Get to know your Research Support Faculty!

Joyce Eberhart grew up in Madison, Wisconsin, where she received a Bachelor’s degree in Botany and Biological Aspects of Conservation. She moved to Corvallis in 1979, and was fortunate to start a one-year job with Dr. Jim Trappe (wizard of all things truffle). In 1981 she was hired as a Faculty Research Assistant in Forest Science, and has been surviving on soft money ever since. Most of her research has been on ectomycorrhizae, truffles, and mushrooms (the “good” fungi), but in recent years she has turned to the dark side and has worked on Swiss needle cast and Phytophthora diseases. Much of her efforts in the last couple years have been working with Dr. Jennifer Parke to develop the website Forest Phytophthoras of the World (www.forestphytophthoras.org), and she is the managing editor of the related on-line journal Forest Phytophthoras. Joyce and her husband, Dan Luoma, enjoy gardening, mushroom hunting, and wildflower hikes together. They are rich in sons, all four of whom have chosen to live in Oregon. Joyce is a violist who loves playing with friends in a weekly string quintet, performs regularly with the Willamette Valley Symphony, and occasionally with the OSU Symphony Orchestra.

Bev Law serving as lead author

Bev Law is serving as a lead author of the 2013 National Climate Assessment. The National Climate Assessment (NCA) is being conducted under the auspices of the Global Change Research Act of 1990. The GCRA requires a report to the President and the Congress every four years that integrates, evaluates, and interprets the findings of the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP); analyzes the effects of global change on the natural environment, agriculture, energy production and use, land and water resources, transportation, human health and welfare, human social systems, and biological diversity; and analyzes current trends in global change, both human-induced and natural, and projects major trends for the subsequent 25 to 100 years. National climate assessments act as status reports about climate change science and impacts. They are based on observations made across the country and compare these observations to predictions from climate system models. The NCA aims to incorporate advances in the understanding of climate science into larger social, ecological, and policy systems, and with this provide integrated analyses of impacts and vulnerability.

Northwest Fire Science Consortium

Janean Creighton is the Administrative Director for the newly formed Northwest Fire Science Consortium (NWFSC). The NWFSC is regionally based in Washington and Oregon, but is also part of a national network of consortia established by the Joint Fire Science Program to accelerate the awareness, understanding, and adoption of wildland fire science information by federal, tribal, state, local, and private stakeholders in Washington and Oregon. Learn more about the National Consortia.

WOWnet has new website!

Women Owning Woodlands has a new snazzy national WOWnet website: http://womenowningwoodlands.net

September 11-14
ForestSAT 2012
OSU, Corvallis, OR

The purpose of the ForestSAT 2012 conference is to promote scientifically-based understanding of how spatial analysis technologies can help describe and monitor forested systems. Recognized is an inherent need to integrate data from an array of remote sensing systems, and other spatial information, using a variety of approaches. Numerous uses of spatial data are relevant, from addressing the needs of local forest managers, to informing forest ecosystem models, to establishing monitoring systems in support of international agreements. Delegates typically represent research organizations, universities, agencies, and the private sector. Conference website.
September 19-21
Society of Wetland Scientists' Pacific Northwest
Chapter 2012 Meeting
Boise, ID
This is sure to be an exciting event with new material for the concurrent and plenary sessions. The conference will also follow previously successful formats of poster sessions, exhibitor booths, a silent auction, chapter business meetings, social functions and field trips or workshops. Idaho has numerous unique wetlands and waters systems near the city of Boise for field trip opportunities. Event Website

December 3-7
5th International Fire Ecology and Management Congress
Portland, OR
Featured invited speakers will put contemporary wildland fire issues into a global context. Concurrent sessions and an evening poster session will cover a wide range of topics and issues. Participants can help shape the Fire Congress program by suggesting special sessions developed on specific themes. A new feature is free meeting space for participants to conduct their annual meetings on Monday and Friday. Special demonstrations and workshops will occur on Monday to provide hands-on experiences for participants. Congress website


Michael P. Nelson holds the Ruth H. Spaniol Chair in Natural Resources and serves as the Lead Principle Investigator for the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest Long-Term Ecological Research program. He is an environmental scholar, writer, teacher, speaker, consultant, and professor of environmental ethics and philosophy. He is the philosopher in residence of the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Project, the longest continuous study of a predator-prey system in the world. Michael is the co-founder/co-director of the Conservation Ethics Group, an award-winning environmental ethics consultancy group fusing ethics with social and ecological science, and
serves as a senior fellow for the Spring Creek Project for Nature, Ideas, and the Written Word.

Christopher Still holds a Ph.D from Stanford University and conducted his postdoctoral research at UC Berkeley and the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Before coming to Oregon State, he was a professor in the Department of Geography at UC Santa Barbara. His research is focused on the role of clouds in the ecological structure and function of forests, on the global biogeography and biogeochemistry of C4 grasses, and on the isotopic composition of atmospheric CO2 and linkages between the carbon and water cycles at a range of spatial and temporal scales. He just moved to Corvallis with his wife and daughter and two dogs.

Dr. Amy Klocko has joined Steve Strauss and others in the FES forest biotechnology laboratory in June. Amy was formally a postdoc with John Fowler in Botany at OSU, working on the exocyst complex in regulating (the cell biology of) plant cell growth. She also taught introductory biology at Linn Benton Community College last spring term. Before that she got her PhD at Washington University in St. Louis working on the regulation of plant membrane trafficking. She grew up in Olympia, Washington. Amy lives in Junction City with her husband Andy, who is working on a postdoc in the Selker lab (epigenetics) at the University of Oregon. Amy and her family love to camp and climb mountains. She is a gifted baker and has already made significant contributions to the Strauss weekly laboratory meetings with outstanding cookies and beer cake (better than it sounds!). Amy is supervising students on projects related to flowering and genetic engineering of containment technology in poplar and eucalypts. Welcome Amy.

Fred Bierlmaier retired at the end April. In his 35 years of service to OSU and the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest, Fred played a key role in the development of the climate program, data management systems, headquarters computer network and wireless systems for streaming data from Andrews Forest sensor networks. Adam Kennedy, who has worked with the Andrews Forest program for many years, has taken over information management and wireless computing responsibilities at the Forest.

Goodbye to Robert Kennedy, who left us for Boston University. He did his PhD in the FS department and was the co-director of LARSE. We’re sad to see him go, but wish him well!

Goodbye to Rebecca Kennedy, who also has left us for the east coast.

Goodbye to Jon Martin and Kent Davis, who both worked with Bev Law.

Goodbye to Ron Rhatigan, Susmita Sen, and Michael Dow.

Matt Betts received an Emerging Scholar Award at Phi Kappa Phi’s initiation. The OSU chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has established the Emerging Scholar Faculty Award in order to recognize non-tenured faculty for outstanding research or creative activity in his or her field of study. This award is open to faculty in the early stages of their professional careers and provides a $1,000 honorarium and a one-year active membership in Phi Kappa Phi to the recipient.

Climate Change Handbook – A Citizen’s Guide to Thoughtful Action won both a Western Regional and National Educational Piece - Team Award from NACDEP – the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals. Viviane Simon-Brown was one of the authors of this handbook and was recognized at the annual conference in Park City, UT.

Jim Rivers was awarded the 2012 Ned K. Johnson Young Investigator Award from the American Ornithologists’ Union at the recent meeting of the North American Ornithological Conference. This award recognizes researchers who have made outstanding and promising ornithological contributions early in their career and show a distinct promise for leadership in ornithology within and beyond North America. Congrats, Jim!

At the 2012 CoF Spring Awards Ceremony, Jo Tynon was presented with the XSP/Julie Kliewer Award for Excellence in Mentoring.

Congratulations to John Bliss, who received the 2012 Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Faculty Member.
Promotions

**Matt Betts** was promoted to Associate Professor with Indefinite Tenure.

**Heather Roberts** and **Peder Nelson** were promoted to Senior Faculty Research Assistant.

**Dr. Mark Needham** has accepted appointment as the Gene Knudson Professor of Forest Resources Education and **Dr. Ron Reuter** has accepted appointment as the Maybelle Clark McDonald Professor of Forest Resources Education.

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