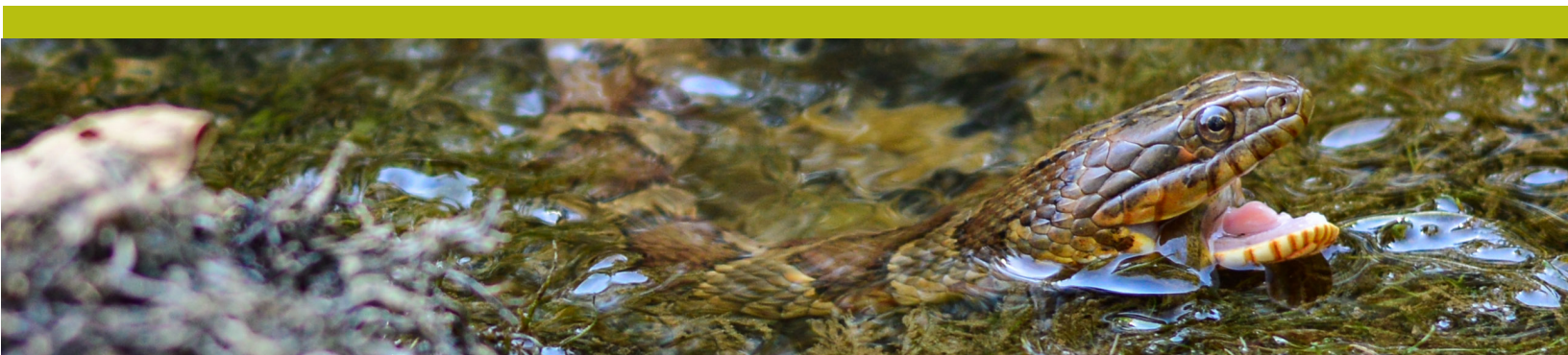


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**7** new  
faculty  
members

**73** total  
faculty  
members

Across  
**21**  
UGA units

**\$5,200,000** in active grants  
with an overall budget of **\$16.9 million**

## 2020 by the numbers

### The RBC joins Network for Engineering With Nature

This year initiated a new collaboration between UGA and the Army Corps of Engineers: the Network for Engineering with Nature. Led by UGA's Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems, the RBC supports this \$7.5 million, 3-year initiative with essential interdisciplinary research needed to bring natural infrastructure into the mainstream. Many of the RBC's faculty affiliates, including Drs. Seth Wenger, Brian Bledsoe, Amy Rosemond, John Calabria, Rhett Jackson, Don Nelson, and Rod Lammers, are active in the collaboration, which has a focus on riverine and coastal systems.

As the Director of Policy for the River Basin Center for the last 15 years, Laurie established the RBC as an international hub for applied water research and policy development. Over the course of her career she has been honored with at least two dozen awards from a range of nongovernmental organizations, government agencies, and the university. In 2021, the River Basin Center will begin seeking a new Director of Policy.

**RBC Director  
of Policy,  
Laurie Fowler,  
Retires**

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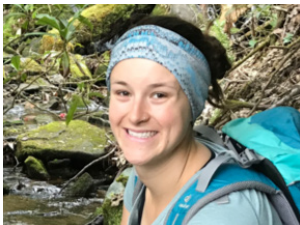
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## Meet our 2020 John Spencer Research Grant Recipients

The River Basin Center John Spencer Research Grants support graduate students affiliated with the RBC with small grants of up to \$2,000. This program was launched in 2016 with a generous donation from Kathleen Amos, and is named in honor of her son, John Spencer, a former master's student at the River Basin Center and Odum School of Ecology.

**Carolyn Cummins**



**Ranjit Bawa**



**Derrick Platero**



**Laura Kojima**



## Third Wednesday Symposium Success in the Face of the Pandemic

In our communications and outreach work in 2020, we found that virtual events were quite successful: the Zoom version of the Third Wednesday Symposium series attracted 35-80 participants per month from academia, government, NGOs and industry, allowing the center to reach a wider range of partners than it typically does for in-person symposia.

# 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.

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