

**Mar 3, 2011: noon - 300 Rice Hall**

Topic: NSF Science and Technology Center on Biodiversity Proposal

Organizers: Alex Travis and Kelly Zamudio

This lunch brought together a diverse group to exchange of idea around a possible Science and Technology Center proposal focusing on biodiversity and anthropogenic change. The possible topic might include climate change, but also allow Cornell to play to other strengths in areas such as eutrophication, toxins, introduced species, changes in land use, etc. The group discussed organizational schemes to help balance social and life sciences contributions. Kelly Zamudio presented information on the Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre (BiK-F) <http://www.bik-f.de/root/index.php> in Germany as a possible model organization. The group discussion included some early ideas on component parts of the Center, reviewed the timing that will be required to pull this together, and lastly, outlined the funding opportunity itself. Participants formed a highly collaborative, interdisciplinary effort with multiple investigators and a broad range of interests and expertise. Follow-on group meetings are planned, focusing on upcoming proposal deadlines.

Attendees:

Host – Alex Travis, ajt32

Steve Ellner, spe2

Louise Buck, leb3

Bruce Monger, bcm3

Krysten Schuler, ks833

Motoko Mukai, mm2295

Kathie Hodge, kh11

Robin Radcliffe, rwr32

Ned Place, njp27

Laura Jones, lej4

Art DeGaetano, atd2

Beth Bunting, emb54

John Fitzpatrick, jwf7

David Solomon, dcs3

Kelly Zamudio, krz2

Jon Conrad, jmc16

Drew Harvell, cdh5

Cliff Kraft, cek7

Mark Lawrence, mal64

Alex Flecker, asj3

Joe Bernardo, jb787

Judy Wood, jrw7

Bernd Blossey, bb22

Jim Lassoie, jpl4

Angela Fuller, akf34

Craig Altier, ca223

Paul Curtis, pdc1