This seminar series is organized to engage qualified academics in a discussion of how the Department of Ecosystem Science & Management can most meaningfully contribute to the Grand Challenges established by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The energy-water-food security nexus, emphasizing multiple tradeoffs among these components and as expressed in land use decisions, represents a focal point for these Grand Challenges. This seminar series is intended to contribute to developing a University-wide approach capable of framing and assessing this nexus and managing these Grand Challenges.

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Engaging Grand Challenges in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Tuesday, September 16, 2014
4:00–5:00 p.m.
HFSB, Room 104

Dr. Sams leads the Grand Challenges Initiative in the College of Agriculture and Life Science and coordinates activities with other colleges to address the University-wide Grand Challenges. Dr. Sams will describe the recent advances that have occurred in this initiative since the College sponsored the Grand Challenges Mini-Symposia last spring. Topics will include the new portal supporting this initiative, team initiatives and current projects, and recent recommendations of the Grand Challenges Council. This is an excellent opportunity to learn of the current status of this relevant, high-profile initiative.