



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

University of California, Santa Cruz

Spring 2013 ENVS News

Historic Hay Barn to be reinvented as Environmental Program Center

UCSC has received a \$5 million cornerstone pledge from Alec and Claudia Webster, representing the Helen and Will Webster Foundation, that will help restore the historic Cowell Ranch Hay Barn near the campus's main entrance. The restored site will serve as a new home for the Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS), Life Lab, and other south campus sustainability groups, as well as a welcoming new "front door" to the UCSC Farm and south campus area.

The Webster Foundation pledge will be awarded over several years, with the majority of the funds targeted for the Hay Barn's reconstruction and outfitting for multiple uses, including offices, classrooms, and exhibit space. The pledge also includes support for ENVS and CASFS, focusing on integrating the Department with training and research in sustainable agriculture and food systems. [Read more »](#)

ENVS faculty and students benefit from unique living laboratories: FERP & Younger Lagoon

The ENVS department has a strong tradition of hands-on, experiential learning. In some cases this means field studies at distant locations, but we also aim to take full advantage of the amazing UCSC campus.

Join us for
our upcoming event:

Science on Tap series:

Zdravka Tzankova on

[Making seafood
sustainable:
opportunities &
challenges](#)

7-8:30 p.m. Weds.,
4/24/13

The Crepe Place
1134 Soquel Avenue



**Kudos to ENVS
doctoral students**

*Three of our doctoral
students received

Professor Greg Gilbert has established an internationally-recognized Forest Ecology Research Project (FERP) in the upper-campus where numerous undergraduates, graduate students and faculty are collecting data on microclimates, plants, small mammals, fungi, and much more. [Read more »](#) Professor Karen Holl and the UCSC Natural Reserves staff work with dozens of students each quarter on restoring coastal prairie, scrub, and wetlands habitat at Younger Lagoon Reserve. [Read more »](#)

From wastewater to drinking water: UCSC research facility WaterLab

Wastewater recycling and desalination in coastal areas are becoming crucial technologies to meet the global demand for water. However, there are few permanent research facilities to conduct long-term pilot scale studies on wastewater recycling.



Thanks to the City of Watsonville and the Center for Integrated Water Research, “WaterLab” in Watsonville is one of them, offering a hub for water treatment researchers from around the world and an opportunity for teaching students of all ages. [Read more »](#)

Thanks to the many alumni who donated to the Natural History Field Quarter Current Use fund!

We are pleased to announce that the recent fundraising effort for Natural History Field Quarter (NHFQ) has raised over \$23,000 to date, which will enable us to offer NHFQ during spring 2014 and will provide partial funding for spring 2015. A huge thanks [to those who donated](#) for giving back to ENVs, and to Larry Ford '77 for spearheading the effort. On behalf of all the ENVs students and faculty, we also express our deepest thanks to everybody who has [donated to our experiential learning endowment](#) over the

prestigious National Science Foundation predoctoral fellowships. [Read more](#)

*Due to the generous support of Benjamin and Ruth Hammett, we were again able to award fellowships to two students doing cutting-edge research on climate change. [Read more](#)

*Several of our recent doctoral students have gone on to highly competitive post-doctoral fellowships & jobs. [Read more](#)

Alumni Updates

We encourage you to continue connecting with classmates and faculty by sending in updates and photos you'd like to share.

[See Alumni Notes for:](#)

Justin Cerruti, '12;
Adam Radpour, '12;
Rachel Carson, '11;
Frank Proulx, '11;
Anandi Van Diepen, '11; Tara de Silva '11;
Michael Geneau, '11;
Erik Eriksen, '11;
Angela Paige Miller, '10; DeAnna Von Halle, '10; Louise Hutterer, '09; Katie Simkover, '09; Gina Bartolacelli, '08; Kimberly Minor, '08; Jen Stanfield, '06; Yoshimi Yoshida, '04; Shelley Ryan, '00; Silver

past two years.

UCSC's Career Center needs YOU!

Are you willing to assist the next generation of ENVIS Slugs as they enter the job market by providing information about your job and general career advice? This is incredibly helpful to graduating seniors and recent grads as they start to navigate the working world and make decisions about next steps. The UCSC Career Center provides an on-line database to match students seeking career advice with alumni in their career field. Interested alumni can [post their contact information here](#). The database is also used by career advisers to contact alumni to serve as panelists in career workshops and to show students the variety of opportunities available in their major. For a small investment of time, you can make a big difference for a fellow ENVIS Slug.

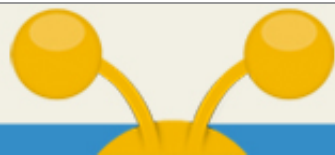
Hartmann, '99; Kirsten Liske, '91; John Foster, '88.



County Planner Tim Goncharoff '80 receives the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award at a recent ceremony in Sacramento.



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