

### Future of Earth's Climate Tough for Science to Predict

CSPO Post-doctoral Researcher **Netra Chhetri** discusses the potential impacts of climate change on water in the U.S. Southwest in *The Arizona Republic*, available at <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/viewpoints/articles/0422chhetri0422.html>: “The Dust Bowl was an ecological and human disaster where millions of acres of farmland became useless, forcing hundreds of thousands of people to leave their homes. But knowing the cause of the Dust Bowl does not automatically reveal when the next one will occur. It, however, offers valuable lessons. We know that the Dust Bowl was a man-made disaster compounded by a multiyear drought cycle. But will the likely climate of the future, as predicted by the models, result in the same?”

### VKRF awards \$200,000 to CSPO to Investigate Sustainability Science

The V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation is supporting CSPO in a project to advance science policy for sustainability. This project will assess the capacity of U.S. government research and development programs to advance the goals of sustainability; identify the most promising and plausible priorities for and approaches to improving the societal value of sustainability-related research; and work with science policy decision makers and others to implement those priorities and approaches. The work will focus on two key areas of sustainability science: chemistry and natural hazards.

### Center for Nanotechnology in Society All-Hands Meeting

The Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University held a very successful All-Hands Meeting on April 19-21 at ASU (<http://cns.asu.edu/allhands/allhands.html>). CNS-ASU investigators from around the world met to share their research and build collaborations. For more information on the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University, visit [cns.asu.edu](http://cns.asu.edu). To receive news about CNS-ASU activities and other items of interest regarding nanotechnology in society, subscribe to the newsletter by contacting [cns@asu.edu](mailto:cns@asu.edu).

### Science Outside the Lab: A Policy 'Dis'Orientation

In early June, a dozen ASU graduate student scientists and engineers are off to Washington D.C. for a two week immersion experience, sponsored by CNS-ASU and led by Assistant Professor **Jamey Wetmore** and Post-doctoral Researcher **Ira Bennett**. Through “Science Outside the Lab: A Policy ‘Dis’ Orientation,” students will have the chance to leave their labs behind to explore and reflect on the relationships between science, policy, and societal outcomes, meeting with government officials, lobbyists, staffers, regulators, journalists, academics, museum curators, and others for a sort of science policy boot camp. The goal is to expose the students to the many ways that Washington, D.C. impacts, directs, and learns from science. For more information, see <http://cns.asu.edu/dcsummer/workshop.html>

### Report on Enhanced Cognition Policy Implications Now Available Through DOE

The final report of the joint CSPO-Sandia National Laboratories workshop on Policy Implications of Technologies for Cognitive Enhancement is now available as a Department of Energy Sandia National Laboratories report (SAND2006-7079) at <http://www.osti.gov/bridge/purl.cover.jsp?purl=/901973-W3T1e9/>.

## CSPOres in the World

Since CSPO joined ASU in summer 2004, we have been sending graduating students and interns into the world with a CSPO attitude. CSPOres already in the world include **Tracy Johns** (MS Environmental Policy/Ecology, currently an affiliate with the Tropical Forest Group); **Misty Wing Drye** (now the business manager for the Coconino County Treasurer's Office); **Nicole Heppner** (BS Biology and Society with Honors, completing her first year in the Masters of Public Health program at the University of Minnesota); **Rachel Smith** (BS Biology and Society with Honors, completing her first year in medical school at the University of Indiana); and **Lindy Stanford** (JD with an emphasis on law, science and technology, currently Special Assistant to the President of Science Foundation Arizona). This fall, CSPO webmaster **Jeffrey Heinrick** (BS Justice Studies) will be attending The Vermont Law School and management intern **Brittany Crow** will begin a masters program in East Asian studies at Harvard University. Our most recent graduating class includes **Kalil Abdullah** (BS in Molecular Biotechnology) who will be attending the Cleveland Clinic to work on medical and graduate degrees; **Aliya Buttar** (BS Biology and Society/BA French with Honors) who will be attending the University of Nevada Medical School in Reno; **Taylor Jackson** (concurrent BS/MS in Biology and Society with Honors) is moving to Ecuador to work on sustainable development initiatives; **Zach Pirtle** (BS Mechanical Engineering/BA Philosophy with Honors) who will be starting a masters program in civil and environmental engineering with CSPO Faculty Affiliate Brad Allenby; and **Brian Young** (BS Biology and Society/BA Political Science) who will be traveling, painting, and investigating graduate school options.

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