# Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources

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## **Advisory Board News**

• **Rebecca Watson**, in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a member of our Haub School Advisory Board, has agreed to serve as the next advisory board chair beginning in summer 2025; Rob Wallace will join our advisory board in Spring 2025.

## **School Updates**

- The Haub School welcomed two new staff members, **Bri Arnbrecht** (Academic Advisor/Alumni Relations Coordinator) and **Jon Cabrera** (Marketing and Communications Specialist).
- Congratulations to the following faculty members for receiving Awards
  - Maggie Bourque Haub School Award for Outstanding Teaching
  - o Joe Holbrook Haub School Award for Outstanding Advising
  - o Rhiannon Jakopak Haub School Award for Inclusion and Engagement
  - Drew Bennett Fulbright Scholars Award for Spring 2025 in Australia
  - o Corrie Knapp Early Career Graduate Faculty Mentor 2024
- The **Haub School 2023-2024 Year in Review document** is now available online and in print. https://www.uwyo.edu/haub/\_files/\_docs/about/newsletter/2023-24-year-in-review-v5.pdf
- Associate Professor Kelly Dunning led a contingent of students and faculty that recently joined Gov. Mark Gordon for his signing of a National Hunting and Fishing Day proclamation for 2024. The group met with the Congressional Sportsmen and Women's Foundation (CSF) and attended a Legislative Sportsmen & Women's networking event. Dr. Dunning's Green to Green program pairs student veterans with a veteran mentor from their service branch in their desired career destination. https://www.wildlifewildernessrecreationlab.org/veterans-services
- Haub School Senior Lecturer **Maggie Bourque** recently was selected to complete facilitator training with the All We Can Save Project. As a facilitator of the Climate Wayfinding program, Maggie will offer the program to UW students and interested community members in Wyoming. Climate Wayfinding is a workshop series using environmental humanities methods, community building, and reflective practice to support people seeking clarity, courage, and community on their climate journeys.
- Steele Stevens Scearce, an ENRS masters student advised by Kelly Dunning, was awarded a spot on the Wildlife Society's (TWS) 2024 Native Student Professional Development Program. This competitive program offers funding and networking opportunities, a funded trip to TWS Conference, and membership in TWS/the Native Peoples' Wildlife Management Working Group to outstanding students who display high levels of academic merit. Read more about her accomplishments here: <a href="https://www.wildlifewildernessrecreationlab.org/news">https://www.wildlifewildernessrecreationlab.org/news</a>
- **Sage Wright,** who is pursuing a degree in Environmental Systems Science, was <u>thanked by DEQ</u> for her work with the Abandoned Mine Land Division. She created a <u>StoryMap</u> for their Native Plant Project, which focuses on reclaiming abandoned mine lands with ecologically diverse plant communities.
- We have welcomed 5 first year students into this year's cohort of **Tomé Scholars**. Take a moment to read about this very accomplished group <a href="https://www.uwyo.edu/news/2024/10/new-cohort-of-prestigious-tome-scholars-selected-at-uw.html">https://www.uwyo.edu/news/2024/10/new-cohort-of-prestigious-tome-scholars-selected-at-uw.html</a>

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## **Ruckelshaus Institute**

- The **Ruckelshaus Institute Fall Newsletter** is available here
  - https://mailchi.mp/uwyo.edu/fall-newsletter?e=cef8d1763e
- **Director Melanie Armstrong** and facilitator Deb Kleinman met with leadership of the Center for Collaborative Conservation (Colorado State) and Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy (U of Montana) at the AMK Ranch for a discussion about how to build cross-university partnerships to increase capacity to respond to natural resource challenges in the northern Rockies.
- The **Roads to Removal Symposium** occurred November 14 on campus. We invited all university and community members to attend this event to learn about carbon dioxide removal (CDR) and the specific geologic storage, direct air capture, and cropland management opportunities in Wyoming. Led by scientists and researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Roads to Removal report provides interactive, cross-cutting data and analysis for all 3,143 counties in the United States. The symposium was co-hosted by the UW School of Energy Resources. Learn more at Roads2Removal.org
- The Ruckelshaus Institute, along with the WORTH Institute, sponsored the **Basecamp Conference** in Moab, Utah, October 13-19. Basecamp brings together a mix of outdoor recreation researchers, gateway community planners, state and federal agency staff, and local officials to collaborate on solutions to the most pressing outdoor recreation and gateway community issues in the American West.

#### **Student Services**

- Upcoming Field & Global Programs in the Haub School
  - Students can expand their horizons, increase their intercultural competencies, and gain realworld experience through a Haub School field or global program. See more information and apply
    - Canaries & Climate Canary Islands, Spain JANUARY 2025
    - Winter Ecology Grand Teton National Park, WY JANUARY 2025
    - Expedition Leadership Death Valley & Black Canyon SPRING BREAK 2025
    - Wild & Working Lands Mongolia SUMMER 2025
    - Festivals, Creativity & Place Scotland SUMMER 2025
- This fall Haub School students attended career events such as
  - Wyoming State Parks Meet & Greet -Students chatted with Wyoming State Parks employees about their statewide internship program for summer 2025. The Laramie District Manager, the Curt Gowdy Superintendent, and an interpretive ranger answered questions and discussed employment opportunities.
  - State of Wyoming Career Fair Students met hiring managers, explored career and internship opportunities, and discovered the benefits of working for the State of Wyoming. Representatives from 20 different agencies attended.

#### The WORTH Institute

- WORTH officially became an institute (instead of an initiative) on Monday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>
- The "Wyoming Tourism Industry Familiarization Tour" was October 9-11, 2024. The WORTH Institute sponsored and led a 3-day 2-night trip to Cody, Yellowstone, Jackson, and Dubois. This trip introduced ORTM students to the tourism industry and allowed them to learn about many employment opportunities with WORTH partners around the state.
- On Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> the WORTH Institute had their fall **Affiliated Faculty meeting**. Approximately 20 faculty learned about WORTH projects and discussed strategies for possible collaborations.