

PROGRAM ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Spring 2022 Newsletter. Keeping you
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PCC Summer Institute returns to Friday Harbor Labs

This is an annual event where faculty, scientists, graduate students, and invited speakers focus on how climate and our physical and human world interact. For 2022, our topic is "Pathways to Net Zero", and will showcase emerging knowledge and ways in which disciplines intersect. We return to our pre-pandemic in-person setting on San Juan Island September 14-16, 2022. Registration will open in July. Additional detail will be posted to the event website as it becomes available.

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News



A Transformative Gift for Interdisciplinary Climate Science, Education, and Community Engagement through the PCC

The PCC is fortunate to have received a generous gift to support graduate fellowships, climate science research acceleration and climate solutions projects. This gift was made by Bill Calvin and Katherine Graubard whom many of you will recognize from several decades of our Summer Institutes at Friday Harbor Labs. We extend our deep appreciation to Bill and Katherine for their longstanding involvement and generous support of the Program on Climate Change.

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ACORN: Connecting Academics and Communities to Solve Climate-Related Problems

The Actionable Community-Oriented Research eNgagement (ACORN) program connects community organizations with UW graduate students and postdocs to collaboratively address community-identified climate and energy priorities. Please email pccacorn@uw.edu if you'd like to get involved!



Welcome to our Interim Director, Professor LuAnne Thompson, Oceanography!

Since 2019 the PCC has benefited from the masterful guidance of Program Director Becky Alexander. As Becky enjoys a much-deserved sabbatical in 2022-2023, the PCC will be led by Interim Director, LuAnne Thompson. LuAnne is a Professor in Oceanography who uses ocean and climate models to understand the ocean's role in moving and storing heat and chemicals in the climate system. A former PCC Director, LuAnne has both the experience and the passion to adeptly settle into her role that will extend through September 2023, ensuring the PCC continues to thrive.

Education



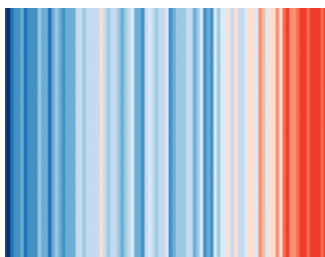
The Climate Science Minor is Growing, in More Ways than One!

As both interest in climate science and the sheer number of climate-related courses has grown at UW over the past 5 years, the Climate Science Minor has grown as well. Recent modifications have broadened the scope of the program, drawing on more diverse courses from across UW and making it easier for students to get exactly what they want out of the Minor. The result? Participation in the Minor is at its highest levels ever, and interest continues to grow. [Find out more here.](#)



Graduate Communication Projects Inject Climate Science into Communities

This years' capstone projects connected graduate students with high school students and their teachers, resource managers in Africa, and communities developing climate action plans. This hands-on experience communicating climate science to a non-expert audience fulfills the requirement of the [Graduate Certificate in Climate Science](#). Watch [our website](#) in June when we publish new blog posts on recently completed projects.



Climate Justice in the Curriculum

This past Winter Quarter, the [Climate Justice Institute welcomed faculty to discuss and build lesson plans through a climate justice lens](#). These lesson plans highlight civic engagement with climate and environmental justice and can be viewed through the Canvas Creative Commons Page or the ebook, to be released in Summer 2022. The ebook contains curriculum designed in our Winter 2021 workshop and will expand as Winter 2022 lessons are finalized. The ebook is published through UW Libraries.

Events



16th Annual Graduate Climate Conference (GCC)

After two years as a virtual conference, the Graduate Climate Conference (GCC) is back at Pack Forest for 2022. Since its debut in 2006, the GCC has been an annual opportunity for graduate students to come together, share their respective research, and make interdisciplinary connections.

READ ABOUT THE 16TH GCC



Communication Pieces Extend the Reach of the 2021-22 Seminars on IPCC AR6 WG I and II

The Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 PCC Current Research in Climate Science Seminars focused on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) release of the Physical Science Basis (WG1) and Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability (WG2) Reports, respectively. Students in the fall seminar created their own informational pieces summarizing chapters in AR1 which are [available here](#); many of the spring seminars were recorded and shared on the [PCC YouTube channel](#). Enjoy!

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PCC Strategic Plan 2021-2026

As PCC entered its 20th year at the University of Washington, the broad PCC community engaged in reflection and the process of writing a strategic plan for the next five years. New initiatives motivated by the expansion of natural climate science research across various units throughout campus over the last 20 years are described in the Strategic Plan.

READ THE PCC STRATEGIC PLAN

