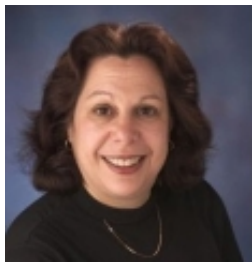




## Upcoming Events



**January 30**

Seminar with  
Vicki Grassian,  
University of Iowa



**February 28**

DENIN Dialogue  
Lecture Series with  
Terry Tempest Williams  
and McKay Jenkins

## The DENIN Discoverer Winter 2012

We began the new year here at DENIN with our second Research Symposium on January 12. About 150 people from the University of Delaware and many of our partner institutions gathered to hear from UD's new environmental faculty and keynote speaker [McKay Jenkins](#), Cornelius Tilgman Professor of English.

Professor Jenkins and Adam Rome, who recently joined the faculty of the History Department here at UD, are the co-directors of the new Environmental Humanities Initiative launched by the College of Arts and Sciences this academic year. We are very much looking forward to working with this dedicated group of faculty and their students as we strive to put our scientific findings in the context of human values and behavior.

Along these lines, the symposium also featured a panel discussion with faculty from the social sciences and humanities at UD, who we hope to engage in mutually beneficial collaborations. If you were unable to join us for the symposium but would like to view any of the presentations, video from the event will be posted on our website soon.

I'd also like to call attention to the article about the Christina River Basin Critical Zone Observatory (CZO) that appeared in the December 2011 Environment issue of [International Innovation](#). This article offers insight into our research in this natural laboratory and is a good companion piece to the article below, which describes how we recently hosted an important meeting for an international cadre of critical zone scientists.

— Donald L. Sparks



Don Sparks  
DENIN Director



**March 20-21**

DENIN / EPSCoR  
External Advisory Board  
Meetings



DENIN is now  
on Twitter!



CZO postdoc Diana  
Karwan in the field

## Landmark International Workshop for Critical Zone Scientists Held at UD

International collaboration in critical zone science took a giant step forward in November when about 80 researchers from the U.S., Europe, China and Australia gathered at the University of Delaware for a three-day workshop focused on planning future joint experiments.

The main goal of the workshop was to enhance cooperation and form a working network among the outdoor laboratories known as critical zone observatories (CZOs) that have been established around the world in the past decade. CZOs are natural areas, often defined by the boundaries of a watershed, in which scientists from a wide variety of disciplines measure and monitor environmental processes.

[Read more & view video »](#)

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## DNREC Leadership Joins UD Environmental Faculty for Lively EcoCafé Discussion

Leaders of the DENIN and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) spent the morning of Dec. 14 getting to know one another better at the most recent EcoCafé workshop held at the Delaware Biotechnology Institute in Newark.

“EcoCafés” are breakfast meetings hosted by DENIN several times a year that are designed to increase communication and collaboration between University of Delaware researchers and DNREC personnel working on related environmental challenges. The latest event was unusual, however, in that it included DNREC Secretary Collin O’Mara and directors of most of the department’s eight divisions.

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DNREC Secretary  
Collin O’Mara at the  
recent EcoCafé  
workshop



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## DENIN Establishes Student Programs Committee to Help Plan Student- Targeted Events

DENIN has selected nine undergraduate and graduate

The 2012 Student  
Programs Committee

students to serve on its new Student Programs Committee, a team charged with facilitating student involvement in DENIN's environmental mission.

The Student Programs Committee members will serve as a focus group, ambassadors, event planners, promoters, and activists as they carry out events for students that further the educational objectives of DENIN.

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