

What we did last summer... Providing advisory & practitioner services to strengthen a family farmer value chain project in an Amazonian NGO

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BIO

- Carolina Jordão is an environmental manager from Brazil and has been working in environmental governance in the Brazilian Amazon for the past 8 years, including work with the NGO Instituto Centro de Vida (ICV). She has worked with UF's Amazon Conservation Leadership Institute team as both a student in two specialization courses and to develop similar courses for ICV. For her dissertation research, she is working with the Rede de Capacitação da Amazônia (Recam) network and is particularly interested in exploring issues around funding, collaboration and gender integration in socioenvironmental NGOs the Brazilian Amazon.

- Dr. Wendy-Lin Bartels holds a faculty position with UF's School of Forest Resources and Conservation (SFRC) and serves on the Project Team for the UF/IFAS Extension's Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute (NRLI). For the past 16 years, Wendy-Lin has conducted research studies and led professional development opportunities related to community engagement, scientist-stakeholder networks, and inter-agency partnerships. She focusses on rural development, family farming, and the convening role universities can play to facilitate dialog and knowledge co-production among diverse stakeholder groups.

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

In this presentation, a TCD student and SFRC Faculty member will share their experiences of collaborating with one another and a Brazilian NGO to strengthen a core project within that organization. During the summer of 2018, they worked together on several activities related to a value chain project that ICV is implementing with family farmers in the state of Mato Grosso. In response to a request from ICV for specialized expertise and advice, they worked with project staff to conduct a gender sensitization workshop and to develop both a capacity-building program and a monitoring plan. Aside from these products, their efforts also generated a list of potential research projects for TCD and MDP students. Both had previously established relationships collaborating with ICV. During this Tropilunch, they will lead a discussion about the value of sustaining long-term partnerships between UF and NGOs.



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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 @ 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. in Grinter 376.

Tropilunch presentations are recorded and posted weekly on TCD's YouTube Channel.

