



A Message from the Director

I hope that everyone returned rejuvenated after a safe and relaxing new year. As you know, January marked the first anniversary of The Global Change Center (GCC) and we have a lot to celebrate. Since being chartered, the breadth and depth of disciplinary expertise amongst our faculty has expanded and our graduate program has grown to 25 Ph.D. fellows. We have established productive partnerships with multiple groups on and off campus, including the School of Public and International Affairs and the Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment. Our collective efforts have resulted in measurable impacts on graduate student training, faculty development and recruitment, and engagement with the local community. Our influence will soon extend into undergraduate experiential learning in the National Capital Region.

This newsletter captures a few of the highlights from the fall 2015 semester, and points towards some of the exciting events in the months ahead. Thanks to your innovation and hard work we are well positioned for great success in the year to come. Congratulations on your diverse accomplishments during our first year, and thank you for your contributions to our growing global change community.

-William A. Hopkins

New Funding GCC Affiliated Faculty



Congratulations to many faculty for new grants including multi-million dollar grants to Jacob Barney, Cayelan Carey, Peter Vikesland, Amy Pruden and Quinn Thomas.

[Read more about these projects](#)



GCC Seed Grants 2015-16 Awards

The GCC accepts proposals from affiliated faculty and graduate students to support interdisciplinary research. Learn more about recent awards:

[2016 Faculty Seed Grants](#)
[2016 Graduate Student Grants](#)



Science Policy Fellowships Summer 2016

A new GCC competitive program offers fellowships to undergraduate students to cover the cost of tuition, housing and fees for SPIA's Washington Semester Program during summer 2016.

[Read More about this program](#)

GRAD 5134: IGC Capstone Course Highlights



Dr. Naomi Oreskes

Harvard professor, science historian & author Dr. Naomi Oreskes was the

GCC Distinguished Lecturer at the Lyric



Alda Workshop

IGC graduate students participated in a full-day Alan Alda science communication workshop in October



Capitol Hill

GCC students explored the processes by which science informs policy on Capitol Hill during this 3-day workshop in D.C.

Upcoming Events

Distinguished Lecture

DR. JOSH TEWKSBURY

An ecologist, conservation biologist and planetary health scientist with experience in both academia and civil society, Josh Tewksbury is the Global Hub Director at FUTURE EARTH.

GCC Distinguished Lecture Series
Thursday, April 21, 2016; 4:45-6:00 p.m.
The Lyric Theatre



IGC Graduate Research Symposium

IGC FELLOWS

Join us for the first annual Interfaces of Global Change Research Symposium featuring the IGC IGEP fellows. Come learn about our students' research, celebrate their accomplishments, and spend an afternoon discussing global change science with colleagues.

Friday, April 22, 2016; Time TBD
Fralin Atrium & Auditorium



More Important Dates

GCC FACULTY RETREAT
Friday, February 19, 2016
8:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Skelton Conference Center

SEMI-ANNUAL IGEP RECEPTION
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
5:30-7:30 p.m.
GLC Multipurpose Room