

From the Director

The School of Natural Resources is an interdisciplinary unit formed in 2003. Our mission is to:

- Foster an integrated, systems approach to address complex natural resource, environmental and human issues;
- Provide a top-notch academic experience for students;
- Conduct fundamental research into the mechanisms associated with natural resource systems;
- Provide innovative outreach to citizens and stakeholders;
- Investigate, record and disseminate information about Nebraska's earth, water, atmospheric and biological resources; and
- Promote a comprehensive conservation ethic for the effective and appropriate management and sustainable use of natural resources.



John Carroll

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SNR's faculty, staff and students focus on key issues, including climate variability and change; water quantity and quality; ecological challenges, human-environment interactions; and natural resources education.

Over the past year, SNR faculty and staff have been enormously successful in attracting external funding in support of our research, teaching and outreach programs. In fiscal year 2015, we garnered external funding of \$9.2 million. The major sources of federal funding were the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Science Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Energy. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission was a major source of state agency funding.

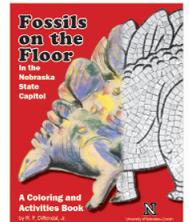
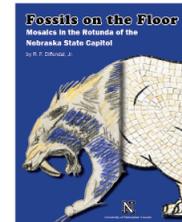
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Vision Statement

The vision for the School of Natural Resources (SNR) is to be an international leader in natural resources education, research and outreach, and to be the primary provider of natural resources information and service to the citizens and stakeholders of Nebraska.



Above, children observe a handler from the Lincoln Children's Zoo with a porcupine at the annual NaturePalooza event on Sept. 29, 2015. At right, the covers of the "Fossils on the Floor" books published by professor emeritus R.F. Diffendal, Jr. The books tell the story of the mosaics on the floor of the Nebraska State Capitol Rotunda.



SNR by the Numbers

- Faculty: 82
- Staff: 74
- Student Workers: 94
- Undergraduate Students: 338
- Graduate Students: 138
- Facilities: 175,000 square feet of offices, labs and classrooms
- Grants Awarded, FY15: \$9.2 million
- Undergraduate Scholarships Awarded: 33, totaling \$25,785

Fall 2015 Highlights

SNR Book Launches slated for 2015-2016

Look for these new books to be released this year:

- *Fishes of Nebraska*, by Robert A. Hrabik, Steven C. Schainost, Richard H. Stasiak, Edward J. Peters
- *Nebraska Statewide Groundwater-Level Monitoring Report - 2015*, by Aaron Young
- *The Groundwater Atlas of Saunders County*, by Dana Divine

NaturePalooza, Sept. 29

This annual event aims to connect the local community with the wonders of nature through hands-on activities and presentations that are fun and educational for the whole family. Free and open to the public. Visit go.unl.edu/naturepalooza for more details.

Career Fairs, Sept. 29-Oct. 5

Career Services will move two of the largest Career Fairs to Pinnacle Bank Arena, making it the largest employer selection available to students to date. More than 1,000 total representatives from 342 unique employers are expected to attend, with 122 new employers attending the fall 2015 fairs that did not attend the fall 2014 fairs. More information available at go.unl.edu/ws4f.

SNR Fall Research Seminars, Sept. 16-Dec. 9

Seminars take place on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Hardin Hall auditorium. Free and open to the public. For the complete schedule, including lecture abstracts and speaker bios, visit go.unl.edu/rvnn.

Climate Change Roundtables/Lectures, Sept. 17-Oct. 22

A series of one-day, sector-based roundtable discussions held throughout September and October. Select roundtables are preceded by public lectures. Free and open to the public, however RSVPs are requested. For additional information, visit go.unl.edu/climatechange.

SNR Professional Development Seminars, Sept. 25-Oct. 23

These seminars are geared toward students, but anyone in SNR is invited to attend. Seminars take place from noon-12:50 p.m. in the Hardin Hall second floor lobby. Free pizza is provided.

- Sept. 25: *Creating and Presenting Award-winning Posters*; presenters: Larkin Powell, professor of conservation biology and animal ecology, and Dee Ebbeka, SNR graphic design specialist
- Oct. 9: *Finding a Graduate Position*; presenters: SNR faculty and graduate school panel
- Oct. 23: *Applying for Jobs/Interviews*; presenters: representatives from the government and private sector

Heuermann Lecture, Oct. 21

“Finding Hope: Pioneering Your Own 40 Chances,” presented by Howard G. Buffett and Howard W. Buffett; moderated by Ronnie Green. Additional information available at heuermannlectures.unl.edu.

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