



## Advisory Board News

- The Haub School Advisory Board had a successful **spring meeting in Jackson on May 8th & 9th** where we welcomed new member **Rob Wallace** of Jackson.
- We welcome **Rebecca Watson** of Cody as our new advisory board chair. She will lead the fall meeting in Laramie Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; former advisory board chair **Joe Evers** is now an emeritus member.

## Academic Programs

- We are expanding our online graduate offerings with two new fully online certificates: one in environment and natural resources law and policy, and another in collaborative practice.
  - The **environment and natural resources law and policy certificate** equips students with foundational knowledge of environmental laws and regulatory systems governing public lands, wildlife, water and energy. Designed for those seeking practical legal and policy training without pursuing a full law degree, the certificate draws on the Haub School's and UW College of Law's expertise in natural resources law. [www.uwyo.edu/haub/academics/graduate-students/enr-law-and-policy-online.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/haub/academics/graduate-students/enr-law-and-policy-online.html)
  - The **collaborative practice certificate** addresses the growing demand for professionals who can lead stakeholder-driven processes and build consensus on complex resource conflicts. Students develop competencies in negotiation, facilitation and cross-sector governance through a curriculum grounded in real-world application. [www.uwyo.edu/haub/academics/graduate-students/graduate-certificate-collaborative-practice.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/haub/academics/graduate-students/graduate-certificate-collaborative-practice.html)
- We celebrated 5 graduating seniors with “**Haub School Outstanding Undergraduate Student**” awards: **Jennifer Bautz, Sarah Doyle, Katelyn Fisher, Colter Nunn, and Addison Potts**
- Haub School Assistant Professor of Practice **Dr. Sara Ghezzi** coordinated the **2025 Pulte Gateway to Hospitality Innovation Challenge** in May. Students competed for a share of \$20,000 in cash prizes. The hands-on competition was designed to empower students with practical skills, industry exposure, and professional experience. The Haub School undergraduate students (**Elisabeth Ressler, Savannah Avey, Kara Waskowiak, and Brielle Fitzgibbon**) on the winning team pitched using the Hilton Garden Inn Laramie as an experiential learning space and pitched using the hotel's shuttle service to support those in need in Albany County. The Laramie Hilton is a property owned by the Pulte Family Charitable Foundation as part of its “Humanitarian Hotels” initiative.
- Haub School undergraduate **Riley Ovard** has been selected as a **Wyoming Research Scholar** for his senior year. He will complete a research project examining social capital and community resilience in organizations addressing food waste and insecurity in Laramie under the mentorship of Haub School assistant professor, **Dr. Grete Gansauer**.
- We celebrated **Kelsie Sibbald, Sam Johnson, and Nina Zraik** as this year's Haub School **Outstanding Graduate Students**

## Student Services

- Environment and Natural Resources and Environmental Systems Science undergraduate students who took the ENR 4970 internship course and responded to an open-ended survey said that the following experiences were most valuable to them: one-on-one resume review, job comparison matrix lecture, mock interviews with employers, aligning your purpose with organization mission lecture, and the former employer evaluation.
- On July 10th we hosted a Jubilee Days alumni gathering
- [Applications are open](#) for upcoming field and global programs:
  - [Winter Ecology](#) • Grand Teton National Park • January 2026
  - [Canaries & Climate](#) • Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain • January 2026
  - [Wild & Working Lands](#) • Nepal • January 2026
  - [Expedition Leadership](#) • Henry Mountains, UT • Spring Break 2026
  - [Conservation & Sustainability in the Arctic Circle](#) • Svalbard & Norway Summer 2026
  - [Canyonlands: Climate, Water, Culture](#) • Grand Canyon National Park • Summer 2026



## Faculty Updates

- In June **Dr. Jake Hochard** led the “**Wyoming Resource and Policy Forum at Ucross**” where industry leaders, scientists, and state and federal leaders discussed the following topics: Wyoming Rare Earths, Natural Capital Accounting, Using Satellites to Enable Water Markets (Great Salt Lake), Powering AI Infrastructure
- This month we welcome **Bonnie Johnson**, our new Assistant Lecturer on the FTTC track specializing in Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Management
- The website for the **Center for Rural Resilience and Innovation**, a Science Initiative Center that Haub School faculty **Dr. Corrie Knapp** and **Dr. Melissa Bukovsky** are Co-PIs on, has launched and is available here: <https://www.uwyo.edu/research/si/centers/crcri/index.html>.
- **Dr. Corrie Knapp** spent the late spring as a visiting researcher in Umea, Sweden where she explored opportunities for collaborative grants, research projects, and educational opportunities.
- **Dr. Melissa Bukovsky** is a recipient of a UWyo Presidential Early Career Scholarly Achievement Award.
- **Associate Dean Temple Stoellinger** will be part of the inaugural UWyo Faculty Leadership Institute designed to prepare faculty members for leadership roles in academic administration and research.
- **Dr. Melanie Armstrong** co-led a [workshop](#) at the Neltje Center June 25-26 presented by *Mapping Meaning*, a collective of artists, scientists, and scholars who support the experimental knowledge practices of those pushing against disciplinary boundaries. The workshop began with a tour of Eagle Butte coal mine and other landscapes near Gillette that have been transformed by our nation’s energy economy. Participants used creative and experimental approaches to expand their awareness of the material legacies and imagined futures of Wyoming.

## Ruckelshaus Institute

- A new cohort from a range of public and private organizations in Wyoming launches this month in Lander through our **Collaboration Program in Natural Resources (CPNR)**.
- A handbook that outlines private conservation options for landowners to establish publicly accessible trails on their lands ***Tools for Landowners to Have Public Trails on Their Private Lands*** is available at [https://www.uwyo.edu/haub/\\_files/\\_docs/ruckelshaus/pubs/public-trails-private-lands-handbook.pdf](https://www.uwyo.edu/haub/_files/_docs/ruckelshaus/pubs/public-trails-private-lands-handbook.pdf)

## Jay Kemmerer WORTH Institute

- As of July 1, The WORTH Institute’s financial home is UWyo’s Research and Economic Development Division. The WORTH Institute team will continue to engage with Haub School faculty, staff, and students

## Biodiversity Institute

- [Wyoming BioBlitz](#) was held June 27-29 in Seminoe State Park where participants camped, explored, and recorded biodiversity at this family-friendly event.
- Members of the public can sign up for a **summer bat walk** on either Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30pm in Sheridan or Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Dubois [bit.ly/SummerBatWalks](http://bit.ly/SummerBatWalks)
- We’re proud to announce that we’re awarding \$47,500 across 13 different University of Wyoming master's and Ph.D. students’ projects through the **Biodiversity Graduate Student Research Enhancement Grants** [bit.ly/WyoBioGrants](http://bit.ly/WyoBioGrants)

## Wyoming Conservation Corps

- WCC has 20 projects planned from May through August with partners throughout the state
- With Americorps Funds lost, we started a **fund to support our WCC summer season**
  - <https://give.uwyo.edu/help-the-wyoming-conservation-corps-help-our-wild-and-working-lands>

## Save the Date

- 19 September: Haub School Pancake Breakfast at the Kendall House 9a-11a
- 30 September: An Evening with the Black Mambas in Jackson, WY
- 1 & 2 October: Managing Wildlife in Large Landscapes, Jackson, WY