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EMILY COBABE-AMMANN TO HEAD UCAR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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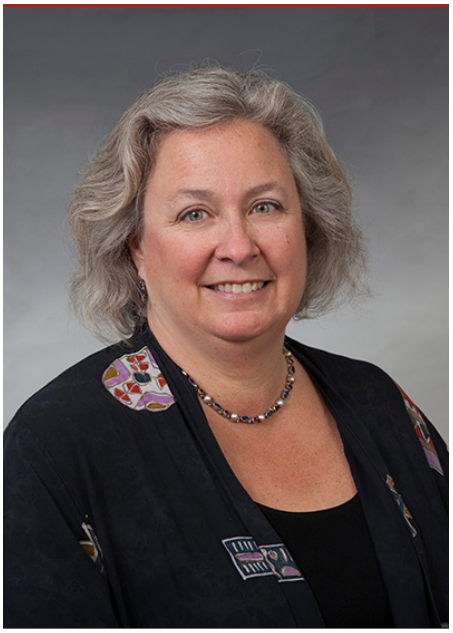
Boulder—Emily CoBabe-Ammann, an experienced manager and strategist in science and education programs, is joining the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research as the new director of UCAR Community Programs. Her first day will be April 15.

As head of UCP, CoBabe-Ammann will manage about 300 staff across a variety of programs that provide support for education and research in atmospheric and related science. UCP expenditures were about $50 million in fiscal year 2012.



Emily CoBabe-Ammann. (©UCAR. Photo by Carlye Calvin. This image is freely available for media & nonprofit use.)

UCP's activities include training weather forecasters in current research, bringing real-time data and software to university classrooms, managing field projects and fellowship programs, and supporting satellite-based Earth and atmospheric monitoring.

"Emily's extensive background in strategic planning and management of science education and university initiatives will serve us well," said UCAR president Tom Bogdan. "We are delighted to have her on board."

CoBabe-Ammann will serve as UCP's chief advocate and representative at its sponsoring agencies, which include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NASA, and the National Science Foundation. She will also lead and support the continuing development of UCP on behalf of the education and service mission of UCAR. This includes working with external agencies and other funding sources, including for-profit and non-profit organizations.

In addition, CoBabe-Ammann will explore new opportunities and business models for UCP, focusing on big-picture issues and emerging trends where UCAR expertise could be especially valuable.

"When you bring scientists together from across multiple disciplines to attack a particular problem that's timely, what emerges is an entirely new pathway," says CoBabe-Ammann. "I think the UCAR programs are particularly well positioned to facilitate that kind of emergent science."

CoBabe-Ammann spent the last three years running her own consultancy for science education development and management. Her work included strategic support to such organizations as NASA, the Center for Science Education (University of California, Berkeley), and Southwest Research Institute. CoBabe-Ammann served as the education lead for NASA's Juno mission and several higher education initiatives in NASA's Science Mission Directorate. She also led the development of NASA's Lunar Science Education Vision.

Prior to running her own company, CoBabe-Ammann spent seven years at the University of Colorado's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, where she held a number of roles, including head of the Office of Communication and Outreach.

CoBabe-Ammann holds a doctorate in earth and planetary sciences from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in geology and geophysics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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