

CEREO Co-Directors Appointed
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Drs. Brian Lamb and C. Kent Keller have accepted a co-directorship for the system-wide interdisciplinary Center for Environmental Research, Education and Outreach (CEREO) effective immediately announced Provost Warwick Bayly.

By fostering synergism and creative collaboration among faculty involved in environmentally-oriented activities, CEREO is making WSU's outstanding environmental programs more than just the sum of the parts. This approach has actively involved faculty, chairs, deans and central administration in the shaping of a center unique to the culture of Washington State University and the expertise of its members.

CEREO's primary goals are to facilitate and elevate the visibility of environmental research and collaboration throughout the university system; to promote the development of broad interdisciplinary grant proposals for environmental research and outreach; to foster productive relationships and coordination of both research and education with diverse stakeholder communities to share information, provide service, and seek opportunities for collaboration; to provide a common informational resource for students investigating environmental programs at WSU system-wide; and to serve the needs of environmental education and outreach. In addition to research and outreach activities, CEREO will provide a common entry point for new students interested in environmental studies at WSU.

The Center includes approximately 150 faculty members from seven colleges and all WSU campuses.

Dr. Brian Lamb, Regents Professor and the Boeing Distinguished Professor of Environmental Engineering in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Laboratory for Atmospheric Research joined the WSU faculty in 1979. Since then, Dr. Lamb has made significant and sustained contributions in his field of atmospheric chemistry and physics. He is internationally recognized as a leader in his interest areas which include regional grid modeling of photochemical air quality and windblown dust, atmospheric tracer techniques, biogenic emissions, three-dimensional turbulence modeling, and greenhouse gas emissions. He is also an outstanding teacher and mentor.

Dr. Lamb has received many awards, among them the Outstanding Research Award, College of Engineering and Architecture, WSU, 2002; Outstanding Graduate Adviser Award, WSU Association of Graduate Students, 1999-2000; Leon Luck Faculty Award for the Most Effective Faculty Member, Department of Civil and Environmental

Engineering, 1994; and Outstanding Research Award, College of Engineering and Architecture, WSU, 1993. Dr. Lamb received his Ph.D. in 1978 from the California Institute of Technology and his B.S. in Chemistry in 1973 from Idaho State University.

Dr. C. Kent Keller is a Professor and Associate Director of the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America. He received his Ph.D. in 1987 from the University of Waterloo and his BS in 1977 from Stanford University.

Dr. Keller's research is based on understanding the relationships between physical processes and biogeochemical environments in the terrestrial subsurface. His current work focuses on the geochemical agency of plants associated with their nutrient-uptake mechanisms, and the effects of anthropogenic N on chemical weathering in continental runoff. He is also well-known for his work on the hydrogeology of clayey deposits. He serves WSU, eastern Washington, and State agencies with expert comment on the condition of groundwater resources in the region.

Dr. George Mount, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering served as Director of CEREO from 2007-09. Dr. Mount's research has led to better monitoring of air pollution from space, allowing researchers to get a big picture of where and how pollution moves through the atmosphere. Dr. Mount has received several NASA achievement awards for his work on rocket and satellite experiments.