

Environmental Policy Initiative
February 2007 Newsletter

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Visiting Speakers:

The Environmental Policy Initiative, in conjunction with the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, will be hosting 2 visiting speakers for the last 2 weeks of February.

“Healthy Agro-ecosystems & the Buckeye Tiger”

Casey Hoy
Thursday, February 22nd
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Agricultural Administration (AA)
Room 105

“Global Warming and Trees”

Bruce McCarl
Wednesday, February 28th
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Agricultural Administration (AA)
Room 105

EPI Support for Visitors:

EPI has the ability to bring in speakers from across campus or around the world to speak about issues in the environmental policy and science field. If you would like to have someone speak at OSU, please email epi@osu.edu and let us know! We'll do our best to secure a date.

Environmental Workshop Presentations

Friday, March 2nd
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Agricultural Administration (AA)
Room 205

EPI offers a research grant program for OSU graduate students preparing doctoral dissertation proposals for work in environmental policy. Recipients receive an award of \$1200/month over the summer, and also have the opportunity to present their work before the EPI membership. 2005 recipients will be giving short presentations of their research on Friday, March 2nd:

- **Bibhakar Shakya** (AEDE, Advisor: Fred Hitzhusen), *Biomass Resources for Energy in Ohio: The OH-MARKAL Modeling Framework*
- **Robyn S. Wilson** (Natural Resources, Advisor Joe Arvai), Revisiting Prospect Theory under Attribution”
- **Myungje Woo** (City and Regional Planning, Advisor: Jean-Michel Guldmann.) *Impacts of Urban Growth Boundaries on Local Economic and Urban Spatial Structure*

Call for Working Group Proposals

The Environmental Policy Initiative encourages the formation of working groups to facilitate new research, assist with program development on campus, and increase interaction with the off-campus environmental policy community. In particular, working groups are designed to develop research programs on a defined subject matter.

Although working groups can focus on any topic within environmental policy, EPI would like to draw our members' attention to the funding opportunities within the Human and Social Dynamics Program at the National Science Foundation. The program's FY07 budget request includes approximately \$41 million for interdisciplinary research in Human and Social Dynamics, with similar amounts estimated for FY08 and FY09. Primary topic areas are: agents of change, dynamics of human behavior and decision-making and risk. Proposal success has increased in FY05 and FY06, so that more than 20% of proposals are now funded. For more detailed information regarding this program visit the Human and Social Dynamics home page:

<http://www.nsf.gov/about/budget/fy2007/pdf/9-NSF-WideInvestments/42-FY2007.pdf>

The process for forming working groups will be to submit a short proposal (three-page maximum) to the EPI Executive Committee. The proposal should include the focus of the working group, names of founding members, a plan for seeking new members, and a plan of work that sets out the goals of the working group. The plan of work should be specific and should include a timeline of activities and products. Also, the proposal should provide a budget and the specific external funding target (program and agency). The EPI will provide modest mini-grants (maximum of \$20,000) to chartered working groups to help bankroll activities such as workshops, staff/student support, and release time for faculty with compelling justification.

Applications should be sent by email to epi@osu.edu.

EPI Activities Update 2005-2006

For more information on recent EPI activities, including working group updates, conference proceedings, guest speakers and grant programs please visit our website:

<http://aede.osu.edu/programs/EPI/>

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