Happy New Year
Welcome back all! Hope you have a wonderful holiday season and are all refreshed for a fun and stimulating semester ahead.

Today's Colloquium
We will have three speakers in this week's colloquium, which will start at 3:30 pm followed by refreshments in the Rug Room. These include our very own Kelsey Feser who will be talking on “Geographic variation in mollusk assemblages and its relationship to geochemistry: St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands” and Andrew Zaffos who will talk on “The persistence of ecological gradients: what do we really know?” Sarah Falkowski who is visiting from the University of Tübingen will also give a talk on her research work she is doing with Eva.

New Graduate Student
Please extend a warm welcome to Claire Botner who has just joined us from Georgetown College to work with Amy.

Dylan and landscape change

Back in September, Dylan attended the Meeting of Working Group on the Forecasting of Landscape Responses to Climate and Land-Use Changes at Biosphere 2 near Tucson, Arizona. The workshop report for this meeting appeared this week in EOS, Transactions of the AGU. Importantly, the report invites anyone interested in this topic, of which we may have a few in the Department, to comment on a draft of the manuscript we are preparing. The meeting report may be found at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2014EO010003/abstract, and comments are requested by 31 January at http://geomorphicprediction.geo.arizona.edu.

Brooke for the People
Brooke conducted a radio interview with Science for the People about the Anthropocene. Please check it out at (starting minute 39:55): http://www.scienceforthepeople.ca/episodes/last-ape-standing.

Amy got a grant
Congratulations to Amy who has just received a grant to work on "Ground-based measurements of VOCs and stable isotopes of CH₄ in the Colorado Front Range" from the State of Colorado. Well-done Amy.
Rajarshi gets a grant
Congratulations to Rajarshi who got a Sigma Xi grant to help him with his thesis work on “Assessing vehicle-related pollution along the Manali-Leh Highway, northwestern Himalaya, India”. Well-done Rajarshi.

Holiday Papers
We had an impressive number of papers published over the holiday break. Check them out:


Bagels
Don’t forget our coffee and bagels on Monday mornings (10 am) in the Kees DeJong student lounge.

Please keep sending me your news.

Cheers,

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