

GUIDE TO EXPERTS

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RESEARCH

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As trusted scientific advisors, our faculty provide unbiased research to inform management decisions and public policy on pressing environmental issues in our communities and around the world.



EDUCATION

Our renowned faculty train the next generation of environmental leaders as part of the University System of Maryland’s nationally ranked graduate program in marine and environmental science.

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“What you do with coastline management has huge implications in terms of how the tides and storm surge in Chesapeake Bay respond to sea-level rise. Climate change is real; sea-level rise is happening. We have to understand it and plan for it right now.”

—Oceanographer Ming Li, co-author of “Sea-level rise projections for Maryland”



“Dolphins are very iconic, and they are in our backyard. Whether you’re at home, you have a community pier, you live near the water, or you go out on the water, we need your eyes on the sea telling us about the dolphins.”

—Helen Bailey created the Chesapeake DolphinWatch app

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“Within the lifetime of children living today, the climate of many regions is projected to change from the familiar to conditions unlike those experienced in the same place by perhaps any generation. Many cities could experience climates with no modern equivalent in North America.”

—Matt Fitzpatrick created the Future Urban Climates app

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“Decoding the blue crab genome enables us to decode the factors providing resiliency of the blue crab to climate change and disease in the Chesapeake Bay and beyond.”

— Biochemist Sook Chung is leading the effort to sequence the genome of blue crab

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“Sampling a single river, you need a net, crew, permit; it can be expensive. The eDNA approach is an alternative where you just take a water sample, and you get an idea of the abundance of fish.”

—Louis Plough on using DNA to track fish in area waterways



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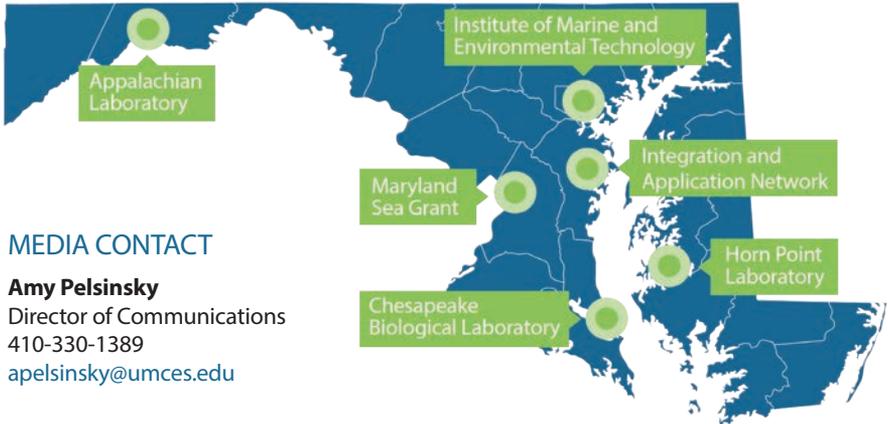
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