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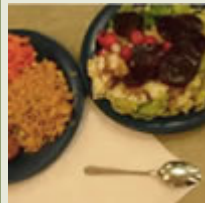
The 2500 sq. ft. Shirley A.  
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We are pleased to send you this quarterly edition of the *Consortium Circular*.

If you have colleagues who might be interested in the Consortium, please circulate the *Circular* and encourage them to become an [individual member](#) to receive this newsletter directly.

### Feature Story

#### SUNY New Paltz Sets Local Food on Plates



SUNY New Paltz's main dining hall, Hasbrouck Dining Hall, boasts up to 75% local produce during the growing season, and has connected with local farmers to increase local food on the campus. A student-led initiative that began in 2005 has grown into a community effort that enriches students and farmers in the web of food sustainability. [Read full story.](#)

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Community Organic Garden (GCOG), scheduled to open April 2011, is the new social networking gathering place for WCC students, staff, and faculty. The organic gardening focus will enable gardeners to learn sustainable agriculture practices, grow healthy vegetables, and foster social equity. The Garden will also provide an enriching learning environment for the children who attend the adjacent Virginia Marx Children's Center. The garden was designed by Teich Garden Systems. For further details contact: [Talbert B. Spence](#).

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

[www.hvqgreencampus.org](http://www.hvqgreencampus.org)



Pace University is the host institution of the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities, with headquarters located at [Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies](#).

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## Consortium News

### **Environmental Consortium Welcomes 56th Member Institution SUNY Cobleskill and Two New Affiliate Non-Profit Members**

The Consortium welcomed SUNY Cobleskill as its newest institutional member, and The New York State Outdoor Education Association and the Orange County Water Authority were welcomed as non-profit affiliate members. The membership in the Consortium now stands at 56 institutional members, 3 affiliate institutional members, and 12 non-profit affiliates. [View all members](#).

### **New Source to Sink: Hudson River Watershed Research and Education Meeting Summary**

On October 1-2, 2010, the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry and the Environmental Consortium held a meeting at SUNY ESF's [Adirondack Ecological Center](#) to examine ways to connect and coordinate research and education activities throughout the Hudson River Watershed. Objectives included plans to expand and strengthen the existing network of researchers, educators and practitioners in environmental and social sciences and the humanities focusing efforts on the Hudson River Basin; review existing research, examine potential avenues of study, and discuss existing outreach; visit Upper Hudson research and education facilities to familiarize participants with collaborative opportunities; develop an agenda and list of priorities for networking and coordinating current activity throughout the watershed. [Summary](#), including video highlights from the workshop, are online.

# Consortium Programs

## Consortium Merit Scholarships - Deadlines Approaching

- **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 Theodore Gordon Flyfishers' 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](#). 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](#).
- **Pace Law School Environmental Consortium Merit Scholarship**  
In support of the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities' mission, Pace Law School is offering a "Merit Scholarship" award to a fall 2011 entering student who is either currently enrolled in or has earned his or her bachelors or masters degree from one of the [Consortium's member institutions](#) and has demonstrated an interest in environmental issues affecting the Hudson River watershed region. Scholarship benefits consist of a merit scholarship ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 towards law school tuition, depending upon the student's qualifications and Pace's financial resources. The award is renewable each year based on continued academic excellence. Interested students should attach a half to one page statement to the Law School application of how he or she has been involved in Hudson Valley environmental issues during their undergraduate work or why they have a particular interest in the environmental issues affecting the Hudson River watershed region. [Details and how to apply](#).

## Advancing Our Regional Foodshed: Recommendations for Higher Education

On October 15-16, 2010, the Environmental Consortium held its annual meeting at Rockland Community College. Following two days of proceedings, the recommendations to higher education from keynote speakers, panelists, and presenters were clear:

1. train young farmers (the overwhelming majority of them are now 57+ years old);
2. encourage community dialogue to make land use policies more favorable to farmers;
3. offer college and university land for model teaching farms; and
4. conduct research on sub-regional foodsheds and organic or biodynamic agricultural food systems. [Conference details](#), including photos, presentations, speaker biographies, posters, and exhibitors are online.

## River Summer Planning Underway for 2011: A Focus on Climate: Past, Present and Future

The [River Summer Program](#) will run two modules this summer on the Hudson River starting right after the 4th of July holiday. A call for participants is in development. If you would like to help with planning this summer's activities, or if you are interested in being on the River with us for a module, please contact Margie Turrin at [mkt@ldeo.columbia.edu](mailto:mkt@ldeo.columbia.edu).

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## Member Institution Programs & Courses

### Bard Center for Environmental Policy: Graduate Education for the Aspiring Environmental or Climate Leader

The [Bard Center for Environmental Policy](#) seeks motivated candidates to join their master of science programs in environmental policy or climate science and policy. Bard CEP programs combine an intensive course of study with practical training in preparation for environmental careers in nonprofit organizations, government, and the private sector. Its graduate programs offer innovative cohort-based courses, extended and professional internships, close mentorships between students and faculty, joint-degree programs, an excellent placement rate of its graduates, and a truly interdisciplinary approach to learning about environmental and climate policy. The deadline to apply for Fall 2011 is March 15, 2011. Inquire today. Contact: Molly Williams, Admissions Coordinator, 845-758-7071 or [mwilliam@bard.edu](mailto:mwilliam@bard.edu).

### Westchester Community College Receives Grant to Infuse Sustainability into Curricula, Transfer Agreements Prepared for New Environmental Program

- Sustainability Grant: The Westchester Community College Foundation has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from Con Edison to infuse sustainability into the various college curricula. The grant supports the formation of a Faculty Learning Community of up to eight faculty across the disciplines to discuss and learn about sustainability issues pertinent to their specific areas of interest. The FLC program focused

on sustainability is being developed by [Dr. Scott Zaluda](#) and [Prof. Michael Priano](#). Program participants will be selected this spring with training scheduled for summer and fall 2011. FLC participants are expected to modify existing courses or develop new courses incorporating sustainability philosophy and practice.

- Curriculum: Transfer agreements have been prepared for two proposed A.S. programs in Environmental Science and Environmental Studies. Contact [Prof. Michael Priano](#) or [Dr. Eryn Klosko](#) for further information.

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## Regional News

### **New York University Receives Gold Rating from AASHE's STAR Program and Completes Cogeneration Power Plant**

NYU has received a [Gold rating from AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System \(STARS\)](#), the most comprehensive, transparent, and flexible framework for measuring the performance and documenting the steps taken to transform higher education into a sustainable sector of society. The university is also a Charter participant of STARS.

A revamped cogeneration power plant will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 23% at New York University. The \$125 million renovation of [New York University's cogeneration power plant](#) is complete, and was featured in [The New York Times Green Blog](#). The new cogen plant produces twice the power of the old facility - at 13.8 megawatts - and will provide electricity for the university's lights, elevators and computers, and steam for heating and cooling water. The cogen plant, at nearly 90 percent efficiency, gets almost three times as much useful energy out of a unit of fuel as a typical utility power plant does, and will immediately yield a 23% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions, in addition to avoiding the combustion of 500,000 gallons of fuel oil and 280,000 therms of natural gas per year.

### **Pace Law School to Partner on \$5 Million U.S. Grant to Educate Scientists and Policy Analysts About Sustainable Bioenergy**

#### *Course, internships to extend promise of agricultural and forestry resources*

Pace Law School's Energy and Climate Center, as a partner with Cornell University and three other schools, has [won a nearly \\$5 million grant](#) just announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The grant will create educational opportunities in math and science for students interested in bioenergy careers.

### **Westchester Community College Gateway Center Receives LEED Gold Certification**

The 70,000 square foot building on the Westchester Community College campus, which opened in September 2010, recently received LEED Gold certification; becoming the first Westchester County-owned LEED certified building. Ecology and sustainability were central to the design, from the building's overall siting and massing strategies, to the integration of energy efficient systems and selection of materials. For generations to come, this building is intended to serve the College as a vital center of scholarship and opportunity. For more technical information about the building contact Cristina Carlson of [Ennead Architects LLP](#). For building tours contact [Dean Teresita Wisell](#).

### **Congressman Paul D. Tonko invites John Cronin to join Mighty Waters Listening Tour**

[Congressman Paul D. Tonko](#) of the 21st District of New York held the kickoff event in his Mighty Waters Listening Tour in Albany last week, joined by [Beacon Institute's John Cronin](#). Over the next two months, the listening tour will serve as a means to gather constituent input regarding water resource issues for the Congressman's Mighty Waters Task Force. "I am honored and flattered to have John Cronin join me on my Mighty Waters Listening Tour this winter. John brings a unique perspective and broad experience to discussions concerning our treasured water resources in New York State," remarked Congressman Tonko, who selected Cronin to serve as chairman of the task force. The listening tour is an extension of the [Mighty Waters Conference](#) held this past summer.

*John Cronin is the Director and Chief Executive Officer for the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, and Senior Fellow for Environmental Affairs at Pace University's Academy for Applied Environmental Studies.*

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## Scholarly Highlights

### **Kingston Urban Practicum Students Support Kingston's Climate Action Plan**

For the fall 2010 Urban Practicum course in the Bard Environmental and Urban Studies program, Bard undergraduate students conducted environmental policy research for the Kingston Climate Action Plan. Working with Visiting Lecturer Jennifer Schwartz Berky, who is the Deputy Director of Planning for Ulster County, the students conducted walkability audits, participated in community visioning forums and design "charrettes," attended public meetings at City Hall, and visited the schools to develop arts and food-related pilot projects that support climate change awareness. In addition to their detailed policy briefs, which will be used by the Kingston Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) and the new Climate Analyst (see related job announcement) to develop the plan, the students created nine colorful posters after having observed the need for more communication, outreach and inclusion of the public in the climate action planning process. For more, visit the [course website and social network](#) or contact [jberky@bard.edu](mailto:jberky@bard.edu).

## Briefing on a New Report Outlining the Availability of Forest Biomass for Renewable Energy in the Northeast

*Details biomass energy limits and potential; smart applications can offset fossil fuel use and create local jobs, but growth must be tailored to existing forest resources*

On February 17th, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies released a new report on the outlook for converting forest biomass into renewable energy in the Northeast. [Forest Biomass and Bioenergy: Opportunities and Constraints in the Northeastern United States](#) details the availability of forest resources and the applications that are the most effective at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and foreign oil dependence while promoting rural economies. The states outlined in the report include Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

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## Opportunities

### Spring River Herring Monitoring Program

The NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program and Hudson River Fisheries Unit are starting to recruit volunteers for their volunteer-based river herring monitoring program. Monitoring will take place from 4/1 to 5/31 during the annual migration of river herring from the ocean into freshwater tributaries to spawn. Volunteers are required to look for signs of herring, at least twice a week for 15 minutes at a site close to his or her town. No experience is necessary, and training is provided by the NYSDEC. It's also a great way to connect with your local watershed, and observe an amazing, and historic seasonal cycle in the Hudson River's tributaries. If you are interested in participating or would like to attend a training session, please contact Rachel Lowenthal at: [r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or (845) 256-3172. 2011 Season's Potential Sites: (Rensselaer County) Poesten Kill ; (Albany County) Hannacroix Creek; (Greene County) Coxsackie Creek; (Dutchess County) Fallkill, Wappingers Creek, Crum Elbow Creek, Saw Kill, Fishkill Creek; (Ulster County) Black Creek; (Orange County) Quassaick Creek; (Westchester County) Sprout Brook, Furnace Brook, Saw Mill.

### FOR STUDENTS (undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate):

#### Research and Internship Opportunities at the Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station

- **RFP, Huyck Grants:** Huyck Grants help fund research projects in a variety of disciplines that focus on natural systems of the Huyck Preserve. We support work in basic and applied ecology, conservation biology, taxonomy, animal behavior, evolution, geology, land use history, and other areas of natural science. The typical grant award is around \$2,000, but can be as much as \$3,500 for more established researchers and/or projects that involve extended residencies. Graduate students and post graduate investigators are eligible. [Applications due March 7th.](#)
- **Odum Internships:** The Huyck Preserve offers an internship for undergraduate students interested in conducting ecological field research. Similar to an REU, interns work with scientific professionals, conduct and present original research, and gain valuable professional experience at a biological field station that has a rich history of launching prominent ecologists' careers. This is a full-time internship for the duration of 8 weeks from June 13 thru August 5, 2011. Interns will work under the direction of Dr. Susan Beatty, Professor of Geography and Associate Dean of Natural Sciences at University of Colorado at Boulder. Dr. Beatty is the 2011 Scientist-in-Residence at the Huyck Preserve. Dr. Beatty has conducted research at the Huyck Preserve continuously for over 30 years since her early research as a doctoral candidate in Ecology at Cornell University. [Applications Due March 7th.](#)
- **Wilderness First Responder:** Hosted by Huyck Preserve, the Wilderness First Responder (WFR) is the ideal medical training for field researchers and others who work or play in remote areas. The curriculum is comprehensive and practical, including the essential principles and skills required to assess and manage medical problems in isolated and extreme environments. Wilderness Medical Associates, based in Maine, is responsible for the curriculum and provides the instructors. Dates: May 16-23, 2011. Cost: \$850 (includes tuition, 8 nights of lodging 5/15-5/22 and meals). [Application materials are online](#), rolling admissions until full.

#### Internships for Undergrads at Mohonk Preserve - Summer 2011

- **2011 Vince Schaefer Research Internship**  
Interns will join the Mohonk Preserve Research staff to: sample a wide variety of nature study including bird surveys and habitat analysis; be a part of an exciting research community; work closely with researchers, educators and land management professionals; utilize GIS & GPS technology for invasive species management; have access to decades of data, specimens and library collections. Interns will develop and complete an individualized research project. Dates: June to mid-August (10 weeks). Eligibility: College freshmen & sophomores. Stipend: \$3,200. Other support: Housing is available on an as needed and space available basis. To apply: Send a copy of your resume, cover letter which clearly states your reasons for pursuing this internship and what you hope to gain as part of your career goals, your transcript, and two letters of recommendation to: Director of Conservation Science, Mohonk Preserve Daniel Smiley Research Center, 1000 Mountain Rest Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561. [Applications due March 15, 2011.](#)
- **2011 Thom Scheuer Land Management Internship Application**  
Interns will join the Mohonk Preserve Land Stewardship staff to: develop a design standards manual

for trailhead structures; promote visitor safety and enjoyment; complete boundary line inspection and reporting; interns may also have the opportunity to work with research and education staff. The selected intern will be responsible for developing a set of computer-aided design (CAD) shop drawings of standard trailside facilities. The intern will be responsible for a written report summarizing his or her work. Dates: June to mid-August (10 weeks). Eligibility: College juniors & seniors. Stipend: \$3,200. Other support: Housing is available on an as needed and space available basis. To apply: Send your resume, a cover letter which clearly states your reasons for pursuing this internship and what you hope to gain as part of career goals, your transcript, and two letters of recommendation to: Hank Alicandri, Director of Land Stewardship/Chief Ranger, Mohonk Preserve, P.O. Box 715, New Paltz, NY 12561. Applications due March 15, 2011.

### **NYC Brownfield Partnership Internship Opportunity**

We are currently accepting applications for our 2011 Internship Program and encourage students interested in pursuing careers in the Brownfield/Environmental Cleanup industry to apply. The NYC Brownfield Internship Program provides valuable experience for students by connecting them with our member organizations, which include environmental consultants and contractors, real estate developers, environmental law organizations, community-based organizations, and others. We have revised the application process this year to be easier for both applicants and members. To apply, students should e-mail their resume and cover letter (optional) to [info@brownfieldnyc.org](mailto:info@brownfieldnyc.org). Please use the following subject line: "Internship Application - [applicant name]" (e.g. Internship Application - John Doe). Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis. If selected, members will contact the applicant directly.

The NYC Brownfield Partnership aims to provide services and benefits to New York City communities and residents and promote sustainable brownfield management in New York City. We are dedicated to promoting the training and development of the next generation of environmental professionals and leaders.

### **Expense Paid Internships through the Student Conservation Association**

SCA, the Student Conservation Association, offers expense-paid internships with agencies such as the National Park Service, the National Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and various state and local agencies. SCA internships are in areas such as trail work, visitor services, habitat restoration, resource management, wildlife, botany, biology, sustainability, and other conservation related fields. You can learn more about applying, benefits, and view SCA's current list of positions at [www.thesca.org/serve/internships](http://www.thesca.org/serve/internships). SCA starts reviewing applications for the summer on Feb 15 and continues to review applications on a rolling basis, so we encourage you to apply soon! Internships are expense paid, and include housing, travel, a weekly living allowance, and an Americorps Award. All majors, ages, and skills sets are eligible to apply. SCA also offers field leader opportunities, overseeing groups of high school students or college aged students doing hands-on conservation projects. Leaders must be over 21, have outdoor leadership experience, and experience working with youth: [www.thesca.org/serve/field-leaders/programs](http://www.thesca.org/serve/field-leaders/programs). Contact Beth McCarthy, three time SCA alum, at [oncampus@thesca.org](mailto:oncampus@thesca.org) or 603-558-3502 with any questions.

### **Students for a Smarter Planet: Opportunity to Join and Start Chapter**

Students for a Smarter Planet, sponsored by IBM and their global partners, is an international student organization meant to encourage and support students in higher education to create a more sustainable, smarter future for our planet. The organization provides opportunities to network with students, academic experts, government officials and leaders in the business and non-profit communities around the world using social networking sites, and other forms of online collaboration. We invite students to join this organization or to start a chapter on their own campus. Visit SFSP online to learn more, or contact Taylor Vogt, SFSP Regional Coordinator at (914) 227-7532 or [contact.sfsp@gmail.com](mailto:contact.sfsp@gmail.com).

### **FOR PROFESSIONALS:**

#### **History and Culture of the Hudson River: NEH Workshop for Teachers**

This is an opportunity for a grant to attend a workshop sponsored by the NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture. The Workshop, "The Hudson River in the Nineteenth Century and the Modernization of America", will take place at the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey, Mahwah, NJ on July 17-22 or July 24-29, 2011. The Hudson River is an American landmark of great historical, cultural, and artistic significance, and has aptly been called "America's River." Our workshop will focus on the Hudson in the nineteenth century, when the river was simultaneously a commercial thoroughfare, a tourist destination and the scene of dramatic technological, industrial, and environmental changes, all the while celebrated for its iconic natural beauty. In this workshop we examine works of art, architecture, literature, and popular culture by figures such as Thomas Cole, Washington Irving, and John Burroughs. Site visits and trips along the river are complemented by lectures and workshops by expert scholars. Participants will have a chance to develop lesson plans and work with a facilitator to apply what we learn to their own classroom needs. This workshop is open to K-12 educators who will receive a \$1200 stipend for attending as well as the possibility of earning professional development credits. Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2011. For Further Information consult our website or contact Stephen Rice or Meredith Davis, 201/684-7486; 201/684-7652, [nehudson@ramapo.edu](mailto:nehudson@ramapo.edu).

#### **Bard Center for Environmental Policy, Environmental Scientist**

The Bard Center for Environmental Policy seeks an environmental scientist for a one-year position as a visiting faculty member to commence August 1st, 2011. The successful applicant will teach a year-long Master's level sequence in environmental science in our MS in Environmental Policy Program, offer a two-week January short course in an area of their expertise, and advise Master's theses. The science course is part of a modular core curriculum that is coordinated with concurrent courses in environmental economics, policy and law. Interest in interdisciplinary teaching is required. Ph.D to be complete by time of hire. To apply, please send cover letter, CV, writing sample (no more than 25 pp.), and names and contact information for three references to Environmental Scientist Search, by e-mail only to [hr11004@bard.edu](mailto:hr11004@bard.edu). Applications will be reviewed as received.

Bard College is an equal opportunity employer, and we welcome applications from those who contribute to our diversity. AA/EOE

**Bard College invites applications and nominations for a tenure-line, open rank position as Faculty Director of the Environmental and Urban Studies (EUS) program**

EUS stresses trans-disciplinary training and is dedicated to integrating approaches from the natural and social sciences. The director will provide strong and innovative academic leadership and a vision for EUS, infusing the college curriculum with community-based learning in the Hudson Valley, research, policy and action initiatives that integrate study of the natural and the built environments. He or she will teach two-thirds time and advise students. The successful candidate will hold a PhD in a relevant discipline (environmental or political science and urban studies/policy are particularly attractive) and have a distinguished record of research and teaching in environmental studies as well as experience with civic engagement, internship initiatives and fundraising. Affiliation with the Bard Graduate Center for Environmental Policy, the nearby Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, the Bard Globalization and International Affairs program, the Rockefeller University laboratories, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, and the Bard New Orleans project extend the program's reach and afford research and study opportunities for EUS majors. To apply, please send cover letter, CV, writing sample (no more than 25 pp.), and names and contact information of three references in pdf format by e-mail only to [hr11006@bard.edu](mailto:hr11006@bard.edu) Applications will be reviewed as received. Bard College is an equal opportunity employer, and we welcome applications from those who contribute to our diversity. AA/EOE

**Fordham University Adjunct Instructor for Political Science, Fall Semester 2011**

The Political Science Department of Fordham University invites applications for an adjunct faculty instructor to teach Environmental Politics (POSC 2507) in the fall semester of 2011 at the Rose Hill Campus in the Bronx. The course is also cross-listed in the Environmental Policy program. The course studies how political institutions, political organizations and public opinion affect the creation, evolution, implementation and effectiveness of environmental policies. Preferred Qualifications: Ph.D. in political science or a closely related discipline. Demonstrated experience teaching college level political science courses. Minimum Qualifications: ABD in political science or a closely related discipline. Demonstrated experience teaching college level political science courses. To apply submit a letter of application, CV, and (if available) course syllabus to the following: Prof. Jeffrey Cohen, Chair, Department of Political Science, [cohen@fordham.edu](mailto:cohen@fordham.edu). Prof. John van Buren, Director, Environmental Policy Program, [evanburen@fordham.edu](mailto:evanburen@fordham.edu). Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the search is closed.

**City of Kingston, Climate Analyst**

The Climate Analyst will work with the City of Kingston environmental staff and Conservation Advisory Council to develop climate policies and a Climate Action Plan. Applications are due immediately and the position will be filled by the end of March 2011. Applicant must have a Bachelor's degree from a New York State Accredited college or university with a major study in public policy, business, communications, engineering, environmental studies, or physical science. Two to four years of experience are required, preferably in environmental and energy issues and/or communications. This is a one-year position with benefits. See details at [www.kingston-ny.gov/content/76/88/default.aspx](http://www.kingston-ny.gov/content/76/88/default.aspx) or contact Civil Service Office at 845-334-3922.

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## Regional Events

**Iona College co-sponsors Science Cafes in New Rochelle**

Iona college has partnered with Friends of the New Rochelle Public Library and the New Rochelle Downtown Business Improvement District to sponsor a free series of Science & Society Dialogs for Scientists and Non-Scientists. This spring, two of the "Science Cafe" conversations will focus on environmental issues. For complete information about the talks and speakers, go to <http://www.nrpl.org> and click on Science Café. For reservations, please email Professor Jerry Levkov or call Barbara Davis, NRPL Community Relations Coordinator at (914) 632-8254. Reservations are not required but they help in planning the logistics and otherwise seating is on a "first come" basis.

- **Suburban Ecosystems; Soil and Climate Change (Mar. 8)**  
7:00 pm, *Coromandel Restaurant 30 Divison Street, New Rochelle*  
Dr. William Schlesinger will discuss the fascinating activities of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies and his groundbreaking work in linking environmental chemistry and global climate change. How does suburban life impact the ecosystem? What small measures can add up to big changes? These and other timely questions will spark the conversation.
- **Ocean Depths - Changing Tides (Apr. 12)**  
7:00 pm, *Linda Kelly Theater New Rochelle High School*  
Dr. Carl Safina will share his explorations of how the ocean is changing, and what those changes mean for wildlife and for people. Looking at the scientific dimensions as well as moral and social implications of our relationship with nature, he will describe his campaigns to ban high-seas driftnets, re-write U.S. federal fisheries law, work toward international conservation of tunas, sharks, and other fishes, and achieve passage of a United Nations global fisheries treaty. Participants will also learn about the Blue Ocean Institute, which uniquely works through science, art, and literature to inspire solutions and a deeper connection with nature. The Institute shares reliable information that enlightens personal choices, instills hope, and helps restore living abundance in the ocean. A book signing, Dr. Safina's latest book, *The View from Lazy Point*, will follow the discussion.

**The National Climate Seminar Continues at Bard College** The Bard Center for Environmental Policy is leading a national effort to explore the issues, politics, and science driving important decisions focusing on climate change. Regularly convening national experts, the Center this spring continues the National Climate Seminar (NCS), a national phone conversation featuring top climate scientists, political leaders, and policy analysts. Highlights of this spring's schedule include a national Earth Week webinar with writer Bill McKibben, Nike's Sarah Severn, and Native American activist Wahleah Johns\*. Their subject will be personal reflections on "Why We Fight." The National Climate Seminar is sponsored by Bard CEP and made possible by a grant from the Clif Bar Family Foundation. [www.bard.edu/cep/ncs](http://www.bard.edu/cep/ncs).

- **Arctic Meltdown (Mar. 2)**  
Featured Speaker: Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Inuit Leader
- **McDonald's and Climate (Mar. 16)**  
Featured Speaker: Bob Langert, McDonald's Corps
- **Global Organizing (Mar. 30)**  
Featured Speaker: Team350.org
- **Green Jobs (Apr. 13)**  
Featured Speaker: Majora Carter, Consultant
- **Earth Week Webinar - Why We Fight (Apr. 20)**  
Speakers: Sarah Severn, Nike; Bill McKibben, Writer; Wahleah Johns, Navajo Activist (invited)

#### **Bennington College Environmental Studies Colloquium: Building a Sustainable Future**

All lectures Mondays 4:10pm-6:00pm. East Academic Center 2, Bennington College, 1 College Drive, Bennington, VT. [http://environment.bennington.edu/?page\\_id=75](http://environment.bennington.edu/?page_id=75)

- **Climate Destabilization: Belief, Reality, Action (Mar. 7)** Carl McDaniel, Oberlin College
- **Basics of Climate Change Science (Mar. 14)** Tim Schroeder, Bennington College
- **Climate Action Planning in Higher Education (Mar. 28)** Valerie Imbruce, Bennington College
- **Opportunities and Challenges: Developing Vermont's Wind and Solar Energy Potential (Apr. 4)** Steven Letendre, Green Mountain College
- **Creating a Culture of Sustainability (Apr. 11)** Tom Kelly, University of New Hampshire
- **The Daily Impact: Bennington College Operations (Apr. 18)** Angel Brownell, Bennington College; Trevor Mance, TAM, Inc.; Melissa Leland, Bennington College; Richard Smith, Bennington College
- **Sustainable Buildings, Sustainable Design (Apr. 25)** Donald Sherefkin, Bennington College
- **Transit Sustainability Programs (May 2)** Mary Ellen Mallia, SUNY Albany

#### **Purchase College Science in the Modern World Lecture Series**

Hosted by The School of Natural and Social Sciences, in conjunction with the New York Academy of Sciences. All lectures held at 7:00 pm in the Purchase College Performing Arts Center, Pepsico Theater. <http://www.purchase.edu/Departments/AcademicPrograms/LAS/Sciences/lectureseries.aspx>

- **"Caught in the Same Net: The Ocean, The Gulf, and Us" (Mar. 8)**  
Speaker Carl Safina, President of Blue Ocean Institute, Adjunct Professor at Stony Brook University brought ocean issues into the wildlife conservation mainstream. He has helped lead campaigns to ban high-seas driftnets, re-write U.S. fisheries law, use international agreements toward restoring tunas, sharks, and other fishes, achieve a United Nations fisheries treaty, and reduce albatross and sea turtle drownings on commercial fishing lines. Dr. Safina co-founded Blue Ocean Institute in 2003, and now works to help highlight how the ocean is changing and what that means for wildlife and people.
- **Beyond Fossil Fuels: How to Solve the Energy Crisis, Stop Climate Change, and Rebuild Our Economy (Apr. 12)**  
David Biello is the award-winning online associate editor for environment and energy at Scientific American, where he writes on subjects ranging from astronomy to zoology for both the web site and magazine. He has been reporting on the environment and energy since 1999, and he is the host of the 60-Second Earth podcast, a contributor to the Instant Egghead video series, and author of a children's book on bullet trains.

**New York University: Building the Smart City Removing Barriers, Fostering Innovation (Feb. 22)** 6:00 pm-7:30 pm, *NYU Kimmel Center, Rosenthal Pavillion, 60 Washington Square South; New York, NY 10012*  
Conference hosted by NYU Schack Institute of Real Estate and Centre for Sustainable Built Environment. [Register online.](#)

#### **Ramapo College: Screening "The Economics of Happiness" (Feb. 23)**

3:00 pm-5:00 pm, *Ramapo College Room SC-137*

The Sustainability Studies program at Ramapo College and the students environmental club, 1-Step, present a screening of "The Economics of Happiness," a highly-acclaimed documentary about the worldwide movement for economic localization. Communities are coming together to re-build more human scale, ecological economies



based on a new paradigm - an economics of localization. Featuring voices from six continents including Samdhong Rinpoche, the Prime Minister of Tibet's government in exile, Vandana Shiva, Bill McKibben, David Korten and Zac Goldsmith, "The Economics of Happiness" challenges us to believe that it is possible to build a better world. The film screening is free and open to the public. It is currently being screened on tour in major world cities including Seattle, New York and Tokyo. Join us for the only scheduled community showing in New Jersey. A panel discussion with Ramapo College faculty will follow the film. Free parking is available. For questions please contact [Professor Ashwani Vasishth](mailto:Professor.Ashwani.Vasishth). For background information about the film, please visit: <http://www.theeconomicsofhappiness.org/>.

#### **Cary Institute: Winter Ecology Exploration (Feb. 27)**

2:00 pm, *Cary Institute, Main Campus Parking Area, 2801 Sharon Tpk. (Rte. 44) in Millbrook, NY*

Join Cary Institute educators for a walk along snow-covered trails and an afternoon of family-friendly eco-explorations. Discover animal tracks, ice bell formations, cold weather insects, and the wonders of winter survival. Meet at the main campus parking area, located at 2801 Sharon Tpk. (Rte. 44) in Millbrook, N.Y. RSVP's are requested. Contact [freemanp@caryinstitute.org](mailto:freemanp@caryinstitute.org) or call (845) 677-7600 x 121. [www.ecostudies.org/events.html](http://www.ecostudies.org/events.html).

#### **Long Island University: Restoration Ecology in Urban Environments: A Sustainable Approach to Restoring Native Habitats (Mar. 5)**

10:00 am-2:00 pm

*LIU Brooklyn Campus, 107 Health Sciences Bldg, DeKalb Avenue*

The Biology Department of Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus is sponsoring a one day conference. Conference is FREE, but registration is required. Registration and questions: [Carole.Griffiths@liu.edu](mailto:Carole.Griffiths@liu.edu). Available for 1 course credit: BIO 543

#### **NSEA: Building Energy Conference (Mar. 8-10)**

*Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA*

The Northeast Sustainable Energy Association (NESEA) is the nation's leading regional membership organization promoting sustainable energy solutions. Generating truly new ideas in the world of sustainability requires whole systems thinking, a cross-disciplinary approach, and rigorous standards for content and case studies. [Building Energy](#) is the only conference where architects, designers, planners, builders, policymakers, manufacturers, and installers work together to determine what's possible. Conference sessions range from emerging trends in renewable energy to deep energy retrofits of commercial and residential buildings. The Trade Show features 160 exhibitors with the latest sustainable technologies and products.

#### **Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies Presents "Moby-Duck" (Mar. 11)**

7:00 pm, *Cary Institute, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44) in Millbrook, New York.*

Writer Donovan Hohn's talk will explore the fate of thousands of rubber ducks that were accidentally spilled into the Pacific Ocean. His global adventures highlight the plight of our oceans and the pressures that society places on the natural world. [www.ecostudies.org/events.html](http://www.ecostudies.org/events.html)

#### **Northeast Natural History Conference (Apr. 6-9)**

9:00 am, *Empire State Plaza Convention Center Albany, NY*

For many students, the [Northeast Natural History Conference](#) serves as the first opportunity to give an oral or poster presentation at a scientific conference, often under the auspices of their major professor. The conference provides exposure to leading edge research in the full breadth of the natural history sciences in the northeast, and the opportunity to forge collegial relationships and friendships and sow the seeds for collaborations with faculty members, other students, and researchers from throughout the region. Other highlights include tour(s) of the NY State Museum natural history departments, Focus on Nature exhibition of scientific natural history illustrations in the NYS Museum, Thursday evening field biologists musical jam session, and see a demonstration of how sheep and a sheepdog can help manage invasive plant species.

#### **The Olana Partnership Presents "Framing the Viewshed" (Apr 16)**

1:00 pm-5:00 pm, *Columbia-Greene Community College, Hudson, NY*

[Framing the Viewshed: The Transformative Power of Art and Landscape in the Hudson Valley](#)

There will be a panel discussion moderated by David Schuyler, the biographer of Calvert Vaux. Linda S Ferber will speak on the four Hudson's of Wallace Bruce. Harvey K. Flad will discuss the "Art of Protecting Scenic Views: Nineteenth-century Artists and the Preservation of Modern-day Landscapes." Laurie Olin will speak on the use of contemporary design in historic settings. Tickets: \$40 for members, \$50 non-members. Continuing Education Credits, LACES 3.5 Non-HSW (NYS) will be available for registered landscape architects. Olana is offering tours of the Bell Tower: free to members, \$40 non-members. For additional information visit: [www.olana.org](http://www.olana.org) or call (518) 828-1872, extension 103. Following the symposium, there will be a Benefit Party, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Oak Hill in Hudson, NY. Tickets: Sponsors \$250, Members \$90, Non-members \$100.