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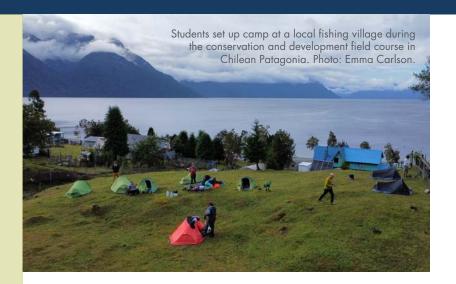
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LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends,

I am so very grateful for your interest in and support of the University of Wyoming's Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources. As I approach the end of my third year as Dean, I continue to be amazed by the passion, commitment, and impact of our faculty, staff, and students, which is made possible by friends and alumni like you.

I am especially pleased to note that the Haub School will celebrate its 30th anniversary this fall, marking three decades of interdisciplinary approaches to the greatest challenges and opportunities that face our wild and working lands. Across those decades, we remain the only unit on campus with 'environment' in



John Koprowski

its name and degree options. In recent years, we have graduated some of the largest classes of students ever and are working creatively to recruit the next cohorts of Haubies. Our research and private giving dollars have also set historic highs. In particular, I'd like to highlight the exciting Liliane and Christian Haub Endowed Term Professorship and a record Giving Day that exceeded one hundred donors. The pages that follow provide details on these accomplishments and more. Our future is bright!

To guide this future, we embarked on a new strategic plan in fall 2022 and have made considerable progress. Looking back at our previous 2018-22 strategic plan gave us a chance to celebrate the incredible success we had achieving our goals to grow our faculty, staff, student enrollments, and impacts. It was even called "the most successful strategic plan I've ever seen." Now, this forward-thinking and criticallyimportant unit is crafting a vision for the future, through an energizing and fantastic team effort!

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of the students, staff, and faculty of the Haub School; your efforts enable us to continue to be creative and grow our impact. Have a wonderful summer and remember, once a Haubie, always a Haubie!

Be well,

John Koprowski, Dean

Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources

Cover image: Students on a recent field course paddling into a remote fjord to explore Chile's coastal temperate rainforest. Photo: Marcela Patricia Silva Pineda



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HIGHLIGHTS

Liliane and Christian Haub Professorship

A generous gift from Liliane and Christian Haub will establish a rotating, endowed, professorship to help attract and retain exceptional, early-career faculty to the Haub School. Dean Koprowski says



"The continued support of Liliane and Christian Haub—and their generosity in providing a gift that guarantees resources to empower our faculty in perpetuity—exemplify the importance of committed partners and friends to achieve sustainable solutions to environmental challenges." The professorship will help early-career faculty maximize the impact of their research, teaching and outreach, while helping them progress toward tenure and promotion.

Our Film Festival Grows

Around 200 people attended our second annual Wild and Working Lands Film Festival this April in Laramie, Wyoming, and another 50 showed up for a screening hosted by the East Yellowstone Collaborative in Cody, Wyoming. Films shared stories on wildlife-friendly fencing, black-footed ferret recovery, solutions to raptor electrocutions, adventurous spirits, and more. The film "Father + Nature" told the story of Haub School emeritus board member John F. Turner's conservation legacy through the voices of several generations of his family on the Triangle X Ranch, with an appeal to support scholarships for students from ranching and fishing backgrounds who wish to pursue careers in conservation.



Poster design by Graham Marema

Dean Koprowski to lead Mongolian Community Tour

In the next step of a growing partnership between the wild and working lands of both Wyoming and Mongolia, Haub School Dean John Koprowski will lead an elevenday community tour in late May to early June of 2024. From the capital city of Ulaanbaatar to the endless grasslands of the steppe and the rolling sands of the Gobi Desert, steep yourself in the rich history, culture, and biodiversity of the region alongside a dozen other friends and supporters of the Haub School. Email jkoprows@uwyo.edu to be added to the mailing list for emerging details.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

First Graduates in Environment, Natural Resources & Society

In an exciting milestone, the master of science in environment, natural resources & society program graduated its first cohort of students this spring. The three graduates tackled a range of complex issues with their theses while gaining applied experience working with the Ruckelshaus Institute, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Collaborative Solutions program. Hurray for our graduates!



Will Benkelman, Thesis:
"Conservation Impacts of Grassland
Carbon Programs"

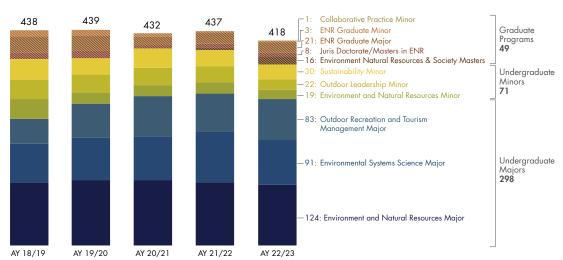


Taylor Kruger, Thesis: "Conversations about Climate Change: Perspectives from Wyoming Ranchers"



Kayla Matlock, Thesis: "Topical Environmental Communication, Digital Media Desian, and Storytelling"

Haub School Enrollment



Student Awards and Scholarships

2022-2026 Tomé Scholars

Paula Medina | Powell, WY: BS Civil Engineering and ENR, Honors Program

Megan Yarborough | Mountain Home, AR: BS Environmental Systems Science and Rangeland Ecology & Watershed Management, Honors Program

2023 Haub School Outstanding Undergraduate Award

Kami Grimm | Cheyenne, WY: BS Environmental Systems Science and ENR, minors in Sustainability and Horticulture

Ruby Jenco | St Joseph, MO: BS Environment & Natural Resources and Wildlife & Fisheries Biology & Management, minors in French and Outdoor Leadership, Honors Program

Walker Koberlein | Lawrence, KS: BS Environmental Systems Science and ENR, minors in Spanish and Sustainability, Honors Program

Alejandro Jimenez Vazquez | Jackson, WY:
BS Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Management,
concentration in Cultural & International Tourism

Ellie Wooden | Wapiti, WY: BS Environmental Systems Science and ENR

2023 Haub School Outstanding Graduate Award

Courtney Garrity | Huntington Beach, CA: MS Zoology and ENR

Taylor Kruger | Fryeburg, ME: MS Environment, Natural Resources & Society



Finalists 2023 Rosemarie Martha Spitaleri and Tobin Outstanding Graduate Award - L to R: Walker Koberlein, Ruby Jenco, Kelly Buchanan, Kamrin Grimm

Finalist, 2023 Rosemarie Martha Spitaleri and Tobin Outstanding Graduate Award

Four of twelve finalists across the University of Wyoming were Haub School students:

Kelly Buchanan | Sheridan, WY: BS Environmental Systems Science and ENR, BA Spanish, minor in International Studies, Honors Program

Kami Grimm | Cheyenne, WY: BS Environmental Systems Science and ENR, minors in Sustainability and Horticulture

Ruby Jenco | St. Joseph, MO, BS Environment & Natural Resources and Wildlife & Fisheries Biology & Management, minors in French and Outdoor Leadership, Honors Program

Walker Koberlein | Lawrence, KS: BS Environmental Systems Science and ENR, minors in Spanish and Sustainability, Honors Program



RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY



Jackson Fork Ranch-University of Wyoming Research Project

A major gift from Joe Ricketts' Jackson Fork Ranch will support conservation and stewardship across Wyoming and fund the Jackson Fork Ranch-University of Wyoming Research Project. The project will engage UW faculty, researchers, and students in critical biodiversity research, starting with lesser understood animals of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem like red fox, beavers, red squirrels, and golden eagles. Haub School faculty Joe Holbrook will serve as the inaugural Wyoming Biodiversity Term Professor, a two-year professorship. Holbrook also received the University of Wyoming's second annual Presidential Scholarly Achievement award for outstanding early-career faculty.



Temple Stoellinger named PERC Senior Fellow

Temple Stoellinger has been promoted to Senior Fellow at PERC, the Property and Environment Research Center, a national leader in market solutions for conservation. Stoellinger brings expertise in wildlife law, environmental and natural resource law and policy, and public land law to a network of respected scholars and professionals conducting original research around market-based conservation.



Rhiannon Jakopak honored for research and teaching

Rhiannon Jakopak earned the University of Wyoming Own It! Award for Outstanding Women in STEM. As a researcher in the Monteith Shop, Jakopak studies whether chronic wasting disease is passed between mother and offspring and the effects that transfer might have; her work was recently featured in *High Country News*. Additionally, Jakopak mentors undergraduate students through teaching and running the Wyoming Wildlife Fellowship Program, and earned a "Tip of the Cap" from the University of Wyoming Mortar Board for "exceptional contributions to UW and inspiration of students."

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CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Emerging Issue Forum on Outdoor Recreation

April 26-28th, the Ruckelshaus Institute, the WORTH Initiative, and the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Office convened "Outdoor Recreation: Building It the Way We Want It," a three-day emerging issue forum and workshop exploring how Wyoming communities can balance the benefits and impacts of growing outdoor recreation and



tourism—economically, culturally, and environmentally. The forum was the first statewide gathering that reached across outdoor recreation stakeholders, offering the two hundred attendees a chance to connect across geographies while engaging with fifty speakers and panelists and sixty undergraduate and graduate students presenting their capstone and practicum final projects.

- Haub faculty Wes Eaton, Curt Davidson, and Steve Smutko led an interactive workshop on managing conflict in recreation development through place meanings and values, Richard Vercoe presented on recreation ecology, and Joe Holbrook participated in a facilitated discussion on wildlife-recreation conflict. Dan McCoy and Birch Malotky both moderated panels.
- Wyoming Conservation Corps director Jim Fried served on a panel about trail development and WCC representatives tabled, recruited, and networked throughout the forum.

Inter-Tribal Tourism Summit

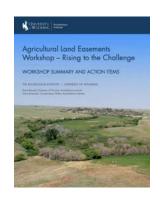
WORTH co-hosted the Inter-Tribal Tourism Summit with the High Plains American Indian Research Institute (HPAIRI) and the Wind River Visitors Council on the Wind River Indian Reservation, April 21. The goal of the summit was to create more awareness, understanding, and discussion around the impacts and opportunities of tourism on the sovereign nations and inhabitants of the Wind River Indian Reservation. Over 80 people attended the summit, which featured presentations and discussions by tribal members and industry professionals on economic opportunities, tourism data and trends,



Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone history and culture, and more.

Agricultural Easements Workshop

In January 2023, the Ruckelshaus Institute's Private Lands Stewardship Program and the Intermountain West Joint Venture hosted a discussion-based workshop focused on actionable items to increase the pace and scale of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Resulting recommendations included: boost capacity to implement programs, build relationships between land trusts and the NRCS, leverage funding using existing models, share information to increase collaboration around and support for conservation easements, and emphasize and value certified entities that can accelerate easement closings.



Listening Sessions & Scenario Planning in Critical Watersheds

The Center for Climate, Water and People held a workshop in the Upper Snake River to understand manager needs and questions related to water availability and followed it up with a scenario planning workshop in Moose, Wyoming to explore future scenarios and how managers could plan now for future changes. In partnership with HIPARI, the center also held listening sessions on the Wind River as a first step in developing relationships for future collaboration. The center, a partnership between the Haub School and the University of Wyoming's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), aims to foster interdisciplinary research, education, and services related to the challenges and opportunities posed by shifts in climate and water availability.

Collaboration and Water Symposium

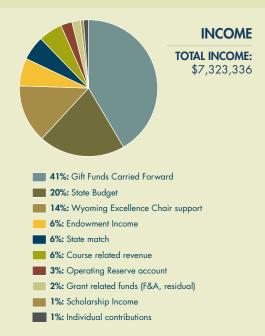
Following the graduation of the 2022-23 Collaboration Program in Natural Resources (CPNR) cohort in Thermopolis, CPNR director Deb Kleinman hosted a symposium on collaborative approaches to water challenges in Wyoming and the West. Among the diverse presenters and participants, Haub School adjunct faculty member Anne MacKinnon offered a presymposium webinar on fundamentals of water in Wyoming, adjunct faculty member Wes Martel led a morning walk and discussion of tribal history around water rights, associate professor Corrie Knapp presented on climate, and CPNR graduates Jeff Cowley, Darren Rhea, and Natallie Allio discussed their own collaborative work around water.

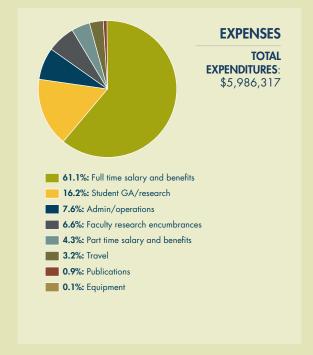




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ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT: TRAVIS BRAMMER, JD/MA '22

Travis Brammer earned a JD/MA dual degree from the UW College of Law and the Haub School in 2022. After graduating, he served as a Ruckelshaus Institute Conservation Fellow, during which he coordinated the Senior Conservation Fellowship with Bob Dreher, helped plan a summit on improving the process for federally-funded agricultural land easements, and was awarded the Law360 Distinguished Legal Writing Award for his article "Using Land and Water Conservation Fund Money to Protect Western Migration Corridors." He has recently accepted a position as the Director of Conservation for the Property and Environment Research Center, where he will focus on developing and implementing innovative approaches to conservation. Congratulations Travis, you will be missed.





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