

# Triangle Climate & Landscape Researchers' Doggie Bag

Take-Home Info from the Brown Bag on May 8th, 2014

## Main Presentation

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Kathryn Stevenson, a Doctoral student at NCSU, joined us at the most recent climate and landscape researchers' brown bag and presented her work on climate risk perceptions among adolescents.

### Presentation Summary:

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Concern for climate change is static or on the decline in the US, and it seems that lack of scientific understanding is not to blame. Worldview has a much bigger influence over how people view climate change, and some studies show that scientific literacy further polarizes people's worldview-driven risk perceptions. This is potentially bad news for climate literacy campaigns, as we may be making the skeptics even more skeptical. Because worldviews are still forming among adolescents, K-12 education may represent a critical window for climate literacy efforts. This study looked at the relative influence of climate change knowledge and worldviews among middle school students. We found that worldviews do influence climate change risk perceptions at low levels of knowledge, but as climate change knowledge levels increase, the levels of risk perceptions reach similar levels, regardless of worldview. These results suggest that climate literacy efforts may counteract divisions based on worldviews among children, versus polarize them among adults. If you missed out on this fantastic presentation, have no fear, you can view it [>>here!](#)

## News & Events

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### South Atlantic LCC Web Forum – May 15th, 2014

The South Atlantic LCC will have its monthly Web Forum next Thursday featuring **Rua Mordecai (Science Coordinator, SALCC)**. This month's topic will be **"Guiding your Cooperative: what to expect over the next 12-18 months."**

### SE Climate Science Center RFP released – deadline for statement of interest: June 17th

In case you haven't already seen it, the Southeast Climate Science Center (in coordination with all Climate Science Centers) has released its request for proposals for 2015. The two major themes are: 1. Supporting the development of the Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS); and, 2. Cultural Resources.

### Attendees & Contacts

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