

# Ecological Society of America – Early Career Ecologist Section Newsletter 2018 – 11 – November

#### **Notes from Nate:**

Hey everyone, shorter days are upon us for those that live in the northern hemisphere. There's also midterm elections this month for those of us in the United States. There's a lot to vote about across the nation, including daylight savings time if you're in California. As the chair of ESA-ECE I've been working on webinars and collaborating across sections of ESA to provide professional development opportunities for us all. I'm attending the Governing Board meeting in 2 weeks, so if there's anything you would like me to say, now's the time. For fun, here's some ecological cartoons by Rosemary Mosco at BirdandMoon. Cheers.

Nate

### **Announcements:**

- Extending the tent: Learn more about the initiative and provide your thoughts, <u>here</u>.
- The ESA Student Section is looking for a liaison. If you're interested in helping us out and would like to collaborate with the graduate students of ESA, contact the Vice Chair, Anjali Boyd (<a href="mailto:anjaliboyd03@gmail.com">anjaliboyd03@gmail.com</a>)
- We are developing an Inspire Proposal for ESA 2019 entitled "First Year on the Job: Tips and Traps" with several different careers represented. If you're interested in participating, please let us know! (emeryna1@msu.edu)
- Interested in Science Communication resources? ESA Sci Comm Section has a sign-up for their listserv here.
- We would also love to highlight your original artwork in an upcoming newsletter. If you are interested, please <u>upload</u> your illustrations, photos, or other artwork (signed by you!), to be featured with attribution.
- The Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science has a webinar **this Friday** on <u>Science</u> Communication

### Webinars:

We've got a great line-up for the next few months. Check out recorded past webinars at <a href="https://vimeo.com/esaearlycareerecologist">https://vimeo.com/esaearlycareerecologist</a>. As a member of ESA-ECE, you will receive invites for each webinar as they occur.

- November 19th, 3pm EST we have <u>Jacob Carter of the Union of Concerned Scientists</u> discussing Careers in Science Policy and how to get involved no matter your current/future position. To tune in click here: <a href="https://msu.zoom.us/j/935058476">https://msu.zoom.us/j/935058476</a>
- December 5th is Networking and working with Ecological Networks hosted by <u>Dr. Tom Bell of UCLA/UCSB</u>

- January 28th is **Mentoring practices** hosted by <u>Dr. Amanda Hund</u> & co-authors of <u>this</u> great paper on mentoring practices in STEM!
- February 26th is **Project Management** hosted by <u>Reilly Henson</u> & <u>Dr. Kelly Cobourn</u> from Virginia Tech
- March is Careers in Community Colleges hosted by Dr. Meeghan Gray

## Recent relevant articles and/or posts:

- <u>Diversity fatigue is real</u>. Diversity work falls most often on the most "diverse" faculty.
- Great paper on mentoring practices! Send it to your departments and organizations.
- The value of including the public in the publication process. <u>Co-production from proposal</u> to paper
- <u>Tips</u> on faculty job phone interviews from <u>Dr. Constanza Rampini</u> Environmental Studies at San Jose State
- PNAS has a new article on the <u>value of narrative in science communication</u>
- Guest post on @DynamicEcology on overcoming fear in teaching and learning coding
- Opinion piece by Derek Attig on how what to do immediately following an interview

### Non-academic news:

- Worried about "failing" out of an academic career path? Read <u>Carla Davidson's story</u> about how doing so was the best thing she ever did for her career.
- Interested in a career in wildlife ecology? <u>David Steen</u> is an outspoken outreach specialist, the Research Ecologist of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island, Georgia and the Executive Director of The Alongside Wildlife Foundation.
- Thoughts by Lisa Munro on the emotional impact of leaving academia

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If you have any upcoming job postings, general announcements, artwork, or relevant articles you would like us to include in next month's newsletter, please upload them <a href="here">here</a>.

We are always looking for energized folks to help our efforts. If you are interested in joining our team, email us at <u>earlycareer@esa.org</u>.

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