

Welcome Letter



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Hello!

Welcome to the 2021 School of Earth, Society, and Environment's (SESE) 16th annual Research Review. We would like to thank you for attending and all of our presenters for all of their hard work! This past year was unlike any other. It was filled with tremendous challenges brought on by the pandemic. Yet through it all amazing research was still performed by students and faculty throughout the school.

This is the first (and hopefully only) year that the SESE Research Review is held entirely online. While we will miss seeing everyone in person, we are excited that this event still gets to go on. We hope that this year's research review brings together the local community of researchers working on issues related to earth, society, and environment and allows them to explore the wide range of exciting research that goes on within our school. We also hope that it allows you to reconnect with people you might not get to see everyday because of the pandemic and helps to build new connections within SESE!

We would like to extend our thanks to the entire SESE staff for their invaluable assistance in organizing this event. Thanks to Lana Holben and Chandre Johnson for all of their support and help in planning the event. Thanks to Prof. Constance Brown for providing necessary support and guidance as Research Review faculty advisor.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the School of Earth, Society, and Environment and the University of Illinois for providing an intellectually stimulating atmosphere in which to discuss world-class research.

Finally, thank you for attending the SESE Research Review and showing your support for all of our researchers. Enjoy the research review!

Sincerely,

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