

My PhD Experience in the Tourism and Conservation Lab at CSU

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**HUMAN DIMENSIONS
OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
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Presentation Outline

- ❖ Background
- ❖ Human Dimensions of Natural Resources
- ❖ Dr. Cavaliere's Tourism and Conservation Lab
- ❖ Current PhD Research
- ❖ Acknowledgements & Questions

Background

- Hospitality and Tourism Management at Purdue University
 - Global perspectives on sustainable hotel and tourism management
 - *Undergraduate Honors: The Effect of Time on Consumers' Image of the Gulf Coast After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill*
- Sustainable Technology and Innovation – Purdue University & UPC Barcelona
 - Multidisciplinary partnership between Purdue, Dublin, and Barcelona
 - *Master's Thesis: The Barriers to Adopting Composting Toilets Into Use in Urban And Suburban Locations in The United States*
- Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Department
 - Dr. Cavaliere's Tourism & Conservation Lab
 - *PhD: Embodying Changes Through Crises: Exploring Western Gateway Resident Identities*

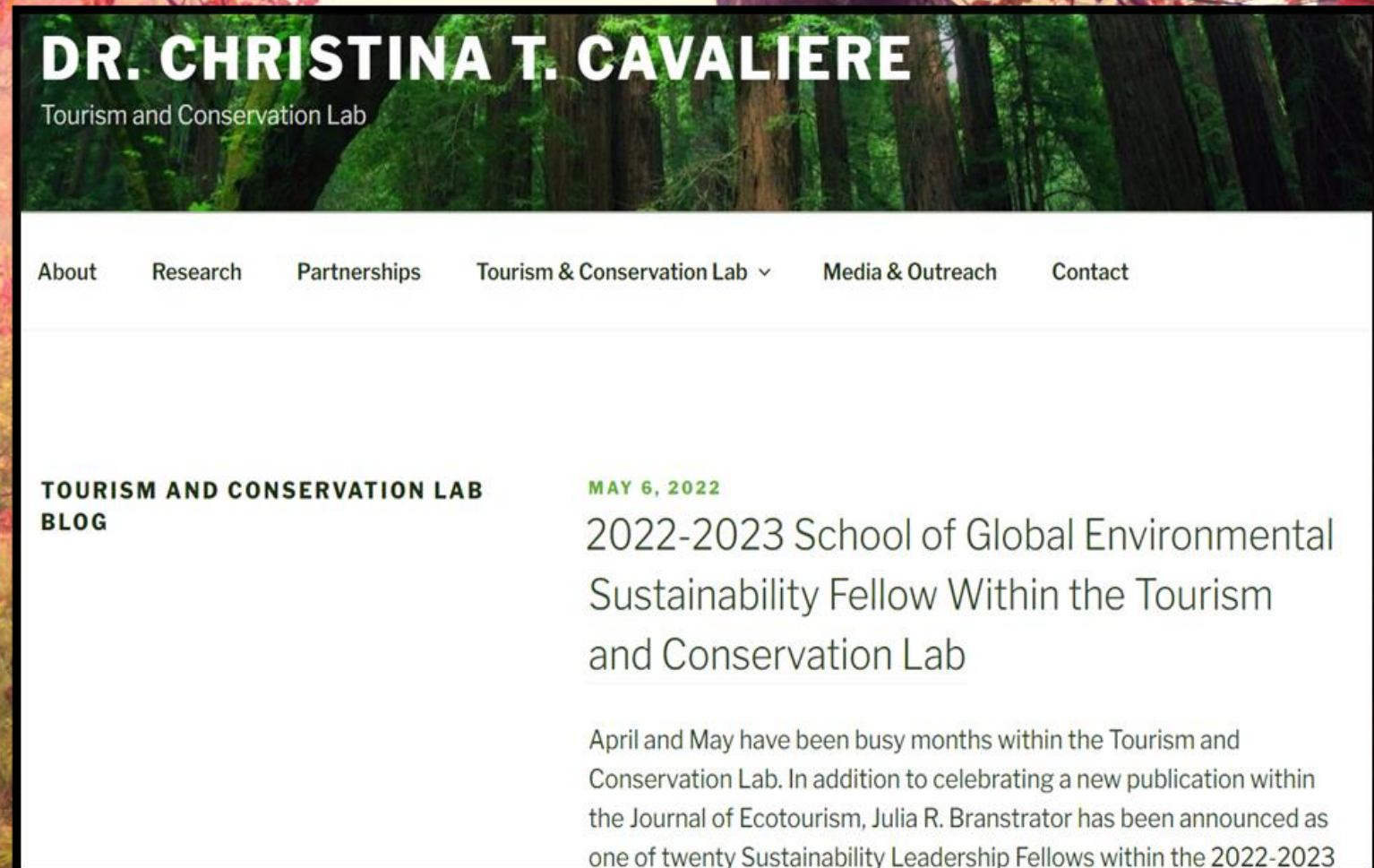
The Human Dimensions of Natural Resources

Social Aspects of Ecosystems, Livelihoods and Tourism

- Natural resource and conservation issues require cross-disciplinary spaces
- Socio-environmental issues cross political, economic and ecological dimensions
- Social science frameworks for multiple stakeholders within:
 - Tourism and conservation
 - Feminist political ecology
 - Wildfire ecology
 - Protected area management
 - Human-wildlife interactions and conflict

Dr. Cavaliere's Tourism and Conservation Lab

- Critical Tourism Citizenship
- [Extended Reality \(XR\) for sustainable tourism](#)
- Sustainable tourism for biocultural conservation
- Critical biocultural identities
- Gateway communities within crisis and disaster management
 - 2-year Ketchikan, Alaska study
 - Ongoing Nederland, Colorado
- Bioregions, biomimicry, and social-ecological systems in tourism planning



Embodying Changes Through Crises: Exploring Western Gateway Resident Identities

Research Aim

To explore the relationships between changes experienced by intermountain western gateway residents hosting a tourism economy during crisis through concepts of identity, affect, and technology use.

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Research Objectives

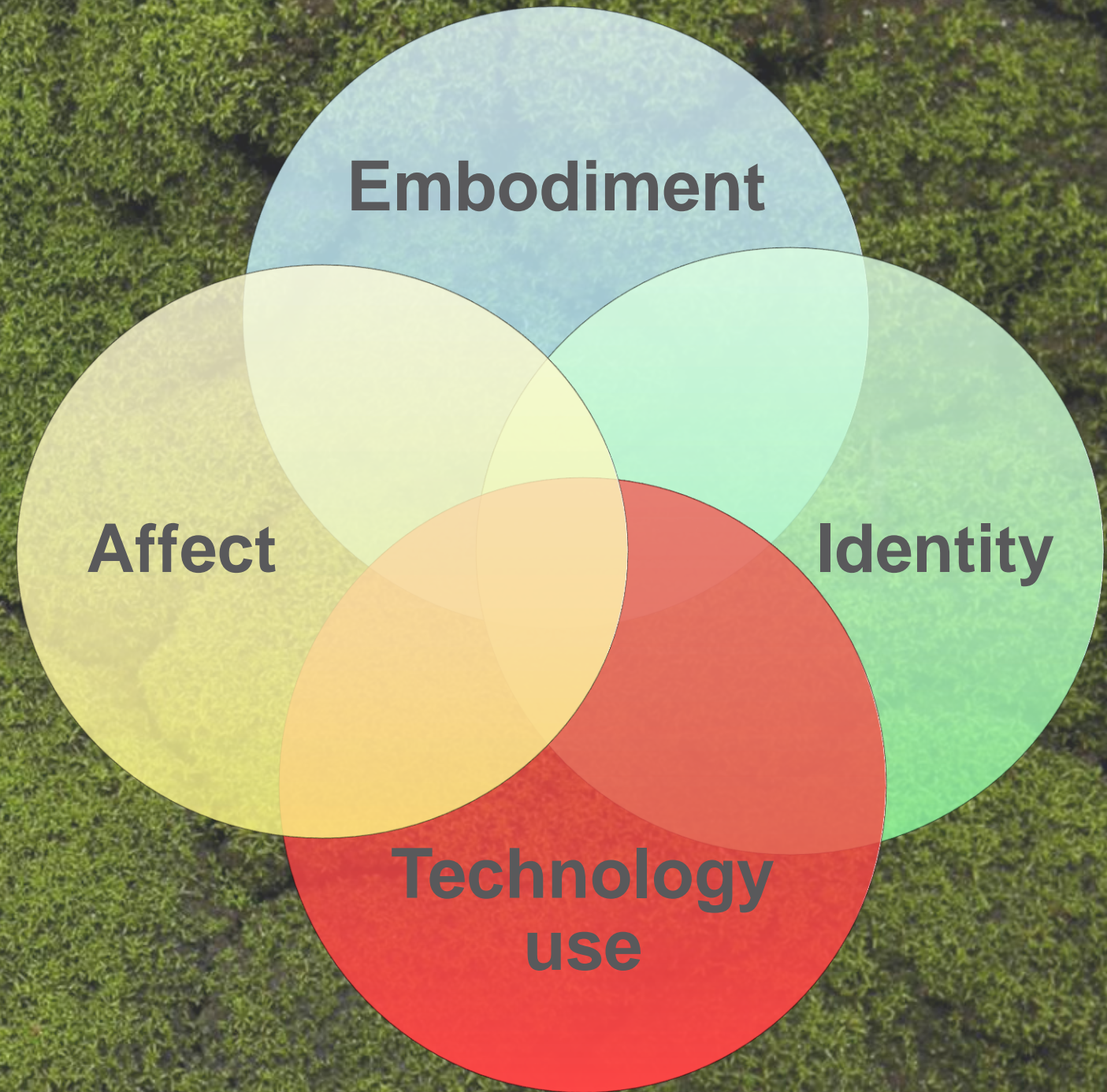
Objective 1: to further the critical and affective turns within tourism scholarship through an embodied research design exploring identities of intermountain western gateway residents

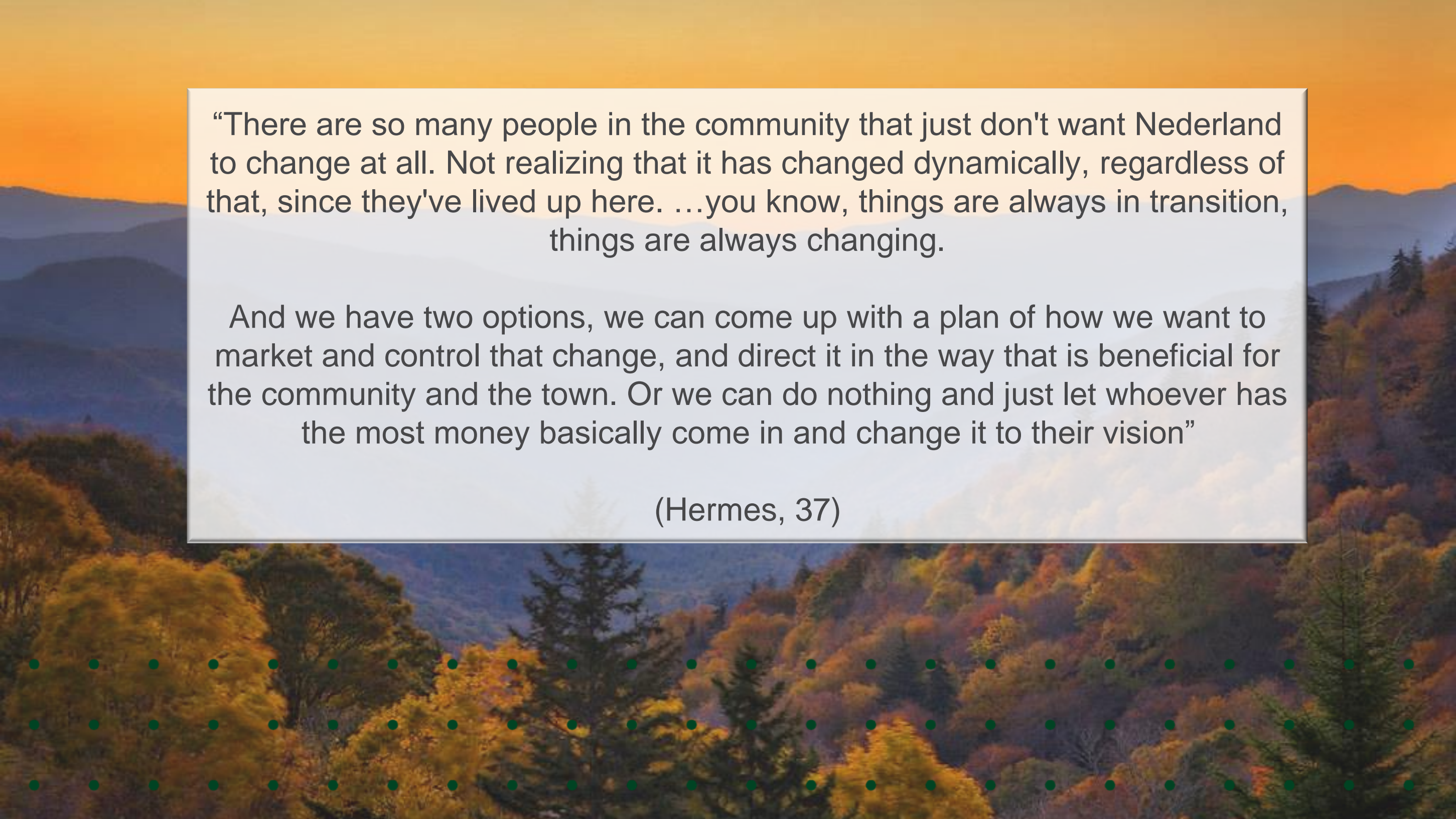
Objective 2: to assess the role of technology in navigating spatial and social realities of the COVID-19 pandemic impacting identities

Objective 3: using cultural realignment as a tool of analysis to explore processes and agents of change revealing power dynamics within an IWGC including community resilience and representation during the COVID-19 pandemic

Preliminary Thematic Analysis

- Embodiment in critical, affective tourism research
- Affective dimensions of crises and disasters
- Creativity and wellbeing
- Intermountain western gateway identities throughout crises
- Social, cultural, and political dynamics of virtual and in-person realities
- Health and human services





“There are so many people in the community that just don't want Nederland to change at all. Not realizing that it has changed dynamically, regardless of that, since they've lived up here. ...you know, things are always in transition, things are always changing.

And we have two options, we can come up with a plan of how we want to market and control that change, and direct it in the way that is beneficial for the community and the town. Or we can do nothing and just let whoever has the most money basically come in and change it to their vision”

(Hermes, 37)

Acknowledgements & Questions

Thank you for listening!



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