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**DEPT. of ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**  
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The Department's **new Environmental Studies Graduate Program** (M.S., M.P.S. in Environmental Studies) was formally approved and registered by the New York State Education Department on November 14, 2007. Beginning in January 2008, current GPES Master's students may transfer to the new degree program if they wish, by formal petition. New students may also apply for admission to the new program as early as January 2008. Targeted new admissions for the new program for Fall 2008, are 5 M.S., and 5 M.P.S. students.

Faculty in the Department of Environmental Studies voted in their December meeting to endorse the **"Focus the Nation" Global Warming Teach-In, January 31, 2008**, with events to be held locally and across the US. For further information about local activities, see: <http://enspire.syr.edu/FTN/>. The national webpage for the Focus-the-Nation campaign is: <http://www.focusthenation.org/>.

The Dept. of Environmental Studies and SUNY-ESF will host a visit by **Professor Arthur Mol, Chair, Dept. of Environmental Policy, Wageningen University** (WUR), the Netherlands, the last week in January. ESF and WUR will be exploring possibilities for inter-institutional cooperation in coming years.

**"Climate Action: Sociological Perspectives on the Challenges of Environmental Governance"** is the theme of a mini- seminar series planned for the first quarter of 2008. Confirmed guest speakers include Arthur Mol, Wageningen University; Thomas Rudel, Rutgers University; and Bradley Parks, Millennium Challenge Corporation. Stay tuned for further announcements of this exciting, timely lunchtime, brownbag series.

**Office Moves:** Professors John Felleman, Mark Meisner, and Myrna Hall will move offices in December (Felleman and Meisner) and January (Hall). Their new offices will be: John Felleman (426 Baker); Mark Meisner (108-A Marshall); Myrna Hall (112 Marshall). During these moves, telephone service to these individuals may be temporarily disrupted.

See the **new ES Graduate Students webpage:** <http://www.esf.edu/es/gradstudents.htm>. ES graduate students are welcome and encouraged to set up their own ESF academic websites to link to this 'directory' page; you must supply your own web authoring software, however. For further information, contact ESF Webmaster, Paul Otteson, tel. 470-4858, e-mail: <potteson@esf.edu>.

## Faculty

**John Felleman** attended a Workshop on "Project Governance and Sustainability: North American-EU Synthesis and Comparison" at Cornell University. He also completed an "Introduction to Global Positioning Systems" short course at the Adirondack Ecological Center.

**Patrick Lawler's** recent journal publications (poetry/fiction) include *Harpur Palate*, *Diagram*, and *Double Take*; recent acceptances include *Marginalia*, *diode*, *Divide*, and *Bitter Oleander*.

ES Participating Faculty member, **Karin Limburg**, presented a project titled "An integrated monitoring/modeling framework for assessing human-nature interactions in urbanizing watersheds: Onondaga and Wappinger Creeks" at the Syracuse Center of Excellence Conference in October. She also presented a paper on "Linking Estuaries, Land, and People – the Hudson River Estuary and Beyond" at the Biennial Conference of the Estuarine Research Federation in November.

**Jack Manno and Karin Limburg** were appointed to the Science Advisory Group of the New York Ocean and Great Lakes Ecosystem Conservation Counsel.

**Jack Manno** was featured on November 8, 2007, on WSTM TV's (ch. 3) new weekly feature, "Going Green", in an interview on how to "Go Green" at the grocery store. To view the program segment, see: <http://www.esf.edu/communications/news/2007/11.08.goinggreen.htm>.

**Richard Smardon** is featured in two articles in *CNY Business Exchange's* recent 1<sup>st</sup> Annual 'Green Issue' (October/November 2007): "Going Green: Academic-Industry Alliances for Green Technology" (pp. 31-38), and "How Businesses Can Save Money and Help the Environment" (p. 47). Rick also recently completed an external review of the Environmental Analysis Program in Pomona College in November, with two other external reviewers from Drexel University in Philadelphia and Redlands College in California. He will chair a review of the Environmental Studies program at Ithaca College this coming spring. And he also presented at the state recycling conference November 16th in Cooperstown, NY, on use of recycled crushed glass as a biofilter for storm water treatment. Co-authors included **Nidhi Pasi** (Ph.D, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy) and **Margot Carroll** (M.P.S, Water and Wetland Resources). Rick attended the Great Lakes Advisory Council (advises governor and legislature on Great Lakes issues) on Wednesday, December 5th at ESF. He is one of the original members of the council and will be working with **Khris Dodson** (M.P.S., Environmental Communication and Participatory Processes) to review Great Lakes Protection Fund mini-grant applications for possible funding.

**David Sonnenfeld's** co-edited special issue on "Communities, Natural Resources, and Environments" was accepted for publication next year in *Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability*, published by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. The special issue includes articles from Asia (Cambodia, India, Japan), and Africa (Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Southern Africa) originally presented at the XVIth World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa, July 2006.

## Graduate Students

Environmental Studies graduate students (and their ES advisors) completing their degrees this fall include **Michael Pacelli**, Ph.D. (Nordenstam); **Jennifer Hartnagel**, M.S. (Senecah); **Rosalyn Bandy**, M.P.S. (Senecah); **Heather Bradley**, M.P.S. (Smardon); **Khristopher Dodson**, M.P.S. (Meisner); **Jaime Hazard**, M.P.S. (Lawler); **Anne Hoyt**, M.P.S. (Meisner); **Jennifer Jillson**, M.P.S. (Nordenstam); **Eric Ripley**, M.P.S. (Smardon); and **Ellen Vaughan**, M.P.S. (Meisner). Congratulations all!

**Rosalyn Bandy** (M.P.S., Environmental Communication & Participatory Processes) accepted a position as an Energy Regulatory Specialist with Devine Tarbell & Associates which specializes in hydropower and wind energy licensing.

**Hang Ryeol Na** (Ph.D, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy) is organizing an art show of North Korean paintings being held at the Metro Harvest AG Church in Syracuse, December 13-15. This is a fund-raising event for launching a non-profit organization (tentatively called Open Forest Foundation) whose mission is to help North Korea build up forests for recovering the agricultural infrastructure and for alleviating the environmental problems such as flooding and drought. For further information, contact Hang Ryeol at <hrna@syr.edu>.

**Seohyun Park** (Ph.D., Environmental Systems and Risk Management) is presenting a paper at the Annual Conference of Society of Risk Analysis in San Antonio, TX, December 9 – 12, “Beyond Numbers Perceptions and Responses to Dioxin Risk in Korea”.

**Sally Rock-Blake** (MPS, Environmental Communication and Participatory Processes) will be President of JAMPAC.ORG (Jamesville Positive Action Committee) which has been focusing on stopping the building of a coal/gas plant in Jamesville, NY.

**Hilary Smith** participated in the 16th Symposium on Development and Social Transformation held November 12- 14, 2007, Maxwell School, Syracuse University. In addition to presenting a paper, she also served on the Symposium Organizing Committee. The title of her paper was, "Going to Waste: An Analysis of the National Solid Waste Management Programme, Jamaica".

**Bruno Takahashi** (Ph.D. Environmental Communication and Participatory Processes) participated at a NY State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA) scoping session in Albany, NY, December 5 – 6, “Linking Behavioral Research to Energy-Related Decision Making”.

## Correction

**Thanh Vo and Jack Manno** have a chapter entitled, “Globalization and the Degradation of Rural Livelihoods: A Comparative Study of Mexico and Vietnam under Trade Liberalization”, in *Sustaining Life on Earth: Environmental and Human Health through Global Governance*, ed. Colin L. Soskolne. For further information about the book, see: <http://www.LexingtonBooks.com/ISBN/0739117297>.

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