

Welcome to the Department of Environmental Studies for Fall '24.



This semester, we welcome Dr. Sigride Asseko and Dr. Alfonso Aranda to our Department; the successful applicants for two new faculty positions in **Environmental Health Equity**. Dr. Aranda comes to us from San Francisco State and his specialty is underserved rural community health. Dr. Asseko's comes to us from Oregon State University and her specialty is urban community air quality. We are excited to have them aboard and look

forward to supporting their work with students.

**Fifteen new first-year and 30 new transfer students**

completed orientations to enroll in Environmental Studies for Fall 2024. You bring the number of majors in our department to around 230 after 30 graduated Spring this year. You are part of a growing community of people who recognize the importance of environmental expertise and the more substantial role it must play in this state's, nation's, and the world's future – Welcome!



**The world needs you**

After five years of progress, the Department of Environmental Studies degree programs: its Bachelor of Art, Bachelor of Science, and Minor in Environmental Studies; will be reviewed again this year. Finding out

what in our degree programs is working well, what needs attention, and how programs might be changed, adapting them to new circumstances, needs and challenges, is a part of our ongoing work to improve the degrees in Environmental Studies.

Wishing you all, faculty, students and staff, well for the semester. I look forward to seeing you in our department and its classrooms.

Wayne Linklater