Weekly Newsletter

Monday, April 4th, 2011

WCE HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, April 5th, 4:15–5:45 PM, Environmental Studies Pre-registration Event, Greenhouse Visitor Center**

  Come plant herbs and talk about classes with ES!

  Anyone interested in Environmental Studies courses is invited. If you’re a senior or not registering for classes, you’re still welcome to come to chat with your professors or give advice to ES underclasswomen! Hope to see you there!

  Tuesday, April 5th, 4:15–5:30 PM, Greenhouse Visitor Center

  Questions: JHunter  Disabilities: JWice

- **Tuesday, April 5th OR Wednesday, April 6th, ArcGIS Workshop for Students, Faculty, Staff, Computing Classroom, Class Library**

  Want to Learn GIS?
  When: Tues 4/5 at 6–8:30pm OR Weds. 4/6, 12:30–3PM
  Where: Clapp Computing Room

  [ArcGIS is a tool used to store, view, and...
analyze data and processes related to space and time.

This workshop will cover the basics of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with an emphasis on getting around in ArcGIS 10. Open to faculty, staff, and students Please register with Carolin Ferwerda (cferwerd, x2386) by April 4.

Can't attend the workshop? Materials also will be posted on Sakai. To join the GIS Workshops site in Sakai, select Resources, then ArcGIS 10.

- **Saturday, April 9th from 8 AM – 5 PM, Wellesley College Communicating Science Symposium!**

  Wellesley College Communicating Science Symposium
  Sat., April 9th

  Technological Solutions to Climate Change
  find out more information and

  REGISTER NOW
  Online at:

  [https://sites.google.com/site/wellesleycommsci](https://sites.google.com/site/wellesleycommsci)

  Opening address by president Kim Bottomly
  Featuring: Matthew Nisbet

  2 panel discussions and workshop

  *Breakfast and Lunch provided*

  PNE Atrium, 8am – 5pm
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WCE News and Events

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- Opportunities at Grassroots Campaigns

WCE News and Events

New Fall '11 ES Courses and Programs

- New Course! ES250GH: Environmental Studies Reading Group

  Topic for Fall '11: Cities and Wilderness

  Griffith

  Time and Location TBA, CRN 12698

  This student and faculty reading group will meet once a week to discuss the concepts of cities and wilderness within the context of environmentalism. Cities and wilderness both conjure powerful imagery and ideals, and at first glance may represent disparate poles of our connection to the environment. What are the conceptual and physical implications of these two notions, and how are they perceived? How strong is the dichotomy between cities and wilderness, and what can its study teach us about environmental issues? Readings will be chosen based on the interests of the students and faculty members involved, and students will post weekly electronic responses to the week’s readings before everyone gathers collectively to discuss them. If you’d like to register before the first class meeting, please send your banner ID to Jess Hunter; everyone else can simply show up at the first meeting time.

  Prerequisite: None

  Distribution: None

  Semester: Fall

  Unit: 0.5, Mandatory Credit/Non

- New Course! ES 215: Critical Theories of the Environment: Sustainability, Modernity, Democracy

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This course emphasizes the role of the humanities in imagining a just and sustainable planet. Through the study of literature, art, and critical/cultural theory, students examine the modernization processes that have revolutionized humanity's relationships to the earth, not only increasing the speed of natural-resource consumption but also reorganizing cultural ideologies, belief-systems, and patterns of thought. The central questions of ES 215 are: how have imperialism, industrialization, urbanization, globalization, democracy, science, and capitalism shaped our sense of place and environment, and how does this shift affect our imagination of ecological change? The syllabus puts classic and contemporary figures from the humanities into dialogue (for example, Karl Marx's critique of capitalism alongside Spike Lee's documentary on Hurricane Katrina) in order to explore the central ecological issues of our time, including social injustice, imperialism, the mechanization of everyday life, technological advancement, risk assessment, social Darwinism, eco-psychology, bioengineering, and the digital commons.

Prerequisite: One course in Environmental Studies or the Humanities, or permission of the instructor.

Distribution: Language and Literature

Semester: Fall Unit: 1.0


Intro Course Begins in Fall 2011!

Work with students and faculty from Olin and Babson Colleges to address sustainability using a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach that integrates business, engineering and the liberal arts!

Program includes an Intro Course (SUST 201: Introduction to Sustainability, Fall '11), Four Elective Courses (drawn from existing course catalogs), a Synthesis Course, and additional co-curricular activities including field trips and seminars.

Students may declare their intention to pursue the certificate program any time after completing the introductory course, and will be given a campus advisor to help direct their sustainability studies.

Who to Contact with Questions?
New Course! SUST 201: Introduction to Sustainability

DeSombre (Wellesley), Linder and Stolk (Olin), George (Babson)

W, 3:30–6:30 PM, PNW 117, CRN 12699

This case-based course introduces students to the basic concepts and tools that business, engineering, and the liberal arts (science, social science, and the humanities) bring to a consideration of sustainability. It is team-taught by three faculty members, one from each institution, with coursework fully integrated across the three approaches. The course will draw empirical material from, and apply concepts and tools to, a semester-long case (such as the sustainability of a city block, the transition to clean energy worldwide, or the life-cycle of a common consumer product).

Prerequisite: None (we assume students will have taken some relevant courses at their home institutions.)

Distribution: None

Semester: Fall Unit: 1.0

Other ES Events – Save the Dates

- Thursday, April 28th, Climbing PoeTree Performance: http://www.climbingpoetree.com/
- Monday, May 2nd – ES and GEOS Honors Thesis Presentations, 4:15 PM, location TBA, cake flavor TBA

New Info on the ES Website!

The ES website has been updated with lots of new information, including:

On and Off-Campus Funding Resources:
- http://www.wellesley.edu/EnvironmentalStudies/Extracurricular/funding.html

Job/Internship Opportunities:
- http://www.wellesley.edu/EnvironmentalStudies/Beyond/job.html

Grad School Programs:
- http://www.wellesley.edu/EnvironmentalStudies/Beyond/graduate.html

Study Abroad Programs:
- http://www.wellesley.edu/EnvironmentalStudies/Curriculum/studyabroad.html
Internships and Opportunities

Apr. 6th Deadline – 10th Annual National Award for Smart Growth Achievement

*Note: the application has been updated to include the address to which applicants should send their entries. Please visit the website, listed below, to download the latest entry package.*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce that the application period for the 10th annual National Award for Smart Growth Achievement is now open. Through this award, EPA recognizes and supports communities that have successfully used smart growth principles to improve communities environmentally, socially, and economically. Open to public- and private-sector entities, winners will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, DC, in December 2011.

To view the application and complete entry guidelines, please visit: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm#2011app

Overview of the Awards:

- Entry deadline is April 6, 2011.
- Applicants may be public- or private-sector entities, but all applications must include a public-sector partner. Applications for public-nonprofit activities are welcome but must be submitted by the public-sector participant.
- Awards will be given for the following four categories:

  Programs, Policies, and Regulations: This category recognizes regulatory and policy initiatives that support the principles of smart growth. EPA is particularly interested in actions that remove barriers to or provide incentives for smart growth.

  Smart Growth and Green Building: This category recognizes development that combines smart growth and green building approaches as building design and materials are integrated with land use and location efficiency. Projects may be single or multiple buildings.

  Civic Places: This category recognizes projects in the public realm that improve a community's sense of place while adding environmental and economic benefits. EPA is particularly interested in projects that create well-designed and vibrant public spaces.

  Rural Smart Growth: This category recognizes communities that preserve and encourage rural economies and character. EPA is interested in thriving rural areas that have used smart growth approaches to encourage economic development and job creation, improve transportation choices and housing options, and support the economic viability of working lands.
An "Overall Excellence" winner will be chosen from the four categories by the review panels.

For additional information, please visit [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm#2011app](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm#2011app) or contact Ted Cochin (cochin.ted@epa.gov), 202–566–2181.

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**Apr. 14th Deadline: CBCF Environmental Studies Scholarship**

For the 2011–12 academic year, CBCF will award 2 scholarships to full-time undergraduate students with a junior standing enrolled at an accredited four-year college or university. The Environmental Studies Scholarship seeks to provide financial awards to minority and women college students pursuing a degree in environmental science or other related fields. Applicants should have a desire to pursue a career in environmental science and embrace Service

**Amount**
$10,000 for the 2011–12 academic year. CBCF will disburse $5,000 at the beginning of each semester, contingent on maintaining the minimum academic requirements. All scholarships will be electronically transferred to the institution of attendance to be used to cover all education–related expenses.

**Eligibility**
Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal U.S. residents who have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must also be currently enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited four-year college or university. The anticipated degree must be in a subject that will lead to an environmental career. The ideal candidate is a student at an accredited institution who plans to complete a four-year degree and seek work in an underserved community. Additionally, the candidate will demonstrate understanding and acceptance of ServiceMasterís core values. Employees or immediate family members of ServiceMasterís and its brands, CBC Members, staff of CBC Members, the CBC Foundation staff, the CBC Foundation Board of Directors or the CBC Foundation Corporate Advisory Council are not eligible.

**Deadline**
April 14, 2011

**Application Materials**
1. A completed application form
2. A personal statement essay (500–1,000 words) that addresses all four (4) of the topics listed on the application in one cohesive essay
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation. One recommendation should come from a community or public service leader (i.e. church leaders, community leader, volunteer organization). Email addresses will be requested of each recommender
4. Copy of Federal Student Aid Report
5. One (1) page resume listing extracurricular activities, honors, employment, community service and special skills
6. A recent photograph suitable for publication; i.e. a cap and gown picture, or other professional quality and professionally dressed photograph
7. Sealed transcripts from all institutions attended to be sent to:

Environmental Studies Scholarship
Apr. 25th Deadline – Graduating? Want a Job with The Pew Charitable Trusts?

The Pew Charitable Trusts is accepting applications for the Pew Leadership Year, which begins on September 6, 2011. The application deadline is April 25, 2011. These one-year positions are open to non-Pew employees who are graduating with a bachelor’s or advanced degree between December 2010 and August 2011.

There are ten positions available in the Pew Environment Group—four of which are marine related.

Please direct interested students to the Pew Leadership Year Web site at http://www.pewleadershipyear.org. Additional questions may be directed to pewleadershipyear@pewtrusts.org.

Opportunities at Grassroots Campaigns

My name is Donnie Walters and I work for Grassroots Campaigns, a progressive organizing group and I am currently hiring graduating seniors to run campaign offices for us this summer. I am really excited to have the opportunity to hire so many great recent graduates to work with us after graduation and Wellesley students are among the best I recruit from. The work that we are doing across the country builds support, increases membership, and raises funds for some of the top progressive issues – based organizations in the country.

First, thank you for agreeing to send this out to your students. People can apply by contacting me directly (at dwalters@grassrootscampaigns.com) or by going online to our website (www.grassrootscampaigns.com) – either way is great!

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If you would like to receive this weekly email directly in your mailbox, or if you have questions, comments, stories or events to add, please email the Environmental Studies Program Coordinator, Jessica Hunter, at jhunter@wellesley.edu.

To search all job/internship/grad school opportunities organized by category and date posted, visit the ES Job Blog at http://wellesleyesprogram.wordpress.com/.

A calendar of all upcoming Center for the Environment events is hosted on the Environmental Studies events website: http://www.wellesley.edu/EnvironmentalStudies/Extracurricular/events.html

Thanks!