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New Faculty

Dr. Wendy-Lin Bartels joins the SFRC and Natural Resources Leadership Institute (NRLI; nrli.ifas.ufl.edu). As a cultural anthropologist and science communication expert, she researches partnership development and resilience, especially among scientists and stakeholders who are involved in co-producing knowledge. She assesses the participatory methods and institutional arrangements that link research with practice. She has worked on climate and adaptation projects with teams of climate, crop, forestry, and hydrological models to make research products more useful to stakeholders.

Dr. Jason Vogel is a forest ecologist who will focus on Resilience and Restoration Silviculture. Past research includes studies on how management, climate change, and disturbance affect various ecosystem types—ranging from lobolly pine plantations to arctic tundra. He plans to build a research program that provides scientific information to Florida’s citizens on how a rapidly changing environment is affecting their forests. He previously worked in the SFRC and Botany Department at UF as a postdoctoral fellow, and he and his family are excited to be back.

Dr. Reëlene Crandall’s research seeks to fill this gap by examining how differences in the life histories of native and exotic plants influence their response to fire. She also quantifies how disturbance regimes and habitat characteristics interact to shape community patterns of species richness and composition. She’s excited to work with UF students and local stakeholders to improve restoration techniques in longleaf pine ecosystems.

Dr. Realene Crandall's research focuses on human-environment interactions with, and impacts of, forested ecosystems in the tropics, including tree plant and animal composition and abundance, and ecosystem services. Research typically incorporates remote sensing, including satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and ground-based sensor platforms, and geospatial analyses to integrate across scales and disciplines using a wide variety of analytical tools.

Dr. Dr. Frank Asche holds a Ph.D. from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration. He is president of the International Association of Aquaculture Economics and Management and associate editor for Marine Resource Economics and Marine Policy. His research focuses on aquaculture and seafood markets; he has also worked in fisheries management and energy economics. He’s published in international economics journals and multi-disciplinary journals like Science and PLoS One. He has also undertaken research projects in Norway and for international organizations like the FAO, OECD and WTO.

Dr. Will Patterson is an applied fisheries ecologist with research focused on population structure, habitat utilization, and trophic ecology of marine fishes. Fish groups he works on include reef, coastal pelagic, and estuarine-dependent species. Much of his work has implications for fisheries management and he’s a long-serving member and previous chair of the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee. Will looks forward to joining our faculty and building on his many collaborative relationships.

Dr. Eben Broadbent co-directs the Spatial Ecology & Conservation (SPEC) Lab with research focused on human-ecosystem interactions with, and impacts on, forested ecosystems in the tropics, including tree plant and animal composition and abundance, and ecosystem services. Research typically incorporates remote sensing, including satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and ground-based sensor platforms, and geospatial analyses to integrate across scales and disciplines using a wide variety of analytical tools.

Dr. Mike Allen and David Chagaris received the 2015 Best Paper Award in the Marine and Coastal Fisheries Journal.

Recent Awards

Shirley Baker received the 2015 Outstanding FAS Thesis Advisor award, and was recognized as the Warrington College of Business Administration Outstanding Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellow. The Baker family was also awarded a 2015 Star Volunteer Award by the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Department and the Nature Center’s Commission.

Larry Lawson was awarded SFRC Program Staff Member of the Year.

Kristina Haseler was awarded SFRC Schoolwide Staff Member of the Year.

Seth Ward was honored as a member of the “Gator 100.”

Martha Monroe, Tim Martin, and their team received the Southern Regional Extension Forest Resources Award for Excellence.

Christy Horsburgh received the State University-wide Superior Accomplishment Award in the Scientific/Technical category.

Jiri Hulcr received the UF Excellence Award for Assistant Professors and the UF/IFAS Richard L Jones Outstanding New Faculty Award.

Craig Bateman and Jiri Hulcr were recognized for their exceptional Guide to Florida’s Bark and Ambrosia Beetles.

Mike Allen and David Chagaris were recognized for their exceptional Guide to Florida’s Bark and Ambrosia Beetles.

Rhiannon Pollard was interviewed by Intentional Futures on “Designing for Success.”

Michael Andreu and Chris Demers were recognized for their exceptional Guide to Florida’s Bark and Ambrosia Beetles.

Jiri Hulcr, Sedonia Steininger and Paloma Carton De Grammont were recognized for their exceptional Bark and Ambrosia Beetle Academy.

Scot Smith was awarded the Graduate Advisor of the Year in Geomatics 2016-17.