers while they are on campus.

The seminar is open to all on campus and the public are welcome to attend. Lectures will also be video recorded and available for later viewing. We currently have 90 students enrolled! There will be additional break out sessions with these speakers. If there is someone you would like to connect with outside of the seminar, please contact

Upcoming Dates

1/8 IGERT Student-Faculty Meeting 11AM-12PM, in MCB 123
2/1 PSU Scholarship Deadline

Action Items

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 $10,500.
information about each speaker and to view future recordings, please visit the course website.

We look forward to seeing you at many of these wonderful events!

Winter Seminar Schedule:

- **Jan 14** Dr. Brian Chaffin, University of Montana (Missoula, MT)
- **Jan 21** Dr. Alan Ager, USFS RMRS (Pendleton, OR)
- **Jan 28** Dr. Nikola Smith, USFS PNWRS (Portland, OR)
- **Feb 4** Dr. Geoffrey Donovan and Dr. Sarah Joven USFS PNWRS (Portland, OR)
- **Feb 11** Dr. Tischa Munoz-Erickson, USFS (Phoenix, AZ)
- **Feb 18** Dr. Kai Chan, University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC)
- **Feb 25** Dr. Dale Blahna USFS PNWRS (Seattle, WA)
- **March 3** Dr. Morgan Robertson, University of Wisconsin (Madison, WI)
- **March 10** Dr. Stanley Asah, University of Washington (Seattle, WA)

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**News & Updates**

**January Student-Faculty Meeting** We will meet Friday, Jan 8 at our normal time (11AM) in MCB 123.

**March and April Student-Faculty Meeting Date Change**

We will be meeting March 11 and April 8 rather than the usual first Friday of the month. The time will still be 11AM-12PM in MCB 123. Please mark your calendars.

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

**PSU Scholarships:** There are many scholarships available at PSU-- both departmental and campuswide. The application is open and the deadline is **February 1, 2016**. Get started a.s.a.p. - especially with securing letters of recommendation! The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarship has several workshops for assistance on putting together your scholarship applications, dates listed [here](#).

**IGERT & USP Happy Hour IGERT** During winter term, IGERT Happy Hour will be at Laughing Planet (1720 SW 4th Ave) on Thursdays at 5PM following the IGERT-ISS Seminar.

**NSF Workshop** NSF's Faculty Early Career Development Program workshop being offered Jan 22nd. The career 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.

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Keep in mind, though, that it's usually newly appointed faculty that are eligible for this so would not be a near-term funding vehicle for your IGERT students. The registration deadline has passed, if you are interested, you should try to contact Karin Wriggle wrigglek@pdx.edu

**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 you are creating a poster and/or a power point 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.

**Traveling internationally?** Do your research on what Visa’s (and vaccinations!) may be required. Kim and the PSU travel agent are not experts on Visas.

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

Paul Manson authored a chapter in a book, *Ocean Solutions Earth Solutions* that was recently published. His chapter is titled, "Managing the Visual Landscape of Oregon’s Territorial Sea." Ashlie Denton recently attended *Earth Systems Governance: Democracy and Resilience in the Anthropocene* in Canberra, Australia.

IGERT Food and Equity

IGERT student Amy Coplan recently co-authored commentary: “Forging links between food chain labor activists and academics.” This work was based off of the Food Labor seminar she taught in the Honors College last winter (and will teach again this winter), and expanded from a panel she was on at the 2015 Association of American Geographers conference in Chicago. This commentary suggests opportunities for academics to engage with activists in urban food movements.

IGERT Student Jamaal Green was featured in *The Organian* alongside his co-authors, PSU Urban Studies professors, Dr. Greg Schrock and Dr. Jenny Liu. Their study found that although the Portland region’s food economy does span farm to table, it could be more equitable. Food economy jobs often pay far below Portland’s average.

Way to go Amy and Jamaal!
IGERT all Over the World

IGERT student Erin Upton was awarded IGERT comparative funds to examine overarching issues of wine and water in four distinct wine regions. Over the next six months she will be traveling to Napa, Ca; the Western Cape of South Africa; New South Wales, Australia; and Tasmania. Her research questions look at water resources related to wine industry practices; impacts on regional growth and development; and global climate change. Bon voyage, Erin!

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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Link to ESUR-IGERT website. Check out faculty bios, student bios, recent publications, community partners.
Link to **NSF IGERT website**. Find out about NSF IGERT events, recent publications and upcoming conferences, funding opportunities, etc. Create your own account in order to network, view job announcements, and access Adobe Connect (a great resource for viewing and recording presentations).

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