**Message from the Director**

The semester is in full swing and we’ve got some great events coming up that I would like to highlight.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, there will be a virtual field trip on climate change. We use that name because you will be seeing the work of Dr. Mathias Vuille and his Ph.D. student, Oscar Chimaborazo, on tracking glacier melt in the Andes. You will also hear from students who have travelled around the world, studying sustainability in other countries and observing cultural differences with regards to sustainability. The event is being co-sponsored by the Offices of International Education and Community Engagement. The program will begin at 8 pm and will be held in LC 6.

The next day, October 24th will feature the Harvest Festival at Liberty Terrace, co-sponsored by Res Life and UAS. This will give the campus a chance to learn more about local foods and sample some products. The event begins with a tour of Liberty Terrace at 4 pm, followed by an exhibitor fair. At 6 pm, a forum on local foods will take place. Kudos to Greg Back of University Apartments for organizing the program.

The Virtual Field Trip and Harvest Fest are both part of Community Service Month at UAlbany. You can find more information about the month’s events at: www.albany.edu/outreach

Wednesdays this fall will feature a Sustainability Roundtable. This highlights the research being conducted by UAlbany faculty and students centered on various aspects of sustainability. Our next installment will feature Dr. Richard Perez speaking on alternative energy. The talk will begin at 4 pm on Wednesday, October 31st in University Hall room 105.
Events This Week

Virtual Field Trip on Climate Change

On October 23, from 8 to 9:30 pm in LC 6, students, faculty and staff will be transported around the world to see the impact climate change is having today. The event will feature research being conducted on climate change and a panel discussion on the value of international service learning opportunities. The program will highlight the work of Professor Mathias Vuille of the Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences department and his research on climate change in South America. Professor Vuille currently heads the international and interdisciplinary initiative called ACCIÓN (Andean Climate Change Interamerican Observatory Network) to study aspects of current and future climate change and glacier retreat in the Andes. He will be joined by his Ph.D. student, Oscar Chimaborazo, to share pictures and personal experiences on the effect glacier melt in the area.

His presentation will be followed by a student panel highlighting sustainability related service learning opportunities. Participants include:

Clare Gaffey speaking on the sustainability courses she took at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Elizabeth Maxwell discussing her study abroad experience at the Paris-Sobonne University in France during the Spring 2012 semester.

Christine Preble describing her dissertation research about the social and economic sustainability of cruise ship mass tourism in Cozumel, Mexico.
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Stephen Oby, Jr. recounting his participation in a Faculty-Led study abroad program, “NOLA Service Learning Trip” to New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2012.

The program will conclude with a discussion on the merits of international travel, its impact on carbon emissions and the value of creating high quality experiences for the benefit of students and the global community. This discussion will be led by Danielle Leonard from the Office of International Education and Mary Ellen Mallia, from the Office of Environmental Sustainability. Please join us for an informative and thought provoking evening.

Harvest Festival

Come to the Harvest Festival on October 24 from 4 to 7 pm at Liberty Terrace! This program is being held in conjunction with Food Day. (see http://www.foodday.org/)

The purpose is to raise student awareness about the source of their food and the benefits of eating healthy and choosing local products.

Some establishments that you will see at the festival are the Honest Weight food co-op, Frantzen’s Scenic Acres Farm, Fox Creek Farm and Cabot Creameries. The Albany Vegetarian Network, Pride of New York Program and the From Scratch Club of Albany will also be there.

A tour of Liberty Terrace, the new environmentally sustainable living residence on campus, will begin at 4 pm. A street fair with community and campus group exhibitors will take place from 4 to 6 pm. A forum will follow from 6 to 7 pm in the Liberty Terrace conference room focusing on the process of incorporating local foods into the community. The panel will consist of: Christina Davis of the Albany From Scratch Club, Stephen Pearse, Executive Director of UAS, Cheryl Frantzen from Frantzen Scenic Acres Farm, Kate Lawrence from the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability and Professor Gary Kleppel from the Biology Department.

Thanks go out to UAS for their sponsorship of this event!!
Sustainability Roundtable

Please join us for a series of engaging research talks!

Lectures will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 4PM in room 105 of University Hall.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

October 31st – A lecture on Sustainable Energy given by Richard Perez, Senior Research Associate at the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center.

November 7th – A lecture on Ecosystem-based Targeted Grazing of Invasive Plants by Caroline Cartier, a Ph.D. student in biology.

December 5th – A lecture on Plantation Agriculture and the Making of the Environmental Sciences in Vietnam given by Mitch Aso an Assistant Professor on History.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The always popular annual electronics recycling collection event will take place on Thursday, November 15th from 11 am to 3 pm in the State Quad student parking lot. Bring in your unwanted electronics to be recycled! This event is free!!!
Around Campus

Energy Campaign Update

We are halfway through our energy campaign and so far we’ve achieved a 7% reduction over our baseline! Our goal is to get to a 10% decrease by the end of the campaign on November 11th. We’ve been improving each week, so it is possible to reach this level of reduction. The dorms are setting the pace for the campus with a current decrease of 9%. The academic buildings have garnered a 6% reduction. A number of events have been held in the living residents in conjunction with the campaign. First, the Green Scene installed over 800 compact florescent light bulbs in the quads and apartments. Second, the dorm suite shown to prospective students was given a green face lift and an open house was held to show it off. Third, housing managers at Empire, Freedom and Liberty held apartment demonstrations on how to go green.

You can keep up to date on the campaign by going to: http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/4.energycampaign.shtml

UAlbany Outdoors Group

UAlbany Outdoors is holding a fundraiser. Ten dollars will get you a burrito and a screening of Into The Wild. Customized UAlbany Outdoors organic t-shirts are also on sale for a price of $20. Order these at the next meeting on Sunday, November 4th at 8:30 pm. All funds will pay for a cabin rental weekend getaway at Dippikill. Any questions, contact Mike Antidormi at mantidormi@albany.edu

UAlbany Students for Sustainability

The USS group has set the schedule for Sustainability Week on November 12 to 16!

Monday will focus on sustainable food production and local dining. Tuesday will feature energy use. Wednesday will be environmental awareness day and will focus on natural resource conservation. Thursday is America Recycles Day and will include the annual electronics recycling collection. Friday will be alternative transportation day. The energy campaign recognition ceremony will also take place on Friday at 3 pm in University Hall room 110.

The group will be in the Campus Center lobby each day with information on the day’s topic and special events will be planned for the evening. Keep track of updates on the UAlbany Green Scene Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/uagreenscene) and the USS page on my involvement. (http://myinvolvement.org/organization/USS)
Special Opportunities for Students

Bard College Environmental Workshops

Each year Bard College hosts regional training workshops for students interested in taking a leadership role in sustainability. This year’s New York event will be held from **November 30 to December 2**. The weekend workshop supports students to envision a path to leadership and develop their skills. Interactive workshops cover communication, entrepreneurship, environmental and climate science, media, raising capital, and other critical topics. This weekend’s output will focus on fostering communication skills. Working with trainers, each student develops and delivers a short, structured and persuasive talk, making the case for a policy vision, or social or business venture of the student’s choice. Undergraduates and recent graduates from any college or university are welcome to attend. The registration fee for the weekend is $30, and includes food and lodging. Scholarships are also available.

*Apply at: [https://crm.orionondemand.com/crm/forms/zB00420N703m0x6702S8K](https://crm.orionondemand.com/crm/forms/zB00420N703m0x6702S8K)*

**STEP is going to Puerto Rico!**

The Student Training for Environmental Protection group is going to Puerto Rico for winter break! STEP is designed to give students and young folks the skills they need to become effective environmental advocates and organizers. Puerto Rico STEP is a five-day course facilitated by a multifarious crew of youth organizers in the U.S and Puerto Rico. The program focuses on environmental justice and anti-oppression. During the week participants learn how to create successful and diverse groups that will be able to run effective environmental campaigns on their campuses or in their communities.

**Who:** You and 25 other awesome young people dedicated to environmental justice  
**What:** A five day camp of awesomeness  
**Where:** In the beautiful mountains of Puerto Rico  
**When:** January 7th - 12th, 2013

To learn more and to apply go to [http://www.gsew.org/step.html](http://www.gsew.org/step.html) or contact Colin Bennett via email at colin@greatlandtrust.net or by phone at 860-395-8392
Opportunities

As a continuing feature, we are bringing you listings for sustainability-related jobs both in and out of the area, internships, scholarships and other professional development opportunities.

Jobs

SUNY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION JOB—ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

The State University of New York (SUNY) System Administration, located in Albany, New York, is seeking a half-time Project Assistant to the SUNY Director of Sustainability. Some duties and responsibilities include coordinate meetings, speakers and conferences for the SUNY Office of Sustainability, prepare presentations and reports for the SUNY Office of Sustainability, maintain communication between 29 SUNY state-operated campuses on current and planned sustainability practices and initiatives and coordinate and promote collaboration between SUNY student environmental groups. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree, preferably in environmental studies, engineering, biology, chemistry or physics. Advanced degree or experience is preferable. The salary is $20,000 for half-time position and excellent benefits.

Apply at: https://www2.sysadm.suny.edu/Vacancy_2/submit/online_vacancy_application.cfm

And for more info visit: https://www2.sysadm.suny.edu/Vacancy_2/submit/vacancy_description.cfm?jobDsc=SustainabilityPosition.htm&JOB_LIS_ID=2224
Get Involved in the Green Scene

UAlbany Students For Sustainability (USS)

This group strives to raise awareness and implement programming and events designed to encourage sustainable behavior on campus.

If you are interested in the group, contact them at their My Involvement page: http://albany.collegiatelink.net/organization/USS

Student Sustainability Council

This serves as an advisory body to the Office of Environmental Sustainability and consists of appointed chairs and delegates from the residential halls, NYPIRG, the Student Association and the Graduate Student Organization. Students must apply and complete a sustainability training session to become an appointed chair. The call for chairs goes out in March and chairs are selected in April. Joining the USS group is an important first step in becoming a chair.

Supporting our Programs

Did You Know? That you can help the sustainability office finance its programs by contributing to the UAlbany fund and designating the “Office of Environmental Sustainability” as the recipient. For details on how to give, go to: http://www.albany.edu/giving/ways_of_giving.shtml

Faculty and Staff

Sustainability Coordinators

The sustainability coordinators program is designed for faculty and staff members who wish to help increase awareness about sustainable operations on campus. Coordinators meet the first Tuesday of every month at noontime during the academic year. If you would like to become a coordinator or would like to nominate someone from your department, contact Mary Ellen at 956-8120 or by email at mmallia@albany.edu. A full list of coordinators is on our website at: http://www.albany.edu/gogreen/5.sustainability_coordinators.shtml

THINKGREEN listserv

This listserv is for faculty who want to participate in developing academic offerings that are sustainability related. This could include speakers, research forums, developing new content units within existing courses or even developing new courses. To sign up for the list serv go to: http://www.albany.edu/its/faculty_listserv.htm

Or you can contact Mary Ellen at mmallia@albany.edu to subscribe.

Academic activity this fall includes the continuation of the World of Environmental Sustainability living, learning community, several one credit freshman seminars and the return of the sustainability roundtable, featuring research from our faculty and graduate students. A working group has been formed to identify coordinated curriculum opportunities. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Mary Ellen.
Events for Fall:

Stay up to date by accessing our on line calendar:  
https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=a6e9bseebd24ml1bpvfsmhgt4%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

October
23 Virtual Field Trip, 8 pm, LC6
24 Harvest Festival, 4 to 7 pm, Liberty Terrace
31 Sustainability Roundtable, 4 pm, UNH 110

November
7 Sustainability Roundtable, 4 pm, UNH 110
12-16 Sustainability Week!
♦ Monday: Food Day
♦ Tuesday: Energy Day
♦ Wednesday: Environmental Awareness Day
♦ Thursday: Recycling Day
♦ Friday: Alternative Transportation Day
15 Electronics Recycling Collection, 11 am to 3 pm, State Quad Student Parking Lot
17 Energy Campaign recognition ceremony, 3 pm, UNH 110
17 Campus Rec Indoor Rock Climbing trip

December
5 Sustainability Roundtable, 4 pm, UNH 110

Look for the Green Scene Team at the home football games on November 3rd and 17th!

“That which is not sustainable, will end.”
-Stein’s Law

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UAlbany Green Scene

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Virtual Field Trip Flier

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP on CLIMATE CHANGE

Come hear about innovative research in climate change and student experiences with sustainability and service learning around the world!

Tuesday, October 23, 2012
8:00pm — 9:30pm
LC6

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UAlbany Harvest Festival

October 24, 2012
Liberty Terrace Apartments
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

University Apartments
UAlbany Green Scene
University Auxiliary Services

- Albany From Scratch Club
- Albany Mayor’s Office of Energy and Sustainability
- Albany Vegetarian Network
- Cabot Creamery
- Capital District Community Gardens
- New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
- University at Albany Student Association

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FOOD DAY
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Sustainability Roundtable Flier

Sustainability Roundtable
Fall 2012 Schedule

Please join us for a series of engaging research talks.

October 17: Sociobiology
Helen Ghiradella, Professor, Biology

October 31: Sustainable Energy
Richard Perez, Senior Research Associate, Atmospheric Sciences Research Center

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