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Highlights of NYU's Campus Greening Efforts

New York University recently released its comprehensive [Climate Action Plan \(CAP\)](#), detailing the University's current greenhouse gas emissions inventory and highlighting a range of tangible projects and fiscally sound strategies that have reduced emissions by more than 30% to date (and to pursue climate neutrality by 2040) while fostering sustainability efforts in teaching, learning, and

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Additional campus greening

highlights from NYU include:

- NYC's first free Bike Share Program
- Electricity Curtailment Initiative leading to 15-20% cuts in consumption
- New pilot program which has yielded 178% increase in recycling
- Bottled water reduction campaign and behavioral research study
- Expanded E-Waste collection program
- Expanded residence hall campaigns and competitions, and new Welcome Week programming

[Read full highlight details](#)

To share your greening story and be considered for a highlight, [send an email](#) to the Consortium with details.

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Environmental Consortium Reaches 55 Institutional Member Mark, Welcomes The Culinary Institute of America, Monroe College, and Berkshire Community College

The Consortium welcomes 3 more colleges as institutional members. The membership in the Consortium now stands at 55 institutional members, 3 affiliate institutional members, and 9 non-profit affiliates. [View all members.](#)

New Website Launched for Environmental Consortium with Updated Features and Resources

The Environmental Consortium recently rolled out a brand new website with enhanced navigability, functionality, and new features. The website includes resources, such as a syllabi bank, River Summer lecture podcasts and curriculum modules, calendar of events for the region, Consortium conference archives, online membership form. We hope you visit the [new site](#), and while you are there - we recommend you take a moment to set up your own username and password through an easy [online form](#) to allow you access to the member areas of our website.

Columbia University Student, Lauren Bendernagel, Awarded 2010 Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Founders Fund Scholarship

Partnering with the Environmental Consortium, this annual award is available exclusively to students from member institutions who demonstrate excellence and outstanding dedication in a field of study that falls within an environmental field of a school or department. Laura Bendernagel is the 2010 recipient of the \$3,500 Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Founders Fund Scholarship. She is currently working towards earning her Bachelor degree in Earth and Environmental Engineering from [Columbia University](#) with plans to continue her education post-graduation. It is Ms. Bendernagel's career goal to use her professional skills to work with fellow engineers and governing policymakers to develop and implement clean, sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels on a large scale. "I hope my efforts will encourage others to realize that their actions, however small they may seem, have environmental consequences and that living more sustainably does not mean a decrease in the joy of life today, only a brighter tomorrow." [View past winners.](#)

Consortium Programs

7th Annual Meeting - Advancing Our Regional Foodshed: The Role of Higher Education

The Environmental Consortium's 7th annual meeting and conference, [Advancing Our Regional Foodshed: The Role of Higher Education](#), is bringing together small-scale, family farms; chefs/restaurant owners; agricultural policy experts; farm-to-table non-profits; academic researchers and others to foster an interdisciplinary, multi-perspective conversation about the fundamental questions surrounding our foodshed.

Highlights include **opening keynote by Christian Peters**, Assistant Professor, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, and lead author of "Mapping potential foodsheds in New York State: A spatial model for evaluating the capacity to localize food production" (*Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*, 2009) and **documentary film screening of *The Greenhorns***, with special guest speaker Benjamin Shute, Co-Owner and Farmer, Hearty Roots Community Farm. The conference also features a wide range of speakers, breakout sessions, exhibitor expo, book table, interdisciplinary faculty and student poster session, and field trip to the Pfeiffer Center for Biodynamics and the Environment.

Early registration discount ends September 30th. All meals and breaks included in one low fee. [View conference details.](#)

River Summer 2010 Journals from the Field - Navigating Sustainability: The Hudson and Beyond

In its 6th season, River Summer participants this year traveled the Hudson River in three modules. Using SUNY Stony Brook University's R/V Seawolf, participants from a multitude of different institutions and disciplines learned from each other and experts about the historical, cultural, artistic, biological, economical, political, law, and social threads that weave through the Hudson watershed. This intensive field study program creates synergistic interdisciplinary connections for a unique faculty development experience. River Summer has been funded by a generous grant from The Mellon Foundation to Barnard College on behalf of the Environmental Consortium. Margie Turrin and Timothy Kenna of Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University and Stephanie Pfirman of Barnard College are commended for their leadership and vision in organizing and executing this successful program since its pilot in 2005. Read journal entries and view photos from the 2010 experience at [www.riversummer.org](#).

Consortium Merit Scholarship - Applications Now Being Accepted for the 2011 Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. Founders Fund Scholarship

The Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. and the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities are pleased to announce the 2011 Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. Founders Fund Scholarship. This merit scholarship, in the amount of **\$3,500**, is offered annually in the name of the TGF founders, to a single recipient who has demonstrated excellence and outstanding dedication in a field of study that falls within an environmental field of a school or department. This scholarship is available to students enrolled, and who will

continue to be enrolled during the award year, in a full-time four-year undergraduate degree (sophomore standing or higher) or graduate degree program at a member institution of the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities. The scholarship is also available to community college students in their second year who have been accepted into a four-year accredited member institution of the Environmental Consortium and will be enrolled in the award year. The eligible applicant's major shall be in an area of environmental studies such as but not limited to ecology, hydrology, conservation biology, natural resource management, zoology, or environmental law and policy. **The deadline for applications is April 1, 2011.** [Scholarship details and application.](#)

Regional News

Iona College First in Westchester to adopt Con Edison's Energy Saving and Rebate Program

Iona College has taken another major step to achieve a more environmentally sustainable campus by becoming the first educational institution in Westchester County to take advantage of a major energy savings and rebate program from Con Edison. By adopting an energy-saving lighting system for 17 of its buildings and facilities, Iona will save up to \$117,000 annually in electric costs and will earn an additional rebate of \$130,000. [Read full release.](#)

Marist College Developing Management Plan for 13-acre Campus Nature Preserve

In the face of the national trend of decreasing emphasis upon teaching natural history, the protection of college nature preserves gains greater importance for stemming and reversing this trend. Consequently, a management plan is being developed for Marist College's 13-acre nature preserve, Fern Tor. It serves educational, recreational and conservation roles for the college and mid-Hudson region (as part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway). Various threats to its integrity, e.g. trash, tree cutting, ROTC activities, campfires and rapid spread of invasive species, have motivated the plan. It will be circulated for response among various individuals, offices and groups on campus with vested interest in this mostly forested parcel. [\[see also Consortium Classifieds for request for feedback on this initiative.\]](#)

NYU Students Pioneer Greening of University's Global Sites

Two undergraduate students have launched the NYU Global Greening Initiative. Steven Rasovsky (2012) and Ashwini Srinivasamohan (2011) have organized a pilot project for NYU-Shanghai, with the long-term vision of creating a replicable template for greening programs throughout NYU's 12 study abroad sites. Among the initiatives are a carbon offsetting flyer, a Living Green in Shanghai Guide, a website and blog, and eco audits conducted by two "Green Ambassadors," who will be trained by a local NGO. The data from the eco audits will be analyzed and incorporated into a report that will outline changes - both technical and behavioral - that can be done to improve environmental performance in NYU-Shanghai. For more information visit [NYU Global Greening Initiative](#) and [Roots and Shoots NGO](#).

RPI Professor Blogs from the Field for *The New York Times*

Michael Mascarenhas, sociologist and assistant professor in science and technology studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, spent part of the summer working on water and sanitation issues in Rwanda. He was featured in [The New York Times' Scientist at Work blog](#) where readers got an inside account of the work being done in that region. Michael Mascarenhas has been a member of the [Consortium's Steering Committee](#) since 2008 and currently serves as Vice-Chair.

Westchester Community College Builds First County Owned Green Building

September marks the opening of the new [Gateway Center at Westchester Community College](#). The Gateway Center, housing the English as a Second Language Institute, Business Programs and more, reflects the College's abiding commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability. The 70,000 square foot building designed to meet LEED certification standards is the first Westchester County owned "green" building.

Design details include reduced site disturbance, bio-retention basins for storm water, landscaping using native plants, low-flow fixtures in restrooms, optimized energy efficiency, use of recycled content in building materials, daylighting and greenhouse keeping.

Beacon Institute Hosted Annual Chamber of Commerce Event, Featured NYSTAR's Ed Reinfurt

[NYSTAR's Ed Reinfurt](#) was keynote speaker to a lively gathering of regional business representatives for the 5th Annual Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce Beacon and Eggs event held at CEIE this past week, sharing his insights on opportunities for technology development throughout NY State. To stay up to date with all Beacon Institute news throughout the year, visit www.bire.org.

Member Institution Programs & Courses

Bard Center for Environmental Policy - Fall Open Houses

Are you interested in becoming an environmental leader? Do you want a more just, sustainable, and prosperous future? At Bard CEP, we train our graduates to change the future. Come to a Bard CEP Open House and learn

about our innovative and interdisciplinary master's degree programs. You have two opportunities to meet our faculty, students, admission representatives and Director Goodstein this fall: Saturday, November 6 at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY and Friday, November 12 in New York City.

Bard CEP offers masters degrees in environmental policy and climate science and policy, dual degrees with Pace Law School and Bard's Master of Arts in Teaching Program, a Master's International program with the Peace Corps, and a 3+2 Program for qualified undergraduates nationwide. More Information: www.bard.edu/cep.

Manhattanville College Offers Field Ecology Course in the Caribbean

January 3 - January 24, 2011

Bio 3068 Tropical Ecology and Marine Biology of Barbuda, 4 credits

Students will spend their days snorkeling in the Codrington Lagoon National Park and patch reefs surrounding the island, collecting data on fish species, counting biodiversity quadrats and studying coral reef ecology. Shoreline surveys will include tidal ecology, invertebrate biology and shelling. Students will engage in education outreach with Barbudan high school students. A variety of field ecology census, sampling, and identification techniques, will be covered. There will be ample opportunity to view all the unique habitats on the island, such as the Darby Sinkhole, and the Frigate Bird Sanctuary. This course is open to all students. For more information, and for application materials, contact Dr. Nancy E. Todd at toddn@mville.edu.

Masters Program In Sustainability Studies Begins at Ramapo College of New Jersey

The [Master of Arts in Sustainability Studies](#) program commences this Fall at Ramapo College. A two-year curriculum, with classes in the evening, the program is designed to take both seasoned and fresh practitioners in sustainability and help them develop into effective social change agents. Designed on a cohort model, the interdisciplinary program accepts 15 to 20 students in the Fall semester each year, from a very wide range of backgrounds, and then helps them develop a coherent agenda for sustainability practice in a diverse array of fields.

If you have further questions, contact the program director, Dr. Ashwani Vasishth at vasishth@ramapo.edu or (201) 684-6616.

Westchester Community College Developing Environmental Science and Studies Degree Programs

A committee is developing a proposal for new Environmental Science and Environmental Studies A.S. degree programs. For further information, contact Prof. Michael Priano; michael.priano@sunywc.edu or Dr. Eryn Klosko; eryn.klosko@sunywcc.edu.

An associate degree in "[Energy Systems](#)" has been approved by SUNY and is up and running at the college. Contact the curriculum chair Prof. Richard VanInwegen at 914-606-6274 for more information.

Scholarly Highlights

Dartmouth Researchers Find Crime and Fraud on Rise in Carbon Markets

Crime and fraud within global carbon markets is a growing problem, according to researchers at Dartmouth College's Climate Justice Research Project.

"As the formal carbon market matures without proper oversight, criminal activity, corruption and ethical malfeasance are on the rise," wrote Michael Dorsey, assistant professor of Environmental Studies, and post-doctoral fellow Jerome Whittington, in the most recent issue of *Carbon Market Europe*, a leading carbon market trade journal.

To date, "crime and fraud has cost the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme at least €5 billion (\$6.3 billion)," the researchers estimate. Also worrisome is the fact that some polluters are increasing greenhouse gas emissions to reap profits from financial offsets, they write. [Read full commentary](#).

Tips for Teaching Green Marketing Course from Iona Professor

Motivated by her experience with the Environmental Consortium, Fredrica Rudell (Marketing Department, Iona College) created and taught a Current Issues in Marketing seminar on the topic of Green Marketing in 2008 and 2009. A short manuscript based on her experience was recently published in Volume 1 of the new web-based *Journal of Case Studies in Education*. The article, "A Green Marketing Course for Business Undergraduates" is easily accessed here: <http://aabri.com/jcse.html>. Her summary of course content, format, assignments and resources may help others who are thinking of developing their own green business course offering.

Ramapo College Professor Shares News Groups and Resources

Ashwani Vasishth, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Director, Master of Arts In Sustainability Studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey has compiled and maintains helpful resources pertaining to campus sustainability. They include, subscribable news groups with topics in sustainability, environment, ecology, campus greening, food planning, regional planning, etc.; bibliographies on sustainability education and learning outcomes assessment; as well as a number of additional related resources. Visit <http://phobos.ramapo.edu/~vasishth>.

New Peer Reviewed Journal: *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*

The *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development* (JAFSCD: ISSN 2152-0801) is an online, international, peer-reviewed publication focused on the practice and applied research interests of agriculture and food systems development professionals and scholars. The inaugural issue is available free for a limited time on the journal's website: www.agdevjournal.com.

Opportunities

Call for Posters for 7th Annual Meeting of the Environmental Consortium: Deadline October 1st

As part of the Environmental Consortium's Annual Meeting, an inter and multi-disciplinary poster session will be held on Saturday, October 16th to provide a forum for faculty and students (undergraduate and graduate) to showcase and share research, scholarly or creative work dedicated to environmentally related topics focused on the Hudson watershed as well as topics related to the conference theme.

Students: Share your summer experience, or thesis, or other research or project.

Faculty: Share your research, collaborative research with students, or innovative courses and pedagogy.

Campus Groups or Committees: Have you made a positive impact on your campus with an environmental initiative? Showcase your successes at our annual meeting with a poster.

Presentations may take the form of research posters, multimedia, or other media type or creative work. Interdisciplinary submissions encouraged. This call is open to all member and non-member institutions of the Environmental Consortium. Poster presenters will be required to also register for the conference. [Poster call details and registration](#).

Source to Sink: Hudson River Watershed Research and Education Meeting

October 1-2, 2010

You are invited to attend a meeting this autumn in the Adirondack Mountains to strengthen the network of partners working in the Hudson River Watershed to connect institutions and coordinate research and education activities throughout the watershed.

Four hundred years ago, Henry Hudson sailed the Half Moon into the estuary that now bears his name, opening the area for European colonization. The Hudson River and its many tributaries became a cradle of activity and new governance that would lead to the creation of the United States of America. Today, the rich cultural history of the region is complemented with a growing body of environmental science of the river/estuary and its watershed and a quest for sustainability. Despite improvements in understanding the ecological functions and attendant ecosystem services and economic benefits of the Hudson River, threats from development, pollution, invasive species, climate change, and other problems impact the entire basin, requiring innovative and collaborative solutions. The SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is partnering with the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities to host a two-day meeting at the Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb, NY. **Please register by September 16th.** [Source to Sink details and registration form](#).

Call for Collaboration - 'A Day in the Life of the Hudson River'

A school field-based sampling and data collection program is set to run Thursday, October 14, 2010 throughout the Hudson River estuary. The program brings approximately 3,000 school age students down to the Hudson River on sites as varied as a pier in Manhattan to a beach in Kingston to a boat ramp on Schodack Island.

To prepare for the October 2010 event, the [final workshop](#) is taking place on Saturday, September 25th at Norrie Point in Staatsburg, NY. These workshops are scheduled at sites that allow training in different salinity regimes and settings. The focus of the workshops will be on how to maximize student learning, hands on exploration and accuracy of data collection at your site.

Undergraduate science and education classes are encouraged to participate! Undergraduate groups have attended workshops on the sampling parameters and techniques, served as partners for some of our school age sampling groups, and have collected and analyzed data at their own site. The 'Snapshot' event is coordinated by the Hudson River Estuary Program in partnership with Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Contact Margie Turrin (mkt@ldeo.columbia.edu), Chris Bowser (chbowser@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or Sarah Mount (sjmount@gw.dec.state.ny.us) for more information. Registration form and workshop information is available on the event website: www.ldeo.columbia.edu/edu/k12/snapshotday.

Call For Papers: The 'Good Life': Imagining Alternative Futures

This conference on the Environment will be held Friday, November 5, 2010 at Pace University's New York City Campus.

Historians and others have depicted the twentieth century in a variety of terms. Some refer to it as the 'age of extremes', others as the 'age of anxiety', and still others as the 'age of science' or the 'age of analysis'; but none have been foolish enough to call it the 'age of the good life' and compose eclogues in praise of it, and for very good reasons. There is growing public awareness, though far from reaching any consensus on solutions, that the institutional structures of the present are not providing the 'good life' for too many people. And the global environmental crisis is compelling evidence that the Enlightenment project of the 'perfection of humanity'

has utterly failed to produce even a shadow image of the 'good life.'

This conference is a forum to discuss competing but environmentally grounded conceptions of the 'good life'. We invite panels, papers, and posters from all who find value in collaboration and view the environment as a unifying element in that collaboration. Preference will be given to contributions that represent interdisciplinary approaches to defining the 'good life' in environmental terms from the widest range of disciplines, including environmental studies, philosophy, theology, history, geography, anthropology, sociology, political science, economics, psychology, cultural studies, urban studies, women's studies, and more.

Deadline for abstracts is October 1, 2010. To register for the conference and submit your abstract, please go to the [conference website](#). For further information, contact Dr. Robert Chapman (rchapman@pace.edu) or Dr. Judith Pajo (jpajo@pace.edu).

Hosted by the Pace Institute for Environmental and Regional Studies (PIERS) and The Pace Environmental Studies Program.

Hudsonia Professional Workshop: Woody Plant Identification and Natural History in Winter
(November 5, 2010)

This workshop is designed for biologists, environmental professionals, horticulturists, and students who already have field experience with woody plants and want to develop their abilities to identify woody species in winter using twigs, buds, leaf scars, pith, bark, and other identification characters. Hands-on observation and practice with plants in the field, specimens, hand lens, keys, and field guides. Instructors Erik Kiviat PhD and Gretchen Stevens.

Lunch/snacks provided. Bard College Field Station, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. 9:00-5:00. Books, 10x hand lens will be for sale. We expect to use Muenscher's Keys to Woody Plants revised by Cope (2001), and G. Petrides, A Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs 2nd ed. Binocular dissecting microscopes will be available. Fee: \$275 payable to Hudsonia (due by 15 October). Call 845-758-0600 or email spiciari@bard.edu to register. [Hudsonia events](#).

10th International Business and Economy Conference (IBEC) Announcement and Call for Papers

Conference will be held January 6-9, 2011 in Guadalajara, Mexico. We welcome proposals for special session topics, panel discussions, papers and/or cases from scholars focusing on challenges and issues involved with the ever increasing interdependency among world economies. *We encourage cross-disciplinary collaboration, research from all disciplines, and papers developed from recent dissertations. We highlight special plenary sessions oriented towards the environment, sustainability, and globalization.* In addition, there are concurrent sessions dedicated to health care, education and training, and all areas of management, marketing, finance, accounting, information systems, international business and or business administration.

Competitive papers and cases, as well as proposals for symposia, discussion panels or workshops are invited. Submissions will be double-blind reviewed, acceptance being based on quality and relevance. A select group of submissions will be considered for publication in the *Journal of International Business and Economy*. Papers presented at the Conference are considered for inclusion in the Conference Proceedings.

Deadline for those not concerned with travel arrangements: October 30th, for those concerned with travel arrangements: September 30th. [IBEC conference details](#).

Consortium Classifieds

Case Studies and Input Sought for Marist College Nature Preserve Management Plan

[See "[Marist College Developing Management Plan for 13-acre Campus Nature Preserve](#)" in Regional News" section above for additional details.]

Consortium colleges and universities can learn from each other in developing such plans. It would be helpful to be able to refer to existing plans and to know what strategies were especially effective in gaining support for the plans and for protecting natural areas on campuses. I would like to know which colleges have management plans and which colleges may develop them. Please contact me directly: Richard S. Feldman, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science & Policy, School of Science, Marist College, (845) 575-3000 ext 2335 or Richard.Feldman@marist.edu.

Purchase College: Tenure-Track Assistant Professor for Environmental Studies Program

The [Environmental Studies Program at Purchase College](#) (SUNY) invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level, beginning fall 2011. We seek an environmental scientist who possesses a PhD degree (by August 2011). Candidates providing evidence of interest in and commitment to student learning and success, general education, and interdisciplinary collaboration with colleagues in the arts and the liberal arts will be given preference.

Excellence in teaching is expected. Teaching responsibilities include building a suite of courses that contribute to the Environmental Studies program, including upper-level courses in the candidate's area of specialization, and a course for the General Education curriculum that introduces environmental problems and possible interdisciplinary solutions. The successful candidate will establish a research program that actively involves undergraduates. Evidence of success in obtaining research funding is helpful. Desirable research areas include

(but are not limited to): Conservation Biology, Higher plant Autecology, and Forest Community Ecology.

Please attach a cover letter, CV, teaching philosophy and student-centered research agenda (Other Document 1) to your on-line application (<https://jobs.purchase.edu>).

Candidates are also required to make arrangements to have three letters of recommendation mailed or emailed to Jean Kyff, Academic Affairs, Purchase College, 735 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, New York 10577 (jean.kyff@purchase.edu). Purchase College SUNY is an AA/EEO employer. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Purchase College: Adjunct Professors for Spring 2011

The Environmental Studies Program at Purchase College (SUNY) is seeking adjuncts for two courses to be offered in the Spring 2011 semester.

Environmental Education ENV3240: Prepares students to become communicators and teachers of environmental values, concepts, and issues. Topics include environmental and educational philosophies, basic components of environmental literacy, teaching methods, cognitive development, effective practices for the classroom and nature center, informal education practices, reviews of local environmental education programs, and the daily activities of professionals in a variety of environmental education careers.

Introduction to Renewal Energy ENV 2040: Renewable energy sources-including solar-thermal, photovoltaic, wind, wave, hydrogen, biomass, and geothermal energies-are discussed. The course outlines current practices as well as limitations-engineering, economic, social, and ecological-of extracting useable energy. Topics include practical solutions on both the large scale and the scale of the individual homeowner.

Please contact george.kraemer@purchase.edu for more information.

Regional Events

Beacon Institute: Get Smart About Water (Sept. 16)

7:00 pm-9:00 pm at Beacon Institute's Center for Environmental Innovation and Education, 199 Dennings Avenue, Beacon, NY.

Join key water issue thought leaders Alexandra Dunn, Assistant Dean at Pace University Law School, Sharon Nunes, Ph.d., Vice President of Big Green Innovations for IBM, and John Cronin, Director and CEO of Beacon Institute, for a lively and engaging discussion about the role science and technology innovation can play in water management, the implications for public policy, and the vital need for partnerships to save our fresh water. Registration is required for this timely event. [Register for "Get Smart About Water"](#)

NYU: Park(ing) Day NYC 2010 (Sept. 17)

9:00 am-5:00 pm at University Place and Waverly Place in NYC.

NYU Sustainability will be participating in this year's [Park\(ing\) Day](#). Come out and enjoy sustainability-themed activities in a private parking spot converted into a public space for a day! For more information, contact Ashwini Srinivasamohan, Program Assistant of NYU Sustainability: as4414@nyu.edu

Cary Institute: Four Fish: The Future of the Last Wild Food (Sept. 17)

7:00 pm at Cary Institute's auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, New York.

Award-winning writer and lifelong angler Paul Greenberg will discuss how large-scale commercial fishing, extensive fish farming, and questionable environmental standards have distressed aquatic ecosystems, pushing many wild fish populations to the brink of extinction.

His new book, *Four Fish*, focuses on the relationship humans have with salmon, bass, cod, and tuna. Greenberg travels around the globe, from fjords in Norway to massive fish farms in Vietnam, to reveal the history and status of these species. Along the way he discovers that these fish are not the healthiest or the most cost-effective forms of ocean protein, and that our quest for them is unsustainable. [Cary Institute Events](#)

SUSTAIN: An Interfaith Evening for the Climate with Bill McKibben (Sept. 18)

6:30 pm-9:30 pm at Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 112th Street, New York City. Special Musical and Interfaith Guests and Religious and Environmental Groups will offer resources and present their work immediately following the talk by Bill McKibben, author of *The End of Nature* and *Eaarth: Making a Life on a Tough New Planet*. The Iona Spirituality Institute will co-sponsor this event and Schola Ministries will offer the Christian blessing during the interfaith celebration. Light Refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken. For more information please call GreenFaith at 732-565-7740

Cary Institute: Forest Ecology Walk on the Wappinger Creek Trail (Sept. 19)

10:00 am-12:00 pm at Gifford House parking lot, 2917 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44), Millbrook, New York.

As part of the 10th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble, forest ecologist Dr. Charles Canham will be leading an interpretive forest walk on the Wappinger Creek Trail. Participants will learn how plant life reflects past land use patterns such as farming and logging, which have transformed Hudson Valley landscapes over the centuries. The walk passes through a range of habitats from forests and old fields to wetlands. Wear long pants and sturdy

shoes (no sandals). [Cary Institute Events](#)

Conservation Café: Coyotes in Suburbia (Sept. 24)

8:00 am-10:30 am at Pace University, Kessel Student Center, 861 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY.

Westchester County's Conservation Café programs provide a forum for dialogue about current environmental issues. Private citizens, members of concerned organizations, municipal planners and others hear the latest information and have an opportunity to network. Find out what local researchers are discovering about coyotes' migration patterns and behaviors at "Coyotes in Suburbia," a Conservation Café event. Property managers, planners, naturalists, environmentalists, students and the public are invited to this free program. [Conservation Cafe](#)

C2C Launch at Williams College - Conference and Webinar (Sept. 24 & 29)

September 24, 3 pm - 9 pm: Bard CEP Director Eban Goodstein is co-hosting a *Climate Change Education Conference* at Williams College with the Center for Environmental Studies. The conference will launch C2C, a national public policy initiative of the Bard Center for Environmental Policy, and tackle how to engage educators and students in direct video and conference call dialogues with Congress, with Corporations and with Cities, on clean energy solutions to global warming. Economist Juliet Schor, author of *Plentitude*, will keynote. To register for the conference at no charge, contact Josephine French at jofrench@bard.edu.

September 29, 3 pm - 4 pm: Following the launch conference, sign up for the *National C2C Webinar* on building a permanent and growing national network to dialogue with decision-makers on climate.

More Info: <http://www.bard.edu/cep/c2c/>

Beacon Institute: Film screening SoLa: Louisiana Water Stories (Oct. 7)

7:00 pm-9:00 pm at Beacon Institute's Center for Environmental Innovation and Education, 199 Dennings Avenue, Beacon, NY.

Join us at CEIE on Thursday, October 7th for the newly released documentary "SoLa, Louisiana Water Stories," with filmmaker Jon Bowermaster to answer questions following the film. "SoLa" is a poignant look back at a way of life that may now be gone forever, and a prescient view at exactly how the gusher in the Gulf was allowed to happen. Thanks to corruption, malfeasance and the Louisiana industrial and political climate, environmental pollution seems to be simply a cost of doing business... Please register online. [Register for SoLa](#)

NJHEPS: SWITCH: Communities of Practice & Strategies for Change (Oct. 8)

8:30 am-2:30 pm at Montclair State University Conference Center

How can our communities of practice bring about change toward sustainability? Explore cases from *Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard*, Chip Heath (Stanford) and Dan Heath (Duke), Random House, 2010-recommended by David Grant, former President & CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Apply the "Switch" approach to NJHEPS and each of our Communities of Practice as "change agents. Social networking strategies to make the "switch" to sustainability thinking & practices. No cost for NJHEPS member institutions, registration required. [NJHEPS Event Registration](#)

NYT Webcast: Campus Sustainability Day 8: Empowering A Low Carbon Movement at Your Campus (Oct. 20)

Strategies and Tools for Behavior Change, Community Engagement, and Large Scale Transformation

1:00 pm-2:30 pm, Moderator: Andrew C. Revkin, Presenter: David Gershon.

This webcast will offer tools and techniques that you can apply to the carbon reduction activities you are doing on your own campus, and in your community. With the U.S. Senate unable to pass climate legislation, as American citizens we are left to our own devices. But even if legislation had passed, the speed and magnitude of change our scientists tell us is needed, goes well beyond anything political leaders were contemplating. The social change tools at their disposal-command and control, and financial incentives, at their best-are designed for slow, incremental change. [Campus Sustainability Day 8](#)

Pace Law School: Rediscovering Sustainable Development Law (Oct. 22)

8:30 am-1:30 pm at the New York State Judicial Institute at Pace Law School, White Plains, NY

This half day conference explores the emergence of sustainable development practice in law firms, government programs, and in law schools, particularly Pace University School of Law, which offers an advanced degree in land use and sustainable development law. This area of law draws on environmental, land use, real estate, energy, climate change, insurance, and other areas of legal engagement. In government programs, it integrates programs for transportation facilities, environmental protection, energy production, workforce housing, and the sustainable development of buildings, neighborhoods, and regions. The 40 year-old history of sustainable development law will serve as the backdrop for presentations on its modern and practical applications.

Lunch will be provided with an address by Andrew C. Revkin, Senior Fellow for Environmental Understanding at the Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies. Co-Sponsored by Pace Land Use Law Center, Theodore Kheel Center on the Resolution of Environmental Interest Disputes, and Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies. [Rediscovering Sustainable Development Law](#)

Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS-NY) (Nov. 3-5)

American Museum of Natural History, NYC

In November 2010, the American Museum of Natural History's Center for Biodiversity and Conservation will host SCCS-NY, the Student Conference on Conservation Science in New York City. Designed for graduate students, recent post-doctoral fellows, and early-career professionals, the conference specifically targets those pursuing or considering a profession in conservation science.

SCCS-NY is a unique opportunity for those beginning their careers to present their work before established leaders in science, policy, and management. In addition to formal presentations, there will be numerous opportunities to interact with senior-level conservation professionals at workshops, informal gatherings, and networking events. [Student Conference on Conservation Science](#)

Cary Institute: Geology of the Hudson Region (Nov. 14)

12:00 pm-2:00 pm, meet at main campus parking lot, located at 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44) in Millbrook, New York

Did you know that most of the rocks below your feet in Dutchess County came from far away? Come explore geological time and the processes that shape the landscape we know and love. From frost heaving and creep, through runoff and stream erosion, to glaciers and ancient thrust faulting, we'll learn to read the land for evidence of change. A steady climb to the top of south Canoo Hill will reveal the Shawangunks and Catskills in the distance, and the story they tell of river deltas and mountain-formation. [Cary Institute Events](#)



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