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## TROPILUNCH

# LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN AMAZONIAN MUNICIPALITIES FOR GOVERNANCE AND RESILIENCE

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### SUMMARY

We will present case studies of NGO-university partnerships in the Brazilian Amazon. From 2009-2014, UF's Amazon Conservation Leadership Initiative presented a series of field courses for conservation professionals on social-ecological resilience and multi-stakeholder dialogue. During 2015-2017, two of the participating NGOs developed and implemented training programs with community leaders that applied tools and strategies from the ACLI courses. Instituto Centro de Vida developed a 3-module training program for community leaders from 7 municipalities in northern Mato Grosso. Idesam provided a 1-week course for community leaders in Apuí, southern Amazonas. We will briefly present these experiences and then lead an open discussion about how to build on them to effectively strengthen governance and resilience.

### BIO

Bob Buschbacher is director of the Amazon Conservation Leadership Initiative. Prior to coming to UF in 2001, he was technical director of WWF-Brazil and led the WWF-US Tropical Forestry Program. Carol Jordão is a 2nd-year PhD student in SNRE. She worked for 6 years at Instituto Centro de Vida on municipal governance and leadership training. Gabriel Carrero is a 1st-semester PhD student in Geography. He has worked at Idesam for the past 10 years on land use dynamics and sustainable supply chains. Dr. Denyse Mello is a TCD/SNRE alumna who specializes in gender equity and rural development. She continues to work with ACLI and other TCD programs as an independent consultant.

*Tropilunch is a weekly seminar run by graduate students from the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program. It provides a forum for a range of discussions and presentations related to TCD work and research. Special guests, visiting scholars and practitioners also participate. It happens every Tuesday @t 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. in Grinter 376. Tropilunch presentations are recorded and posted weekly on [TCD's YouTube Channel](#).*