

May 16, 2024 Translation Working Group Call

Attendees: Kira Sullivan-Wiley, Chris Brown, Jody Peters, and Charlotte Malmborg

Regrets: Anna Sjodin, Alexis O'Callahan, Alison Gerken, Michael Gerst

Agenda

1. June/summer schedule - keep the same time or a new poll?
 - a. Jody is gone June 10-27, proposes we meet at the same time on June 6, July 11, Aug 1
2. Previously we talked about the term “stakeholder”. Jake Zwart recently posted a paper in Slack related to that with the lead author being from some of the previous papers we discussed. “Reimagining the language of engagement in a post-stakeholder world”

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11625-024-01496-4#Sec6>
3. 2-page societal impacts recommendations document from the Unconference – Alexis
 - a. Discuss on the next call when Alexis is available
4. Who, what, when, where, why, and how for partner/user/interested parties engagement and examples from the EFI community Tutorial ideas
 - a. Series of short YouTube videos (5-10 minutes)
 - b. Project summary and overview
 - c. Links to files with information for this project
 - i. Google Slides brainstorming resources for each W/H section
 - ii. Google folder with the slides and notes about the tutorial from previous calls
 - iii. Google doc with Script & Interview ideas
 - iv. Google doc with text to reach out to potential interviewees, informed consent for the recordings, interview questions
 - d. Next steps for this call**
 - i. Check in with Kira, Ayanna, Alexis about the interviews
 - ii. The interview with Chris Brown was done! Lots of good material. Will probably go through the transcript to flag key points to pull out
 - iii. The invite went out to Charlotte Malmborg for the next interview
5. RFP for creating connections with social scientists update is now posted! See the description here: <https://ecoforecast.org/social-science-ecological-forecasting-projects-rfp/> or go directly to the application here: <https://bit.ly/efi-socsci-24>
 - a. Newsletter and Slack Text - see text below

Social Science & Ecological Forecasting Request for Proposals

Are you a social scientist or do you work with a social scientist? A high-level objective of EFI is to improve environmental decision making, which can be achieved in part by increasing the number of social scientists actively engaged in EFI (see Tier 2, point 12 of [EFI's Strategic Plan](#)).

Social science is an important component in ecological forecasting in terms of increasing the predictive power of models and ensuring societal benefits from science.

Based on the need to develop interdisciplinary ecological forecasting projects with social scientists, the Translation Working Group coordinated materials and approval from the EFI Steering Committee to provide \$1,000 awards to support five Project Groups. Funds can be used anywhere U.S. wire transfers are permitted.

Each Project Group will use the award to either

- 1) develop a proposal for an identified external funding opportunity or
- 2) convene a group to explore ideas and funding sources.

These activities should advance the use of social science in ecological forecasting and address ethical, methodological, or empirical gaps and advancements in the field of ecological forecasting.

Proposals are due August 26, 2024. Awards will be announced by September 16, 2024.

Find details, FAQs, the application form, and criteria for evaluating proposals at: <https://bit.ly/efi-socsci-24>

- b. Jody's recording - draft text is also in the advertising text
 - i. Key points
 - Effort spearheaded by EFI Translation WG
 - Social science is important
 - Five, \$1000 awards to be used for either developing proposal for known funding or exploring projects and potential funding
 - Not restricted to US or specific career stages
 - Project must be led by social scientists and there must be members from at least 2 disciplines - social science and non-social science
 - Don't need to be EFI member
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 - If group is actively recruiting or open to collaborators the Translation WG can help make connections across the EFI community

- Where to find more info
 - Important dates: proposal due dates and awards announced
 - ii. ~3 minutes
 - iii. Should it just be Jody in the video or share screen?
 - Could share screen
- c. Advertising discussed on March/April call
 - i. Jody and Alexis to work together to record short overview to go out with advertising
 - ii. Share on LinkedIn (not sure if we want to post on LinkedIn since we don't have an EFI LinkedIn account), Twitter (Jody),
 - iii. Kira can share with Conservation Social Science (ConSoSci partnership) - all social scientist in conservation; also the Social Science WG of the Society of Conservation Biology (SCB)
 - iv. Can share on Ecolog (Jody)
 - v. Climate change social science listserv - Alexis is on listserv and will at how to post
 - vi. Alexis - ESA - society for human ecology.
<https://www.societyforhumanecology.org/>
 - vii. Listservs from individual departments
 - viii. Michael Gerst and Melissa may know of good places to post
 - ix. Ask Lori Peek to share (Jody)
 - x. Charlotte can send to NE Invasive Species Risk Management group
- d. Does the award have a name?
 - i. No - oops!
 - ii. Translational Science Award
 - iii. EFI Social Science for Translational Ecological Forecasting Award
 - iv. Translational ????? for Social Scientists (still need to figure out what to put in for the ?????)
 - v. By the time we give out the award have a name finalized
 - vi. Kira is going to use AI to brainstorm some options