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Graduate Student Profiles

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College of Professional Studies

Bryan Fuhrmann graduated from Humboldt State with a masters degree in Business Administration. During his time in the MBA program he focused heavily on strategic sustainability. This allowed him to incorporate both science and business principles into his master’s degree. With this he was able to, “create the design for cluster based economy in Humboldt County, work on the Marine Science Laboratory’s strategic business plan, and run housing market data analysis in collaboration with the Humboldt Association of Realtors.” Bryan also participated in an internship at North Coast Laboratories where he created their strategic business plan for 2016. After graduation, Bryan has stayed here in Humboldt County and continues work at North Coast Laboratories as the Quality Assurance Manager.



Bryan Fuhrmann



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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT:

Dr. Meredith Williams
Professor of Sociology,
Sociology Graduate Program Coordinator

- **How long have you been at HSU? Can you tell us about your academic history?**

WILLIAMS: “I am just finishing up my fourth year at HSU. Along with Dr. Renée Byrd, I was hired to start the new Criminology and Justice Studies major in the Department of Sociology. Prior to working here, I completed my PhD at Washington State University in 2013. I took and taught classes at the main campus in Pullman, and a satellite campus in Vancouver, WA. That is also where I completed my bachelors degree. All of my degrees are in Sociology, with specializations in gender and crime.”

- **What kind of research are you involved with?**

WILLIAMS: “Most recently, I have been working with Dr. Joice Chang from the Department of Politics, and an amazing team of undergraduate and graduate students, to interview LGBTQ adults. We are exploring a “queer life course,” or the life trajectories of LGBTQ adults, to see if and how they get involved in crime.”

- **Are any students involved in your research?**

WILLIAMS: “I have students involved in all of my research projects. I fell in love with research by working as a research assistant for professors when I was a student, and hope I can inspire some students to get more involved in the research world. I like to show students they are more capable of research than they might think they are, and I like to push them to find their own questions and voice as a scholar. I still work with former students from other universities on some of my research projects; I love that I get to stay connected to my former students long after they leave my class.”

- **What is your favorite part of your job?**

WILLIAMS: “One day I will say I find teaching to be the most rewarding aspect of my job, then the next I will say it’s the research. As faculty, we are pretty lucky—we get to teach and learn new things every day. And, as much as I love both teaching and research, I also like working behind the scenes. I like creating resources, and contributing to a campus culture, to help students achieve their goals.”

- **How do you spend your time outside of HSU?**

WILLIAMS: “My wife Janae and I love to visit new places, try new food, and experience new adventures. We are always looking for the next place to go or thing to see. When not adventuring, I love to read young adult literature and compare notes with my 20+ nieces and nephews.”

- **Do you have any advice for current or prospective students?**

WILLIAMS: “You belong here. When the imposter syndrome starts sneaking in, trying to convince you that you aren’t good enough, ignore it. Ask for help. Graduate school is hard, and sometimes you feel like you shouldn’t show weakness or confusion. What you may not know is that others are feeling the same way. Talk to each other, and your professors, and try out all the amazing resources we have all over campus—we are all here to help you to be successful.”



Graduate Student Profiles

College of Natural
Resources & Sciences

College of Arts,
Humanities & Social
Sciences

Emily Cooper is a graduate student in the Natural Resources Masters program. Emily’s research seeks to quantify the anadromous salmonid habitat in the upper Eel River watershed that is currently blocked to fish migration by Scott Dam. The results will answer whether river restoration via dam modification or removal is necessary for the recovery of anadromous salmonid populations in the Eel River watershed. This project aims to deliver evidence to inform the upcoming relicensing of Scott Dam, whose process begins in 2017. This is extremely timely and relevant to the management of water and fish in the Eel River watershed. She is the recipient of the 2015-16 CSU COAST Graduate Student Research Award and the WRPI Water Resources Internship and has received support from CalTrout and the (NMFS).



Emily Cooper

Wendy Willis graduated from Humboldt State with a Masters of Arts degree in Environment and Community. She credits the Environment and Community program and its interdisciplinary approach for helping her develop critical thinking skills she’ll use throughout her career. After graduating in 2015, Wendy landed a dream job at the American Bird Conservancy. As the organization’s new international conservation project officer, Wendy will manage projects in Colombia and Ecuador that range from land acquisitions, community development, and reforestation initiatives to building technical capacity with Latin American partners, and implementing sub-grants from private donors and foundations.



Wendy Willis



Joseph S. Woolford Fellowship Recipients

The Joseph S. Woolford Fellowship Award is administered through the Eureka Rotary Club. This award is given to graduate students who have achieved great scholastic achievement, have a focused career goal, and who have the ability to inspire others. We are proud to announce that the 2017-18 Woolford Fellowship is awarded to:

- ◆ **Amon Armstrong** - Biological Sciences
- ◆ **Pairsa Belamaric** - Natural Resources: Wildlife
- ◆ **Laura Casali** - Natural Resources: Environmental & Natural Resource Sciences
- ◆ **Hannah Coe** - Natural Resources: Fisheries
- ◆ **Robert Cowdrey** - Environmental Systems: Geology
- ◆ **Carolyn Delevich** - Biological Sciences
- ◆ **Robert Dumouchel** - Natural Resources: Environmental & Natural Resource Sciences
- ◆ **Irene Gonzalez-Herrera** - Psychology
- ◆ **Guarav Kumar** - Environmental Systems: Energy, Technology & Policy
- ◆ **Diana Newberry** - Applied Anthropology
- ◆ **Elizabeth Revord** - Social Science
- ◆ **Josue Rodriguez** - Psychology
- ◆ **Elizabeth Zepeda** - Biological Sciences

Helpful Resources:

- **Institutional Review Board**

<http://www2.humboldt.edu/irb/>

(707) 826-5165

- **Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee**

<http://www2.humboldt.edu/iacuc/>

(707) 826-3256

- **Office of the Registrar**

<http://pine.humboldt.edu/registrar/students/>

(707) 826-4101

- **College of eLearning & Extended Education**

<http://www2.humboldt.edu/extended/>

(707) 826-3731

- **Academic & Career Advising Center**

<http://www2.humboldt.edu/acac/>

(707) 826-3341



Graduate Federal Work Study Program 2017-18

Graduate Studies and the Financial Aid Office are pleased to announce funding for the Graduate Student Federal Work Study Program. Awards of up to \$5,000 are available for the 2017-2018 academic year for master's students who are eligible for federal work-study. Graduate students are supervised by graduate program faculty to perform specific research activities that are supported by the departments. These funds will be awarded to departments to support research, scholarly, and creative activities of faculty and their graduate students. The deadline for faculty members to submit an [application](#) requesting a student is **May 5th**. This funding is intended to match qualified master's students who are eligible for work-study funding with faculty members who have research projects requiring a graduate student assistant. This also helps to promote meaningful graduate level research and creative activity opportunities for students.

The Thesis Submission Process

1. [Advancement to Candidacy](#)
2. [Intent to Submit Form](#)
3. Attend Formatting Workshop
4. Request a Courtesy Format Review
5. Committee & Coordinator Approval on Digital Commons @ HSU
6. Official Format Review through Digital Commons @ HSU



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Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

The Office of Academic Programs and Graduate Studies is pleased to announce the recipients of the Patricia O. McConkey and Graduation with Distinction Award for excellent performance in the 2016-2017 Academic Year. This award recognizes distinguished scholarly achievement at the master's level. These awards are given to outstanding graduating graduate students at Humboldt State who have been nominated by their department for excellence in their field. The recipients will graduate with distinction and will be recognized in the commencement ceremony.

The 2016-2017 McConkey Award recipients and their respective disciplines are:

Cara Appel - Natural Resources: Wildlife

Heather Clark - Sociology

Emily Cooper - Natural Resources: Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences

Laura Gorman - English: Composition Studies and Pedagogy

Kendra Hartsuyker - Psychology: Academic Research

Jacqueline Heinzen - Applied Anthropology

Gil Spitz - Kinesiology: Exercise Science



Important Dates:

- ◆ **May 3rd:** Initial thesis/project submission to BePress/Digital Commons required for students planning to graduate in Spring 2017
- ◆ **May 10th:** Final thesis or project submission approval due to Digital Commons, cfr@humboldt.edu
- ◆ **May 13th:** Commencement Ceremony
- ◆ **August 17th:** Fall Graduate Student Orientation held in Goodwin Forum from 2:30pm—3:30pm
- ◆ **August 21st:** Fall 2017 Instruction Begins