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Jianguo "Jack" Liu honored by Ecology Society of America as an eminent ecologist

Congratulations to Dr. Liu for being honored with the Eminent Ecologist Award by the Ecology Society of America (ESA) for building interdisciplinary bridges in sustainability science that has strengthened research and sparked significant impact on global conservation efforts. The award is the highest honor and most prestigious recognition from the ESA, the largest organization of ESA_logo ecologists with more than 9,000 members. Read more at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/liu-honor-ecological>.

ESPP Fall Courses

Register for Fall courses is now open. Available ESPP courses are ESP 801, ESP 803, and ESP 804. See the attached flyers for more details.

Graduate School Announcements

National Graduate Student Crisis Line is Open to Support Students

For some students, the path to completing a graduate degree can sometimes be more difficult than expected and the pressure of personal and academic responsibilities too much to handle. Help is available. The National Graduate Student Crisis Line (**877-GRAD-HLP**) is staffed by trained counselors who understand the pressures. Don't wait until a crisis arrives to call the National Grad Crisis Line. They are available 24/7 to listen, connect and assist you today! The National Graduate Student Crisis Line is part of [Grad Resources](#), a faith-based organization affiliated with the Christian Grads Fellowship.

Correction - TA Tuition Pool Fall 2022

We are issuing a correction in this previously shared news item. This previously stated that the tuition credits are available only to students who were appointed in the Summer semester and that they could only be used for Summer semester credits. That is not accurate. The TA Tuition Pool application for Fall Semester 2022 is now open. The link to the application can be found on the Graduate School web site: <https://grad.msu.edu/TAtuitionpool>. The application deadline is June 17, 2022 at 5 p.m. These tuition credits are available only to students who are appointed as teaching assistants in the Fall semester, and they can only be used for Fall semester credits. They can be used toward required courses that go beyond the 9 credits included in the assistantship benefits. The application must be supported by a faculty letter confirming that the credits are required for the student's program. [The GEU](#) will select which students will receive support through the TA tuition pool, according to the priority categories listed on the [application page](#).

Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Awards

The Graduate School Mentoring Awards recognize graduate programs, faculty mentors and doctoral students whose practice exemplifies the [Foundational Values for Graduate Student and Faculty Mentoring Relationships](#) and who make exceptional efforts to sustain the rights and fulfill the responsibilities outlined in the [MSU Guidelines for Graduate Student Mentoring and Advising](#). Although we had hoped to provide these awards at this year's PhD Commencement, we hope that these awardees will receive the public recognition and congratulations that they richly deserve. Read more at <https://grad.msu.edu/2022-Mentoring-Awards>.

Course Announcements

PhD Job Market Course | CAS 892 | Summer 2022

CAS 892 - Section 304 focusing on preparing for the job market. Last summer was the first time this class was offered, and per students' feedback, it was extremely helpful in preparing students for the job market. This course is geared toward mid- to late-career doctoral students. In other words, students who are ready to embark on their job market journey and those who are a few years away from that. It is open to everyone, yet, from student feedback, it was exceedingly helpful for students who have spent a few years in the program and are now thinking about the job market. See the attached for more details.

PPL 808: Policy Development and Administration

(Fall 2022, Thursdays, 3-6pm) explores the nature of bureaucracy and public institutions to understand context, power, authority, and humanity in public policy development and administration. Course goals include: Describe & analyze institutions and incentives in the context of policymaking; Map the internal and external power dynamics of organizations; Understand how individuals — those charged with implementing and those affected — experience public policy; Design politically feasible, accessible, and administrable public policy that balances interests and has mechanisms in place to identify and address harms. The class is adaptable to students in a variety of departments and disciplines, and the final project allows students to explore the goals above in the context of an organization/policy area of their own interest. Contact Erika Rosebrook (rosebroo@msu.edu) with questions.

Trust and Governance Course | CJ 809 | Fall 2022

Joe Hamm will be teaching CJ 809 this fall. CJ 809: Issues in Criminal Justice (Trust and Governance)

- Lecture (3.00 units) Open | Section 001 | Class Nbr 33443 | Regular Academic Session
- Tue : 12:40 PM-3:30 PM

The course is housed in CJ simply because that is my primary appointment but it will cover trust in a variety of governance structures with the goal of helping students develop a cross-boundary understanding of what trust is and how best to measure, protect, and build it. We will do weeks specifically devoted to governance generally, the federal government, legal agencies, state authorities, and environmental regulators but there is a lot of flexibility to cover other contexts as students are interested. The final paper is a grant proposal applying trust to the governance context the student cares most about. All questions welcomed! jhamm@MSU.EDU

Course Announcement for Fall (Microbial Risk Modeling and Analysis)

From Dr. Mitchell: I am excited to offer BE 849 Microbial Risk Modeling and Analysis again in the Fall. The pandemic has highlighted the need and role of quantitative analysis and engineering for understanding pathogen risks, environmental controls and evaluating interventions mechanistically. It has also highlighted the importance of understanding the process of connecting science with the evaluation of risk management strategies and policy decisions to mitigate risks. This course is open to all graduate students with the required pre-requisites and an interest in integrating biology and engineering for understanding environmental exposures and health risks within the risk assessment framework. See the attached flyer for more information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. See attached for details.

Scholarships, Awards, & Fellowships

Call for 2022-2023 Page & JGS Fellows | Due 06-03-22 and 07-01-22

Imagining America invites students enrolled at an IA member institution with an interest in public scholarship or artistic practice and activism to apply for the 2022 - 2023 PAGE and JGS Fellowships.

PAGE: The PAGE Fellows Program invites graduate students to participate in a yearlong working group in support of collaborative art-making, teaching, writing, storytelling, and co-creating knowledge with and within community.

IA/JGS: The IA/JGS Fellows Program provides an opportunity for undergraduate students who work with photography and/or digital media to participate in a year-long learning exchange that includes tuition support, project support, and opportunities for professional development.

[Learn more here.](#)

Summer Intensive on Community-Engaged Scholarship | 06/6/22-6/10/22

We welcome community-engaged scholars and practitioners with interests in community-engaged research and community-engaged teaching and learning, including service-learning, informal learning, and community-engaged research in courses. Through interactive workshops, field trips, lightning talks, case studies, panel discussions, and individual consultations, Summer Intensive participants explore big picture issues related to community-engagement in a learning community setting and develop strategies and plans for their own successful engagement activities. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Call for Applications: 2023-24 Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship | Due 11-15-22

The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship has launched its Call for Applications for the 2023–24 academic year. The fellowship offers generous funding and support for 24 international postdoctoral applicants to conduct research in exact sciences, life sciences, humanities, and social sciences at eligible Israeli academic institutions. The online application will be available beginning September 1, 2022. [Learn more here.](#)

Announcing the Asian Studies AY 2022-23 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) | Due 06-12-22

Subject to funding, the Asian Studies Center at Michigan State University will annually award multiple undergraduate and graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program funded by the U.S. Department of Education for students pursuing the study of Asian languages and Asia area studies at MSU. Asian Studies FLAS Fellowships are awarded to students enrolled in programs combining the study of a modern Asian language with advanced training, area studies courses and/or research in an academic or professional area with an Asia focus. *Note: The 2022-23 AY FLAS fellowships are contingent on receipt of grant funding by the MSU Asian Studies Center from the U.S. Department of Education. For more information, please see the e-flyer attached or visit the [Asian Study Center's FLAS website](#). Please direct your questions to Dr. Isabella Tirtowalujo (tirtowal@msu.edu). See the attached for more details.

Center for Teaching & Learning Innovation Fellowship Call | Due 05-31-22

The Graduate School and the Center for Teaching & Learning Innovation (Center for TLI) at Michigan State University welcome you to learn with us, influence the future of higher education, and further develop as leaders and public scholars by becoming a Graduate School/MSU Center for TLI Fellow. Each fellow will develop skills that support educator professional development, such as program design, project management, systems-level collaboration, facilitation and more. The first part of the fellowship will be focused on learning about the work of the Center for TLI, meeting our team members in various

roles, and joining an existing Center for TLI effort for the remainder of the fellowship year. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

Army Research Laboratory Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship | Due 06-15-22

The Army Research Laboratory invites exceptional young researchers to apply for an ARL Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship. This fellowship provides recipients the opportunity to pursue independent research while working alongside some of the nation's best scientists and engineers. Applicants must display extraordinary ability in scientific research and show clear promise of becoming outstanding leaders. Successful candidates will have already tackled a major scientific or engineering problem or will have provided a new approach or insight, evidenced by a recognized impact in their field. [Learn more and apply.](#)

Internship and Fellowship Opportunities at Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE)

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) is accepting applications for internship and fellowship opportunities at U.S. Department of Defense research facilities nationwide. These are mostly postdoctoral, but there are opportunities for holders of Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees. [Learn more here.](#)

New EPA Research Opportunities

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Internship/Research Participation Programs at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are educational and training programs designed to provide college students, recent graduates, and university faculty opportunities to participate in project-specific EPA research, current environmental research, and developmental activities. Visit <https://orise.orau.gov/epa/current-research-opportunities.html>.

Workshops, Events, & Other Opportunities

Applications for 2022 Graduate Climate Conference Now Open | Due 06-08-22

We are pleased to announce the 16th Annual Graduate Climate Conference (GCC), which will be hosted by the University of Washington and held in-person on October 28 - 30, 2022 at Pack Forest Conference Center in Eatonville, Washington. The GCC is an interdisciplinary conference run by graduate students, for graduate students featuring panel discussions, presentations, workshops, social events, and more. The organizers of GCC strive to feature a diverse representation of students and research topics to create a broader, more inclusive community for emerging leaders in climate-related fields. Historically, the GCC has been organized by graduate students associated with the University of Washington's Program on Climate Change and the MIT Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences. This year, we are excited to expand our organizing committee to include students from INRS/Université du Québec, London School of Economics, Boston College, Boise State University, Kansas State University, University of Victoria, University of Oklahoma, University of California Berkeley and the University of California Davis. For more details, visit <https://graduateclimateconference.github.io/>.

EGLE 2022 Environmental Emergency Management Conference | June 29-30, 2022

Is your community prepared to handle environmental emergencies such as fires, floods, oil spills, etc.? The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is hosting the [Environmental Emergency Management Conference](#) at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan on June 29-30, 2022 to help communities with preparedness and mitigation, response, and recovery related to incidents impacting the environment and public health. Participants may include federal, state, and local emergency response personnel, public health officials, facility emergency managers, contractors, consultants, academia, or anyone within the emergency response community.

Free Online Course for Postdocs: The Postdoc Academy – Building Skills for a Successful Career | July-Aug, 2022

Registration is now open for a free online course from The Postdoc Academy: Building Skills for a Successful Career. The Postdoc Academy provides skill development for postdocs as they prepare to transition into their next career step. Course duration: July 11 – Aug. 28 [Learn more and register here](#).

NASEM Climate Conversations: Water Justice | 06-23-22 | 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Join us for a conversation about how to ensure all people in the U.S. have access to clean and safe drinking water in a changing climate. Millions of people in the U.S. currently lack access to clean and safe drinking water, particularly in low-income rural areas and in communities of color. Our changing climate creates additional threats, such as droughts that diminish surface water bodies, algal blooms and salt-water intrusion that contaminate water supplies, and floods that overwhelm water treatment facilities. Join us for a conversation about how policies and infrastructure could help address current disparities in access to water and build resilience to the increasing impacts from climate change. Speakers will be announced soon. [Register here](#).

Cyberseminar Series - Hydrologic Science and Indigenous Voices | May-June 2022

Indigenous leaders in water and hydrologic science explore how hydrological sciences are defined and who is included in that definition. It explores how native american people relate to water, what water issues they think are important, how we can increase inclusivity in the hydrologic sciences community and what challenges and opportunities they face with building resilience to climate change with regards to water. For session information and schedule, visit <https://www.cuahsi.org/cyberseminars/series/hydrologic-science-and-indigenous-voices>.

Anti-Racist Teaching Workshop | 05-23-22 | 2:30-5:00 PM

Lead by Felicia Rose Chavez, author of *The Anti-Racist Writing Workshop: Decolonizing the Creative Classroom*. Part 1 will focus on Adapting Our Teaching Habits. Part 2 will focus on Critique Across Disciplines. To register and get more information, visit <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CXV3KHy5OixSg2oiI3xAvT2nq5M73mAkSUMsbdrtZiM/edit?usp=sharing>.

Frontiers in Hydrology Conference | 06/19- 6/24/22

Take part in the inaugural, community-driven [Frontiers in Hydrology Meeting](#), 19-24 June 2022 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and online everywhere. This year we will convene around the theme: The Future of Water. Registration is now open. Take advantage of early bird rates by registering now. Early bird rates and guaranteed housing expire on 17 May. In addition to the excellent scientific program, FIHM22 will also host several [field trips](#) that explore Puerto Rico's diverse ecological areas and city life, from kayaking on one of the world's only bioluminescent bays, to a guided tour of historic Old San Juan. There will also be a service activity with ENLACE, an organization devoted to restoring the Martín Peña watershed and empowering the local community. [Financial assistance](#) is available for student and early career attendees.

Registration for the 2022-23 Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation and Preparation Program is open starting NOW!

Attention Graduate Teaching Assistants! Registration for the GTA Fall Orientation and Preparation Program is open! Whether you are a new, international, or a returning Graduate Teaching Assistant, the [Graduate Teaching Assistant Program \(GTAP\)](#) offers sessions that provide policy training required of everyone and sessions to make you more effective in your teaching, including resources and professional development opportunities. The program will be delivered virtually with both synchronous and asynchronous components. All GTAs are strongly encouraged to attend and need to register before August 3, 2022 to receive all materials and to be able to access all relevant modules on the Learning Management System D2L. This link will give everyone a brief introduction to the GTA Program and to the individual components as described below: <https://grad.msu.edu/gtap>. You can also directly access the registration form here: <https://grad.msu.edu/tapreg>

Climate Intersections Conference | Duluth, MN | 07/12-14/22

This conference has a theme of adapting local communities to extreme weather and creating resilient agricultural systems in a changing climate. The conference covers topics that provide solutions that combat inequity caused by climate change and ensure the well-being of people. In addition, this conference provides an opportunity to connect with water professionals in the area of water, climate, and natural resources within the North Central Region. [Climate Intersections Conference - North Central Region Water Network \(northcentralwater.org\)](#)

ASABE Global Conference - the Sustainable Energy for a Sustainable Future | Costa Rica | 10/24-26/22

A fast-growing world population, estimated to reach 9.1 billion in 2050, coupled with megatrends such as rapid urbanization and diet transformation will require nearly doubling of food production worldwide. While increasing food production is critical, issues such as water and energy security are equally important to ensure sustainability of the global food system while addressing climate change. The goal of the conference is to bring together agricultural and biological engineers and peers from academia, government, and industry including growers/farmers from across the world with local stakeholders to enable interdisciplinary dialogs among international scientists, business owners, and government agents to explore renewable energy technologies and innovations. It is expected that partnerships will be developed among individuals and organizations to address issues and barriers that are most relevant to local/regional energy security. The conference scope includes innovative renewable energy production technologies; agriculture and circular bioeconomy for sustainable energy production; distributed renewable energy systems and global climate change; food-energy-water nexus; social,

environmental and economic perspectives of energy security. Please visit the conference website at: www.energy.asabe.org to submit your abstracts. The deadline for abstract submission is April 15, 2022. Conference is being co-chaired by Dr. Ajit Srivastava and Wei Liao from MSU.

RSAI Call for submissions: 2022 RSAI Best Dissertation in Regional Science | Due 07-31-22

The Regional Science Association International (RSAI) invites submissions for the annual competition for the Best Doctoral Dissertation in Regional Science. Regional science is an interdisciplinary field concerned with theory, method, and application of regional, urban and rural, geographic and spatial investigations and analyses. The winner will be decided by the Selection Committee and will receive a cash award of 750 Euros (~\$850). Award announcements will be made at the North American Meetings of the RSAI, where participants in the competition are strongly encouraged to be present. The Selection Committee reserves the right to not make an award. Decisions made by the Selection Committee are final. <http://www.regionalscience.org/index.php/awards/rsai-dissertation-award.html>

Job Opportunities

Work with OISS: Graduate Orientation Assistant | Deadline 06-01-22

Do you want to give back to MSU's international community and help new international graduate students in their transition to East Lansing? And earn some money doing so? The Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) is looking for international and domestic GRADUATE students to apply for the role of Graduate Orientation Assistant (GOA). GOAs will assist incoming international graduate students throughout July and August as they prepare for and join MSU in the Fall 2022. For more information about the position, and to apply, visit: MSU Handshake Job Posting # 6489445 <https://msu.joinhandshake.com/emp/jobs/6489445>

Deadline to apply is Wednesday, June 1st.

WWF Natural Capital Postdoc

WWF is hiring a Natural Capital Postdoc to work closely with WWF chief scientist Rebecca Shaw and with the Natural Capital Project. We are especially interested in global level analysis integrating economic and ecological assessment. The Postdoc can be co-advised by one of the Natural Capital Project academic partner organizations (Stanford, Minnesota, Stockholm Resilience Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences) as well as directly with WWF. See the attached for details.

Research Associate Position at Michigan State University in Department of Fisheries and Wildlife with the Ecophysiology and Toxicology Lab and Center for PFAS Research

We have an exciting opportunity for a post-doctoral research associate at Michigan State University in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife with the Ecophysiology and Toxicology Lab and Center for PFAS Research. We have 3 years of support funded by SERDP (DOD), for a motivated individual to further develop new approaches for assessing the toxicity of PFAS mixtures. The individual will oversee

exposure experiments involving fathead minnows, in the field and in the lab, and will also work with colleagues at Oak Ridge National Lab to design similar experiments with Daphnia. The data will be modeled using dynamic energy budget models (DEB). The individual will work with graduate students and undergraduate researchers at MSU, analytical chemists associated with Center for PFAS research at MSU, collaborators at University of California Santa Barbara for DEB modeling, collaborators with University of Cologne, US Army ERDC and Oak Ridge National Lab. Interactions with these institutions as well as a broader PFAS community at MSU and in Michigan, and should set up the individual for future career success in PFAS research. PhD in a related field is required, as well as some quantitative background and an interest in dynamic energy budget modeling. Experience with toxicity exposure experiments is also desired. This position is open this summer. To apply, a posting link for HR will be provided soon (in final stages). In the meantime, contact Cheryl Murphy (camurphy@msu.edu) for more information.

PhD research assistantship at Michigan State University in Department of Fisheries and Wildlife with the Ecophysiology and Toxicology Lab and Center for PFAS Research

We have an exciting opportunity for a PhD at Michigan State University in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife with the Ecophysiology and Toxicology Lab and Center for PFAS Research. We have 4 years of support funded by SERDP (DOD) and other sources for a motivated individual to explore the bioaccumulation of PFAS and PFAS mixtures in fish and Daphnia, and to determine toxicity pathways associated with these exposures that are meaningful for ecological risk assessment. The individual will conduct experiments involving bluegill, fathead minnows, and daphnia in the field and in the lab. The individual will work for about 6 months at Oak Ridge National Laboratory to conduct Daphnia experiments. The individual will work with a team of graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and undergraduate researchers at MSU, analytical chemists associated with Center for PFAS research at MSU, collaborators at University of California Santa Barbara for DEB modeling, collaborators with University of Cologne, US Army ERDC and Oak Ridge National Lab. Interactions with these institutions as well as a broader PFAS community at MSU and in Michigan, and should set up the individual for future career success in PFAS research. Masters in Biology or related experience is required. Some computer programming and an affinity towards modeling is desired, but not necessary. An enthusiasm for laboratory exposure experiments is necessary. This position is available immediately, so contact Cheryl Murphy (camurphy@msu.edu) if interested. Please send CV and transcripts.

Faculty Funding Opportunities

Institutionally Limited Funding Opportunities

Several new funding opportunities have been recently released by federal agencies and foundations. Due dates listed below are internal deadlines.

- [W.M. Keck Foundation, Science and Engineering/Medical Research Programs](#) (Due 6/10)
- [NIH, Director's Early Independence Awards](#) (Due 6/21)

- [NSF, Regional Innovation Engines](#) (Due 7/6)
- [NSF, Research Traineeship \(NRT\) Program](#) (Due 7/12)

Find more opportunities on the [Office of Research and Innovation ILP page](#).

[USDA: Caribbean Partners for Conservation CPC FY 2022 for Program Funding Caribbean Area \(Natural Resources Conservation Service\)](#)

[DoS: Inclusive Action for Climate Change](#)

[DoS: Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy](#)

The Department of State’s Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Office of Multilateral Nuclear and Security Affairs (ISN/MNSA) seeks proposals to advance U.S. foreign policy and national security priorities by identifying and supporting initiatives for sustained international engagement to promote enhanced and more efficient cooperation and assistance in the application of peaceful uses of nuclear energy, science, and technology (“peaceful uses”) and to drive new resources to projects and activities in developing countries of greatest need.

The program aims to continue a robust international dialogue on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, science and technology focused on advancing international awareness of the important contribution of peaceful uses, promoting greater acceptance of peaceful uses benefits, and identifying new opportunities for cooperation, especially if they are not well-suited for finding existing channels for assistance.

U.S. international security will be strengthened by:

1. demonstrating the peaceful uses benefits of the NPT through expanded access by developing countries to assistance in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;
2. integrating the views of technical experts and practitioners, including the research, development, and regulatory communities of practice (with a focus on including representatives from developing countries) in the exchange of information on peaceful uses during meetings of the NPT States Parties; and
3. broadening acceptance of peaceful uses as a solution to development challenges and needs coupled with growing understanding of the ties between peaceful uses and other international commitments in nuclear nonproliferation, safety and security.

Award Size: \$3,989,369

Deadline: May 30, 2022

[DoS: Enabling Forest Investment Development Facility-ForInvest \(Office of Acquisitions Management\)](#)

The ForInvest project will work in developing countries in the three key geographies identified in the Plan to Conserve Global Forests: Critical Carbon Sinks: the Amazon basin, Congo basin, and South East Asia. The project will support the Plan’s objective by facilitating and enabling investment, particularly from private sector financial institutions, in natural climate solutions and other land use activities that increase carbon storage or prevent greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from landscapes.

Specifically, the project will unlock investments by developing natural climate solutions-focused investment pipelines, and linking investors to those pipelines.

The goal of the ForInvest is to facilitate investment in natural climate solutions in developing countries, especially in high-deforestation areas, by developing investment pipelines and connecting those opportunities with potential investors. These investments should promote natural climate solutions and other land use activities that increase carbon storage or prevent greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from landscapes.

The Project's objectives include:

- Develop investment pipelines in developing countries consistent with countries' Nationally Determined Contributions and climate and development objectives.
- Connect the pipeline of investable projects to investors via coordination and engagement with initiatives like the Forest Investor Club, Innovative Finance for the Amazon, Cerrado and Chaco (IFACC), and Mobilizing Finance for Forests.
- Collaborate with institutions including development banks, government ministries, financial institutions, and other initiatives to identify investment partners and relevant resources (i.e., technical assistance, catalytic capital, etc.).
- Enhance the capacity of actors at all stages of project development and investment, including project developers, asset owners, investors, and other institutions, to engage in private investment for natural climate solutions.
- Exploring de-risking mechanisms and innovative financial mechanisms to unlock investment in collaboration with other public and private institutions.

Award Size: \$5,135,000

Deadline: May 30, 2022

[DoS: Indigenous People's Finance Access Facility \(IPFAF\), Bureau of Oceans - Int. Environmental - Scientific](#)

The goal of Indigenous People's Finance Access Facility (IPFAF) is to improve Indigenous People's access to finance for forest restoration, conservation, and stewardship by addressing the existing barriers to Indigenous Peoples groups' engagement in global, regional, and national-level initiatives to finance combatting deforestation and promoting natural climate solutions. The project will support IPs in the key geographies identified in the *Plan to Conserve Global Forests: Critical Carbon Sinks*: the Amazon basin, Congo basin, and South East Asia.

The objectives of IPFAF are to:

- Provide targeted technical support, policy guidance, and legal services to enable access to specific finance opportunities;

- Advance capacity building activities to improve Indigenous People groups' long-term ability to access international grants, results-based finance opportunities, as well as other finance modalities for forest conservation, restoration, and improved management activities;
- Equip Indigenous People groups with resources and information to raise awareness of and take steps to address common legal and policy barriers for IP groups' access to international finance for forest conservation and restoration efforts; and
- Facilitate IP groups' access to specific finance opportunities for forest restoration, conservation, and stewardship.

Award Size: \$1,956,000

Deadline: May 30, 2022

[DoS: Countering Wildlife Trafficking in Central Africa \(Bureau of International Narcotics-Law Enforcement\)](#)

The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the U.S. Department of State announces an open competition for organizations to submit applications to carry out a project to counter wildlife trafficking in Central Africa.

Central Africa is a hot spot for poaching and trafficking of illegal wildlife and products such as ivory and pangolin scales. In order to help dismantle the criminal organizations trafficking in these illegal products and reduce wildlife trafficking in the region, INL seeks to support counter-wildlife trafficking projects in Central Africa including Cameroon, Central African Republic, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Kinshasa), and Gabon.

Project Goal:

Strengthen criminal justice institutions in Central Africa to undertake successful enforcement, investigative, and prosecutorial functions for wildlife crimes, as well as credible measures that prevent wildlife crime.

Project Objectives:

1. Increase the capacity of law enforcement to detect, interdict, seize, and transfer to investigatory agencies, illegal wildlife products, through raising awareness, training, and equipment.
2. Improve national and regional wildlife law enforcement capacity to prevent, detect, and investigate wildlife crime through specialized training and equipment.
3. Improve national and regional capabilities to prosecute and adjudicate cases against wildlife crimes and related offenses to result in appropriate sentencing outcomes.
4. Strengthen anti-corruption efforts within relevant agencies to enhance government response, improve government accountability, and strengthen transparency as it relates to wildlife crime.

Award Size: \$1.25M up to \$1.5M

Deadline: June 1, 2022



ESP 801: PHYSICAL, CHEMICAL, AND BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES OF THE ENVIRONMENT



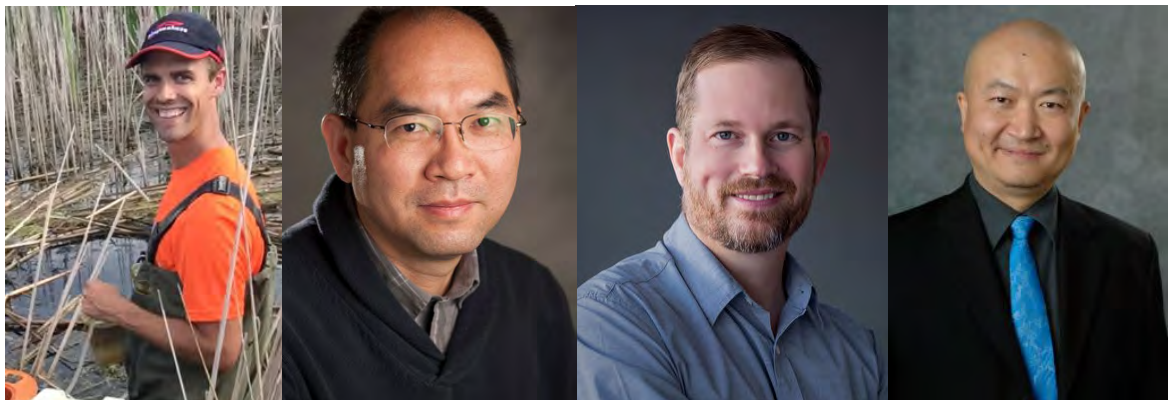
“Physical, Chemical, and Biological Processes of the Environment” has been redesigned to provide students who have disciplinary training in social sciences with a broad overview of environmental science from the perspective of natural sciences and engineering. ESP 801 includes four modules: Environmental Geosciences, Biology/Ecology, Environmental Chemistry, and Environmental Engineering that are taught by four MSU instructors. An environmental case study, a research proposal or a similar interdisciplinary project serve as a crosscutting theme for the course and a common point of reference for learning in ESP 801 and ESP 802. As a counterpart course to ESP 801, ESP 802 is also structured in a modular fashion but focuses on social aspects of environmental problems. ESP 801 and ESP 802 build a foundation for an integrative experience in the capstone ESP 804 course where students, having taken ESP 801 or ESP 802 or both of these classes, work on team-based projects that span the social/natural science spectrum. The new curriculum design reflects ESPP’s objective of providing an interdisciplinary preparation to a cohort of students from diverse backgrounds pursuing an interest in environmental science and policy.

FALL 2022

Anthony Kendall
Daniel Kramer
Hui Li
Wei Liao

MON, WED

12: 40-2:00 PM





ESP 803: HUMAN AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT



This course provides concepts and techniques used to evaluate human and ecological health impacts from anthropogenic activities as well as a focus on policy formulation and management strategies to mitigate health effects. This course is designed for students with a familiarity with the basic concepts of physics, chemistry and biology of environmental processes, and the relationships between human systems and the environment.

FALL 2022
Karen Chou

MONDAYS
1:50-4:40 PM





ESP 804: Environmental Applications and Analysis Lecture



This course provides the opportunity to apply knowledge learned in previous ESP courses. Global, regional and local environmental issues will be presented and explored. Class projects will be identified from these issues. Students will be assigned projects and will use a systems approach to identify and solve environmental problems associated with the assigned issues. This course is designed for graduate students with ecology, biology, physical, or social science backgrounds seeking an interdisciplinary, environmental science approach to problem solving.



FALL 2022
Joe Hamm

WEDNESDAY
3:00-5:50 PM





ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND POLICY PROGRAM FALL 2022 COURSE OFFERINGS



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ESP 804: ENVIRONMENTAL APPLICATIONS AND ANALYSIS **INSTRUCTOR:** Joe Hamm | Wednesday: 3:00-5:50 PM

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Overview

World Wildlife Fund (WWF), one of the world's leading conservation organizations, seeks a Natural Capital Postdoctoral Fellow.

As the Global Science Research Fellow, you will work with Nature-based Solutions Measurement and Evaluation Team (NbS M&E Team) and country teams to evaluate the contributions of nature to people associated with our conservation strategies and management. You will use a variety of qualitative and quantitative assessment tools, including modeling tools using remotely sensed data and information about benefits as defined by local communities, to evaluate the benefits over the life of the project.

As the Global Science Research Fellow, you play a key role in the Natural Capital Project partnership (Stanford University, University of Minnesota, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Stockholm Resilience Center, The Nature Conservancy, WWF), an effort to map, measure, and value nature's contributions to people using a diverse portfolio of modeling tools. You will be expected to collaborate with researchers from the Natural Capital Project and leverage the deep knowledge of the partnership to design and implement a research program to evaluate nature's contributions to people across the Bezos Environmental Fund project sites. You will report directly to the WWF Chief Scientist.

Responsibilities

- Provides executive-level research and analysis support
- Conducts innovative research and synthesizes data in a way that delivers practice- and policy-relevant information on nature contributions to people at relevant scales
- Stays abreast of relevant scientific literature and shares important findings with team
- Conducts and supports colleagues in conducting research, analyses and synthesis, providing compelling written and visual information to convey key results
- Serves as a radar function to identify opportunities and emerging science issues
- Supports high quality distribution of research and analysis across the NbS M&E Team, through learning and knowledge management channels
- Supports development of proposals and reports
- Performs other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- 4-6 years research experience + PhD strongly preferred
- Considerable research and analytical experience, preferable in an environmental discipline
- Knowledge and understanding of relevant, current research methods in natural capital modeling, mapping and synthesis
- Experience in science communications and proposal writing
- Strong leadership, project management skills, and excellent organizational skills.
- Excellent verbal, written, visual and interpersonal communications skills in English

- Ability to work collaboratively in a decentralized network with a culturally diverse and international team
- Ability to travel internationally for work in the field as needed
- Identifies and aligns with the core values of the WWF organization: Courage, Integrity, Respect & Collaboration
 - Demonstrates courage by speaking up even when it is difficult, or unpopular.
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 - Welcomes other points of view and ideas, recognizing and embracing different and contrary perspectives with kindness, curiosity, and encouragement.
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