



A Message from the Director

Welcome back for Fall semester! I hope that everyone enjoyed a productive summer and found time to relax with friends and family. As we look ahead to the next academic year, we have a lot to celebrate and some exciting developments. The Global Change Center continues to grow in both breadth and depth of expertise, and we welcomed several new colleagues in the spring. Your collective portfolio of accomplishments last year was most impressive, and highlights the incredible strengths that Virginia Tech has in global change scholarship. I look forward to working together to build on this strong foundation by influencing faculty hires, leveraging research support, developing innovative partnerships, and enhancing educational programs that benefit the entire University.

As we grow in numbers and diversity, it is increasingly important that you engage in as many ways as possible to maintain a cohesive global change community, which is critical to our long-term success. One of the easiest ways to engage is through interactions with the IGC IGEP, which now boasts 32 outstanding PhD fellows and our first two graduates in the workforce. Please join me in welcoming our new leadership team, Drs. Jeff Walters [BIO] and Bruce Hull [FREC], who have taken the reins of the graduate program and already have some exciting plans for the coming year that will involve faculty engagement.

Take a moment to browse the newsletter, the website, and our newsfeed to get up-to-speed on recent student and faculty accomplishments. I look forward to the year ahead, and will see you on August 24th when we

welcome our new cohort of IGC IGEP graduate students.

Sincerely,
William A. Hopkins, Ph.D.
Professor & Director



IGC Graduates!

We are celebrating an important milestone for our Interfaces of Global Change Graduate Program-- our first graduates (and their jobs!).

Congratulations to:
Dr. Cathy Jachowski
Dr. Cordie Diggins

GCC-ISCE Seed Grant Facilitates Collaboration

Faculty Seed Grant Program

ISCE partners with the Global Change Center to provide Seed Grant funding for interdisciplinary research that crosses social, engineering, and biophysical science boundaries.



Read more about a new GCC-ISCE project



IGC Symposium New Karen P. DePauw Award

A successful symposium in April highlighted the latest research from the program's graduate student fellows and yielded a new award for Best Presentation.

Read more

IGC Admissions Welcome new IGC Fellows

The Interfaces of Global Change Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program will begin its fourth year with a banner recruitment class of ten new Ph.D. students!



Learn more about these students

Science Policy Fellowships Summer Internships at EPA

The Global Change Center awarded fellowships to two undergraduate students to attend SPIA's Washington Semester Program. These students were placed at the EPA for an 8-week supervised internship.



Read more about this program

Upcoming Events

Save the Date!

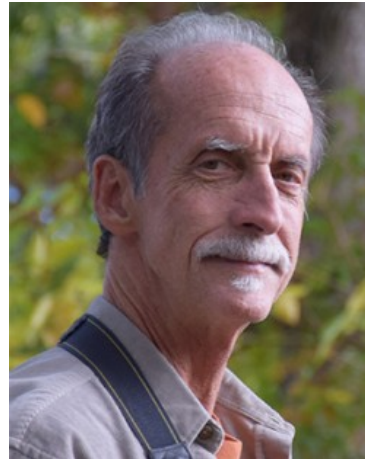
Special EEB Seminar: Dr. Reed Noss

An ecologist and conservation biologist, Dr. Reed Noss, is a Pegasus Professor and Provost's Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Central Florida and President of the Florida Institute of Conservation Science.

"Forgotten Grasslands of the South: Ecological History and Future"

Thursday, October 6, 2016; 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: 4069 Derring Hall



IGC Welcome Reception

Wednesday, August 24, 2016
4:00- 6:00 p.m
Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion