

School of Forest Resources  
A Plan for Integrating  
2011 Distinguished Alumni Seminar, Student Capstone, and SFR-UWAA Winter Lecture

**Introduction:**

- This plan incorporates the best aspects of the School of Forest Resources (SFR) Distinguished Alumni Seminar Series, Student Capstone, and the SFR-UWAA Sustaining our NW World Lecture Series into a single academic project for the 2011 winter and spring quarters.
- This project draws its inspiration from SFR's vision and mission as an academic leader in natural resources and environmental programs and, from the global visibility associated with the theme of 2011 being the "International Year of Forests."

**Background:**

- The United Nations has declared 2011 as the "International Year of Forests."
- The purpose of this declaration is to raise awareness and strengthen the sustainable management of forests and the conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations.
- The Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests is the focal point for implementation of the International Year in collaboration with Governments, the Collaborative Partnership on Forests and other relevant organizations and processes.
- Governments, regional and international organizations, and civil society organizations are expected to create national committees and designate focal points in their respective countries to facilitate organization of activities in support of the International Year of Forests.
- This focus on forests has the potential to draw world attention to natural resource and related issues.

**The Plan:**

- SFR will establish a ten week project that culminates with a submission from SFR to the United Nations Forum on Forests.
- This submission will be an executive summary and a body of content that identifies a set of 5-10 critical issues, priorities, or opportunities facing the forests of the world (Mack Hogans will investigate with the UN the opportunity to make a submission and what format is acceptable.)
- The set of issues and priorities will reflect input from a selected number of SFR undergraduate and graduate students, selected faculty, and selected alumni from distinguished careers in domestic and international fields of natural resources and related environments.

- The submission to the United Nations would creatively satisfy SFR academic requirements for some students, but it could potentially inspire further debate and areas of potential academic research and study here and abroad.
- It could also help inform the United Nations on one of its critical world priorities.
- It could also further position SFR as a global leader and resource for academic inquiry and leadership.

The process:

- Week 8 of spring quarter:
  - A distinguished alum will kick off the International Year of Forests with the Winter SFR-UWAA Lecture Series, Sustaining our NW World.
- Week 1 of spring quarter
  - A distinguished alum, program coordinator (Hogans), and faculty coordinator (Bradley) will kick off SFR's International Year of Forests project by leading a student seminar
  - Students will use the seminar content and guidance to outline and design their Capstone project for spring quarter
- Weeks 2-5 of winter quarter:
  - Capstone students will refine the project design and will interview select faculty and select alumni with experience in global forestry, conservation, and related issues:
  - Select SFR faculty could include, but are not limited to:
    - Ernesto Alvarado
    - Stanley Asah
    - Susan Bolton
    - Ivan Eastin
    - Bob Gara
    - Tom Hinckley
    - John Marzluff
    - John Perez-Garcia
    - Sergey Rabotyagov
    - Sandor Toth
  - Select local-area alumni could include, but are not limited to:
    - Tom Hanson, President, International Forestry Consultants
    - Dan Hinkley, Plant Explorer and Horticultural Consultant
    - Nalini Nadkarni, Faculty Member, The Evergreen State College
    - Alan Randall, retired, worked with U.S. Peace Corps, OAS, US-AID, etc.
    - Gary Hartshorn, President, World Forestry Center (Portland, OR)
- Week 6 of spring quarter:

- A panel of SFR alumni with international experience and reputations will share their views, insights, and experiences on the global forestry and related issues during SFR's Distinguished Alumni Seminar
- They will also review and provide input on the capstone draft submission
- The draft submission will be finalized for transmission to UNFF
- Topic areas could include a combination of:
  - The global state of forestry
  - Forestry in the global recession
  - Forestry in the global economic recovery
  - Market growth and demand
  - Monetizing new value streams such as water, carbon, woody bio-mass, aesthetics/recreation, and ecosystem services
  - Global consolidation in the forests products industry
  - Examples of world class sustainable forest management
  - Areas of opportunity for better forest management
  - Updates on global forestlands conversion
  - Updates on global forest health
  - Future state of sustainable forest management
  - Updates on global climate change and sustainable forestry
  - Technology and its role in forestry looking forward
  - Other

**The Alumni Panel:**

- Prospective panel members ranked tier 1 or 2
  - (1) Kamoji Wachiira (MS 1969), consultant, held positions as senior lecturer at University of Nairobi, Kenya (was political prisoner in Kenya for two years), led international projects for Canadian International Development Agency in Guyana, Surinam, Southeast Asia, served as advisor to Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai and was senior consultant on documentary on Maathai
  - (1) Jeannette Gurung (MS 1985), founder and Director of Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN); active in international work with the UN Forum on Forests , and other UN committees and programs on food security, gender issues, and sustainable development.
  - (1) Mark Wishnie (BS 1998), Managing Director for Equator Environmental, an international environmental markets company; he previously served as Program Director of the Yale Tropical Resources Institute and the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute's Native Species Reforestation Project
  - (1) Nalini Nadkarni (PhD 1983), [also being asked to do the kickoff lecture (SFR-UWAA lecture; we would probably not ask her to do both the

**lecture and the seminar panel]** Faculty Member, The Evergreen State College, expertise in tropical and temperate forest canopies, co-founder and President of the International Canopy Network.

- (1) Eric Dinerstein ((PhD 1983, MS 1979), Chief scientist and Vice President for science, World Wildlife Fund; areas of expertise include tropical mammals, large mammal biology, biogeography, bats, rhinos, seed dispersal, and community ecology.
- (2) Gary Hartshorn (PhD 1972), President and CEO, World Forestry Center; formerly president of Organization for Tropical Studies, scientist for the world wildlife fund.
- (2) Gary Wetterberg (PhD 1974, MS 1973), retired?, worked for UN FAO Forestry Department and US Forest Service's International Forestry Ecosystem Management program;
- (2) Gregor Wolf (BS 1982), Acting Director [still?] of World Bank's Central America Country Management Unit, Latin America and the Caribbean Region; was an environmental specialist for the World Bank's Sustainable Development Networks Forests Team and manager of its Program on Forests (PROFOR) in Washington, DC. During his career with the World Bank, he has served as Brazil's country director, coordinator of the World Bank Rain Forest Unit.

**Project Oversight and Facilitation:**

- Gordon Bradley, Professor
- Additional SFR faculty for Capstone?
- Cecilia Paul, SFR Director of Communications
- CoEnv Advancement personnel?

**Guidance for alumni component and others as needed:**

- Mack L. Hogans (CFR 1976, former forester and executive with US Forest Service and Weyerhaeuser Company)

**Budget:**

- TBD
- Travel for alumni if needed
- Meals for alumni if needed
- Lodging for alumni if needed
- Lecture reception
- DASS dinner with students
- Video recording (UWTV or other)
- Rent of building for lecture