

Environmental Policy Initiative
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Visiting Speaker: Professor Louise Fortmann, May 5-7

The Environmental Policy Initiative, in conjunction with Women in Development, will be hosting Professor Louise Fortmann on May 5-7. Louise P. Fortmann is Professor of Forestry and Sustainable Development at U.C. Berkeley as well as Chair of the Berkeley's Division of Society and Environment within the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management.

Her teaching and research address the outcomes of natural resource use and management for individuals and for communities. Specific questions of interest include: gender differences in control and management of natural resources and the resulting social and ecological impacts of these differences; structure and distribution of property rights to natural resources including factors impacting community control of natural resources; and the nature of poverty among natural resource dependent households and communities. For more information on Professor Fortmann, visit: http://espm.berkeley.edu/directory/fac/fortmann_1.html

EPI and WID Visiting Speaker Seminar

“A funny thing happened on the way to Environmental Policy”

Prof. Louise Fortmann

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Mendenhall Lab

Room 100

(Reception will follow immediately after the seminar at the Faculty Club)

Summer Dissertation Prospectus Grants

The Environmental Policy Initiative 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 the following year.

Any doctoral student planning to write a PhD on any aspect of environmental policy, and expecting to take the PhD general exam by Winter Quarter 2005, is eligible to apply.

The award from EPI will be \$1,200 per month for three months and does not include a tuition or fee waiver. Departments may supplement the stipend at their discretion. The student applicant and the dissertation advisor should collaborate on the proposal, which must be no longer than two pages in length, and should contain:

- (i) a brief biosketch of the graduate student applicant including full name, department, expected graduation date, and name and department of the student's advisor;
- (ii) a brief description of the proposed dissertation research idea;
- (iii) a brief description of how the proposed dissertation research will advance the advisor's research program and prospects of future external research funding;

All information must be submitted electronically to epi@osu.edu as soon as possible, but no later than _____. Decisions will be announced by _____.

Graduate Student Professional Travel Grants

The Environmental Policy Initiative is offering Graduate Student Professional Travel Grants of up to \$600 for graduate students presenting research papers at professional meetings related to environmental policy.

The EPI Professional Travel Grant Program is intended to increase graduate student involvement in EPI, and to increase EPI visibility beyond Ohio State. EPI will allocate \$4,000 of the annual budget to support graduate student participation in professional meetings related to environmental policy.

The travel fund program is offered to graduate students who hold associate membership status in EPI and are advised by an EPI faculty member. To qualify for a travel grant the graduate student must be the primary author and presenter of a paper at a professional conference related to environmental policy. In return for travel support, the recipient agrees to acknowledge the support of the Environmental Policy Initiative in a footnote on the conference paper and/or on a title page of their presentation.

Interested EPI members will submit an application to the EPI office prior to travel. The application will include the following:

- (i) a cover letter detailing the applicant's relationship to EPI (applicant should be an associate member, adviser should be a member);
- (ii) the title of the paper, and conference details (name, location, date, sponsor, and how it relates to environmental policy);
- (ii) evidence that the paper is included on the program and that the applicant is both the primary author and the presenter;
- (iii) a completed OSU Travel Request Form detailing expected expenditures for registration, travel, and hotel accommodations.

Applicants who qualify for the travel fund program will be notified, and must submit original receipts for reimbursement promptly after travel has been completed.

A maximum of \$600 per paper will be awarded. Only one person per paper may receive funding through EPI. Awards will be granted on a first come / first serve basis as long as the allocated funds last.

Visiting Speaker: Sierra Club Executive Director, Carl Pope, May 19

Carl Pope, executive Director of the Sierra Club, will be an EPI guest speaker the third week of May. Pope heads Sierra Club's 700,000 members in lobbying and grassroots activities aimed at improving the Clean Water Act, ending commercial logging in National Forests, limiting sprawl and expanding US wildland protection.

Pope has worked in environmental lobbying for nearly thirty years and has written 2 books on national and international environmental issues. For more information on Carl Pope visit: <http://www.sierraclub.org/pressroom/leaders/#director>

EPI Visiting Speaker Seminar
Carl Pope
Wednesday, May 19, 2004
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
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