



A Message from the Director

I hope that everyone is enjoying a productive summer and finding time to relax with friends and family. We had some exciting developments over the last few months including several new faculty hires that will increase our breadth and depth of expertise. The Global Change Center continues to grow at an astonishing pace, now reaching 100 affiliates (46 PhD fellows and 54 faculty affiliates)!!! In addition, your involvement with University-wide strategic initiatives continues to influence priorities for campus growth including infectious disease, freshwater resources, and coupled human-environmental health across rural Appalachia. There will be many additional opportunities to engage with Center and University activities in the coming year, and I encourage you to remain highly active as we work together to enhance the University's capacity to meet our land grant mission.

I also want to congratulate all of you on another impressive year of personal achievements and contributions towards solving pressing global change problems around the Commonwealth and the world. I continue to be amazed by the incredible strengths that Virginia Tech has in global change scholarship. Our ability to attract some of the best and brightest faculty and graduate students to Virginia Tech is a testament to our collective momentum and reputation in global change research and education.

Please take a moment to browse the newsletter, the website, and our newsfeed to get up-to-speed on recent student and faculty accomplishments. If you haven't spent time on our website recently, it is updated weekly with information and resources for you to stay connected. Check it out!

I look forward to the year ahead, and welcoming our new cohort of IGC IGEP graduate students at the reception on August 30th.

Sincerely,
William A. Hopkins, Ph.D.
Professor & Director

2017 Seed Grant Awards Facilitate Collaboration

Each year, the GCC accepts proposals from faculty and students to support interdisciplinary research, with priority given to proposals that advance the mission of the GCC. Learn more about this year's funded projects.

Faculty Seed Grant Program
Graduate Student Seed Grant Program



Tenure & Promotion

We're proud!

Congratulations to 6 Global Change Center affiliates who earned tenure and promotion in June 2017 as a result of their outstanding achievements in teaching, research, and service. **Read more**

IGC Admissions

Welcome new IGC Fellows

The Interfaces of Global Change Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program will begin its fifth year with a banner recruitment class of **12** new Ph.D. students representing 6 departments!
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Creative Collisions



5 GCC faculty will team-teach "The Science and Policy of Invasions"

The course will take a "deep dive" approach to identify and advance one fundamental unknown related to biological invasions. The result will be a high-impact review or opinion article. **Read more about the course**

Read more about GCC Working Groups

IGC Symposium

Keynote Speaker Bob Inglis

The 2nd annual IGC Graduate Research Symposium in April highlighted the latest research from the program's graduate student fellows and included a keynote address by Bob Inglis, former Republican congressman from South Carolina. **Read more**



Upcoming Events

IGC Welcome



Reception

Wednesday, August 30, 2017
4:00- 6:00 p.m

Peggy Lee Hahn Garden Pavilion
200 Garden Lane, Virginia Tech
Save the date!

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