Fall 2012 ENVS News

Experiential Endowment Campaign Reaches First Milestone and Continues Towards Goal
The Environmental Studies faculty is thrilled to announce that we have raised a total of ~$250,000 in donations to the ENVS experiential learning endowment which includes a generous $100,000 matching gift from the Helen and Will Webster Foundation. We are grateful to the more than 150 alumni, parents, faculty and staff who have donated to the fund. The endowment will provide long-term funding for hands on learning experiences such as popular field courses (e.g. environmental interpretation and natural history field quarter), labs, and field trips. We are continuing to work towards reaching our goal of raising $1 million for the experiential learning endowment and hope that you will consider making a tax-deductible donation this year. Please take a moment and watch this video to see what your donation means to future generations of ENVS students. Donate to the endowment »

Natural History 40th Field Quarter Reunion brings over 400 Alumni Back to UCSC
Smiles, laughter, and inspiration filled the UCSC this past April when more than 400 Natural History Field Quarter (NHFQ) alumni came back to campus to celebrate the program’s 40th year. Alumni came from as far as Alaska, Germany, and Belize to share memories, reconnect with friends, and honor retiring Professor Steve Gliessman who taught NHFQ for 30 years. Read More »

Olga T. Griswold Professor of Environmental Studies
Daniel Press is new Director of Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems Read more »

Join us for our upcoming events:

Alan Richards’ Pub Talk
Petro-Politics in the Wake of the Arab Spring
7 p.m. Tues., 11/13/12
RED Restaurant & Bar
200 Locust Street

Day-long conference: Rethinking Development in Light of Climate Change
Saturday, 10/27/12

ENVS Welcomes Three New Faculty

Stacy Philpott
Alfred E. Heller Chair in Agroecology
View Stacy’s webpage.
Proposition 30 has Important Implications for UC funding

Alumna Leaves the Environmental Studies Department a Lasting Legacy
The late Jean Davidson, ’79 College Eight, environmental design/planning, remembered the Environmental Studies department with an unrestricted gift of $50,000 through her estate. The money will be added to two endowment funds, the Experiential Learning Endowment and the Drury Endowment, which supports graduate research. Ms. Davidson was a re-entry student who worked as a landscape architect in the Palo Alto area after graduating from UCSC. To learn more about how you can provide for UCSC in your estate, please contact Marcus Frost (jmfrost@ucsc.edu)

Chair Karen Holl Talks about the Importance of her Work for the State of California
Recently, Environmental Studies Professor and Chair was asked to make a short video about her work for Governor Brown’s website to make science more accessible to the public. Watch video »

Renowned Photographer Frans Lanting donates photograph to Environmental Studies
Well-known wildlife and environmental photographer Frans Lanting (Environmental Studies ’89) has donated a spectacular mural-sized photograph on canvas of a Red-Eyed tree frog he took in Panama in 1998. The stunning image will be displayed in the stairwell between the third and fourth floor of the Interdisciplinary Sciences Building. We are grateful to Mr. Lanting for this generous donation and encourage you to come visit us and see it.

Photo by Frans Lanting
Please support our work!