UVic President Jamie Cassels honours CSSI Director and Gustavson prof Monika Winn

Since arriving at UVic in 1995 as a business and strategy scholar and instructor, Dr. Monika Winn has flown the sustainability flag right across campus and within the Gustavson School of Business. On March 31, her long-standing leadership was recognized with the President’s Distinguished Service Award.

“This is a great tribute to the wonderful work that Monika has done both within the school and throughout the university,” says Dr. Saul Klein, dean of the Gustavson School of Business.

Read more about the depth and breadth of work that earned CSSI's director this honour!

Finance and climate change

Investors and financial regulators know the risks of climate change. So far, most attention has fallen on whether controls on carbon emissions will strand the assets of fossil-fuel companies, but it’s just as important to know the impact of climate change itself on asset values.

In ‘Climate value at risk’ of global financial assets in Nature Climate Change, researchers Simon Dietz, Alex Bowen et al from the London School of Economics show how a leading integrated assessment model can be used to estimate the impact of twenty-first-century climate change on the present market value of global financial assets.

A companion story

Unpacking climate change’s $2.5 trillion impact in Grist tackles the findings of Dietz and colleagues (article above) and presents it in more accessible language.

Supply Chain Sustainability

In this free webinar, PRME Secretariat head Jonas Haertle provides a two-minute overview of the Principles for Responsible Management Education initiative.

Then two members of the UN Global Compact Supply Chain Sustainability working group describe some of the issues facing businesses around the world today, and some of the resources available to those businesses and to people (like you) who teach business students.

The advisory group members are listed at the end of the webinar and include organizations like Cemex, Nestlé, Hitachi, Nokia and many more.

This resource and many more are freely available to instructors on the PRME website.

Mining standards to support certification

The Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA) has released the second draft Standard for Responsible Mining for a 60-day review and public comment period.

The IRMA Standard is designed to support four principles: Business Integrity, Social Responsibility, Environmental Responsibility, and Planning and Managing for Positive Legacies.

This draft reflects 1400 points of comment from more than 70 organizations and individuals, including industry and technical experts. As well, IRMA conducted field tests to ground-truth the draft Standard through simulated mine audits in the United States and in Zimbabwe.