

Conservation Biology Graduate Program Weekly Newsletter

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A weekly newsletter of the Conservation
Biology Graduate Program

<http://www.consbio.umn.edu/newsletter/>

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Editor's Corner

Welcome to warmer weather! It is absolutely beautiful outside today. As usual, there's lots of great stuff happening on campus this week. A few seminars have been cancelled this week including the EEB seminar. Please note that the 2007 MN SCB Annual Meeting and Retreat is coming up soon (Feb. 23-24, 2007). The last day to reserve your meals and lodging is Monday, February 19th—that's today! Check out the PDF attached to this email for more information.

Ciao.

Anne Cooper

Lectures/seminars on campus

Conservation Biology Seminar

Date and time: 19 February (Monday) 4:00-5:00pm

Location: Please note that the location for seminar has changed again this semester: we will be meeting Mondays from 4-5 in 335 Borlaug.

Talk #1: Topic: Systematic Conservation Planning in Cambodia

Presenter: Peter Cutter, Conservation Biology Program

Notes: Current challenges for conservation and land-use planning in Cambodia include limited data inputs, short government planning horizons, and a narrow view of governance options for stakeholders. However, new approaches, tools, and technologies have succeeded in providing a defensible and accessible platform for diverse groups to compare conservation options. This talk will summarize recent conservation planning efforts in Cambodia and suggest productive steps forward.

Talk #2: Title: The kiwi that soared above the eagle: New Zealand as a national case study for proactive conservation policy and environmental law

Presenter: Phillip Vaughter, Conservation Biology Program

Notes: The state of the natural environment remains a high priority issue among many of the globe's nations. However, some nations perform poorly in regards to conservation efforts, while others have enjoyed great success stories. What accounts for these differences? By studying the process of social networking, social scientists are currently attempting to model how the actors within these various nations interact with each other in regards to the natural world. Social scientists are using these

models as a means to compare and contrast actors on the global stage. The COMPON (Comparative Policy Network) project is currently trying to model the social networks of fifteen different nations, examining the roles governments, corporations, non-governmental organizations, and the public play in relating to each other and in addressing, as well as creating, environmental policy. Through the study of these social network models, it is hoped that researchers will be able to quantify which aspects of a national society are the most essential in creating effective conservation approaches. With the New Zealand case study, it is hoped that a greater understanding of conservation issues and how they relate to social networks will explain the creation and implementation of New Zealand's sustainability clause in the nation's constitution, as well as the creation of the Court of the Environment in the island nation.

Job talks on biological anthropology

Date and Time: Monday, February 19, 2007, 2:30pm

Location: BlegH 125, West Bank

Presenter: Kieran McNulty, Ph.D. 2003 – City University of New York

Title: Geometric and paleontological perspectives on ape and human evolution

Date and time: Friday, February 23, 2007, 2:30

Location: HHH 15, West Bank

Presenter: Jason Organ*, Ph.D. candidate (expected 7/7) Johns Hopkins
School of Medicine

Title: Unraveling the 'tale of tales': reconstructing primate behavior and biology from the fossil record

Bush's Disconnect: Foreign Policy, Public Opinion, and Multilateralism

Date and time: Thursday, February 22, 2007, 10:00am – 11:30 am

Location: Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave S., Minneapolis

Presenters: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale and Professor Benjamin Page, Northwestern University

Sponsored by: The Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

Notes: President Bush, his senior advisers, and some foreign policy specialists have advocated a unilateral approach to foreign policy. Americans, however, have long supported a multilateral approach to foreign policy that relies on collaboration with the United Nations and other countries. Ben Page, Gordon S. Fulcher Professor of Decision Making in the Political Science Department at Northwestern University, will discuss the growing gap between the Bush Administration and the American public on issues of foreign policy. He will be joined by former Vice President Walter F. Mondale. The Center for the Study of Politics and Governance works to develop practical solutions to pressing political and policy challenges. CSPG provides non-partisan research and forums to foster more effective and efficient governance, increase the transparency of government processes, and rebuild public trust in order to counteract negative influences that threaten our democracy. The event is free and open to the public.

To request disability accommodations, please call 612-625-2530 or email cpsg@umn.edu

THE FOREIGN POLICY DISCONNECT: WHAT AMERICANS WANT FROM OUR LEADERS BUT DON'T GET

Presenters: Benjamin Page, Gordon S. Fulcher Professor of Decision Making, Northwestern University

Date and time: Thursday, February 22, 2007, Noon – 1:00 pm

Location: Room 215, Humphrey Center, 301 19th Ave S., Minneapolis

Sponsored by: the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, University of Minnesota Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs

Notes: Foreign policy has often been designed to serve the nation's interests even if it runs counter to what majorities of Americans prefer. The result is that decades of American foreign policy have been at odds with strong and sustained public opinion. Although some discrepancies may be unavoidable, large and consistent gaps endanger the sustainability and democratic underpinnings of American foreign policy. RSVPs requested to cpsg@umn.edu or 612-625-2530. www.hhh.umn.edu/centers/cspg. To request disability accommodations, please call 612-625-2530 or email cpsg@umn.edu

Announcements

Protect Our Great Outdoors: Citizens Day at the Capitol

Date: February 21, 2007

Minnesotans treasure our Great Outdoors. Enjoying our lakes, rivers, wetlands, prairies and forests is an important part of our way of life and who we are. But today, our Great Outdoors is threatened. Our lakes and rivers aren't as clean as they used to be - nor as clean as they should be. Sprawl and development will take an estimated 1 million acres of farmland and natural areas in the next 25 years. And as up to 1.2 million people move into Minnesota in the coming years, the pressures on our parks, wildlife habitat and natural areas will intensify and our need for energy will continue to grow.

On Wednesday, February 21st, hundreds of citizens from across Minnesota are coming to Saint Paul to rally in the Capitol rotunda and meet with their Legislators to ask them to make smart investments to protect and restore Minnesota's Great Outdoors so we can keep enjoying it today and be able to pass it on to our kids tomorrow.

Busses will be coming from Bemidji, Duluth, Rochester, Albert Lea, St. Cloud, Brainerd and Bloomington - visit our [website](#) for more information!

Are you ready to make the most of the [Graduate and Professional Student Career Fair](#) on Thursday?

Date and time: Thursday, February 22, 2007, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Coffman Great Hall, Ground Floor, Coffman Memorial Union Bldg

Check the list of registered employers and positions again! They're sortable by job category and new employers are registering daily.

<http://www.theodysseygroup.com/GRAD/Empframe.htm>

Some employers are recruiting for particular positions. Others don't have current openings but are coming to share info about their organizations and future opportunities with you.

Make a great impression! Dress professionally, bring your resume and view our online Career Fair Prep workshop, <http://breeze5.umn.edu/gradjobfairsuccess>

Last chance for resume advice and networking tips!

Networking Skills for Graduate and Professional Students Workshop

Date and time: Wednesday, February 21, 2-3:30 p.m.

Location: 415 Alderman Hall, St. Paul Campus

Presenter: Meaghan Stein, Career Counselor, Career Center for Science and Engineering

To register for these and other Graduate School Workshops:

<http://www.grad.umn.edu/career/workshops/default.asp?list=grad>

Get quick resume feedback at drop-in hours at the St. Paul Campus Career Center

Date and time: Mondays 11:30 - 1:30 pm, Tuesdays 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Wednesdays 10:00 am - noon, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: 198 McNeal

Resume Writing Workshop

Date and time: Wed. Feb. 21, 12:50 pm - 1:50 pm

Location: 110 St. Paul Student Center

See you there!

St. Paul Campus Career Center

198 McNeal

612-624-2710

<http://www.stpaulcareers.umn.edu/spccc@umn.edu>

We're here to help

Center for Writing's Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing

As coordinator of the Center for Writing's Interdisciplinary Studies of Writing (ISW) grants program, I'm writing to invite proposals for this year's research grants to support projects in WAC and WID. Details about the application process for this year's grants are now available at <http://writing.umn.edu/isw/grants.htm>. Examples of publications arising from past grants are available as pdfs at <http://writing.umn.edu/isw/publications.htm>.

Besides browsing through the information on the website, please do consider me a resource: I am happy to consult with applicants at any stage of the process, from chatting about potential research questions to reviewing drafts of proposals. And, of course, I am always available to answer your questions about ISW and the grants program.

With best wishes,

Katie

Graduate School Grad Workshops

To view the complete list of workshops for spring semester go to:

<http://www.grad.umn.edu/career/workshops/default.asp?list=grad>

NETWORKING SKILLS FOR GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS
Wednesday, February 21, 2007 2:00-3:30 p.m. 415 Alderman Hall, St. Paul Campus

MAP: <http://onestop.umn.edu/Maps/AlderH/AlderH-map.html>

Presenter: Meaghan Stein, Career Counselor, Career Center for Science and Engineering

Notes: Eighty percent (80%) of jobs are found through networking. Attend this workshop to learn more about the hidden job market and how to network effectively. Click below to register: <http://www.grad.umn.edu/career/workshops/register.asp?id=132>

Courses

Are you interested in advanced training in assessment and management of forest resources? The following three field courses may be of interest to you. The courses are taught at the Cloquet Forestry Center from May 13 - June 8. As the courses are taught separately, it is possible to take one, two, or all three classes. For additional information about any of the courses, please contact the instructor(s), see course information at <http://fr.cfans.umn.edu/courses/index.html> and Advanced Field Session information at <http://fr.cfans.umn.edu/courses/fieldsession/advanced.html>.

FR 5615 Field Remote Sensing and Resource Survey (2 cr) – Field applications of remote sensing, sampling/measurement methods to inventory/mapping of forest and other natural resources. (Marv Bauer mbauer@umn.edu, Alan Ek ae@umn.edu, and Brian Loeffelholz loef0018@umn.edu instructors) May 13 – 19.

FR 5611 Field Silviculture (2 cr) – Collection of field data to prepare/write silvicultural prescriptions for regeneration, thinning, and harvesting in the context of landscape, watershed, and wildlife habitat issues. Field exercises in forest entomology, pathology, tree improvement, and non-timber forest products. Tree planting. Marking stands for harvest. (Grant Domke, instructor; gmdomke@umn.edu) May 21 – May 31.

FR 5621 Field Timber Harvesting and Road Planning (2 cr) – Design, layout, and administration of timber sales. Forest road planning and design. Protecting residual trees during harvesting operations. Dealing with protesters. Field trips and on-site evaluations of timber harvesting systems. Timber appraisal, forest management guidelines. Road location and profiling. Planning/layout considerations. (Charlie Blinn, instructor; cblinn@umn.edu) June 1 – 8.

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Date Saver

Job talks on biological anthropology

Date and time: Monday, February 26, 2007, 2:30pm

Location: Blegan Hall, West Bank

Presenter: Karen L. Baab*, Ph.D. candidate (anticipated 2007) City University of New York

Title: The implications of cranial shape for the taxonomy and evolution of /Homo erectus/: A 3D geometric morphometrics approach

Ada Comstock Distinguished Women Scholars Lecture

Presenter: Professor Catherine French, Civil Engineering

Title: "Shake, Rattle, and Roll: Testing Structures to Their Limits"

Date, time and location: **March 22**, 2007, 7:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center

Reception follows lecture.

FREE. RSVP: 612-625-9837 or women@umn.edu

This program is co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice President and Provost for Academic Affairs, the Office for University Women in the Office of the Vice President and Vice Provost for Equity and Diversity, The Graduate School, and University Libraries

What's for Dinner?' features author Michael Pollan

Date and location: Thursday, **April 19**, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: MacMillan Auditorium

Keynote: Michael Pollan, author and journalist

Conference: \$100 member / non-member (conference includes keynote, panel and special luncheon discussion)

Morning Session only: \$35 member / non-member

Co-sponsored by the University of Minnesota's Program on Agricultural, Food and Environmental Ethics and the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA)

Notes: The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum presents What's for Dinner? The Ethics and Aesthetics of Eating, featuring Michael Pollan, author of "The Omnivore's Dilemma." Pollan will present the keynote address, followed by a panel discussion including Allen Levine, CFANS dean, as well as regional experts, growers and distributors. The event is presented by the arboretum's Public Policy Program and sponsored by the [University of Minnesota's Program on Agriculture, Food and Environmental Ethics](#) and the [Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture](#). For more information and to register, call the Arboretum's Education Office at 952-443-1422 or go to <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/education/adult/publicpolicy.htm>.

Conferences and Meetings

2007 MN SCB ANNUAL MEETING & RETREAT: FEB 23-24, 2007: Conservation on Working Lands

Monday, February 19 is the last day to reserve your meals and lodging!**

A Conference and Annual Meeting of the MN Society for Conservation Biology

February 22-24, 2007 at the Audubon Center of the North Woods

From the Minnesota Energy Bill to the U.S. Farm Bill, impending state and federal policies will impact conservation not only on public lands, but also where people live, work, and play. This is an opportunity for leaders within the Minnesota conservation community to explore how these policies will influence conservation efforts across the state, to strategize ways of incorporating the principles and values of Conservation Biology into the public decision-making process, and to begin developing the necessary tools to advance MN SCB's work in this critical area. Come and be a part of these exciting conversations!

Keynote Speakers include:

Rod Sando (Former Commissioner of MN DNR; Former Director of Idaho Fish and Game Commission; and Director of Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Authority)

Michael Noble (Founder and Executive Director of Fresh-Energy)

Laura Jackson (Professor, University of Northern Iowa; co-editor of Farm as Natural Habitat)

Sessions Include:

The 2007 Farm Bill: Why Should Conservation Biologists Care? (Mark Muller, Gabe Horner, Steve Chaplin)

MN Campaign for Conservation and the LCCMR Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan (Jerry Niemi and others)

Biofuels and Biodiversity (Tom Landwehr, Don Arnosti, Clarence Lehman, and
Brendan Jordan)
Conservation Leadership: Exploring Ideas for Increasing Impact (Jim Manolis, Kristen
Nelson, Kathryn Fernholz, and Keith Wendt)

See attached PDF or email Julia Nerbonne for registration details: jnerbonne@hecua.org

SUBMIT A "FIRESIDE PAPER"

Who couldn't use the input and wisdom of their colleagues? Traditional contributed papers at conferences leave only a few moments at the end of a powerpoint presentation for audience engagement. This year at MN SCB, you will have the opportunity to present your work in a "fireside paper" format. Literally next to a flickering fireplace, presenters will talk about their work for ten minutes and then the audience will offer their insights for another ten minutes. Presentations in the fireside paper format will greatly benefit students who would like feedback on their research!

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

Submit abstracts to Julia Frost Nerbonne by email at jnerbonne@hecua.org by February 9, 2007. Accepted papers and posters will be notified by February 12, 2007.

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Title:

Indicate Order of Preference:

_____ Fireside Paper (10 min. informal presentation of research question + 10 min. of discussion with conservation professionals)

_____ Poster (non-competitive; please limit size to 36" by 60")

Abstract (200 words or less)

The American Society of Naturalists (ASN)

The annual meetings of The American Society of Naturalists (ASN) <http://www.amnat.org/>, Society of Systematic Biologists (SSB) <http://systbiol.org/>, and the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE) <http://www.evolutionsociety.org> are scheduled to be held June 16-20, 2007 at the Christchurch Convention Centre, Christchurch, New Zealand. Saturday June 16 is the arrival day (pre-conference tours, council meetings and opening reception), Sunday June 17 through Wednesday June 20 (scientific sessions) with closing awards banquet scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, June 20. Thursday June 21 is departure day. Full details on this combined meeting are available at the Evolution 2007 web site, www.evolution2007.com On line conference registration and talk/poster registration is now available at this site. Delegates intending to present a talk or display a poster at Evolution 2007, must first register through the on line registration process.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DEADLINES For submission of talk/poster titles- **April 15, 2007** For early bird discounted registration rates - **March 31, 2007** Delegates can register early and submit titles no later than the deadline above. Information on travel to New Zealand and accommodation options for the conference can be found on the conference web site.

American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting

We invite you to California as the American Fisheries Society (AFS) convenes its 137th Annual Meeting at the Marriott Hotel in downtown San Francisco September 2-6, 2007. The theme of the meeting is "Thinking Downstream and Downcurrent: Addressing Uncertainty and Unintended Consequences in Fish and Fisheries." At the interface between the Sacramento-San Joaquin River drainage and the Pacific Ocean, San Francisco provides an outstanding venue to think about managing whole ecosystems, advance your professional networking, and to keep current on emerging ideas in fisheries science and management. San Francisco also provides a world class location for a personal or family vacation. Dozens of must-see cultural, historic, and natural points of interest are located only minutes away from the Marriott. Experience a wide array of outdoor activities both locally and within a few hours drive from the "The City". Climb aboard a cable car to visit Fisherman's Wharf, take a ferry to Alcatraz, or walk along the bayside Embarcadero. Drive across the Golden Gate Bridge to hike through giant redwood groves, meander up the Pacific Coast Highway, or discover the delights of the Napa/Sonoma wine country. Cast a line for salmon, rockfish, and halibut or fly fish for trout in the myriad Sierra Nevada streams from Lake Tahoe to Yosemite. We hope you join us in San Francisco to stimulate scientific thinking and let the Golden State stir your senses.

Deadlines

23 February 2007 - Final list of confirmed symposium speakers

02 March 2007 - Deadline for symposium presentation abstracts

Minnesota Chapter of the American Fisheries Society 2007 Annual Meeting Call For Papers

The meeting will be on **March 19-21, 2007**, at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, St. Cloud. Are you a student member? We have a new process for allotting Student Travel Awards for the annual meeting. Don't be shy - the Minnesota Chapter strongly supports student attendance, for both graduate and undergraduate students.

Managing Incidental Findings in Human Subjects Research: From Imaging to Genomics

This full-day conference is sponsored by the University of Minnesota in partnership with the Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences. This conference is supported in part by a grant from the National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, grant #1R01HG003178-01A1.

Tuesday, **May 1, 2007**. Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center. University of Minnesota. Register at www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/conferences/if.php or email lawvalue@umn.edu.

This conference will present the recommendations from an NIH-funded project developing standards for the management of incidental findings identified during research with human subjects. Incidental findings are defined as unexpected findings beyond the domain of key interest in the research that have potential clinical significance. Presentations will focus on obtaining feedback from the public, researchers, research subjects, and regulatory bodies such as IRBs on a position paper outlining consent form language and IRB protocols.

For more information, visit our conference website: <http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/conferences/if.php> Or contact the Consortium office at: Email: lawvalue@umn.edu, Telephone: 612-625-0055

Funding opportunities

Please be aware that **February 19th** is the deadline for the following fellowships offered through the Bell Museum and Ecology, Evolution and Behavior.

<http://www.cbs.umn.edu/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml>

The Florence Rothman Fellowship

[/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml) provides support for students working with Bell Museum faculty or doing field work in EEB (deadline: **February 19, 2007**).

The *Huempfer Ruffed Grouse

[/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml)* fund supports graduate students researching ruffed grouse and their habitat (deadline: **February 19, 2007**).

The *Dayton and Wilkie Natural History Funds*

[/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml) is administered by the Bell Museum of Natural History. Funds can be used for laboratory supplies and equipment to support field studies that are directly related to the student thesis project (deadline: **February 19, 2007**).

The Frank McKinney*Fellowship

[/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml](http://www.cbs.umn.edu/eeb/graduateprogram/fellowships/daytonwilkie.shtml) provides support for students working in Avian Behavior (deadline: **February 19, 2007**)

*If you have questions, feel free to contact Bob Zink (zinkx003@umn.edu).

Udall Fellowship

The Udall Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2007 Environmental Public Policy & Conflict Resolution Dissertation Fellowship. We hope that you will forward this information to qualified Ph.D. students. The application deadline is **February 21, 2007**. The Udall Foundation awards two one-year fellowships of up to \$24,000 to doctoral candidates whose research concerns U.S. environmental public policy and/or environmental conflict resolution and who are entering their final year of writing the dissertation. Previous fellows' fields of study include political science; economics; government; environmental science, policy and management; ecology; environmental justice; regional planning; geography; natural resource policy; and environmental analysis and design. Interdisciplinary projects are particularly welcome. Fellows must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or U.S. permanent residents, and their dissertation research must pertain to U.S. environmental policy.

Program details, information and applications are available at <http://www.udall.gov>. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jane Curlin at curlin@udall.gov.

Deadline: Feb. 21, 2007

Thank you for your help in recruiting outstanding Udall Fellows.

Jane Curlin, Ph.D.

curlin@udall.gov

Graduate Fellows and Environmental Biology, an NSF-funded GK-12 Project

To: Graduate Students in Ecology, Evolution & Behavior; Entomology; Natural Resources Science & Management; Plant Biology; Fisheries, Wildlife & Conservation Biology; and Water Resources Science

From: Drs. Lesa Covington Clarkson (Curriculum and Instruction), Scott Lanyon (Bell Museum of Natural History and EEB), Karen Oberhauser (FWCB), Susan Weller (Entomology and Bell Museum); and Kevin Williams (Bell Museum)

Re: 12-month graduate fellowship opportunity (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008).

Join fellow Environmental Biology graduate students in this NSF-funded project! Work with K-12 teachers and UM faculty and staff engaged in K-12 activities as you translate your research expertise into a K-12 learning environment. The goal of this project is to encourage science graduate students to connect with K-12 teachers and students throughout their careers. Benefits include experience in inquiry-based pedagogy that will be effective in university teaching, working with graduate students and faculty from across the University, and helping young students become engaged in science.

Fellows will engage in summer workshops, work in Minneapolis and St. Paul Schools, and on campus activities

To apply: by February 28 fill out the on-line form at www.gk12.umn.edu and ask your advisor to fill out the recommender's form at www.gk12.umn.edu

There are a number of important fellowship opportunities and deadlines coming up soon

Fellowships through the Office of International Programs. The Conservation Biology grad program will likely have several applicants for this fellowship that is due on March 9. These require a nomination letter from the DGS although we are not limited in the number of students from the program that can apply. Because this due date coincides with the Grad School's Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship deadline, I need enough time to prepare at least 8 nomination letters (the count so far). To be a CB nominee for an OIP fellowship, I need a copy of your proposal and your advisor's letter of support (sent via email directly to me) by Friday, **February 23**. I won't be able to provide a CB nomination letter if this information isn't available to me on Feb 23.

CB Summer Fellowships - The CB program will provide summer support for at least 5 first or second year students (first year students are the higher priority). You can only receive this award once. First year students must have convened their committee and have received program approval for their degree program to be eligible; second year students must have a degree program approved by the Grad School. Also, note that if you are on a GS Fellowship, MacArthur, or other award where this support was part of your offer letter at admission, you still need to submit a proposal (and have your degree program submitted). **Due Monday March 19** (see details below).

Global and Environmental Change Graduate Fellowship- This is a new opportunity available to students in the 5 environment-related graduate programs in CFANS (note- your advisor does not need to be in CFANS-all CB students are eligible). The priority students for this fellowship are mid-program PhD Students (i.e., those who will be at the right stage to apply for a Doctoral Dissertation fellowship a year from now). **Due Date: March 1. Send me an email by Feb. 16** if you plan to apply.

Let Sue know if you have any questions- lots of great opportunities!

New Funding for International Scholarly Activities

The following are new funding programs to promote a global network of scholarship and engagement and encourage interdisciplinary and transnational partnerships. The programs are administered and funded by the Office of International Programs. Guidelines and application materials:

<http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic.html> Questions: Karen Brown, 612-624-0832 or kbt@umn.edu

Funding for Graduate and Professional Degree Students

- OIP Doctoral Fellowships for International Research and Writing Deadline noon on **March 9, 2007**

More information on guidelines and application forms is available at: <http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/strategic.html>

The Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences

is accepting proposals for projects addressing the broad societal implications of problems in health, environment, or the life sciences. University of Minnesota graduate and professional students should apply now for stipends for research, funding for research supplies, or funding for events in Summer 2007 or academic year 2007-08. Maximum award is \$7000.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be found at

<http://www.lifesci.consortium.umn.edu/rfps/>

Proposals must be received by 4pm on Monday, **February 19**. If you have questions concerning this RFP, please contact Audrey Boyle at boyle032@umn.edu or 612.626.5624.

Graduate Fellows and Environmental Biology, an NSF-funded GK-12 Project

Join fellow Environmental Biology graduate students in this NSF-funded project! Work with K-12 teachers and UM faculty and staff engaged in K-12 activities as you translate your research expertise into a K-12 learning environment. The goal of this project is to encourage science graduate students to connect with K-12 teachers and students throughout their careers. Benefits include experience in inquiry-based pedagogy that will be effective in university teaching, working with graduate students and faculty from across the University, and helping young students become engaged in science.

Apply by February 28

- Fill out the on-line form at www.gk12.umn.edu
 - Ask your advisor to fill out the recommender's form at www.gk12.umn.edu
- Please contact Karen Oberhauser with questions or comments: oberh001@umn.edu

Torske Klubben (The Cod Club) Fellowship for Minnesota Residents

Students currently registered for credit in the University of Minnesota Graduate School who are official state-of-Minnesota residents may apply. The award is open to individuals who have an interest in or connection with Norway and/or its culture. Applicants should have a strong, mature, and clearly defined career interest in a specific field, with a sound research or study plan. Applicants must be able to demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and high academic achievement. Preference will be given to students who earned their undergraduate degrees from a Minnesota college or university, or from a college founded by or associated with Norwegian-Americans, such as Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A stipend of \$10,000 for the academic year. For recipients without another source of tuition support, such as an assistantship, the Graduate School Fellowship Office will provide a Tuition Scholarship for full-time study for the academic year. Torske Klubben is interested in supporting students of high academic achievement who show great promise of becoming leaders in their chosen profession and/or in the Norwegian- American community, who have a deep and abiding cultural and/or professional interest in Norway (in a historical or present-day context), and who

convey a sensitivity to the future of Norway and Norway-America relationships. Need may be taken into account, all other factors being equal. Complete Fellowship description, application form, and instructions are available on the web at http://www.grad.umn.edu/fellowships/forms/tk_mn_residents.pdf or from the Graduate School Fellowship Office gsfellow@tc.umn.edu Deadline: **March 1, 2005**

National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial

Scholarship Program-Deadline: April 13, 2007

In honor of the National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial, the Walt Disney Company (<http://www.disney.com/>), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <http://www.fws.gov/>, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation <http://www.nfwf.org/> are supporting the 2007 National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Scholarship Program. The NWRS Centennial Scholarship Program seeks to support students whose research will contribute toward improved management and understanding of the diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources found on National Wildlife Refuges <http://refuges.fws.gov/>. Under this competitive scholarship program, a minimum of ten one-year scholarships will be awarded to support students' research expenses, tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Undergraduate, master's, and juris doctorate students are eligible to receive a one-time award of \$5,000; Ph.D. and D.V.M. students are eligible to receive a one-time award of \$15,000.

To be eligible, a student must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education in the U.S. pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree (sophomores and juniors in the current academic year only) in environmental science, natural resource management, biology, public policy, education, geography, political science, or related disciplines. Only those students working on a National Wildlife Refuge or whose work is directly applicable to resource management on a National Wildlife Refuge(s) are eligible. Visit the NFWF Web site for complete program details and application instructions.
