Staying Connected
The IGERT program has a lot to celebrate! Students have been busy working on lots of exciting projects, defending their dissertation proposals, and interacting with community partners. As a reminder, the next IGERT Student-Faculty meeting will be Friday, May 8th, 11AM-12PM in MCB 312.

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
5/6 IGERT Student-Faculty Meeting 11AM-12PM, in MCB 312
5/6 Marissa Matser, Dissertation Proposal Defense 2-4PM, URBN 220.
6/3 Dan Larson presenting on his research trip to Chile 2PM-3PM, location TBD

News & Updates
MCB 123 You will notice that our May student-faculty meeting is in MCB 312. Construction is underway in MCB 123 for the decision theater. If you need to book a room, there are other rooms available for scheduling in MCB and across campus.

Action Items
Fill out your NSF Annual Report: Deadline April 11
IGERT Dissertation Proposal Defenses: Several IGERT students will be defending their dissertation proposals this term. These are open to all on campus, so you can go and cheer them on! **Marissa Matser:** May 6th 2-4PM, URBN 220. **Charles Maxwell:** May 25 at 1pm in MCB 322. **Melanie Malone:** May 26th 9AM-11AM Cramer 409. **Samantha Hamlin:** May 31, 9AM-11AM, SRTC 228.

**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:** Thank you to students and faculty for your help completing the annual report! Just a reminder, Marei’s visiting the first two weeks of May.

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

**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 that information here.

**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.
Need Help? Planning to Hire a Student Worker?: Did you know you can use your research funds to hire a student worker? 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.

Mexico City Delegation comes to Portland State!

IGERT Student Diana Denham accompanied a delegation of architects, engineers and government officials from Mexico City on a First Stop Portland delegation on Portland's experience with green infrastructure in storm water management. The delegation hopes to adapt some of Portland's strategies in Mexico City. Above is a picture of the program. Talk with Kim if you have questions.

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IGERT Achievements

Amy Ehrhart was awarded a Laurels Scholarship. Diana Denham received the John D. Gray Sustainable Development Scholarship. Erin Goodling received the Maurie Clark Dissertation Scholarship. Mary Ann Rozance received the Toulan Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations, Amy, Diana, Erin, and Mary Ann!

Field Trip to Duwamish River Superfund in Seattle, WA

Mary Ann Rozance, Melanie Malone, and Diana Denham are involved putting on the IGERT sponsored course, happening this spring term. The course explores many of the challenges of cleaning up urban rivers, using the Portland Harbor and Duwamish River Superfund sites to understand this topic in a real world setting.

This past month we had an overnight field trip to Seattle, Washington where we met with a variety of different people involved in cleaning up the Duwamish River. We began our field trip with a tour of the Duwamish Longhouse, where tribal member and anthropologist Linda Dombrowski shared the history of the region. We then met environmental justice activist BJ Cummings featured in a 2009 episode of Frontline for her work in community organizing to put pressure on the EPA and polluting parties to adopt stricter cleanup standards.

Following this meeting, we met with Julie Congon (the EPA’s Community Outreach Director) and key representatives from the City of Seattle and the Port. These stakeholders shared their story of the clean-up and how hard they pushed for ongoing community outreach and engagement in the planning process. They attributed the reason for so much public involvement directly to BJ Cummings and her community organizing work with the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition (DRCC) demanding more public involvement. After this, we met Paulina Lopez of DRCC and two teen Youth Corps mentors. They gave us a walking tour of the South Park neighborhood and showed us the positive changes they are making in their community and the

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meeting with social worker Peter Quenguyen for Vietnamese Senior Center karaoke.

How does karaoke relate to Superfund Cleanup? Well... because they rely on fishing to meet their dietary needs, Vietnamese seniors are identified as one of the most at risk populations along the Duwamish River. As a result of the Superfund planning efforts, funding went to support community organizing activities... this weekly karaoke night is one such activity.

We learned a lot and look to the experience in cleaning up the Duwamish River as a positive example of the power a community can have in influencing clean up. Some of the students shared what they learned on our class blog: http://urbanrivers.weebly.com/

This quote from one of the students helps sum up the day nicely: “Although, the river is still seriously polluted, and they’ve had many setbacks and disagreements along the way, it’s been wonderful to see how many groups (EPA, City of Seattle, Southpark, DRCC, the Duwamish Tribe, and many more) have come together to work towards the common goal to hopefully help restore the Duwamish River one day and to work towards a more equitable process.”

Next up... Students will continue to learn about the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup. Erin Goodling's dissertation focuses on the Portland Harbor Superfund and the role of the Portland Harbor Cleanup Coalition (PHCC). She has organized a community panel and is also helping connect students to the PHCC so their term projects can be grounded in real world processes and ideally put into use! A couple of students will be hosting a public outreach event (date TBD) and another student will be making educational materials in Spanish. Stay tuned for events and activities as the class-- and the Portland Harbor Superfund planning-- continue to evolve!

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.

ESUR-IGERT Email Lists
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tigert@lists.pdx.edu = second cohort IGERT students
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swaggerts@lists.pdx.edu = fourth cohort IGERT students
gerrie@lists.pdx.edu = fifth cohort IGERT students
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