

 VirginiaTech
Global Change Center

The GCC. WE'RE CHARTERED!

In January 2015, the Fralin Life Science Institute launched a new center to support research, education, and outreach in the field of global change. Directed by Dr. William (Bill) A. Hopkins, professor in the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation (CNRE), the Global Change Center at Virginia Tech now resides in 207 Fralin Hall.

[Learn More](#)



EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

IGC lectures and workshops engage the GCC community

In March, IGC students attended a science communication workshop led by Susan Hassol, Director of Climate Communication, and Michael E. Mann, Professor of Meteorology at Penn State University. Dr. Mann also gave a public lecture at the Lyric Theatre. The IGC graduate association hosted a special EEB seminar featuring Dr. Bob Lackey from Oregon State University. [Learn more.](#)



FIRST GCC SEED GRANT AWARDED

Cayelan Carey, John Little, Madeline Schrieber, Quinn Thomas

The Global Change Center released its first seed grant RFP this year. An interdisciplinary team of VT researchers from three Colleges led by Dr. Cayelan Carey received ~\$18,000 for their project titled, "Managing human needs and ecosystem services in drinking water reservoirs confronted with global change."

[Learn more.](#)

PRUDEN & KROMETIS EXAMINE ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE IN FOOD CHAIN

USDA Grants

Drs. Amy Pruden and Leigh Anne Krometis and their collaborators were awarded a multi-million dollar grant from the USDA dealing with issues related to antibiotic resistance. [Learn more.](#)



PUBLIC OUTREACH

IGC Students at Gilbert Linkous Elementary

The Interfaces of Global Change Graduate Student Organization participated in a recent science fair at Gilbert Linkous Elementary School in Blacksburg. The Fellows served as judges of the nearly 70 Gilbert Linkous poster presentations. Others operated a fun photo booth called "Kids Curiosity". [Learn more.](#)

2015: A BANNER RECRUITMENT YEAR

Eight new Ph.D. students will join the Interfaces of Global Change Program in August

The next cohort of IGC students hail from Wisconsin, Iowa, California, Rhode Island, Colorado, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Ghana, and Turkey! Welcoming them are Virginia Tech faculty mentors from a variety of departments across campus, including Entomology, Horticulture, Fish & Wildlife, Forest Resources & Environmental Conservation, and Biology. [Learn more.](#)



2015 ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Bill Hopkins

The Alumni Award for Excellence in Research is presented annually to Virginia Tech faculty members who have made outstanding research contributions. William Hopkins, professor of fish and wildlife conservation in the College of Natural Resources and Environment, and Director of the Global Change Center, received this award in April. [Learn more.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: DR. NAOMI ORESKES

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre

Help us kick off a new academic year by joining us to welcome Harvard historian of science, Dr. Naomi Oreskes. Her book, *Merchants of Doubt*, will be required reading in the GRAD 5134 course this fall. Dr. Oreskes' Distinguished Lecture at the Lyric will be co-sponsored by multiple groups on campus, including the Office of Undergraduate Research, VT SuN (Sustainable Nanotechnology), and the History Department. [Learn More.](#)



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