



SESYNC Feedbacks

News from the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center

Now Accepting Applications for Summer 2016: Faculty Mentors & Undergraduate Interns

SESYNC is now accepting applications for our summer 2016 Undergraduate Internship Program.

This intensive program provides students with a unique summer experience that enables them to contribute towards the research or program goals of their mentors, enhance their understanding of the complex nature of socially relevant environmental problems, and enhance their understanding of how scientific evidence may be used to inform decision making and policy with regard to environmental problems.

Internship positions are full-time (40 hours/week) from June 6-August 12, 2016, and interns will be paid by SESYNC.

Eligibility

Faculty mentors' labs or offices must be within commuting distance of the University of Maryland, College Park or Coppin State University, and SESYNC's offices in Annapolis, Maryland.

Interns must be registered as full-time undergraduate students at the University of Maryland, College Park or Coppin State University.

Details

[Find additional information on our website.](#)



Salamanders at Risk

Last week, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) acted to protect native amphibians from a newly-described and potentially lethal fungus. The culprit - called *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans*, or *Bsal* - has all but wiped out some salamander populations in Europe. And researchers are worried the U.S. could be next.

Dr. Elizabeth Daut, SESYNC postdoctoral fellow, researches the disease risks associated with importation of exotic animals. She weighs in on the USFWS's new interim rule to restrict the movement of salamanders on our blog.

[Read more here.](#)



Livestream: Anthropology

Mark your calendars! The next Distinguished Scholar Workshop of our [Socio-Environmental Immersion Program](#) will explore how anthropology approaches socio-environmental problems. Lectures will be livestreamed on **Monday, February 29** and **Tuesday, March 1**.

Our guest speakers are: Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, UC Davis; Eduardo Brondizio, Indiana University; Bonnie McKay, Rutgers University; Michael Paolisso, University of Maryland; and Paige West, Columbia University.

Details forthcoming; [bookmark this page](#) for information as it becomes available.



Environmental Justice & Big Data

In a new SESYNC-funded study published in *Environmental Research Letters*, researchers highlight the cross-link between toxic pollution, race, and socio-economic status. Focusing on the industrial facilities responsible for 1 billion chemical releases in the U.S. in 2007, an interdisciplinary team from the fields of environmental sociology and computational science have identified that a class of "super polluters" - the worst of the worst - contribute disproportionately to pollution affecting minority and low-income communities.

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SESYNC-Supported Research in the News

[It's not just Flint: Poor communities across the country live with 'extreme' polluters](#)

The Washington Post, January 27

[5 percent of polluters create 90 percent of toxic emissions. Guess where they're located?](#)

Grist, January 28

[The Worst Polluters Are In The Most Vulnerable Neighborhoods, Study Finds](#)

The Huffington Post, February 3

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