CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE CONSERVATION RESEARCH

2016 Affiliate Meeting

Agenda

• Welcome
• Center overview & highlights from 2015-16
• Integrative Conservation PhD program updates
• Open discussion
• Reception
CICR mission

*To engage in research and teaching on conservation and sustainability.*

- Facilitate research that embraces multiple perspectives across the social and biophysical sciences
- Promote the recognition of social and ecological trade-offs associated with managing complex systems
- Engage with policy/practitioner communities to support effective and equitable solutions to these trade-offs
- Support the ICON PhD Program through intellectual capacity, shared space, collaborative research and development funding

Who are the CICR affiliates?

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Other departments and programs are also represented.
Who is the CICR executive committee?

- Pete Brosius (Anthropology)
- Sonia Hernandez (Forestry & Natural Resources)
- Nik Heynen (Geography)
- Steve Holloway (Geography)
- Jenna Jambeck (Engineering)
- Lizzie King (Ecology), Krista Capps
- Nate Nibbelink (Forestry & Natural Resources)
- Julie Velasquez Runk (Anthropology)
- Peter Appel (School of Law)
- Brian Orland (Environment & Design)

What does CICR do?

- Education • ICON PhD Program • Sustainability Certificate
- Research • Sustainability Science Symposium • Faculty Research Development Grant • Eminent Scholar Lectures
- Partnerships • NGOs • Co-sponsorships
Highlights from 2015-2016

- **Education**
  - ICON PhD program
  - Sustainability certificate, [http://sustain.uga.edu/](http://sustain.uga.edu/)

- **Research**
  - Sponsored or co-sponsored 14 guest speakers, events, brown bags
  - 2nd year of Faculty Research Development Grant competition
  - Awarded to Capps, McKay, and Rice
  - 6 proposals and 1 proposal inquiry submitted
  - 2 grants awarded:
    - Welch-Devine - NSF Cultural Anthropology
    - King, Moore, Nibbelink - Jekyll Island Authority

- **Partnerships**
  - NatureNet Fellows Program
  - MOU with Rainforest Alliance

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**Strategic Plan: goals and objectives**

1. **Enhance support for integrative conservation and sustainability research**
   - Facilitate interdisciplinary networking, collaborations, and grant-writing

2. **Expand role in facilitation of inter- and transdisciplinary instruction**
   - Coordinate interdisciplinary educational programs
   - Partner with NGO's and other organizations to support student stipends, internships, and research opportunities
   - Develop formal network of graduate degree programs in the areas of conservation and sustainability

3. **Strengthen CICR leadership**
   - Expand executive committee to more broadly represent our faculty affiliates
   - Upgrade administrative associate position, find support for administrative positions

4. **Increase resources available to support all of CICR’s programs**
   - Improve communication about what we do, how we can serve UGA, and the conservation community, and what it means to support our mission
   - Garner financial support for integrative research initiatives
To consider…

Institute status?
New professional program?
Integrative Conservation (ICON) PhD program

2015-2016 ICON updates

- 46 students enrolled as of fall 2016
  - 5 graduates this spring! (1 more this summer)
- 10 new students will join in fall 2016
  - New cohort: 3 ANTH, 2 ECOL, 3 FANR, 2 GEOG
- Marine Science will not join ICON program (for now)
- ICON alumni/soon-to-be alumni: EPA Gulf Ecology Postdoc, Furman University, SESYNC Postdoc, SINERR
- Hannah Morris contribution to landmark Homo naledi excavation
- Brian Crawford (ICON & FANR), Agile Scientist Award
- Karen Allen (ICON & ANTH), J. Peter Brosius Integrative Conservation Research Award
- Awards this year: NSF GRFP, Fulbright, InterAmerican Foundation Fellowship, Bat Conservation International Scholarship...
Student Productivity

- **Publications**
  - Yearly publications from 2012 to 2016, with a trend showing an increase in publications over time.

- **Cumulative external grants & awards**
  - Graph showing cumulative external grants and awards from 2012 to 2016, with a steady increase over the years.

**ICON advisors**

- **ANTH**: Brosius, German, Gragson, Nelson, Velásquez Runk
- **ECOL**: Ballantyne, Byers, Capps, Drake, Ezenwa, Fowler, Gittleman, King*, Murdock, Pringle, Wenger
- **FANR**: Boley, Cooper, Dwivedi, Green, Hepinstall-Cymerman, Hernandez, King*, Maerz, Moore, Nibbelink
- **GEOG**: Heynen, Holloway, Kurtz, Madden, Mishra, Rice, Shepherd, Trauger
- **CED**: Rivero
Opportunities for faculty involvement

- Advise an ICON student
- Serve on an ICON student’s committee
- Serve as an ICON representative on an ICON’s student’s committee
- Co-teach ICON 8001 or 8002
- Have your course listed as a suggested elective

Open discussion
Thank you for attending

Contact us at cicrdirector@uga.edu and iconphd@uga.edu for more information

Faculty can apply for CICR affiliate status via our website,
http://cicr.uga.edu/people/apply/