

## Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology

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To the Board of the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology,

As affiliated faculty members with the Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, we (Morgan P. Vickers, Assistant Professor, Departments of Law, Societies, & Justice Aditya Ramesh, Assistant Professor, History Department) are writing to request **\$3680** in financial support from CSDE through the Matching Grant Support fund for a symposium we are planning for Fall 2025 entitled, *Wetlandia!: Rethinking Terraqueous Histories and Eco-social Transformations*. We would also like to request administrative support from Program Coordinator Maddie Farris, who we believe will provide critical support with the logistical planning and will help us achieve the broadest possible audience across UW for this symposium. Additionally, we would love to be able to host our event in a CSDE space, or have help from CSDE in locating a space on campus in which to host our estimated 50-person event.

As a two-day event, *Wetlandia!* will provide opportunities for public engagement, scholarly production, and critical engagement of the political economies of global wetlands. The first day will feature a public symposium, geared toward an audience of scholars, graduate students, advanced undergraduates, staff, and the broader public across the UW system and beyond. With seven invited speakers and two organizers, the public symposium will feature three thematic panels (each with three presenters) — likely surrounding themes of ‘Undisciplined Wetland Archives,’ ‘The De/Postcolonial Wetland,’ and ‘Countermapping Wetlands’ — wherein speakers will share papers and artistic materials to be featured in a special issue following the event. The second and third day of the event will feature closed-door writing workshops, wherein participants will help revise, edit, and advance the pre-circulated papers that they presented the day prior. Taking seriously the feedback of the public audience, the collective will work toward the production of two special issues, a shorter, vignette-focused section of *Society and Space* or the ‘Lexicon’ part of the journal *Environmental Humanities* focusing on multimodal reconceptualizations of swamplands, and a second, longer, text-based special issue focused on the global wetland in *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* or *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.

The symposium and following special issue will feature seven key scholars, artists, and practitioners working in and around global wetlands. These include Malini Ranganathan, Associate Professor of International Studies at American University; Lindsey Dillon, Associate Professor of Sociology at UC Santa Cruz; C. Riley Snorton, Professor of English Language and

Literature at the University of Chicago; Jennifer Derr, Associate Professor of History at UC Santa Cruz; Camelia Dewan, Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Uppsala University; Molly Roy, Designer and Guerilla Cartographer; and Rozalina Borcilă, Independent Scholar, Activist, and Artist. Not only do these scholars reflect interdisciplinary thinking and a diversity of geographic backgrounds, but the list of participants, including the two organizers, include six women, two Black trans/non-binary scholars, and five underrepresented minorities in academia. Additionally, the two artists prioritize public engagement within their work, producing cartographic renderings, walking tours, and direct action to transform the material worlds around them.

The funding provided by CDSE will directly support the participation of two of the social scientists working in the fields of Anthropology and History, with key interests in political ecologies, public health, and infrastructural development in global wetlands. The requested \$3680 will support the airfare, accommodation, and honoraria for the two scholars during the two-day series.

*Jennifer L. Derr* is an associate professor of history at the University of California, Santa Cruz and a current Radcliffe Fellow at Harvard University. Her work engages themes around science, medicine, capitalism, and the environment, and her recent book *The Lived Nile: Environment, Disease, and Material Colonial Economy in Egypt* (Stanford University Press, 2019), won the 2020 Middle East Political Economy Book Prize. Dr. Derr will provide the symposium, the workshops, and special issue with critical insights into the social, material, ecological, and economic consequences of dam construction on the Nile River basin and beyond. Dr. Derr is also PI of an NSF Career grant ‘History of Science at the Interface of Biomedical and Environmental Concerns’. Derr’s participation will allow the PIs to gain mentorship on applying successfully for an NSF award, at the intersection of the history of science, historical geography, and environmental science.

*Camelia Dewan* is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University and a former Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Oslo. Her recent book, *Misreading the Bengal Delta: Climate Change, Development and Livelihoods in Coastal Bangladesh* (University of Washington Press, 2021) reframes narratives of Bangladesh as a ‘climate change victim,’ instead demonstrating how the nation’s environmental crises include coastal vulnerabilities that have consequences on employment, debt, and healthcare. Dr. Dewan’s experience in transitioning from a development practitioner to an academic will provide attendees with a lens on how to aim historical work at unsettling contemporary problems particularly in writing for the present moment.

Beyond the two special issues, the symposium will lay the groundwork for a National Science Foundation (NSF) application on epistemic approaches to Global Wetlands, with Drs. Vickers

and Ramesh serving as co-PIs. Given the interdisciplinarity of the Wetlandia project, we will apply for Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (RAISE) funding through the NSF, which prioritizes “discoveries [that] reside at the interfaces of disciplinary boundaries that may not be recognized through traditional review or co-review.” The funding will support critical research in the realm of political ecologies, allowing the co-PIs to tell wetland histories and help inform equitable wetland futures across geographies, disciplines, and methods.

With your support, we can not only bring critical interdisciplinary scholars into conversation with students, scholars, and community members at the UW, we can also help expand global understandings of the simultaneous social, ecological, political, and economic imperative of wetland futures through the production of articles, special issues, and future research endeavors.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

All the best,

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## FY25 Conference & Colloquia Budget Template Instructions

Conference and Colloquia events can vary greatly in size and scope.  
Please read the below guidance to determine which budget template model to use.

### Definitions

Conference / Colloquia	Academic conferences/colloquia are typically open to scholars in the UW community and can include a variety of types of sessions that involve specialists speaking and answering questions on important topics. Speakers for these events typically receive honoraria and have travel costs covered.
Working Conference	Working conferences typically have a distinct plan for a publication, such as an edited collection of original essays or a special issue of a journal. The format is typically closed and involves workshopping the essays or other writings planned for publication. Participants in working conferences typically do not receive honoraria but will have their travel costs covered.

### Audience

### Instructions

Open	If your event is intended to be open to campus audiences, please look to the bottom of this workbook and click on Tab 1 labelled "Conference & Colloquia."
Partially Open	If your event is intended to be a working conference, but will include a public-facing element such as a microseminar for graduate students, keynote panel or plenary, please look to the bottom of this workbook and click on Tab 2 labelled "Working Conference."
Closed	If you are proposing a closed working conference only, please look to the bottom of this workbook and click on Tab 2 labelled "Working Conference."
Cost Guidance	For more detailed cost guidance, including rates for the Whiteley Center or other common costs, please look to the bottom of this spreadsheet and click on Tab 4 labelled "Cost Guidance."

### Need Help?

Contact Julie Stoverink, Simpson Center Administrator, at [scfiscal@uw.edu](mailto:scfiscal@uw.edu).

### FY25 Conference & Colloquia Budget - Working Conference

**Lead PI Name & Title:** Morgan P. Vickers, Assistant Professor

**Lead PI Department:** Department of Law, Societies, & Justice

**Co-PI's & Titles:** Aditya Ramesh, Assistant Professor, Department of History

**Project Title:**

**Total Project Costs = \$ 18,640.00**

**Anticipated Co-Sponsorships = \$ (1,500.00)**

**Total Simpson Center Funds Requested = \$ 17,140.00**

Budget Categories	Requested Budget	Budget Justification/Explanation
<b>General Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>	
PI Research Funds	\$ 1,500.00	
Co-PI: Morgan P. Vickers	\$ 750.00	Research, development, and revision of SI
Co-PI: Aditya Ramesh	\$ 750.00	Research, development, and revision of SI
Hourly Student Assistant	\$ -	
Salary (Number of Hours x Hourly Rate)	\$ -	
Benefits (automatically calculates)	\$ -	
Miscellaneous	\$ -	
	\$ -	
	\$ -	
<b>Event Costs</b>	<b>\$ 3,800.00</b>	
Hospitality	\$ 3,800.00	
Day 1 Breakfast, Lunch, and Coffee for Public Eve	\$ 2,000.00	Estimated 50 attendees
Day 1 Dinner	\$ 600.00	For 7 speakers and 2 organizers
Day 2 Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner	\$ 1,200.00	For 7 speakers and 2 organizers
Other Event Costs	\$ -	
Venue	\$ -	
Microseminar	\$ -	

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<b>Speaker Costs (if applicable)</b>	<b>\$ 4,750.00</b>	
Speaker Honoraria	\$ 4,750.00	(3 associate profs, 1 full prof, 1 asst. prof, 2 artists)
Keynote Speaker (if applicable)	\$ -	
Name of Speaker 2	\$ -	
SpeakerTravel	\$ -	
Keynote Speaker (if applicable)	\$ -	
Airfare		
Ground Transportation		
Lodging		
Other Travel Costs		
Name of Speaker 2	\$ -	
Airfare		
Ground Transportation		
Lodging		
Other Travel Costs		
Speaker Hospitality	\$ -	
Hosted Lunch	\$ -	
Hosted Dinner	\$ -	

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Participant Costs	\$	8,590.00	
Participant 1: Malini Ranganathan	\$	1,440.00	
Airfare	\$	600.00	RT flight from Washington, D.C.
Ground Transportation	\$	150.00	RT from SEA
Lodging	\$	690.00	Hotel: Watertown, U District (\$230/night, 3 nights)
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 2: Lindsey Dillon	\$	1,240.00	
Airfare	\$	400.00	RT flight from San Francisco (SFO)
Ground Transportation	\$	150.00	RT from SEA
Lodging	\$	690.00	Hotel: Watertown, U District (\$230/night, 3 nights)
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 3: C. Riley Snorton	\$	1,340.00	
Airfare	\$	500.00	RT flight from Chicago
Ground Transportation	\$	150.00	RT from SEA
Lodging	\$	690.00	Hotel: Watertown, U District (\$230/night, 3 nights)
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 4: Jennifer Derr	\$	1,240.00	
Airfare	\$	400.00	RT flight from San Francisco (SFO)
Ground Transportation	\$	150.00	RT from SEA
Lodging	\$	690.00	Hotel: Watertown, U District (\$230/night, 3 nights)
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 5: Camelia Dewan	\$	2,440.00	
Airfare	\$	1,600.00	RT flight from Stockholm (ARN)
Ground Transportation	\$	150.00	RT from SEA
Lodging	\$	690.00	Hotel: Watertown, U District (\$230/night, 3 nights)
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 6: Molly Roy	\$	890.00	
Airfare			
Ground Transportation	\$	200.00	RT drive from Portland, OR
Lodging	\$	690.00	Hotel: Watertown, U District (\$230/night, 3 nights)
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 7: Rozalina Borcilă	\$	1,340.00	
Airfare	\$	500.00	RT flight from Chicago
Ground Transportation	\$	150.00	RT from SEA
Lodging	\$	690.00	Hotel: Watertown, U District (\$230/night, 3 nights)
Other Travel Costs			

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<b>Lead PI Name &amp; Title:</b>	Morgan P. Vickers, Assistant Professor	
<b>Lead PI Department:</b>	Department of Law, Societies, & Justice	
<b>Co-PI's &amp; Titles:</b>	Aditya Ramesh, Assistant Professor, Department of History	
<b>Project Title:</b>		

Participant 8	\$	-	
Airfare			
Ground Transportation			
Lodging			
Other Travel Costs			



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**Project Title:**

Participant 9	\$	-	
Airfare			
Ground Transportation			
Lodging			
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 10	\$	-	
Airfare			
Ground Transportation			
Lodging			
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 11	\$	-	
Airfare			
Ground Transportation			
Lodging			
Other Travel Costs			
Participant 12	\$	-	
Airfare			
Ground Transportation			
Lodging			
Other Travel Costs			
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,640.00</b>	

<b>Co-Sponsorships</b>	\$	1,500.00	
Department of History	\$	1,500.00	Committed
Name of Unit	\$	-	
Name of Unit	\$	-	
Name of Unit	\$	-	
Name of Unit	\$	-	
<b>Total Simpson Center Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,140.00</b>	

## FY25 Conference & Colloquia Budget Guidance

### INFORMATIONAL ONLY

*Contact Julie Stoverink at [scfiscal@uw.edu](mailto:scfiscal@uw.edu) with any questions.*

Budget Categories	Simpson Center Budgeting Guidance
<b>Annual Costs</b>	
PI Research Funds	The Simpson Center typically awards research funds to PIs as compensation for projects with very high management demands. <i>The Simpson Center typically offers a research budget of \$1500 to the lead PI (or \$750 each for two PI's) as a gesture of compensation for projects with very high management demands. If a project has funds for hourly student help, it is unlikely that research funds will also be granted.</i>
Hourly Student Assistant	Hourly students perform strictly logistical & clerical work; they do not perform research duties.
Salary (Number of Hours x Hourly Rate)	SC hourly rates = \$22 for undergraduates, \$24 for graduate and pre-doctoral students, and \$26 for predoctoral candidates.
Benefits (automatically calculates)	Hourly student FY25 Benefits Rate = 23.0%
<b>General Programming</b>	
Collaborators/Speakers Honoraria	These are typically academics who receive honoraria as guest speakers. They may not be UW employees. <i>SC honorarium rates: \$500 for assistant professors, \$750 for associate professors, &amp; \$1,000 for full professors. If your speakers are outside of these categories, please contact us for more information. We do not pay honoraria to UW employees.</i>
Honoraria	
Collaborators/Speakers Travel	
Per Traveler:	
Airfare	SC Standard Airfare rates = \$600 for Domestic Flights & \$2000 for International Flights
Ground Transportation	SC Standard Ground Transport rate = \$150 round-trip between SEA-TAC & Lodging
Lodging	Standard budget for Seattle, WA, is \$232/night based on GSA guidance. Lodging can be covered the night before the event starts through the night the event closes. <i>For miscellaneous travel such as ferry/boat, train, mileage, parking, etc. Local guests parking at UW is \$20.25/day; for PNW guests who drive to Seattle and need parking at the hotel, \$40/night. FY24 Mileage is \$0.67/mile.</i>
Other Travel Costs	
Event Hospitality	
Small Reception	SC Standard rate = \$300 for small private reception (up to 25 people)
Large Reception	Varies based on size & what is included. For 35 people, plan around \$500 w/o alcohol or \$1,000 w/ alcohol (charges often include catering services for larger events).
Coffee & Light Refreshments	SC Standard rate = \$150 for 1/2 a day (i.e., AM or PM); \$300 for full day.
Catered/Boxed Lunch(es)	Estimate \$20/person for boxed/catered lunches.
Catered Dinner	This can vary greatly depending on catering choices. Midpoint is about \$85-\$100/person.
Hosted Lunch	These are opportunities to take your guest out to lunch. We advise a group of 6, estimating about \$35/person.
Hosted Dinner	These are opportunities to take your guest out to dinner. We advise a group of 6, estimating about \$100/person.
Other Program Costs	
Venue	Funded projects get 1st priority for Simpson Center spaces, free of charge, however sometimes venue rentals such as the HUB, Peterson Room, or another location are more appropriate. These range in price and estimates can be found on their websites.
Videography	UW Video can produce videography for events if desired. You can contact them for a quote at 206-685-1311. You can anticipate roughly \$1800 for a single speaker and \$3500 for a panel. Some events can be filmed using in-room technology, for no cost. (parameters: single speaker, lecture only, CMU 120)

Budget Categories	Simpson Center Budgeting Guidance
Programs	<i>Program costs vary based on size and quantity. Average budget is about \$200.</i>
Transcription	<i>SC uses 3Play Media for transcription services. Their rate is \$1.95/minute.</i>
Microseminar	<i>SC provides a total of \$1500 in research funds for microseminar instruction, to be split evenly between the instructors (max 2).</i>
<b>Writing Retreat Guidance</b>	<b>We welcome faculty to host their writing retreats in the Simpson Center space, however Whiteley is the ideal option if an off-campus option is preferred.</b>
Whiteley Center	
Lodging & Dining at Whiteley	<i>Find rates here: <a href="https://fhl.uw.edu/whiteley-center/whiteley-costs/whiteley-rates-paid-on-uw-budget/">https://fhl.uw.edu/whiteley-center/whiteley-costs/whiteley-rates-paid-on-uw-budget/</a></i>
Meals	<i>If you opt not to use the Whiteley Center dining plan, the per diem rate is currently \$59/day/person</i>
Mileage	<i>Reimbursements for mileage to and from Whiteley are currently \$82 one-way</i>
Ferry	<i>Look up rates for fares between Anacortes &amp; Friday Harbor here: <a href="https://wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/fares/">https://wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/fares/</a></i>
Lodging Outside of Whiteley	<i>For visiting guests, they may require a night on the front and/or back end of your Whiteley stay depending on flight times. Standard budget is \$232/night.</i>
Car Rental	<i>This may be necessary if you have several guests flying in to join the retreat. UW has contracts with Enterprise/National.</i>
<b>Co-Sponsorships</b>	
Dept/Dean's Office/Other Unit	<i>It is not uncommon for research teams to seek financial co-sponsorships from other departments. This is a route you can pursue if you would like to pay a guest more than the Simpson Center standard honorarium, for example. It may also be used to cover an extra night of lodging and a hosted lunch for a guest the department is particularly interested in. Co-sponsorships also help publicity because units that are co-sponsoring often do more to help spread the word about the event.</i>