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October 30 from 6:30-8 pm
*Hudson: River at Risk* film screening
Lecture Center 23

November 1 from 8-9:30 pm
Food Recovery Network Food Safety Training
Indian Quad Dining Hall, Dane’s Den

November 3
Terra Award nominations due
MyInvolvement: UAlbany Green Scene

November 8 from 11-2 pm
Electronics Recycling Day
Dutch Quad Student Gold Lot (more info on page 7)

November 17 at 3 pm
Energy Campaign Reveal Ceremony
Assembly Hall
Jeff Olson is an architect, planner, and author who has been involved in greenways, open space, active living, and alternative mobility projects for more than 25 years. His course, APLN 549 Walking, Bicycling and Trails: Innovations in Transportation, aims to enable students to plan, design, implement and manage systems of non-motorized transportation, particularly the “Third Mode” of bicycling and walking. This course provides students with the professional skills necessary for meeting the changing needs of urban mobility, environment, health and economics. We asked him a few questions about how he integrates sustainability into his curriculum.

1. What are some of the applied learning techniques used in this course?

My class "Walking, Bicycling and Trails: Innovations in Transportation," has always been participatory. We do walking tours on campus, a group planning workshop called "my community," and students present their own projects to the class. Teaching helps me keep learning, too. Over the years, my lectures became ideas for my book, "The Third Mode: Towards a Green Society."

2. What are sustainability learning objectives that you have incorporated into this course?

Walking, bicycling and trails are part of the green infrastructure foundation for sustainability. Students in my class learn how sustainable mobility provide health, safety, economic, energy and quality of life benefits. My objective is for every student to learn how they can live healthy lives, improve communities and change the world.
3. Do you assess the students' sustainability literacy? If so, how?

This course was the first of its kind when I started teaching it at UAlbany more than 20 years ago. More than 750 alumni from these classes have gone on to be leaders in sustainability. Hearing from them and knowing that they have turned these ideas into careers demonstrates that we are achieving sustainability literacy.

You can find more information about projects that Jeff is working on below.

Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities: http://www.albany.edu/cemhd/9309.php

Initiative for Healthy Infrastructure: http://www.albany.edu/ihi/

The Third Mode: Towards a Green Society: http://www.thethirdmode.com/
Recycling at Football Games

If you have attended one of the home football games this season, you may have noticed the UAlbany Green Scene collecting bottles and cans during the tailgate in Dutch Quad and after the game at Casey Stadium. What started out as a few dedicated students has grown into a popular volunteer opportunity for student and greek organizations.

At the biggest game this season, homecoming, teams collected 34 bags of recyclables at the tailgate!

Want to get involved?

◊ The Office of Sustainability offers Community and Public Service credits for an intern to organize recycling teams each semester.
◊ If you are in a student organization looking to participate or would like to organize a team at a different athletic event, please reach out to gogreen@albany.edu.
◊ The start of the basketball season is approaching and recycling teams will be in attendance!
Electronics Recycling Day

Join us on **Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

**Drop Off:** Dutch Quad Student Gold Lot from 11-2 pm

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**Items that will NOT be accepted are:** State-Owned Equipment, Air Conditioners, VCR Tapes, Dehumidifiers, Alkaline Batteries, Refrigerators, Liquids & Powders, Humidifiers and **Cathode Ray Tube TVs and Monitors**

*More recent TVs and computer monitors do not have CRTs. Manufactures stopped producing them about 8 years ago. Most flat screens (less than 4-5 inches) do not have CRTs.*

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Electronics Recycling provided by **EWASTE+**
UAlbany student, Alex Marinides, is a History Major who has examined the glamorous life of camping, otherwise known as “glamping”. He began research on the topic in his Fall 2016 “American Environmental History” course taught by Dr. Chris Pastore. As a result, he published “The Case Against Glamping on Public Lands: Do High-End Campsites Undermine the Spirit of National Parks?” in an article for the Earth Island Journal.

In the paper, Alex examines the “luxury camping outfitters” that are spreading into American national parks. These glampsites are offering hotel-like accommodations to their visitors which include king-size beds, flat-screen TVs, chefs, maid service, in-tent hot chocolate delivery and Epsom footbaths.

Alex’s article explains how 38 different companies are getting into the glamping trend and trying to provide the best comfort and most luxurious camping experience. He goes on to analyze outdoors writers like Christopher Solomon who revealed “It’s the worst thing to happen to public parks since poison ivy.”

“The great outdoors is at risk of becoming just another escape or amusement for the rich, while the middle-and-lower classes are shut out. … The nation’s parks are fundamentally a populist creation. The land they sit on was set aside so that all Americans would have the opportunity to see and experience the great outdoors, their natural heritage.” - Alex Marinides
Luxury camping can now be found in many popular national parks like Grand Tetons, Zion, Glacier and the Grand Canyon. Environmentalists, conservationists and traditional campers do not favor the new glamping trend. They are argue that glamping takes away the thrill of roughing it with nature, impedes on natural areas and takes away areas that modest income families can enjoy.

Although Alex Marinides considers himself an environmentalist, his article provides the viewpoints, the goals and motives of the glamping industry.

Above: Guests can rent luxury tents outside of Moab National Parks.
The University at Albany is one of the ten SUNY Campuses along with several non-profit organizations that will be working to build a large 40-acre sustainable learning community in Arcahaie, Haiti.

This effort is led by SUNY Chancellor, Kristina Johnson and the SUNY Office of Global Affairs. Ten SUNY Campuses and 5 non-profit groups will be working to assist the 200,000 residents in the Arcahaie community. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation funded the SUNY Network with an $800,000 grant for this extensive project which will develop the economic, educational, and social program areas around the Arcahaie community. This will offer new educational opportunities for UAlbany and Haitian students along with research possibilities for staff members.

The goal of the SVLC (sustainable village and learning community) Campus is to implement educational programs that correlate with the demands of the Haitian community, strengthen collaborative learning between professors/students/researchers, and equip both SUNY Students and Haitian students with knowledge and hands-on learning opportunities.

On the left: SUNY team, including Chancellor Kristina Johnson, Chairman H. Carl McCall and CID’s Heather Seneca, on a recent trip to Haiti.
Ida sustainable village

The University at Albany will present technical support in international development and management to the project through the Rockefeller College Center for International Development by establishing a framework for Learning through Development (LtD). This will focus on instilling university partnerships with the other SUNY campuses involved which will lead to capacity-building efforts in the region and programs for students to gain access, completion and success, and inquiry and engagement, according to the Project Administrative Officer at CID, Heather Senecal.

Senecal stated that grasping the community census information and analyzing environmental limits are some of the steps the project is taking to “understand the community's needs regarding education, socio-economic development, civil society involvement and local business support so that the project is designed from the community's perspective and with the community. This entire process is part of a visioning idea that Arcahaie planned in 2013/2014 and the SUNY project is trying to make this vision a reality.

An additional intention of the project is to provide SUNY students with service learning and experiential learning opportunities, according to Director of CID, Gina Volynsky. “The CID is looking forward to working with the people of Arcahaie in Haiti, along with others in the SUNY system, to support the community, while providing opportunities for our students to contribute to the world, learn and grow,” Volynsky explained.

All 10 SUNY campuses each concentrate on a specific area, making this extensive project a genuinely collaborative effort.

- UAlbany = international development
- Binghamton = public administration
- UBuffalo = social work
- Buffalo State = performing arts
- SUNY Cobleskill = agriculture/fisheries
- SUNY ESF = landscape architecture
- Nassau CC = nursing
- SUNY New Paltz = disasters/mental health
- Stony Brook = health sciences
- Upstate Medical = public health
Sustainability Coordinators Committee
Sustainability Coordinators Committee meetings take place on the 1st Tuesday of every month from 12-1 pm in AS 122. Please email gogreen@albany.edu if you are a staff member interested in becoming a Sustainability Coordinator.

Terra Award Nominations
Do you know a student, faculty or staff member that makes a positive impact toward the sustainability movement at UAlbany?
The Office of Sustainability has established the Terra Award to recognize one student, one faculty and one staff member for their commitment to advancing the sustainable culture on campus.
If you would like to nominate someone, you may submit a form at the following link: https://myinvolvement.org/submitter/form/start/84664
Students

UAlbany Food Recovery Program
Did you know that the University at Albany is involved in a Food Recovery Program? Student volunteers wrap up unused food in Indian Quad Dining Hall, which is then donated to the Regional Foodbank of Northeast New York. Although Indian Quad dining hall is the only location where food recovery occurs, the team is looking to expand and in order to do so, they need volunteers! If you are interested, please contact Mileca Morris (mmmorris@albany.edu) or Archur Shurtliff (ashurtliff@albany.edu). No prior experience necessary, although you must complete a brief food safety and handling training before your first shift. The food safety training will be held on Wednesday, November 1 from 8-9:30 pm in Indian Quad Dining Hall, Dane’s Den (room in the back).

Home Football & Basketball Game Recyclers
Volunteers are needed to help recycling efforts at Home Football and Basketball Games, both before and after the game! Individuals and Student/Greek Organizations are encouraged! Please email gogreen@albany.edu if interested!

Soul Fire Farm is hiring!
Soul Fire Farm is located in Petersburg, NY and is committed to ending racism and injustice in the food system. There will be rolling interviews for the two positions until they are filled.

- Assistant Grower and Project Lead—more info here.
- Farm Apprentice—more info here.

NYSERDA Environmental Research Internship
The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, known as NYSERDA, promotes energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources. These efforts are key to developing a less polluting and more reliable and affordable energy system for all New Yorkers. Collectively, NYSERDA's efforts aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, accelerate economic growth, and reduce customer energy bills. This is a paid internship for students. For more information, please visit this page or email internship@nyserda.ny.gov.
**Science on Tap**  
*Tuesday, October 31 from 7pm - 9 pm at The Ruck, Troy*
This month's theme is Climate Change. Bring a friend and have a drink and listen to spooky stories about climate change!

**Five Rivers Hudson Mohawk Bird Club Speaker Series**  
*Monday, November 6 from 7-9pm at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center*  
The lower Rio Grande Valley of south Texas is one of the top birding areas of the US. With species including Green Jay, Plain Chachalaca, Great Kiskadee and Least Grebe, "The Valley" draws birders searching for birds found nowhere else in the country. This program features some of HMBC's favorite birding sites from the Gulf Coast to Laredo, as well as some of the wonderful birds that inhabit them.

**Science on Tap Movie Night**  
*Tuesday, November 7 at 6 pm at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady*
In conjunction with *It Came From Schenectady* and the MiSci Science Festival, Science on Tap will be showing *District 9*. There will be interactive science activities starting at 6:00pm. The movie starts at 7:00pm, and will be followed by a panel of guest speakers (faculty from UAlbany) leading discussion on the scientific and social themes depicted in a film where a race of alien refugees find themselves stranded in South Africa. Local doughnuts and local conversations about local sustainability with local folks.

**The State of New York Sustainability Conference**  
*November 15-16 at SUNY Cortland*
This annual conference is open to all students, faculty and staff. For more information, please visit their [page](#).

**Albany Pine Bush Science Lecture Series**  
*Thursday, November 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm*
Come to this FREE presentation on “Tracking prairie warblers' movements during the non-breeding season using geolocators”. Learn about how geolocators can help provide insight for the ecology and conservation of the species. Please pre-register [here](#).

**Green Drinks**  
*Tuesday, November 21 from 8am - 9am at Cider Belly Donuts*
Local doughnuts and local conversations about local sustainability with local folks.
Five Rivers - Wilderness: Creating a Changing American Identity
Saturday, November 18 from 2-3:30 pm at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center
How did the landscape of America influence the identity of a young nation? Find out why Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is a direct result of how our landscape historically defined us and continues to do so today.

Science on Tap
Tuesday, November 28 from 7pm - 9 pm at The Pump Station, Albany
This month’s theme is Alzheimer’s. Bring a friend and have a drink, and listen to David Hart from Albany Med speak about Alzheimer’s.

How to Get a Job in Sustainability: Purpose-driven careers in Business, NGOs and Government
Thursday, November 30 from 7pm - 8pm (webinar)
Dr. Eban Goodstein, Director of Graduate Programs in Sustainability at Bard College, will outline career strategies for both soon-to-be and recent college graduates, and for professionals looking to make a move. Goodstein will provide participants with a concrete job-search strategy, discuss what the current political climate means for careers in social and environmental sustainability, and also field questions.
Log-in: https://bluejeans.com/681107111
Dial-on Only: 1.888.240.2560 Code: 681107111

Five Rivers Citizen Science Project
Saturday, December 2 from 4-7pm at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center
Come survey owls! Field parties will visit likely owl roosts, then gather to compare findings. Space is limited. Please call 518-475-0291 to register by Monday, November 27.

Green Drinks
Tuesday, December 19 from 5:30-7 pm at Madison Pourhouse
Need a break from it all? Come sit, talk, relax and share stories of the season, or not, as you wish. We may talk about simplifying the celebrations, slow foods, and handmade presents, but who knows?
Dear Sustainable Suzie: I just cleaned out my basement and I have a bunch of personal electronics items such as an old computer, with a keyboard and mouse, some old CD’s and old radio that I would like to dispose of. How can I properly recycle them? 
_Sincerely, Electronic Ed_

Dear Electronic Ed: You are just in time! We are hosting our annual Electronics Recycling Day on Wednesday, November 8 from 11-2 pm in the Dutch Quad Student Parking Lot. You can drive up and drop off your personal items for FREE! If you would like to learn more about what can and can’t be recycled, please check out page 7 of this bulletin.

_Sustainable Suzie_

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We have just a few weeks left of the Energy Campaign. Follow these simple steps to reduce your electricity consumption!

**Power Down Fridays**
Before you leave work for the weekend, try these measures to reduce your energy usage:

- Turn off the overhead and hallway lights
- Unplug or turn off any power strip or plugged in devices
- Turn off your computer monitor
- Turn off your printer
- Close your windows

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