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Department of Marine Sciences



Greetings from the Department Head

As spring unfolds along coastal Connecticut, we reflect on the past year and the challenges that the Department and University have overcome. Weathering the COVID-19 storm was certainly not easy, but the dedication of faculty, staff, and students allowed us to maintain high-quality teaching, research, and service during this period.

Highlights of the department's activities during the past winter and spring can be found in this newsletter, including: an alumni interview with **Lisa Milke '01 MS**; an article describing new research on mercury in the environment; our staff highlight on the work of diving safety officer **Jeff Godfrey**; and an article about unlearning racism in geosciences. If you have not done so already, consider joining the [Partners of Marine Sciences](#) to stay informed of our ongoing activities and events.

As members of the Department become vaccinated, we hope the worst is behind us and look forward to a near-normal summer season. I wish everyone a healthy, happy, and productive summer.

J. Evan Ward

Professor and Head, Department of Marine Sciences

Department News



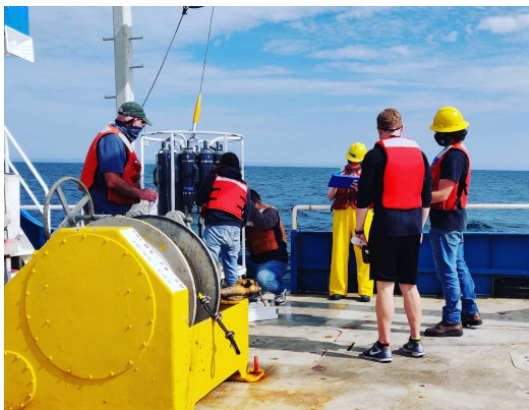
[Mercury Cycling Study: Results and Implications](#)

Ph.D. student **Emily Seelen** and Professor **Robert Mason** sampled 10 contaminated and uncontaminated estuaries along the coast of the U.S. Northeast for a mercury study during 2012-2016.



[Meet Jeff Godfrey, Diving Safety Officer](#)

The valued staff member has helped the Department of Marine Sciences utilize scuba diving as a research tool since 1999.



[Success of The Oceanographic Expedition Course](#)

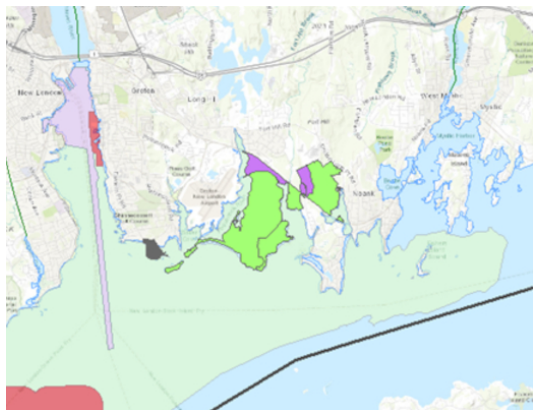
Students and faculty were able to venture out to Long Island Sound on the RV Connecticut with adjusted precautions during COVID-19.

[Unlearning Racism in](#)



Geoscience

Graduate students and faculty are participating in a new program that addresses racism and diversity in our field. The program is supported by the NSF and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.



A New Partner for Marine Sciences

The **Connecticut National Estuarine Research Reserve** will join the Department at Avery Point in 2022. Their management plan and environmental impact statement will become public for review in 2021.

More Department News

Alumni Spotlight



Where are they now? Lisa Milke '01 MS

Graduate student **Patricia Myer** interviewed alumna **Lisa Milke '01 MS**, who is now Chief of the Aquaculture Systems and Ecology Branch at the NOAA Milford Laboratory in Connecticut.

Department Achievements

Student Achievement

Graduate student **Allison Staniec** was chosen for the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Dissertations in Chemical Oceanography (DISCO) Fellowship.

Faculty Award

Professor **Senjie Lin** was elected as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow and joined the 2020 Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) Fellows.

Student Publication

Graduate student **Kelly McGarry** published a paper titled "Multiple linear regression models for reconstructing and exploring processes controlling the carbonate system of the northeast US from basic hydrographic data" in the *Journal of Geophysical Research*.

More Department Achievements

Upcoming Events

Feng Graduate Research Colloquium

Tuesday, May 18

8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. ET

Online

Full Events Calendar

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