Problem Statement:

- How do we effectively communicate the interdependencies between weather and society?
**Motivations:**

- How do we all fit together? – “The Taj tablecloth diagram”

- “Problem definitions that deemphasize or neglect important dimensions of an issue can ‘limit understanding and narrow analysts’ vision’ creating ‘blind spots’ in which people will not see potentially valuable alternatives.” (Morss, 2005)

- How do we effectively communicate these interconnections in simple, graphical, and compelling terms?
Motivations (continued)
- “General themes for identity - can we all use the same language - & communicate effectively” (Eve’s WAS*IS measures of success, Nov 8, 2005)

- Understanding how we can achieve the goal of more and integrated social science. (Eve’s WAS*IS measures of success, Nov 8, 2005)
What have we done since November...

- Revised Weather and Society Cycle graphic
- Developed strawman description of the Cycle nodes and linkages
- Developed prototype website
- Began identifying linkages between WAS*IS literature and the Cycle
- Developed idea for a case study that demonstrates the value of the Cycle
The Website......

http://www.gratzo.com/wasis/
• Hurricane Katrina Case Study
  – An opportunity to demonstrate the importance of considering the interdependencies of weather and society.
  – This will be a first step effort—more case studies from other WAS*ISers very welcome and needed!
  – The idea is that this could be an evolving site that serves as a resources for WAS*ISers and our partners/collaborators.
Where do we go from here?

- Continue to develop website content—need to expand beyond input of just our project group
- Contribute to course content, articles, short course, etc.
- Could potentially provide a unified message for WAS*IS
- Serves as a simplified starting point for WAS*ISers to consider using to communicate and understand the value of our “community of practice”
Discussion Questions
Where does your project fit?
Is this useful to your project or to WAS*IS?
How could it be more useful?