Greetings!

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of spring. We have a lot of exciting things going on, including opportunities to connect with several visiting scholars. As a reminder, the next IGERT Student-Faculty meeting will be Friday, March 11th, 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.

IGERT-ISS-SOE-USFS Winter Seminar

Please join us for our final two speakers for the winter seminar series.

Dr. Morgan Robertson, March 3

- Informal Discussion on Political Ecology, Neoliberal Natures, and Mitigation Banking Policy: 3/3 11AM-12PM in MCB 123 & 2PM-3PM in URBN 311
- Formal Seminar, "Stacking Ecosystem Services:

Upcoming Dates

3/3 Dr. Morgan Robertson Seminar 4PM-5PM, in CH 71
3/4 Group Discussion with Dr. Subhrendu Pattanayak 10AM-11:30AM, in MCB 123
3/10 Dr. Stanley Asah Seminar 4PM-5PM, in CH 71
3/11 IGERT Student-Faculty Meeting 11AM-12PM, in MCB 123

Action Items

Sign up for Spring term Dissertation-Proposal Boot Camp: Dr. Daveena Tauber will be working with IGERT students again this coming spring term. Contact Mary Ann for more information or to sign up.

Update Award Info: have you received any outside support, awards, etc? Update that information here...
Miscommunication*: 3/3 4PM-5PM in CH 71 with informal happy hour at Laughing Planet (1720 SW 4th Ave) to follow.

Dr. Stanley Asah, March 9 and 10

- Workshop on Q-Methodology, 3/9, 2PM-3:30PM in MCB 123
- Lunch discussion on human dimensions of wildlife, 3/10 12PM-1PM in MCB 123
- Formal Seminar, "Stakeholder Perceptions of Forest Ecosystem Services: Implications for Place-Specific Management and Policy": 3/10 4PM-5PM in CH 71 with informal happy hour at Laughing Planet (1720 SW 4th Ave) to follow.

The seminar series has been a great success, thank you to all who have participated, helped hosted, and provided support! If you missed any of the previous speakers, their presentations are available on the course website.

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News & Updates

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

Spring Dissertation-Proposal Boot Camp Need help with your dissertation proposal? Interested in how to more effectively achieve this hurdle? Dr. Daveena Tauber will be working with IGERT students over spring term, providing coaching, advice, and feedback for students working on their dissertation proposals. There will be four dates of instruction and feedback from Daveena: April 15, April 29, May 20, and May 27. Each Session will be from 9AM-2PM with a lunch break.

Dr. Pattanayak from Duke is offering a small group discussion and meeting for IGERT and other interested students and faculty on Friday, March 4, 10:30AM - 12:00PM. Dr. Pattanayak's research focuses on environmental health and program evaluation, and he’s done a significant amount of work with the WHO, and on topics like cookstoves and indoor air pollution. He’s also big on quantitative methods and measures, so if you have questions either about methods or current issues in global health and development, join us for the small group meeting.

Brett Brownscombe, former Policy Advisor for Gov.

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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.

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Tale of Cooperation,” on Friday, April 8 2PM-3PM in MCB 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!

April Student-Faculty Meeting Date Change We will be meeting 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.

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

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/MBB 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](#).

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**IGERT Achievements**

**Ashlie Denton** won the award for Best Student Paper at the Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) conference! She is pictured above, receiving her award! **Ariana Chiapella** recently passed her comprehensive exams! **Nicolas Hamilton** and **Raul Cal** published their paper: "Low-order representations of the canonical wind turbine array boundary layer via double proper orthogonal decomposition" in *Physics of Fluids*. **Mary Ann Rozance** was awarded funding from University of Wisconsin’s Center for Culture, History and the Environment to attend and present at the upcoming symposium, "*E is for Environment: New Vocabularies for the Environmental Past, Present and Future.*" **Z Grabowski** and **Heejun Chang** recently published a paper: Grabowski, Z., Watson, E., and Chang, H. 2016. Using spatially explicit indicators to investigate watershed

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ESUR-IGERT in Chile!

IGERT Student, Dan Larson, was awarded IGERT comparative funds to travel to Chile with another IGERT program. Here’s what he had to say about the experience:

I was interested in the differences in watershed management and conservation strategies in Oregon and Chile, with a specific focus on the Clackamas and BioBio River Basins. Both regions are faced with rapid population growth and changes in water availability due to climate change. The prevalence of hydropower and similar geologic setting seemed like an ideal comparison. I linked up with the “Waters for the West” IGERT from the University of Idaho for a two-week International Water Resource course co-taught between the University of Idaho and Universidad de Concepcion. I would describe the experience as, “transformative”. Truly an excellent experience. I quickly bonded with the Idaho IGERT and we spent every waking second of the two week course in lectures, hiking around volcanoes, touring dams, touring coal mines, speaking with native Mapuche people about social inequities of water allocation, and so much more. Instructors packed a lot of diverse content into that two-week period but it’s impossible to talk about “water” in isolation hence the wide breadth!

If you’d like to learn more about his trip, Dan will be presenting some of the research he did in Chile on Friday, May 6th 2PM-3PM in MCB 123, as part of the monthly CARES meeting.
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, and more.

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