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Welcome back, Gund people!

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Welcome back, everyone!

We have a packed semester, with many new Gund offerings. Here are key dates and details in one message to keep down email traffic, so please take a moment to read through.

Gund is moving to Farrell Hall

Well, the big news is that we will move to Farrell Hall this semester. If you missed the announcement, see my email attached. This will solve our space crunch, allows us to house more people, and be in a space that is much better designed for collaboration. Moving day is TBA.

Fall events—Mark your calendars!

- Gund Welcome BBQ & New Members Reception: Sept. 26, 5-7:30 p.m. at Alumni House
- Gund Teas: A fantastic line-up of 30-minute talks (full list below) plus discussion. Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. at Johnson House (until we move). Starts Sept 6
- Gund Faculty Fellows meeting: Oct. 30, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Davis Center (Frank Livak)
- Gund Student Fellows meeting: Nov. 13, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Davis Center (Frank Livak)
- Communications and Policy Workshops (details below)
- Gund Research Slam/Prospective Student Visit: March 2020

For new events, bookmark [our website](#) and check our [events page](#).

Welcome New Faces

The Gund Welcome Back BBQ is Sept. 26. Please RSVP to nora.shahoud@uvm.edu by Sept. 13 to celebrate a new year and meet our new [Gund Fellows](#) and [Affiliates](#).

Please also welcome [Stephen Posner](#), our new Director of Policy Outreach, and nine new [PhD/Postdoc Gund Fellowship recipients](#). Check out Stephen's memo to the community attached.

Catalyzing Research

The Gund offers several programs to support cross-cutting research with real-world impact. Here is what you should know.

Catalyst Awards

Have a great idea for collaborative research and need seed funding? We are now accepting [Gund Catalyst Award](#) submissions until October 10.

[Enrichment Funds](#) can be requested through online forms for [Faculty Fellows](#) and [Students](#). Learn more about these [pots of money](#).

[PhD and Postdoc Fellowships](#) will available again this year. Stay tuned for information about recruiting and applications, and start thinking now about great candidates.

Communications

Got a newsworthy publication or project coming up? Please [contact Basil Waugh](#) as far in advance as possible. When studies are accepted, ideally.

New webpages:

[Resources for Gund Community](#) (logos, letterhead, recent announcements, etc.)

[Diversity and Inclusion](#)

[Podcasts](#)

[Videos](#)

Basil will also host media trainings and can answer any communications questions you have:

- Twitter 101 for Scholars (date TBA): An intro to Twitter for scholars seeking to use the social media platform to share their work and engage with colleagues and the public.
- Gund Photo Fund is available to help capture high quality photos of Gund researchers in action around the globe. Contact Basil if you are planning a research trip.

Bookmark [Gund online](#) and follow us on social media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#). Our hashtags are #GundSolutions and #GundFunded.

Policy

This semester, we're stepping up our game to connect Gund research with decision-makers and leaders in policy, business, and the NGO sector. Stay tuned for more info about a policy workshop, a whole new set of resources and guidance on things like how to write a 1-2-page policy brief, "Policy news you can use," and other opportunities to enhance the broader impact of your research.

Plus, starting now, Gund Director of Policy Outreach [Stephen Posner](#) is available to work with anyone putting together a Catalyst Award submission to advise on any policy components of your submission.

Swing by

Please always feel free to swing by Johnson House. Taylor, Jeannine, Basil, Stephen and Nora are on the 2nd floor. We're always happy to chat and make sure you're having a good experience at the Gund. The door, email, and phone are always open.

Looking forward to a great year!

Taylor and the Gund team

Gund Teas and other events:

9/6 – Ian Deshmukh: Ecology and International Development, Tetra Tech

9/13 – George Pinder: Prof. of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UVM

9/20 – Ben Wurgaft: Writer, Historian & Visiting Scholar in Anthropology, MIT

9/26 – Gund Welcome BBQ & New Members Reception

9/26 – Christopher Wolff, Department of Anthropology, SUNY Albany

9/27 – Stephen Posner: Gund Director of Policy Outreach

10/4 – Kate Brauman: Lead Scientist at IonE, University of Minnesota

10/10 – Michael Mann, Prof. of Atmospheric Sciences, Penn State (Burack Lecture)

10/11 – Stephen Polasky: Prof. of Ecological/Environmental Economics, U. of Minnesota

10/18 – Mark Bradford: Prof. of Soils and Ecosystem Ecology, Yale

10/22-25 - Climate Change and Greenland Workshop led by Gund Fellow Paul Bierman

10/25 – Richard Forman: Prof. of Advanced Environmental Studies, Harvard

11/1 – Rory Waterman: Prof. of Chemistry, UVM

11/8 – Stuart Grandy: Associate Prof of Natural Resources and the Environment, UNH

11/15 – Severin Schneebeli, Assistant Prof. of Chemistry, UVM

12/6 – Roz Renfrew: Conservation Biologist, Vermont Center for Ecostudies