

To: Kimberly Espy, Vice President for Research & Innovation
From: Ronald Mitchell
Re: UO Climate Change Research Group (CCRG) – summary of AY2012-13 activities
Date: Monday, September 16, 2013
CC: Alan Dickman, Mark Carey, Kathy Lynn, Thibaud Henin, Sena Choi, Kaitlyn Grigsby, Camille Ogden

This memo is intended to briefly summarize activities of the UO Climate Change Research Group (CCRG) during AY2012/2013. I, and the other faculty and graduate students that make up the CCRG, are very grateful for the financial support provided by the Vice President's Office.

In general, it was a very successful third year for CCRG. CCRG is now a coherent, if small, group of faculty dedicated to maintaining a strong research community related to climate change on campus. The group hosted numerous events as described below and continued fostering an increasingly strong community of faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates working on climate change. As the description below makes clear, the group has begun to truly foster interdisciplinary conversations, as most evident in the range of disciplines of those who presented at the 2nd Annual Climate Change Research Symposium that was held in April 2013. The CCRG listserv currently includes over 80 faculty, graduate students, and a few undergrads.

Throughout the year, I and other CCRG faculty have worked closely with the Environmental Studies Program (Alan Dickman), with the organizers of the "Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change Conference" (Mark Carey and Kathy Lynn) and with others on campus working on related issues. We are also very happy that Babe O'Sullivan and Matt McRae from the City of Eugene's Sustainability Office have been regular attendees at the CCRG meetings, fostering more dialogue and "policy engagement" of UO faculty members with the local community.

Plans for 2013-2014 are still under development, but we plan to have a similar schedule to this year, including both large lectures open to the public as well as to continue the more informal presentations to the smaller group of research faculty and graduate students made possible through the monthly faculty colloquia.

In closing, I would like to again thank you and your office for your financial support and would welcome any suggestions or feedback on CCRG's activities as we go forward.

UO 2nd Annual Climate Change Research Symposium (April 10, 2013)

Goal: An interdisciplinary symposium to prompt discussion among faculty and students conducting research on Climate Change at the University of Oregon.

<http://climatechange.uoregon.edu>

This symposium was our second annual Climate Change Research Symposium and, once again, provided a forum for professors and students in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences to present their research on different facets of climate change. The symposium continued the tradition of providing an opportunity to bring together individuals whose problem-driven research transcends traditional disciplinary boundaries.

This year, the symposium included six panels (twice as many as last year) on Climate Change Through the Human Lens, UO State of Climate Change Report, Climate Justice, Climate Change Economics, Local Strategies for Global Change, and Climate Politics and Institutional Responses.

In the six panels, 26 authors presented 24 different papers over the course of the day. Presenters included faculty, graduate students (and one recent PhD), and undergrads, with representation from Anthropology, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, Philosophy, Geography, History, Law, Physics, and Political Science, as well as from the Clark Honors College and Institute for a Sustainable Environment. Presentations were also made by staff from the UO Office of Sustainability and from the City of Eugene Sustainability Board.

We estimate that attendance over the course of the symposium (which ran from 8:30 am until 5 pm) was approximately 150 different people, with the audience ranging between 25 and 60 people over the course of the day. As with the first Symposium, arrangements were organized superbly by a team led by Thibaud Henin (Political Science graduate student). Henin was assisted by Sena Choi (Political Science graduate student), Kaitlyn Grigsby (Environmental Studies graduate student), and Camille Ogden (Political Science undergraduate coordinator).

As last year, we coordinated the Symposium with "Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples Lecture: Keynote Lecture with Kyle Powys Whyte and Frank Lake at Many Nations Longhouse" that was organized by Mark Carey (Honors College) and Kathy Lynn (Environmental Studies).

Monthly CCRG meetings and other events

CCRG once again hosted a range of speakers, both from other institutions as well as UO faculty, related to climate change over the course of the year, as delineated below. Attendance at the CCRG Faculty Colloquia were consistently at 15-20 faculty and graduate students.

- Outside Speaker: Branden Johnson, Decision Research Inc (Eugene)
 - Topic: Climate Change Communication: A Provocative Inquiry into Motives, Meanings, and Means
 - Date: Tuesday, May 14
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Faculty Speaker: Dave Sutherland, UO Geological Sciences
 - Talk: Ice-Ocean Interactions in Greenland
 - Date: Thursday, April 25th
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Outside Speaker: Narcisa Pricope, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies Department, Southern Oregon University
 - Title: Climate change, landscape dynamics and population vulnerability in southern and eastern Africa
 - Date: Thursday, March 7th
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Faculty Speaker: Roberta Mann (UO Law) and Greg Bothun (UO Physics)
 - Title: “The Physical and Legal Implications of Continued Fracking in the Marcellus Shale Gas Basin”
 - Date: February 19, 2013
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Outside Speaker: Phil Mote, Director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (an OUS Institute based at OSU)
 - Talk: New climate change science and observations in Oregon, the Northwest, and beyond
 - Date: Tuesday, Nov. 27th
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Outside Speaker: Dr. Henry Shue, Senior Research Fellow at Merton and Professor of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University
 - Talk: “Climate Hope: Implementing the Exit Strategy”
 - Date: Thursday, Nov. 15th
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Outside Speaker: Dr. Henry Shue, Senior Research Fellow at Merton and Professor of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University
 - Talk: “The State of Human Rights”
 - Date: Thursday, Nov. 15th
 - Event: Public Lecture
- Faculty Speaker: Mark Carey, Honors College
 - Talk: Encounters with Ice: How Glaciers Shaped Society, Advanced Science, and Captured our Imagination
 - Date: Friday, November 2, 2012
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Outside Speaker: Dr. Ryan McAllister, Research Scientist, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Australia
 - Talk: Climate change adaptation in Australia: Evaluating the actor-policy networks for science impact
 - Date: Tuesday October 30th
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium
- Faculty Speaker: Dan Gavin, Department of Geography
 - Talk: Climate Refugia for Biodiversity
 - Date: Thursday, October 25th
 - Event: CCRG Research in Progress Colloquium