

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



The Confluence Lab incubates and implements creative interdisciplinary research projects that bring together scholars in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, along with community members, to engage environmental issues in the state of Idaho. Lab members bring wide-ranging expertise from across campus. Our working lunches have featured diverse subjects, including the uses of biochar, sustainable energy, the economic impacts of Idaho tribes, women farmers, the value of wilderness, mathematical approaches to problem solving, climate change fiction and pedagogy, and skepticism about climate change. At the end of our first year, we are excited to have five collaborative projects funded and underway.



Confluence Lab Co-Founders Jennifer Ladino, Erin James, & Teresa Cavazos Cohn

PROJECTS FUNDED IN YEAR ONE

Human and Ecological Change in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness: A Collaborative Rephotography Project (DeVlieg Foundation \$50,000)

Constant Place, Shifting Time: Music, Video, and Rephotography (University of Idaho \$10,000)

The Nature and Nuance of Climate Change Perceptions (University of Idaho College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences \$14,000)

NASA Earth to Sky Idaho Regional Hub for Climate Change Communication (NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium \$7000)

Our Changing Climate: Finding Common Ground through Climate Fiction (Idaho Humanities Council \$4000)

For more information on funded projects, visit <https://www.uidaho.edu/class/english/confluence>



EVENTS & MILESTONES



December 2018: Moved in to IRIC 116

January 2019: Began year-long series of working lunches in IRIC conference room

March 2019: Hosted soft opening in IRIC Atrium; 75+ people in attendance

September 2019: Toolbox Dialogue Initiative Workshop



UPCOMING 2020 EVENTS

February 4: **Malcolm M. Renfrew Colloquium**

February 5: Visiting musicians **Icarus Quartet** and Ruby Fulton will present work on "Constant Place, Shifting Time" and moderate panel discussion: "Arts, Science, and Activism"



February 20: **British Petroleum** representative Ariel Brinn will speak; moderated by Tom Ptak

April 2: **IRIC Lunch and Learn**

April 13: Visiting keynote lecture and working lunch by **Sarah Jaquette Ray** (Humbolt State University)

Semester-long series: Sustainability Center "**Beyond the Book**" lectures and discussions

Ongoing community conversations: Lab members Jenn Ladino and Kayla Bordelon will facilitate **climate change discussions** in Lewiston, Grangeville, and McCall

Want to hear more about upcoming events? Join our listserv: confluence@uidaho.edu