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Metcalf Institute is an internationally recognized science communication program that trains researchers, journalists and science communicators in non-profit, government, academic, and private sectors through a wide range of activities that have benefitted nearly 2,500 participants and tens of millions of news consumers.

The Institute was established with a modest endowment at the URI Foundation in 1997 and named in honor of Michael P. Metcalf, the late publisher of The Providence Journal, who was known for his integrity, vision, and high standards for journalism. Additional funding was provided by the Telaka Foundation in 1998.

Metcalf Institute envisions broad and inclusive public engagement in environmental challenges, solutions, and science through effective communication by news media, science communicators, and researchers.
DEAR FRIENDS,

Accurate, reliable information about science is essential for making informed decisions. On the eve of the 2020 U.S. elections, we at Metcalf Institute feel a renewed sense of urgency in our mission to engage diverse audiences in informed conversations about science and the environment.

In these pages you will see evidence of Metcalf Institute’s impacts through established programs like the Annual Science Immersion Workshop for Journalists and innovations like the new Career Development Program for early-career researchers and the second InclusiveSciComm Symposium, which sparked conversations across the country on how to make science communication more equitable and inclusive.

The need for environmental communication is constantly evolving. To position Metcalf to meet this growing demand, we developed a new strategic plan this year. With insightful contributions from many stakeholders, the process highlighted three key strengths of our work:

• Our trainings are globally recognized for their benefits and multiplier effects,
• Our training model is scalable and widely adaptable, and
• Our work to advance inclusive and equitable approaches to science communication is encouraging new collaborations across the U.S.

Building on this foundation of achievement, our new strategic plan will serve as a road map to strengthen our connections across URI and help position the university as a national model for science communication education, research, and practice. This work will fortify Metcalf Institute by providing greater financial stability and increased capacity. As a result, the new plan will galvanize our efforts to bring Metcalf Institute training to new audiences around the world.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our work this year and our plans for the future.

Sunshine Menezes, Ph.D.
PROGRAMS
2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Public program attendance: 656
Training program attendance: 789

Programs and Talks for Public Audiences

Mapping Ocean Resources and Activities
Northeast Regional Ocean Council
youtube.com/metcalfinstitute

Reporting Local Climate Change Stories
George Mason University and Climate Central
youtube.com/metcalfinstitute

Tiny Microbes Have Big Effects
Science backgrounder
metcalfinstitute.org/resources

A Sea Change: How Climate Change is Shifting the Ocean Ecosystem
New England Science Writers
Peter B. Lord Seminar on the Environment
Supported by grant #1638834 from the National Science Foundation

#SciEngage Virtual Discussion
American Association for the Advancement of Science

22nd Annual Public Lecture Series
youtube.com/metcalfinstitute

   The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World
   Jeff Goodell, Author and Journalist

   The Water Infrastructure Crisis in the U.S. and a Roadmap for Reform
   Manny Teodoro, Texas A&M University

   From the Ice Sheet to Your Doorstep: The Expanding Impacts of Global Ice Loss
   Twila Moon, National Snow & Ice Data Center

   Floods and Community Resilience
   Eric Tate, University of Iowa

   Achieving Smarter Watersheds
   Branko Kerkez, University of Michigan

Science Communication Training

Building Public Engagement with Science
URI Cooperative Extension

Listen, Communicate, Engage & Collaborate: A NEIWPCC Communication Workshop
New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

Strategies for Engaging the Press
Superfund Research Program Conference

Science Communication for Public Audiences
URI Master Gardeners

Effective and Inclusive Public Engagement for Freshwater Science: A Call to Action
Society of Freshwater Science Annual Conference

InclusiveSciComm: A Symposium on Advancing Inclusive Science Communication
inclusivescicomm.org
(See feature box on page 5)
Science Training for Journalists

21st Annual Science Immersion Workshop for Journalists

- Clifton Adcock, The Frontier
- Robert M. Anthes, Community News Service
- Mohammed El-Said, Daily News Egypt
- Corbin Hiar, E&E News
- Chloe Johnson, Post and Courier
- Debra Krol, Freelance
- Ezra David Romero, Capital Public Radio
- Molly Samuel, WABE
- Christian von Preysing-Barry, KRGV
- Kate Yoder, Grist

Localized Impacts: Climate Change and Water

The ten journalists who attended Metcalf’s 2019 Annual Science Immersion Workshop have a new understanding of climate change impacts and water resources.

Why focus on water? According to the United Nations, water is the “primary medium through which we will feel the effects of climate change.” In fact, more intense droughts, risks to water quality and quantity, sea level rise, and increased flooding are just some of the effects we are already seeing and expect to experience more frequently.

Local news has a significant influence on a community’s ability to make informed decisions about environmental issues, whether planning for flood hazards or adopting policies to address water pollution. In an effort to support high-quality reporting on local environmental issues, Metcalf made a strategic decision this year to select more Fellows from smaller news markets.

"My favorite part of the workshop was observing science and research first-hand," said Robert Anthes, 2019 Annual Workshop alumnus and managing editor of Community News Service. “The workshop energized me, and I can localize [those examples] and share them with my readers."

"I am incredibly thankful to have the experiences, connections and skills I now possess. The Metcalf team has created something wonderful."

This year also marked a successful Fund a Fellow initiative, in which donors’ contributions paid the full $8000 cost for one Fellow to attend the workshop.
Breaking our own record, Metcalf Institute hosted 187 communication practitioners, educators, researchers, community organizers, journalists and trainers from across the U.S at the second *InclusiveSciComm Symposium*, September 27-29, at the University of Rhode Island. Participants at the three-day conference exchanged ideas and explored effective approaches to making science communication more inclusive and equitable across a wide range of settings.

This year’s symposium expanded to include more concurrent sessions, two keynote speakers, a poster session, guided self-care breaks and a live Story Collider mini-show that gave four symposium participants an opportunity to share their personal science stories.

Symposium themes centered on new practices and research, changing systems and structures, and social responsibility and ethics under the large umbrella of science communication.

“I loved the openness of the community that was created here as well as the diversity represented,” said Ti’Era Worsley, PhD student in science education at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. “At every conference I am always conscious of who else looks like me, and which different perspectives and people are being represented and recognized. This space felt safe, where I could participate and express my thoughts and ideas and felt that people were genuinely interested in listening to me as well as open to sharing their ideas with me.”

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– Ti’Era Worsley
*University of North Carolina, Greensboro*
Preparing Researchers to Compete in the 21st Century Workforce

Most PhD graduates pursue careers outside of academia, but employers in commercial industry, government and non-profit have noted a lack of essential professional skills among science graduates entering the workforce. Research shows that graduate students will most likely succeed in their academic work when they have access to a supportive and mentoring network that emphasizes team leadership, time management, negotiating skills, and science communication.

To help early-career researchers in Rhode Island build professional skills, Metcalf Institute launched the **Career Development Program** (CDP), supported by the Rhode Island Consortium for Coastal Ecology Assessment Innovation and Modeling (RI C-AIM).

The **Career Development Program** builds career readiness among post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and senior-level undergraduates at Rhode Island’s eight C-AIM member institutions (URI, Brown University, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, Bryant University, Rhode Island School of Design, Rhode Island College and Providence College).

Through training, mentorship, and access to extensive resources, participants can build strategic skills to amplify their professional success. Workshops, seminars and webinars are offered throughout the year, with two-day “intensives” held during summer and January break to accommodate busy students. The initiative offers participants who attend a requisite number of programs an opportunity to add a CDP Certificate to their resumes, helping them demonstrate their job readiness.

"Metcalf training has given me the tools to make a larger impact during presentations and meetings and has helped me communicate difficult topics for public audiences."

– Kayla Kurtz,
URI Civil and Environmental Engineering

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**Career Development Program**

Scientific Poster Design Workshop
Introduction to Mentoring Undergraduate Researchers
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Creating an Individual Development Plan
Summer Intensive on Science Communication
Developing a Great Soundbite Talk Workshop
Invited Speakers

Jose Amador, URI Natural Resources Science
Stephanie Anderson, URI Oceanography
Jitka Becanova, URI Oceanography
Robert Boenish, Environmental Defense Fund
Karen Bordeleau, Emerson College
Kaytee Canfield, URI Marine Affairs
Alissa Cox, URI Natural Resources Science
Cornelia Dean, Brown University
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Colin Jones, URI Oceanography
Branko Kerkez, University of Michigan
Alex Kuffner, The Providence Journal
Najih Lazar, URI Coastal Resources Center
Rainer Lohmann, URI Oceanography
Edward Maibach, George Mason University
Kumal Mankodiya, URI Engineering
Catalina Martinez, NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration & Research
Cara Mitnick, URI Graduate School
Maxwell Meadows, URI Geosciences
Twila Moon, National Snow & Ice Data Center
Kendall Moore, URI Harrington School of Communication and Media
Jeffrey Morgan, Brown University
Jenna Morton-Aiken, Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Maya Morales-McDevitt, URI Oceanography
Alycia Mosley Austin, URI Graduate School
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Brian Nath, URI Research and Economic Development
Neal Overstall, RISD
Matthew Palasciano, URI Geosciences
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Ricardo Sandoval-Palos, Public Broadcasting Service
Nina Santos, URI Oceanography
Laura Schifman, Boston University
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Sean Sublette, Climate Central’s Climate Matters
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Presenters at the 2019 InclusiveSciComm Symposium
Jennifer Adams, University of Calgary
Kevin M. Alica-Torres, University of Pennsylvania
Gastor Almonte, The Story Collider
Gauis J. Augustus, Multimedia Science Communication
Yasmine Bassil, Georgia Institute of Technology
Jamie Bell, Center for the Advancement of Informal Science Education
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Megan Hamilton, Utah State University
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Jameelia Jafari, Project Exploration
Manish Jain, Dreams Foundation
Laura Kiesel, Independent Researcher and Reporter
Won Jung Kim, Michigan State University
Ben Koo, UCSF Science & Health Education Partnership
Persephone Lewis, University of California, San Diego
Vijay Limaye, NRDC
Heather Mannix, COMPASS
Jim Martinez, New York Institute of Technology
Shayle Matsuda, University of Hawai’i
Dale McCreedy, Discovery Center at Murfree Spring
Heather Miceli, Roger Williams University
Lupta D. Montoya, University of Colorado Boulder
Brindha Muniappan, Discovery Museum
Barbara Natalizio, The Ronin Institute
Liz Neeley, The Story Collider
Shawntel Okonkwo, wokeSTEM
Anique Olivier-Mason, Brandeis University
Christine Pennington, Santa Clara County Library
Gemima Philippe, AAAS
Ana Maria Porras, Cornell University
Amaris Alanis Ribeiro, North Park Village Nature Center
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Mohamed Yakub, SciLine
Ariel Zych, Science Friday Initiative
Metcalf Institute’s demonstrated ability to connect, attract and engage audiences, together with our collaborative approach to training, expands global dialogues with profound implications for society and the natural environment. The timing for new growth is critical.

- We urgently need substantive and equitable solutions to the disruptions posed by environmental change.
- Misinformation about science and the environment is rampant, impeding productive dialogue.
- News consumers face daily information overload and struggle to discern fact from spin.
- Most journalists lack science training, and many newsrooms have eliminated dedicated science and environment reporters.
- Scientists and engineers are increasingly encouraged to engage directly with public audiences but lack training in effective and inclusive communication with public audiences.
- Demand has grown for science communication training during post-secondary education.
- URI has world-class expertise in environmental science across the Colleges of the Environment and Life Sciences, Engineering, Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School of Oceanography, and in its Land Grant and Sea Grant programs.
- URI CELS and the College of Arts and Sciences’ Harrington School of Communication and Media are actively investing in efforts to integrate real-world science communication challenges and skill-building across the curriculum in ways that will leverage and complement interdisciplinary expertise.
Strategic Goals, 2020-2023

- **Collaborate** across URI to position the university as a national leader in science communication education, research, and practice.
  
  Align resources and networks, leverage expertise, and build capacity for coordinating science communication efforts that connect and engage URI and Metcalf Institute constituencies.

- **Engage** new audiences and partners to expand effective, inclusive communication and action on urgent environmental issues.
  
  Increase Metcalf staff capacity to create innovative opportunities such as train-the-trainer programs, workshops for private sector professionals, and international partnerships.

- **Diversify** revenue streams to build capacity for greater impact.
  
  Update business model to expand fee-based training and secure funding streams for Metcalf Institute Affiliated Faculty.

"This new strategic plan positions Metcalf Institute to leverage new opportunities and meet the growing needs of scientists, journalists, and public audiences in our rapidly changing world."

– Michael Oppenheimer
Princeton University
Metcalf Institute programs have an exceptional multiplier effect: the work of our trainees and program participants appears in news outlets, classrooms, and public settings around the globe. Here’s what Metcalf alumni, participants, speakers and advisory board members have been up to this year.

Rob Anthes won first place in the environmental reporting (non-daily) category of the Society for Professional Journalists Keystone State Professional Chapter 2019 Spotlight Contest. In July, he was promoted to managing editor at Community News Service. AWJ 2019

Tony Briscoe was among the journalists awarded the Connected Coastlines grant, which aims to examine how coastal communities are coping with climate change, from The Pulitzer Center. The project will include a feature series chronicling the consequences of global warming to the industries and ecology of each of the Great Lakes. AWJ 2018

Jeff Burnside just signed a book deal and a companion documentary film now in production. The story features Cashup Davis, a charismatic homesteader to the Palouse region of Washington State in 1877. AWJ 2001

Cally Carswell is co-hosting a new podcast called Hot and Dry on the impacts of climate change on New Mexico and, in the words of Caswell and cohost Collin Haffey, “what the hell we should do about it.” AWJ 2014; CCSJ 2015

Kimberly Cauvel received the second-place Debbie Lowman Award for Distinguished Reporting of Consumer Affairs in December 2018 for shedding light on how changes to China’s recycling policies impacted what Skagit County residents could keep out of the region’s landfill. This year she received the second-place Dolly Connelly Award for Excellence in Environmental Journalism for coverage of a small town working to rebuild outside its long-time place on the map in the Skagit River floodplain, where it frequently endures soggy winters. Both awards are from the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Association. AWJ 2017

Emily Coren’s textbook chapter, co-written by Debra Safer from Stanford University, will be published soon. The chapter is titled Solutions Stories: An Innovative Strategy for Managing Negative Physical and Mental Health Impacts from Extreme Weather Events in the Springer textbook Climate Change, Natural Hazards and Adaptation Option: Handling the Impacts of a Changing Climate. It summarizes four years of research into how to effectively create climate stories that propel cultural sustainability transitions. CCSJ 2016

David Martin Davies is the host of a new show titled The Reality at the Border on Texas Public Radio. AWJ 2018

Elizabeth Dunbar was selected as a 2019 member of the Online News Association Women’s Leadership Accelerator for her reporting work for Minnesota Public Radio. CCSJ 2014
Rachel Ehrenberg has a new job as associate editor at Knowable, a new science magazine published by Annual Reviews. **AWJ 2005**

Kathie Florsheim joined Hera, an artist-run gallery in Wakefield, RI, where she will be showing personal and documentary work. “I want to clarify the link between my personal work that explores light manipulating space over water with my documentary work that details land use along the coast,” she writes. “My coastal documentary work is a warning and an expression of fear while my personal work celebrates what I value along the coast and am trying to protect.” **PBLS 2012, 2013 and 2015; SCW 2015**

Christy George was selected to co-chair the Society of Environmental Journalists’ next annual conference, to be held in Boise, ID, in September 2020. **CCSJ 2015**

Cheryl Hatch has an essay being published in a collection, Rhet Ops: Rhetoric and Writing From and About War, by University of Pittsburgh Press in October. She collaborated with her colleague Dr. Alexis Hart, a Navy veteran and an associate professor and director of writing at Allegheny College. The essay, *Changing Technologies and Writing From and About War*, is an innovative writing and research collaboration featuring academic and practitioner perspectives. Hatch writes from her perspective as a former war correspondent and the daughter of a career soldier and veteran. **AWJ 2006**

Tom Henry moderated and spoke on a panel on toxics in the Great Lakes during 2019 Capitol Hill Ocean Week, sponsored by the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in Washington. **CCSJ 2014**

Lindsey Hoshaw started a new job as a science writer at Verily Life Sciences. **PBLS 2012**

Jennifer Kay started a new job as a reporter for Bloomberg News BNA in Miami. **AWJ 2013**

Amy Martin finished out Season 2 of her podcast *Threshold*, which was supported by The Pulitzer Center and focused on the effects of climate change in the arctic. The team’s reporting won an Overseas Press Club Award as well as a National Edward R. Murrow Award. **CCSJ 2016**

Elliott Kennerson moved to Colorado, opened a media consulting business, and won his third Regional Emmy for an episode of KQED’s *Deep Look* about black widow spiders. **AWJ 2007**

Debra Krol was awarded Best Beat Reporting, Environmental, by the Native American Journalists Association. She also began a one-year reporting fellowship at The Arizona Republic as a Pulliam Environmental Fellow. **AWJ 2019**

Jason Margolis was promoted to senior editor at Public Radio International’s show, The World. **AWJ 2017**
Rabiah Mayas is now the Ruth D. and Ken M. Davee Vice President of Education and Guest Experience at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago. ISCS 2018

Sonia Narang was recently selected for a travel fellowship to attend the World Conference of Science Journalists. AWJ 2015

Jacopo Pasotti held a brainstorming workshop as a part of the Newsroom Summit 2019 in November called, Climate Change in the Newsrooms: A “Work Storm” for Editors, including his presentation on how newsrooms can improve coverage of the current climate crisis. AWJ 2011

Ezra David Romero produced a podcast about what the world can learn from how the climate crisis is changing Lake Tahoe. This project features eight episodes with digital stories, photos, videos, and a live podcast taping. AWJ 2019

Melissa Ross, host and producer for WJCT-FM, led the creation and launch of a digital magazine called ADAPT Florida about the effects of sea level rise. AWJ 2018

Elizabeth Rush’s book Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction. CCSJ 2015

Randy Showstack was recently elected president of the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. AWJ 2000

Matt Smith accepted a new job as health communicator specialist at the Centers for Disease Control’s National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases. AWJ 2012

Meera Subramanian was elected president of the Society of Environmental Journalists in December. She spent the year as the Barron Visiting Professor in the Environment & the Humanities at Princeton University, focusing on climate change. AWJ 2012; CCSJ 2015

Maurice Tamman won the 2019 Nina Mason Pulliam Award for Outstanding Environmental Reporting for his Reuters series, Ocean Shock. The series illuminates the deep interconnections between human communities and underwater ecosystems, making clear just how much we have to lose as climate change, overfishing, and an unsustainable approach to aquaculture take their toll on the world’s oceans. AWJ 2017

Brett Walton received the Sierra Club’s Distinguished Service Award for reporting on water issues at the end of 2018. CCSJ 2013

Tegan Wendland was honored with a regional Edward R. Murrow Award for her piece New Orleans: Ready or Not? for WWNO, New Orleans Public Radio. AWJ 2017

Meaghan Wims has been named Director of Public Affairs for Duffy & Shanley, the Providence-based communications agency, where she specializes in the areas of renewable energy, blue economy issues, technology and innovation, and stakeholder engagement. AWJ 2000

Christine Woodside wrote a three-part series on sewage overflows into Long Island Sound focusing on one plant in Bridgeport, Connecticut, which is gaining traction with many outlets. AWJ 1999; SSJ 2010; PBLS 2015; CCSJ 2016
Bina Venkataraman has had a banner year.

In addition to teaching in the program on science, technology, and society at MIT, serving as director of Global Policy Initiatives at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, and fulfilling her fellowship at New America, Venkataraman published her first book, *The Optimist’s Telescope: Thinking Ahead in a Reckless Age* (Riverhead) this year.

Arianna Huffington calls it a “wise, eye-opening, and hopeful book” that “shows us the ways we can think more clearly and strategically about the future - in our communities, our families, and in our own lives.”

Venkataraman first engaged with Metcalf Institute when she was accepted as an Environmental Reporting Fellow in 2008. After her science immersion training at URI, she reported at The Boston Globe to complete the 10-month fellowship in 2009.

She later served as senior advisor for climate change innovation, health care and science education in the Obama administration.

Venkataraman has maintained her ties with Metcalf over the years, joining the Advisory Board this year in time to provide insights on our strategic planning process.

“I’m grateful for the role that Metcalf played in my career in journalism,” she told us. “In particular supporting one of my early posts on the Globe’s health and science desk.”

So, how does an accomplished journalist, author and presidential advisor go that extra mile to deliver her message? Venkataraman gave a TED Talk in August titled, *The Power to Think Ahead in a Reckless Age*, pressing for us to plan for the future we now predict.

Her term on the Metcalf board was short-lived, however. She recently accepted a new post as editorial page editor at The Boston Globe, which precludes her participation on regional boards.

Metcalf Institute extends congratulations to Bina and all our alumni, participants and board members for their hard work and accomplishments in 2019. **ERF 2008**

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**Program Key**

**AWJ:** Annual Science Immersion Workshop for Journalists

**CCSJ:** Climate Change Seminars for Journalists

**ERF:** Environmental Reporting Fellowships

**ISCS:** InclusiveSciComm Symposium

**PBLS:** Peter B. Lord Seminar on the Environment

**SCW:** Science Communication Workshop

**SSJ:** Science Seminar for Journalists
New Board Member Brings Unique National Media Perspective

Ricardo Sandoval-Palos, Metcalf Advisory Board member, award-winning investigative journalist and editor, and PBS Public Editor and ombudsman, has been helping Metcalf since his early days at The Sacramento Bee when he served as a Metcalf fellowship mentor.


Advisory Board members bring expertise and counsel that help advance strategic planning, program innovation and fund development for Metcalf Institute. “The Metcalf board is a team of diverse voices from journalism, STEM fields, law, business, and development whose common goal is advancing engaging story-telling about science for global audiences,” said Sandoval-Palos.

So, why is he serving on the board now?

“For journalists, there has never been a more crucial time to get it right,” he said. “In this time of climate change and challenges to our environmental well being, there’s never been a more critical need for scientists, researchers and academics to tell resonant stories about their work.”
Leeson Lecture Advances Understanding of Environmental Issues

Rob Leeson, one of Metcalf’s longest-serving volunteer advisors, was recognized by his many friends and family in June for his seemingly limitless efforts to promote the work of the Institute and to advance understanding and protection of our environment.

Generous donors came together in 2019 to fund the establishment of the Leeson Lecture, an annual public lecture on the environment hosted by Metcalf that will advance his legacy.

Metcalf Institute is deeply grateful for this support and for Rob’s advocacy during his years of dedicated service.
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