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Dear Tufts Environmental,

From climate change to a growing energy demand in developing countries, there is no doubt we face major energy and environmental challenges in the coming future. For those who want to explore these issues without ever leaving the Medford campus, consider attending the [2012 Tufts Energy Conference \(TEC\)](#). From two small panel sessions back in 2006, TEC has grown to become one of the largest, entirely student-run conferences in New England. Led by a seasoned team of conference planners and a support network of many esteemed advisers, the conference attracts leading minds in the energy industry and interested students to discuss applications of innovative ideas to the most pertinent energy challenges of today.

TEC 2012 will be held on April 20-21 this year with the theme "Transforming the Global Energy Debate: From Challenges to Solutions." The conference has also launched its [second annual Tufts Energy Competition](#), a celebration of innovative student-driven solutions to energy challenges. Winners of the competition will receive up to \$3,000 to implement their proposal. If you haven't had a chance to read through the competition guidelines, move fast! The due date for proposals is [March 1st](#).

Outside of Tufts, there are several competitions that offer more than monetary prizes. Students submitted videos for [America's Next Eco Star](#) and [online voting is open](#) to pick the person who will win an all-expenses paid trip to Austria and a fellowship in Washington DC. Last August, Julie Paul, a Tufts graduate student in chemical engineering, was one of 20 rising energy leaders invited to attend [Focus the Nation's annual, week-long "Recharge!" Retreat](#) on Mt. Hood in Oregon. She called it "a great opportunity to see nature and connect with people who care about clean energy".



Julie Paul (back row, second from right) and fellow energy leaders at Recharge! 2011

We will continue to post [more contests on our blog](#) as we hear of them. In the meantime, good luck and have fun with the contests!

-Nick Lusardo  
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## Upcoming Events

New events are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#)  and also on our [Facebook](#)  page. Set up a [dedicated RSS feed](#) for the "Events" category to get real-time updates.

### Feb 15: Nonviolent Action: Tar Sands and Occupy Movement

When: February 15th at 7:00pm



## Green Media

**Where:** Barnum 104

Come to the Peace and Justice Studies panel discussion between George Lakey (Swarthmore Professor and Activist), Sarah Sobieraj (Tufts Professor), Nathalie Schils (Tufts '12), and Brian Kwoba (from Occupy Boston). Each panelist has a unique perspective to offer from their experience studying or participating in protests, and they will bring methods of theory and practice together. The panelists will consider the efficacy and strategy of nonviolent action and its interaction with the media in an interactive discussion with audience members. Dessert reception to follow the event.



**Also on Feb 15th - Webinar: a fascinating conversation about climate communication and how to engage audiences.**

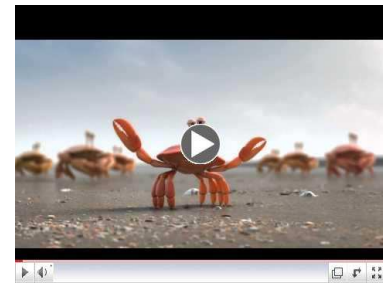
Tony Leisorowitz from Yale's Project on Climate Change Communication, best known for their research work on [The Six Americas](#), will address the pressing question: how did one of those Americas suddenly rise to dominate the policy platform of the Republican party? Why did Romney and Gingrich abandon their recent support for cap-and-trade? How does the language of denial play with the other five Americas, and is it politically sustainable?

Watch online or come by the OOS office and watch it with us. **Wednesday at noon.**

- [Feb 29: MBTA Fare Proposal Hearing](#)
- [Mar 3: Environmental Action Conference](#)
- [Mar 7-8: Conference, Ecological Landscaping Association \(Springfield, MA\)](#)
- [Mar 6-8: BuildingEnergy Conference and Trade Show](#)
- [Mar 21: Energy Leaders Roundtable for Massachusetts Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities](#)
- [April 20-21: Tufts Energy Conference 2012](#)

### Contests

- [Department of Energy SunShot Initiative \(Mar 5 deadline\)](#)
- [Germanwatch poster contest \(Feb 15 deadline\)](#)
- [\\$65,000 Award Opportunity for Students, Faculty and Universities](#)
- [Tufts Energy Competition 2012](#)



### Take the Bus PSA

Watch this funny video short by Flemish public transportation company De Lijn to see why taking the bus saves more than just the environment!

### Environmental Calendar

Don't forget that there's an easy way to keep track of what's going on in the Tufts sustainability community: the common Google calendar called [Tufts Environmental Events](#).



Additional (including non-Tufts) events are posted regularly on the [TuftsGetsGreen blog](#).

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## Jobs in Sustainability

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- [Recycling Specialist, Georgia State University \(Atlanta, GA\)](#)
- [Climate Fellowships, Clean Air-Cool Planet \(New England locations\)](#)
- [Energy Outreach Coordinator, Cornell University \(Ithaca, NY\)](#)
- [Sustainability Coordinator, Moseley Architects, U.S. Green Building Council \(Richmond, VA\)](#)
- [CSA and Food Access Coordinator & Assistant CSA Coordinator, New Entry Sustainable Farming Project \(Lowell, MA\)](#)

- [E.A.G.L.E. Program Manager, Eagle Eye Institute \(Somerville, MA\)](#)

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Additional internship and academic opportunities may be found at the [Environmental Studies Program blog](#) .

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