

Welcome to the Department of Environmental Studies for Fall '22. As this semester begins, finally it feels like we are 'pulling ahead' of the COVID-19 pandemic. Most classes are back in person and the campus feels busier and more energetic than it has since early Spring 2020.

We welcome a new member of faculty: Dr. Si Gao who joins us from UC-Merced and brings expertise on soils – so critical to our natural and productive, and even built, landscapes.

Enrollments in Environmental Studies continue to grow. We also welcome our largest ever single-semester enrollment in our introductory class, ENVS 10: ~600 students; and our largest number of BA and BS majors. You are part of a growing community of people who recognize the importance of environmental expertise and the more substantial role it and they must play in the future.

Lastly, returning to campus we will be much more fully occupying our new offices on the third level of Tahoe Hall (and grateful for its treed views outside and inside the building). You can find us there for assistance at any time of the work day.

Wishing you well for the semester.

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