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Health of the Great Lakes

Ron Kinnunen, Sr District Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan State University

Ron Kinnunen is an Extension Educator with Michigan Sea Grant. He works with coastal communities and businesses in the Upper Peninsula to apply science-based knowledge to address Great Lakes and Lake Superior, northern Lake Michigan and northern Lake Huron issues. He connects with state and tribal commercial fishermen to foster cooperation on state and federal regulations and trains fish processing enterprises to meet the requirements of federal food safety law. Ron also works with baitfish and aquaculture industries and government management agencies to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species. He promotes aquaculture in Michigan and provides technical expertise to aquaculture enterprises. Ron has a B.S. and an M.S. from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. from Michigan Technological University.

Anthony Kendall, Assistant Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Michigan State University

Anthony Kendall is an Assistant Professor of Landscape Hydrology at Michigan State University. His research has focused on regional-scale landscape hydrology, examining the terrestrial hydrologic cycle and its relationship to climate, vegetation and biogeochemical cycles. Anthony co-developed the Landscape Hydrology Model (LHM), an integrated modeling tool to study large-scale, fine-resolution hydrologic processes using modest computational tools. Subsequently, he has become involved in all aspects of related "big data" discovery, processing, and analysis. He has spent most of his research career as part of large, interdisciplinary research teams, working at all levels from undergraduate to Co-PI with climate scientists, ecologists, agronomists, socio-behavioral scientists, economists, and engineers. These collaborative relationships are driving forward the next generation of research here at MSU and around the world.

Rochelle Sturtevant, AIS Outreach and GLANSIS Program Manager, Michigan State University

Dr. Sturtevant is an educator and program manager with MSU Extension and Michigan Sea Grant in the area of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). AIS is understood to be one of today's greatest threats to the Great Lakes aquatic ecosystem. Her role as program manager includes responsibility for updating, planning and implementing new AIS database information projects through the Great Lakes Aquatic Nonindigenous Species Information System (GLANSIS), a searchable database supported by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Rochelle serves on the advisory committee to the Great Waters Research Collaborative and is on the outreach committee for the International Association of Great Lakes Research. She received her Ph.D. in Systems Ecology from Kent State University.

Sponsor Leadership
Matt Grossmann, Director, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR)
Associate Professor of Political Science

A nationally known political scientist, Dr. Grossmann is an expert on American politics and government whose research spans national and state policymaking, election campaigns, interest groups, and political parties. He has authored numerous journal articles on policy change, political party networks, the legislative process and public opinion. He is co-author of *Campaigns & Elections*, a textbook available through W. W. Norton. He is editor of the volume *New Directions in Interest Group Politics*, from Routledge.

Forum Coordinator, Facilitator
AnnMarie Schneider, Director for Program Planning & Policy Education, IPPSR

Within AnnMarie's responsibilities are the Michigan Applied Policy Grant Program and a policy forum series featuring research expertise on current legislative issues. AnnMarie also advises marketing and communication of IPPSR programs. Additionally, she directs MSU's Canadian Studies Center where the focus is on U.S. and Canada relations and Canada's cultural and economic profile. AnnMarie is most interested to build networks of issue expertise, and securing opportunities for faculty research and student learning.