PANEL: Getting (More) Women in Science Careers

Wednesday, February 25 – Burke Auditorium, Kroon Hall
12:00-1:00 pm – Lunch is provided: first come, first served

PANEL MODERATOR:

Liza Comita, Ph.D. - Assistant Professor of Tropical Forest Management, Yale F&ES
With expertise in tropical forests and prior experience from the Department of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology at The Ohio State University, the University of Minnesota, the Earth Institute at Columbia University, and the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, Liza has experience in fieldwork and modeling. She received a Ph.D. in Plant Biology from the University of Georgia, a M.A. in Conservation Biology and a B.A. in Biology from the University of Pennsylvania.

PANELISTS:

Heather Tallis, Ph.D. - Lead Scientist for The Nature Conservancy
As the first female lead scientist in the history of The Nature Conservancy, Heather founded and directs the organization’s Human Dimensions Program to advance the use of ecological, social and economic sciences in conservation and natural resource decision-making. Her previous experience includes Lead Scientist at the Natural Capital Project and advisory roles with the World Bank. She received a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Washington, an M.S. in Chemical Oceanography from the University of California, Santa Cruz, an M.S. in Marine Ecology from the University of Otago in New Zealand, and a BA in Marine Science from Eckerd College. She is the co-editor of the book, Natural Capital: The Theory and Practice of Mapping Ecosystem Services.

Stacey Solie, M.S. - Communications Manager for the Natural Capital Project and Science Writer
The New York Times, The Daily Beast, The Weather Channel, Crosscut, The Seattle Journal, Puget Sound Business Journal, and Rolling Stone Magazine have all featured Stacey’s articles. Her current position gives her the ability to translate daily scientific findings into compelling stories for the web, newsletters and the media. Her previous experience as a writing instructor, managing editor, reporter, and copy editor give her a unique perspective on current journalistic practices. She received an M.S. in Journalism from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and a B.A. in Comparative Literature from the University of Washington.

Tracie A. Seimon, Ph.D. - Molecular Scientist, Zoological Health Program with WCS, Bronx Zoo
With a focus on pathogen screening for the zoological collection, Tracie conducts various Wildlife Conservation Society field-based research projects, and has developed a mobile diagnostic lab for pathogen detection in the field. Her projects in wildlife health and conservation focus on some of the world’s most iconic and endangered wildlife species. Prior to this, she worked at Columbia University's Center for Infection and Immunity in pathogen discovery and their Department of Medicine. She received a Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Biology from University of Colorado Health Science Center and a B.A. in Biology from University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

Megan MacClellan, M.S. - Stream Ecologist, Washington State Department of Ecology
In managing a multi-million dollar research effort to investigate how effective Washington State’s Forest Practices Rules keep streams clean and cold, Megan works to translate policy into action. Her prior experience includes duties as an Environmental Scientist at Green Point Consulting, restoration work for Trout Unlimited, and various positions at Saltwater Inc., Geomatrix Consultants, Turnstone Environmental, Alaska Maritime Wildlife Refuge, Starflower Foundation, and Earthcorps. She received an M.S. in Marine Source Management from Oregon State University and a B.A. from Evergreen State College.