



Winter 2015 ENVS News

Annais Rittenberg fund reaches endowed status

Family and friends of beloved ENVS student Annais Rittenberg partnered with UCSC alumni for Natural History Field Quarter student scholarships. Over 120 donors created an endowed fund to honor Annais's passion for experiential education and for a gathering space at the UCSC Farm. [Read more>>](#)



ENVS undergraduate's field experience in the Amazon

Chris Kane, Environmental Studies senior and this year's Terence Freitas Memorial Scholarship winner reflects on his experiences among Indigenous peoples in the Amazon with faculty mentor Flora Lu. [Read more>>](#)

NSF summer program intern presents at AGU Meeting

ENVS Ph.D. student, Elissa Olimpi's high school mentee, Alex Wayne of Aptos, presented a poster on part of Olimpi's research on bats at the American Geophysical Union semi-annual Meeting at the Moscone Center in December. Wayne participated in last summer's UCSC High School Summer Internship Program, funded by the National Science Foundation with Olimpi as his mentor. [Read more>>](#)

Women in Science & Engineering (WiSE) invites you to their upcoming speaker event:

Karen Holl on
[*Is it possible to restore tropical forests?*](#)
7-8:30 p.m. Weds., 2/25/15
The Crepe Place
1134 Soquel Avenue



Save the date: Climate & Policy Conference 2015

The second annual national conference on climate science and policy will occur at UCSC on Friday & Saturday, March 13-14, 2015. [Read more>>](#)

"Phantom trips" hamper low-carbon communities

Assistant Professor Adam Millard-Ball's [latest article](#) examines how standard practices in urban planning and traffic engineering cater to phantom trips that never materialize, and hamper efforts to create walkable, low-carbon communities. [See the video](#) and [read the coverage](#) at *The Atlantic's* CityLab.



Seeking Symbiosis, an Art & Environmental Studies collaboration, graces the hallways of ISB

Seeking Symbiosis is a collaborative art show between Juniper Harrower, Ph.D. student in the Environmental Studies Department, and Dr. Geoffrey Thomas, Research Associate in the Art Department. [Read more>>](#)

Efforts to restore African lion habitats in unfenced ecosystems featured in National Geographic

ENVS Ph.D. student, Paola Bouley, director of [Projecto Leoes da Gorongosa](#), and her team were featured in a new E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation produced film-short posted on the Voices section of National Geographic online. [Watch video and read more>>](#)

2015 named "International Year of Light" by the U.N.

Organizations worldwide will be joining together for this year-long celebration about the marvels of light and light technologies. [Read more>>](#) Professor Michael Loik's laboratory examines how light powers photosynthesis, causes evaporation from ecosystems, and can be used in novel technologies to generate electricity. [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. Send your updates to [Chris Krohn](#).

Alumna Julia Dolloff has a fellowship with the Capital Fellows Program -- one of the nation's top ten internships. [Read more>>](#)



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