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Dr. Seitz’s research interests center around benthic community ecology, particularly changes in benthic invertebrate diversity with environmental stress, predator-prey dynamics, top-down versus bottom-up control of benthic systems, and conservation biology.

Dr. Courtney K. Harris.
Assistant Professor, Physical Sciences.
B.S. University of Virginia; M.S. University of California at Berkeley; Ph.D. University of Virginia.

Dr. Harris’ research interests include 3-D modeling of river plume, wave resuspension, and wind-driven circulation effects on flood deposits; as well as quantification and prediction of shelf and estuarine sediment transport over contrasting temporal and spatial scales. She comes to VIMS from the US Geological Survey in Woods Hole.

Dr. Deborah Steinberg. Associate Professor, Biological Sciences.
B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara; Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz.

Dr. Steinberg is interested in zooplankton ecology and physiology, coastal and deep-sea food webs, nutrient cycling, and marine detritus (“marine snow”). She comes to VIMS from the Bermuda Biological Station for Research (BBSR) where she coordinated the Bermuda Atlantic Time-series Study, as part of the Joint Global Ocean Flux Study (JGOFS).