Outreach

On August 16, a study was published in the online version of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* that had been submitted by Chris Field and included three other members of our Department, Kim Cahill, Elsa Cleland, and Claire Lunch, among its authors. The paper "Emissions pathways, climate change, and impacts on California" generated news releases from the NY Times, CIW in Washington, and our local Universities.

Kim Cahill is working at The Nature Conservancy in California this summer, studying the ecological impacts of vineyard development and the potential for sustainable vineyard management practices to promote biodiversity. This project stems from to her work last year with Chris on the effect of climate change on California agriculture, particularly grapes, the second-most valuable agricultural commodity in the state.

Members Leaving

Lydia Olander starts her AAAS Congressional Science Policy Fellowship in September. After she arrives in Washington, she will go through an orientation and then find a Congressional office to work in. She may work in the office of a Senator, Representative or Committee. Her role with be to help interpret and explain the current state of our scientific understanding on subjects of concern to constituents and policy makers. Lydia may be required to address any area of science.

Andrew Elmore has completed his post-doc with us and will be a professor at Dartmouth College in the Dept. of Earth Sciences.

Amanda Cooper has moved to the University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL). She will be doing a PhD under John Weishampel at UCF's Geospatial Analysis and Modeling of Ecosystems Lab and Sarah Robinson has also left.

New Members

Dan Pendleton is our newest arrival working in Asner's group. He recently received his MS from Cornell Univ. in Crop & Soils Science but was really from Applied Mathematics. Here, he will be working on pattern recognition in the Brazilian rainforest.

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