Mar 3, 2011: noon - 300 Rice Hall  
Topic: NSF Science and Technology Center on Biodiversity Proposal  
Organizers: Alex Travis and Kelly Zamudio  

This lunch brought together a diverse group to exchange of idea around a possible Science and Technology Center proposal focusing on biodiversity and anthropogenic change. The possible topic might include climate change, but also allow Cornell to play to other strengths in areas such as eutrophication, toxins, introduced species, changes in land use, etc. The group discussed organizational schemes to help balance social and life sciences contributions. Kelly Zamudio presented information on the Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre (BiK-F) [http://www.bik-f.de/root/index.php](http://www.bik-f.de/root/index.php) in Germany as a possible model organization. The group discussion included some early ideas on component parts of the Center, reviewed the timing that will be required to pull this together, and lastly, outlined the funding opportunity itself. Participants formed a highly collaborative, interdisciplinary effort with multiple investigators and a broad range of interests and expertise. Follow-on group meetings are planned, focusing on upcoming proposal deadlines.

Attendees:

Host – Alex Travis, ajt32  
Steve Ellner, spe2  
Louise Buck, leb3  
Bruce Monger, bcm3  
Krysten Schuler, ks833  
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Kathie Hodge, kh11  
Robin Radcliffe, rwr32  
Ned Place, njp27  
Laura Jones, lej4  
Art DeGaetano, atd2  
Beth Bunting, emb54  
John Fitzpatrick, jwf7  
David Solomon, dcs3  
Kelly Zamudio, krz2  
Jon Conrad, jmc16  
Drew Harvell, cdh5  
Cliff Kraft, cek7  
Mark Lawrence, mal64  
Alex Flecker, asj3  
Joe Bernardo, jb787  
Judy Wood, jrw7  
Bernd Blossey, bb22  
Jim Lassoie, jpl4  
Angela Fuller, akf34  
Craig Altier, ca223  
Paul Curtis, pdc1