

Translating Research beyond Academia Graduate Student Seminar Series
Spring 2012: Communicating with Stakeholders and Policy- and Decision-Makers

Geography 298, CRN # **76226**, 2 units

Thursdays 1:10 - 3:00 PM, 166 Hunt Hall

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In this seminar, students gain professional and transferable skills for careers inside and outside of academia. The seminar features presentations and hands-on exercises led by campus and regional experts in stakeholder processes, resource management, political decision-making, and legislative analysis. Students will prepare a policy brief related to their research and learn conceptual and practical approaches for sharing academic knowledge and research with stakeholders, agency representatives, policy makers, elected officials, and members of the legislative branch. The role of sound science in environmental decision-making is emphasized. Graduate students from any discipline may participate; postdocs welcome with instructor approval. For more information, contact kmknudson@ucdavis.edu