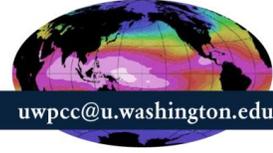


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The Program on Climate Change (PCC, <http://www.uwpsc.washington.edu/>) is having an informal discussion (with free pizza!) on Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 2:30-3:30 pm in Ocean Sciences Building (OSB) 425. The purpose of the gathering is for graduate students to learn more about the PCC, meet other grad students interested in climate science, to discuss the Graduate Certificate in Climate Science (GCeCS) and current or potential capstone project ideas related to the certificate.

Students from across campus, from the physical climate system (ESS, OCEAN and ATMOS) to hydrological applications (CEE), biological implications (Biology, SEFS, SAFS) and beyond (SMEA, Evans School, Law, Philosophy, Public Health did I miss anyone?) participate in PCC activities to varying degrees during their graduate careers.

Each year, the activities of the PCC tend to center around a theme. This past year's theme was "Climate Variability and Uncertainty" which engaged participants from the full spectrum of PCC departments. There are many ways to participate with PCC, and although you register for the Summer Institute, only the GCeCS involves a significant commitment:

* PCC Summer Institute – happens in September, at Friday Harbor Labs in the San Juan Islands (the PCC covers food, lodging and most transportation) and you get to listen to experts present around the year's theme. It's like a science retreat.

* Graduate Climate Conference -- graduate students plan and lead a graduate-student only conference with students from around the country. Karl Lapo (ATMS/CEE) and Leah Johnson (Ocean) are leading the charge this year, but many others are involved. See <http://www.graduateclimateconference.com/> to find out who you know that has helped organize this event that will take place at the end of the month at Pack Forest.

* Graduate Student Seminar -- graduate students give informal climate-related talks to other grad students for the purpose of practicing giving talks. Brad Markle (ESS) is involved in organizing this year –contact him marklebr@uw.edu to learn more.

* PCC classes -- there are a series of courses, usually co-taught and cross-listed with ESS, OCN, or ATM S. Also, there are seminars that you can generally get the schedule for and just sit-in on, or register for credit. This winter the PCC is offering a "Perspectives in Climate Communication" seminar in which you'll hear from professional on the ground, communicating climate and thinking about climate communication. This is a 1-credit course that satisfies the GCeCS science communication seminar requirement. Look for the more detailed announcement which will be posted to the pccgrads e-list soon.

* Outreach activities. Contact Miriam (she'll be at the event on Wednesday) if you are interested in being contacted about requests to the PCC for speakers on climate related topics.

* PCC mixers -- a couple times a year, there will be a mixer (usually with some general info on PCC).

SO, if you are interested in climate science (which has a big influence on so much!), get involved in some PCC activities.

Miriam Bertram, who keeps things running in the PCC office, asked students a few weeks back about why they appreciate the PCC, and responses included:

"I've found that although students across disciplines are working on climate change issues, each discipline tends to take a different angle, use different language, focus on different aspects. Being in the PCC exposes us all to other ways of thinking about climate change and facilitates learning around how to communicate across disciplines. Each discipline is just a part of the whole, and PCC gives perspective on where your slice of research fits in."

and

"Being a part of the PCC for me has meant both an educational experience as well as a community experience. Coming from public health, I do not normally interact with those in other disciplines or departments at the university, yet my research interests require this. The PCC allowed me to gain the background understanding of climate change that I needed through the graduate certificate, as well as keeping me up to date on the current science and on opportunities to get involved or attend various events and seminars. I have also met many people that I otherwise would not have had the opportunity to get acquainted with, and gained valuable connections throughout the university."

Come to the informational meeting to learn more about the program, the graduate certificate in climate science, and meet current graduate students engaged in the PCC, talk about the certificate, and eat PIZZA!

Wednesday
October 29, 2014
OSB 425
2:30-3:30

Questions? Want to let us know you are coming? Contact Miriam at uwppcc@uw.edu

Can't make it to the meeting but want to get notices about climate and PCC graduate student activities? Subscribe to the mailman listserve:

<https://mailman1.u.washington.edu/mailman/listinfo/pccgrads>

(adapted from the message targeted at hydrologists by Elizabeth Clark)