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Tufts *Sustainability in Action!* gets green



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**Tufts Energy
Challenge:
\$1000 Award**



**Have an idea that
addresses an energy
challenge? Need support**

February 18, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

I hope you're enjoying this heat wave! I happen to have mixed feelings about it, because just a few days ago a couple friends and I spent the majority of an afternoon constructing an enormous igloo in our back yard, and while I'm as happy as the next guy to see it warm up a bit, it breaks my heart to see my hard work melt away. It's okay though, the prospects of spring being just around the corner has me very excited.

So each week, when sifting through all the stuff that might make it into this newsletter, I come across a multitude of things that are really really awesome, but don't quite fit. As a solution to this, this week, I'm introducing a new section of the newsletter, [The Grab Bag](#), where I'll feature something that I find really cool and interesting, and (hopefully) relevant. Also this week, there are calls for posters for two different research events on campus, a call for donations of tools to the student garden and lots of events, news and educational opportunities. Plus you can see who else has turned their dorm room green!

to help implement it?

Want to share your idea with energy sector innovators, professionals and leaders?

Tufts Energy Conference

2011 announces the launch of the first ever Tufts Energy Challenge - a celebration of innovative student-driven solutions to energy challenges. Winners will receive up to \$1000 to implement their action or research project to address a key energy issue.

[Click here](#) for more details and updates on the competition.

The Grab Bag

Earth Amplified, a self-labeled "Green Hip Hop" album by rappers/producers Seasunz + J.Bless, draws attention to pressing environmental issues in an innovative way, as well as actually making really good music while they're at it.

[The Album Website](#)

[A Plastic State of Mind \(Parody\)](#)

[Global Warning](#)

Stay Green!

-Jason

Header photo: GroundWork Somerville taps maple trees on campus earlier this winter for their Maple Syrup Project.

Campus News

TIE invites applicants for summer undergraduate research

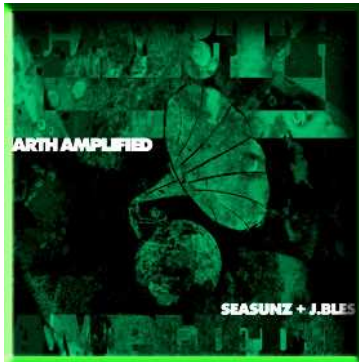
The Tufts Institute of the Environment (TIE) invites you to submit proposals for and encourage students to apply to the Tufts Summer Scholars Program. The Summer Scholars Program is a wonderful opportunity for undergraduate students to begin or continue faculty-mentored research on campus, and for faculty to have funded research assistants. Each year, 40 to 50 undergraduate students are awarded a stipend of \$3,500 for full-time research that ideally leads into a senior honors thesis. Summer scholars also have access to \$1,000 to defray ongoing research expenses until they graduate, and their faculty mentors receive \$1,000 in research funding.



We are encouraging TIE-affiliated faculty to submit proposals for environment-related research. If you have a research project that scholars can work on, please send it to Laura Doane (laura.doane@tufts.edu) and copy Antje Danielson

(antje.danielson@tufts.edu). The Office of Undergraduate Education will favorably consider proposals from faculty members who note their TIE affiliation. Alternatively, if you already have a student working on a project with you, you can encourage him/her to apply for a summer scholarship. The application deadline is March 7th, 2011.

Information for mentors can be found at http://uss.tufts.edu/undergradEducation/research/summer_scholars/mentorInfo.asp and information to for students can be found at



Click to hear more!

Study finds that GHG emissions impact companies' stock values

A four year research study of companies in the S&P 500 has found that the level of GHG emissions a company produces has an impact on the value of that company's stocks. When investing in a company, many investors take into account that company's emissions while assessing that company. The full study can be found [here](#).

Got ice dams?

Been struggling with ice dams on your roof lately? Did you know that insulating your house not only saves you energy but it also helps mitigate damage from ice dams?

[Read more](#)

Top Ten Green Building Trends for

http://uss.tufts.edu/undergradEducation/research/summer_scholars/studentInfo.asp.

The OOS is Hiring!

The Office of Sustainability is looking to hire a **Communications and Outreach Specialist:**

This person will be responsible for the Office of Sustainability's internal and external messaging and public relations with its many constituencies, with a goal of promoting Tufts' sustainability efforts to the public and building a culture of environmental sustainability on campus. He/she will create annual reports, brochures, and news articles about sustainability on campus as well as maintain the OOS website including updating current design and content.

The Communications and Outreach Specialist will also create social marketing plans and outreach materials including posters, flyers, prompts, emails, and other materials in support of behavior change initiatives. She/he will also help measure, record and communicate Tufts' progress toward its sustainability commitments and regional greenhouse gas goals. In addition, the Communications and Outreach Specialist will have the opportunity to help design and organize outreach events, provide support to Tufts staff "Eco-Ambassadors," and teach sustainability practices to faculty, staff and students.

To find out more about the position and how to apply, visit the [Tufts University Job Listings website](#) and search for Job Requisition Number **55533**.

Sustainability Research Day: Call for Poster Submissions

Deadline for submissions is April 1st, 2011.

The Office of the Vice Provost is hosting the eighth annual Research Days. Research Days are designed to showcase the work of the research community at Tufts and its affiliated hospitals to the university community and to a wider audience of collaborators and potential industry sponsors.

The theme of the upcoming event will be a Research Day on Sustainability and will highlight Tufts sustainability

2011

Number 1 is Affordable Green...

[Read more](#)

New Green Dorm Rooms!

The following residents have had their dorm room certified by the Eco-Reps in the past week:

Natalia Vasquez
 Katherine Segal
 Neil Aronson
 Alexa Sasanow
 Margaret Young
 Rajah Reid
 Georgie Burruss
 Scott Owades
 Morgen lerner
 Thiago Lima
 Angela Sun
 Caitlyn Doucette
 Danyelle McInnis
 Nicholas Davis
 John Slakey
 Chantal Davis

Congratulations!

Job Opportunities

[Coordinator](#), Residence Life for Civic Engagement, Suquehanna University

[Communications and Outreach Specialist](#), Office of Sustainability, Tufts

[Program Advisor](#), Sustainability, U Illinois at

research focusing on technology, development, cities, and policy. There will also be a poster reception to display research in the area of sustainability across the three Tufts campuses. They would like to have at least **one poster presentation from every department working in research on sustainability.**

To submit your abstract for consideration and additional information on this Research Day and previous events, visit the [Research Day website](#).

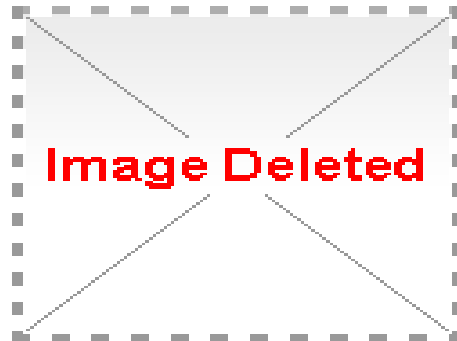
The all day event will be held on the Medford campus on Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Tom Thumb Garden in Need

Do you have extra gardening paraphernalia?

Donate it to the new student garden. They are in need of the following items:

rakes
 spades
 trowels
 hoes
 watering canisters
 buckets
 pruning tools
 harvesting baskets
 tomato cages
 compost bins
 old windows
 big plastic containers
 milk crates
 stakes
 2x4s



15th Annual Graduate Research Symposium: Call for Submissions

Deadline for submissions is March 1st, 2011.

The GRS offers an excellent opportunity to present your research to a diverse interdisciplinary audience, to network with Tufts alumni from industry and academia, and to compete before a panel of faculty judges to win a

Urbana-Champaign

[Project Assistant](#), Bon Appetit Management Company

[Technical assistance/marketing intern](#), New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, Lowell

[Council on Environmental Quality Internship Program](#), The White House (DC)

[Campaign Director, Green Collar Jobs Campaign](#), The Ella Baker Center, Oakland, CA

[Part-Time Program Coordinator](#), Greater Berkshire Sustainable Agriculture Fund, The Carrot Project, Boston

Grants and Fellowships
[Environmental summer research scholarships for Tufts undergraduates](#)

[Regional Leadership Fellowship Program](#), Environmental Leadership Program, New England

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at OOS](#)

Interesting Links:

Educational:

- [The Office of Sustainability](#)
- [Tufts Institute for the Environment](#)
- [Environmental Studies Program](#)
- [The UEP School](#)

Blogs:

cash prize. It will include an interdisciplinary plenary session on the theme "Planning for a Changing World", followed by a keynote by outgoing Tufts University President Larry Bacow. Students will either present a talk or poster. During the poster session participants will have the opportunity to meet representatives from industry and academia. A light dinner will be available during the networking and poster session. To participate, please submit a 250-500 word abstract via the [Research Symposium](#).

**The symposium is April 7, 2011, 3-7 pm
Tufts University, Medford Campus**

On-Campus Events

New:

"Really Inconvenient Truths: Gender & Climate Change" Lecture by Dr. Joni Seager

February 22, 2011, 12:30 pm

The Crowe Room (Goddard 310), The Fletcher School

Joni Seager is a scholar and activist in feminist geography, international women's studies, and global environmental policy. She is Professor and Chair of the Global Studies Department at Bentley University in Boston, Massachusetts. In the environmental field, she was an early pioneer in bringing feminist perspectives to bear on global environmental policy and analysis. Her international atlas on the global status of women, *Women in the World*, has won several awards and is published in several international editions. She has been an active consultant with the United Nations on several gender and environmental policy projects.

Is IP infringement a Barrier to the Transfer of Cleaner Energy Technology?

February 28, 2011, 12:30 - 1:45 pm

Cabot 703, The Fletcher School

Light refreshments provided

Kelly Sims Gallagher is Associate Professor of Energy

- [Tufts Bikes](#)
- [The Veg Table](#)
- [Girly Green Girl](#)

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and Environmental Policy at The Fletcher School. She is a faculty associate of the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy (CIERP), and its Energy, Climate, and Innovation (ECI) research program. She is also Senior Research Associate and a member of the Board of Directors of Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University, where she previously directed the Energy Technology Innovation Policy (ETIP) research group.

This Tufts Energy and Climate Research Seminar is sponsored by the Tufts Department of Economics, Tufts Institute of the Environment, and Fletcher's Center for International Environment and Resource Policy

Conflict Resolution Workshop: Managing Conflicts at School, at the Workplace, and in Interpersonal Relationships

Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
48 Professors Row, Tufts

Join Dr. Sinaia Nathanson, negotiations and conflict resolution expert, for a personalized workshop at. The objectives of the workshop are to 1) Identify causes for conflicts that can create obstacles for your success in life, 2) Become aware of your own style in negotiation, 3) Consider ideas for empowerment, 4) Practice win-win conflict. To register please e-mail gsc@tufts.edu with the subject title 'CR WORKSHOP'. Registration is free. Please note this workshop is limited to 20 students.

Tina says, "What does this have to do with sustainability you ask? Why everything! The big changes that need to happen in order for society to adapt to climate change are going to involve behavior change and social change as well as increasing conflicts over resources. Conflict negotiation is going to be key in both communicating with your family and friends about how to live in an environmentally friendly way, but also with your boss, your elected representatives and who knows, maybe you'll be the one negotiating with other countries about climate refuges."

2011 Friedman School Graduate Student Research Conference

April 2, 2011
Tufts University, Medford Campus

This conference attracts students interested in any

component of the interactions between food, the environment, nutrition, human well-being, and society.

UEP students have presented at past conferences.

Abstracts submission deadline: **February 4, 2011.**

Conference registration deadline: **March 28, 2011.**

Please visit <http://studentconference.nutrition.tufts.edu/index.html>

for further information.

Previously Mentioned:

[Film Screening: Gasland](#)

Wednesday, February 23rd, 8 PM

Barnum 104

[Request for Poster Abstracts: Tufts Water Conference](#)

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 11

Conference Date: April 1

Fletcher School

Off-Campus events

New:

Making Sense of Greening Cities

February 23, 2011, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

MIT, Cambridge, MA, Bldg. 9, Room 450

With urban agriculture receiving increased attention in how cities may become more sustainable, urban community gardens provide a valuable infrastructure for multiple dimensions of sustainability. In their book, *Greening Cities, Growing Communities: Learning from Seattle's Urban Community Gardens*, Jeffrey Hou, Julie M. Johnson, and Laura J. Lawson provide case-based insights on the myriad roles and values that urban community gardens serve among varied populations. For further information, please visit <http://events.mit.edu/event.html?id=13572648&date=2011/2/23>.

Kathy Mattea's "My Coal Journey" Presentation

March 8, 2011, 1 pm

Berklee College of Music's Café 939, 939 Boylston Street, Boston

Grammy Award-winning singer Kathy Mattea presents *My Coal Journey*, a one-hour program incorporating stories from her family history and her current advocacy for the environment combined with a slideshow and a performance of songs from her 2008 album *Coal*.

<http://www.berklee.edu/events/detail/8944>

Open House(s): Homes with Deep Energy Retrofits

March 6, 26 and April 2, 2011

Energy provider National Grid's Deep Energy Retrofit Energy Efficiency Program has organized tours of their pilot Deep Energy Retrofit houses in Massachusetts.

- Sunday, March 6, from 1 - 4 PM at 24 Coleman Road, **Arlington**
- Saturday, March 26, from 1 - 4 PM at 24 Princeton Street **Medford**
- Saturday, April 2, from 1 - 4 PM at 4 Shirley Ave **Millbury**

Several customers have indicated that open houses were very helpful when they made up their mind to do a DER. Project highlights are, or will soon be posted, at <https://www.powerofaction.com/der-openhouse>.

Previously Mentioned:

[Jewish Food Justice! An Organic Farm Retreat](#)

April 1-3, 2011

Adamah Farm at Isabella Freedman

[Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop](#)

April 7-8, 2011

Toronto, Canada

Educational Opportunities

New:

Seventh Annual Summer Institute for Social Marketing and Health Communications

**Week of July 10, 2011
Emerson College, Boston**

The goal of the Institute is to bring communication and creative professionals together to work in interdisciplinary teams that apply social marketing theory and principles to some of the key social and health issues of our time. The five and a half days of the Summer Institute include interactive lecture and discussion sessions, case study presentations, networking with distinguished guest lecturers, and group exercises.

The Director and lead instructor for the Institute is Lynda Bardfield, Chief Creative Officer of the consulting firm Creative Conscience, who brings over two decades of commercial and social marketing experience. Tim Edgar, Director of the Graduate Program in Health Communication at Emerson, is co-instructor.

Information about the Institute can be found at the following site: <http://www.emerson.edu/academics/professional-studies/courses-and-workshops/social-marketing-health-communication>

If you have questions, please contact Tim Edgar at (617) 824-8743 or timothy_edgar@emerson.edu.

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[The Bard Center for Environmental Policy Masters in Environmental Policy or Climate Science and Policy](#)

Webinars

Consumption and the Environment Webinar Series

First Tuesday of every month, starting February 1st

12:30 pm

This series is coordinated by EPA Region 10 and the West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum. It is designed to provide you with the information and resources you need to reduce GHG emissions and to create more sustainable patterns of consumption in your community.

March 1st: Consumption, Advertising and the Creation of Desire

Speaker: Barry Schwartz, Author, "The Paradox of Choice"

Register for the series [here](#).

2011 Greener Campus Webinars

February 24 at 2:00pm Eastern [**Geothermal on Campus - Clean, green approaches to heating and cooling campuses in all parts of the U.S.**](#)

For those who are interested, this webinar will be streamed here at the Office of Sustainability! (behind Miller Hall). Please [RSVP](#).

March 10 at 2:00pm Eastern [**Community Partnerships - Advisory councils and other ways community college leaders are building partnerships for the success of green workforce initiatives.**](#)

See you next week. And don't forget to [send in your pictures](#) for the header!

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