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RIVER BASIN CENTER



12 new faculty affiliates **78** total faculty affiliates **21** different UGA units represented

\$2,600,000 in active grants associated with 39 affiliate faculty members with overall budgets of \$7.9 million

20+ clients and funders Including the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the US Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Department of Transportation, Gwinnett County, Athens-Clarke County and many others.

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2019 Georgia Water Resources Conference Success

The 2019 Georgia Water Resources conference brought 273 water professionals and researchers to UGA's campus for a two-day long conference in April on the water resource challenges of the region. The meeting featured more than 100 presentations and posters, and a special screening of the feature film *Hidden Rivers* at Cine in downtown Athens.

2019 Spencer Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the two new Spencer Grant recipients, Ridge Sliger, in the Warnell School of Forestry, and Christine Fallon in the Odum School of Ecology. Sliger is working on the development and testing of a net-energy-gain model for southern-strain brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), while Fallon is studying the effects of landscape heterogeneity and flow regime on minnow diets in southwest Georgia streams.

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HIGHLIGHTS

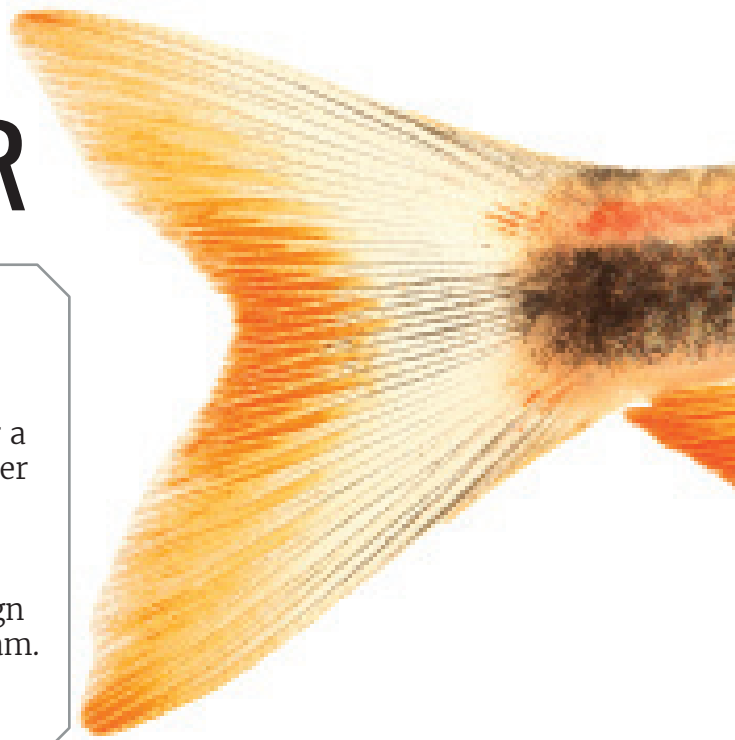


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The Impact of Gifts and Launch of Alumni Giving Program

The RBC would like to thank Kathelen and Dan Amos for a gift of \$15,000, which will help support the RBC's Spencer Grants program that funds research grants to RBC-affiliated graduate students.

In 2019 the RBC also launched an alumni giving campaign to provide additional funds to the Spencer Grants program. Want to help fund RBC students? Donate here: <https://rivercenter.uga.edu/donate/>



RBC launches new communications campaign

With the addition of communications coordinator Sarah Buckleitner to the team, the River Basin Center has launched a new comprehensive communications campaign, including the creation of social media channels, a revamped website, and monthly newsletters in order to raise the profile of UGA's applied aquatic research and outreach programs.

WHO WE ARE

The River Basin Center, based in the Odum School of Ecology, provides the tools for sustainable management of aquatic resources and ecosystems through applied scientific and policy research, while training the next generation of managers.

2019 Strategic Planning Retreat

As 2019 brought the close of the most recent strategic plan, over 30 River Basin Center affiliates gathered to develop plans for the following five years at the strategic planning retreat. Stay tuned for the latest strategic plan in mid-2020.



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