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News and Events



Welcome Back Message from Executive Director, Scott Shackelford

Welcome back! We hope that all of you had a safe, productive, and enjoyable summer break. On the topic of welcomes, I wanted to first recognize Professor Insa Theesfeld, who recently took over from Bill Blomquist as interim Director of our Commons Program having relocated to Bloomington with her family while on sabbatical from Martin Luther University in Germany. We couldn't be more thrilled to host Insa for the year – and thank you again for your decades of service to the Workshop, Bill! Second, I wanted to welcome Brendan Devine as our new Grants Coordinator, taking over from Cate Racek and coming to us and the Kinsey Institute from Physics. We're thrilled to have both of you in these new roles as valued members of the Workshop community.

Speaking of, as we return to our campuses, I know there is a great deal on all of our minds, from the best ways to protect ourselves and our families from the Delta variant, to doing our parts to address the climate crisis, fight for equality, and be the best version of ourselves in and outside of the classroom and in our workplaces. It can all seem overwhelming, but know that you're not alone. We're living through these unprecedented

times together, and our combined actions can make a world of difference. As Lin said, “Little by little, bit by bit, family by family, so much good can be done on so many levels.”

Looking ahead, we at the Workshop are planning a series of events and initiatives that we hope are responsive to these tumultuous times, while also seeking to further the frontiers of governance research powered by exciting new grants from the NSF and Carnegie Endowment in fields like AI and space governance as we look ahead to the 50th anniversary of the Workshop’s founding in 2023. We hope that you can join us for our upcoming colloquia and research series events, along with our many upcoming special convenings including several co-sponsored gatherings and initiatives with IASC, including the item appearing next, that you’ll be hearing more about soon. For now, please stay safe, and best wishes for a productive and fulfilling Fall term. We look forward to seeing you soon!



IASC One-Day Virtual Conference on Food Commons in Europe and Beyond

The current debate of food policy navigates between two major paradigms on how food is valued and governed: The well-established post-exceptionalist public/private state/market binary in which food is still largely considered a commodity but with a sector that slowly moves from state-protected to be market-regulated; and the old-new paradigm supported by commons scholars, contemporary food initiatives and customary food systems who advocate for a holistic and multi-dimensional view on the agri-food sector taken care of in common (SAPEA-Consortium, 2020; Vivero-Pol, 2019). For this event, we are focusing on the latter. Consequently, the aim of this one-day event is thus digging into the recent development in the discussion on the valuation, provision, and use of food as a commons. Commons play a fundamental role as inputs (i.e., seeds, land, water, knowledge) and outputs (food, oxygen, soil fertility, landscapes) in the food system along the agricultural value chains. Commoning also provides a third way of governing resources essential for communities and societies, aside from market mechanisms and public provision. Food commons comprise natural and cultural resources (material and immaterial) held collectively, including traditional institutions with centuries of tradition and newly evolving and very innovative forms of shared

governance. For complete information including registration and abstract submission guidelines [click here](#).

IASC General Conference Reminder

The aim of the [IASC General Conference](#) on October 11-15, 2021, is to focus on cross-cutting themes via panels, multi-stakeholder workshops and training workshops, as well as membership meetings and networking events. It will also provide an opportunity to meet the editors-in-chief of the International Journal of the Commons and announce the Ostrom Awards. Find full IASC 2021 conference series information and registration links [here](#).



Monday Colloquium Lecture Series Resumes September 13, 2021 Virtually via Zoom

- **September 13**, with [Achim Schlüter](#) *Leibniz-Centre for Tropical Marine Research* presenting a paper titled "From Securing Rights for Small-Scale Fishers to Property for 'Efficient' Producers: The Privatization of Scallop Production in Sechura Bay, Peru"
- **September 20**, with [Todd Haugh](#) *Kelley School of Business, IU* presenting a paper titled "Leading a Healthier Company: Advancing a Public Health Model of Ethics and Compliance"

[Click here for the entire Colloquium schedule and Zoom information.](#)



Teaching Resources Playlist on Our YouTube Channel Continues to Grow

For nearly 50 years, The Ostrom Workshop has been an epicenter of groundbreaking interdisciplinary research. Now, our [YouTube](#) channel is compiling videos from current and former "Workshoppers" meant to help introduce both interested students and faculty to these methodologies. Look for the playlist, "Teaching Resources" on our channel and be sure to like, subscribe, and ring the notification bell to receive notices whenever we post a new video.

You can also access more teaching resources by clicking on our new [Teaching the Workshop webpage](#).

Opportunities

Two Post-Doc Opportunities in the Coasts and Commons Co-Lab at Duke University

1: We are looking for a Postdoctoral Associate to be part of the team of the “Illuminating Hidden Harvests (IHH) project” to support the PIs in the research and write up of data for publication, among other duties. The ideal candidate will have experience with the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data related to small-scale fisheries. Experience with different modelling techniques and coding with R software. Knowledge of the governance literature in relation to small-scale fisheries and data visualization techniques desirable. The ideal candidate will be working under the supervision and co-mentorship of Dr.

Xavier Basurto and Dr. John Viridin. **Ideal Start Date: November 1st 2021**. The initial term of the appointment will be 12 months with the possibility of renewal for 12 months more upon funds availability and performance. Please see the full announcement for details:

<https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/19011>

2: We are also looking for a Postdoctoral Associate to participate on a Coupled Human-Natural Systems NSF project focused on the adaptation of institutional and environmental drivers in Baja California Mexico. The ideal candidate will have experience with the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data related to small-scale fisheries and conservation. The ideal candidate will be working under the supervision of Dr. Xavier Basurto. **Ideal Start Date: January 3rd, 2022** The initial term of the appointment will be 12 months. More details:

<https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/19012>

Publications

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Scott Shackelford, *Wargames: Analyzing the Act of War Exclusion in Insurance Coverage and its Implications for Cybersecurity Policy*, 23 YALE JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY 362 (2021).

Book Version of the IPBES Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Now Available

Senior Research Fellow, Eduardo Brondizio, has shared information of the recent release of the book version of the *IPBES Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* (intergovernmental report approved in 2019); it has a very rich array of material of possible interest for some courses. It is available online as an e-book type and the same link has a full PDF version for download [printed version coming soon]. It's all free access: [Click here for access](#).

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