



## RESEARCH WORKLOAD ALLOCATION REQUEST FORM

\*This form is only intended for reallocation of instructional workload units to non-instructional workload units for the purpose of research.

**Name:** Yasha Rohwer      **Rank:** Professor      **College:** HAS      **Department:** HSS      **Academic Year:** 24-25

<b>Requested reallocation:</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer (12mo only)</b>	<b>Total</b>
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**By signing, I understand that the total of my workload units (instructional and non-instructional) will be in compliance with the Inaugural Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article IX. I also understand that a report on this work is due to my Dean by the end of the first week of the term following the completion of the work. Signature:** DocuSigned by: **Date submitted:** 2/27/2024

*Yasha Rohwer*  
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### Requested Reallocation Purpose synopsis:

I would like to use this release time to work on two federally funded grant projects and to write an invited chapter for the Handbook on the Philosophy of Ecology, to be published by Routledge Press.

### Justification for the Reallocation (provide up to one page description of work/project or scope of work. {Use attachment button to right if you need more space →}):

I have recently been invited to participate on 2 multi-institution grant projects. One, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), probes the ethics of conservation biotechnologies. The other, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), will investigate the ethics of deliberate extinction. Both will be ongoing throughout the academic year 2024-2025. The NSF grant will also run for 2025-2026.

The NEH project will result in a paper written (one for each participant) for a special issue of a journal on the topic of conservation values and biotechnology. The NSF grant will result in a consensus report written by the project participants on the ethics of deliberate extinctions that will be published in the Hastings Center Journal. This project also anticipates additional offshoot projects (papers, conference presentations/panels, perhaps even popular pieces). I would like to use two of the releases to work on these projects, which will involve attending meetings, reading works and discussing them with participants, presenting works and choosing works to present to participants, discussing the drafts of grant participants, conducting research, pursuing collaborations, and ultimately working on the publications that will result from each project.

I would also like to use the other release time to write a chapter for a forthcoming anthology titled "Handbook on the Philosophy of Ecology" for Routledge Press. I have been asked and have accepted to write the chapter titled "Restoration and Novel Ecosystems". This project will involve research time and writing time.

This reallocation will help me work on projects that are externally facing. Also, it will allow me to continue my research program, which I have greatly expanded since returning from sabbatical, while maintaining excellency in my course offerings and service duties.



**Project Timeline and Deliverables (describe the outcomes of the project and plan for coverage of instruction {Use attachment button to right if you need more space →}):**

A draft of the chapter for the Handbook is due February 2025. The paper for the NEH grant will be due sometime in academic year 2024-2025. The report and other outcomes of the NSF will be discussed further at the first in-person meeting for the grant, a workshop that will take place in May of 2024. I expect activities to ramp up considerably after that. Ultimately there will be multiple publications resulting from these projects.

Covering for these releases will be relatively easy because of our new philosophy faculty member, Dr. Kivatinos, who teaches a 4,5,5. Also, Dr Bunting will be back from sabbatical, further ensuring that there will be sufficient humanities offerings. I will be teaching 2 courses on campus per quarter at the Portland Metro campus during AY 2024-2025 and so the releases will only affect online offerings. This again should not pose a problem to students as Dr. Kivatinos will be offering some of his courses to our online students. Lastly for the quarter where we will have one less course taught than normal, I can bump up the cap of my online course to accommodate students, if there is demand.



**Approvals**

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**Department Chair:**     X   **approve/disapprove**

**signature:** DocuSigned by:  
*Marilyn Kessler*  
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**date:** 3/5/2024

**Decision justification:**

Yasha has described his research activities - he has quite a lot going on and this release will allow him to continue to be productive. He has a proven record of using research release to move research projects along as evidenced by his many presentations and papers. As described above, we will have adequate coverage for the humanities offerings across campuses, and, if necessary, can reach out to former adjunct instructors for additional online coverage.

**College Dean:**           X   **approve/disapprove**

**signature:** DocuSigned by:  
*Dan Peterson*  
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**date:** 4/1/2024

**Decision justification:**

These project will not only be significant for the research Dr. Rowher is doing