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February 25, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

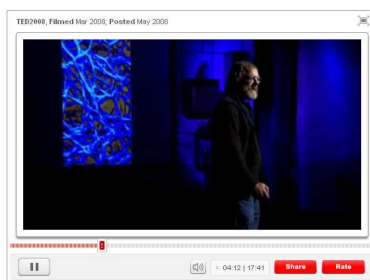
I hope everyone had a great long weekend last week! Weeks sure are easier when they're 1/5th shorter. We've unfortunately come to that point in the semester when everyone seems to be getting busier and busier with work with each passing day. Midterms, projects, applications, and general work are all on the rise, but still I urge you to take a quick glance at this newsletter to see what awesome events, opportunities, and interesting little morsels there are on and off campus this week!

Stay Green!

The Grab Bag

I have a small obsession with TED talks, so this week I've decided to feature one of my favorites: [Paul Stamets' talk on six ways that mushrooms can save the world.](#)

This talk is insanely cool- it gives you a really profound understanding of the importance of fungi throughout history, and these organisms' potential for solutions to a wide variety of problems we face today. Check it out by clicking the image below!



Also, you can check out [Paul Stamets' Youtube page](#) to see what other mushroom-related stuff he's been up to!

New Green Dorm Rooms!

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

Nicholas Davis
Angela Sun
Thiago Lima
Morgen Lerner

-Jason

Header photo: The Boston School of Occupational Therapy at Tufts has converted the basement of its house at 26 Winthrop Street into a space for student Free Cycling, Green News, Promotion, and Education. It also serves as a space for students to set up collection stations for charities, such as Soles for Souls and the Giving Tree. Swing by to check out the awesome changes, or to drop off/pick something up, yourself!

On-Campus News

President Bacow's Reflections on Tufts' Environmental Commitments



Read the full article on the OOS website, [here](#), or check out a small excerpt of President Bacow's thoughts below:

"Tufts has a long and deep commitment to issues of the environment and sustainability. The green campus movement worldwide grew out of a conference convened by then-President Jean Mayer at the [Tufts European Center](#) in Talloires, France, in 1990. That conference led to the [Talloires Declaration](#), a ten-point action plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations and outreach at colleges and universities that has been signed by over 350 university presidents and chancellors in over 40 countries. In 1999, under President DiBiaggio, the university publicly committed itself to meeting the Kyoto goals for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions..."

"Visitors to our campuses cannot help but notice the university's commitment to sustainability-whether they see the electric cars used by our Facilities staff, the Zipcars available for staff and faculty use, or the signs indicating that our grounds are maintained using organic principles. Some of the very best ideas have come from our students. This past year, our dining halls went

Scott Owades
 Kal Gezahegn
 Lindsay Semel
 Lynne Koester
 Stephen Walsh
 Aaron Pilnick
 Dani Moscovitch
 Chris Bredie
 Marquel Norton
 Maeve Stewart
 Duncan Leaf
 Nimish Shah
 Margot Lieblich
 May Woo
 Daryan Barnes
 Monita Wong
 Sarah Dawley
 Kimberly Ritraj
 Axel Olson
 Macgill Davis
 Patrick Donnelly
 Michaela Fallon

Congratulations!

Job Opportunities

[Manager](#), Waste & Recycling Program, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital, MA

[Seasonal Field Worker](#), Community Harvest Project, Grafton, MA

[Program Associate](#), Greenhouse Gas Management Institute, Europe or North America

[Internship](#), Corporate Accountability International, Boston or Washington DC

[Climate Action Plan Research Assistant Intern](#), ICLEI, Boston

[trayless](#) as the result of a student initiative to reduce excessive food waste and energy consumption. We work to incorporate LEED principles into the construction and renovation of facilities across the university."

[Read more.](#)

Originally published in the January 2011 TEA newsletter.

Sustainability News

Massachusetts Sets Aggressive Greenhouse Gas Emissions Goal for



2020

Massachusetts has set a 2020 goal of reducing its statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions limit to 25% below its 1990 levels. That target is the maximum authorized by state law. Officials said on December 29, 2010 that a portfolio of additional policies in the state's "Clean Energy and Climate Plan" will allow the Bay State to reach the target. The Global Warming Solutions Act, signed by Governor Deval Patrick in August 2008, mandates the reduction of GHG emissions 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, and requires the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs to set a legally enforceable GHG emissions limit for 2020 of between 10% and 25% below 1990 levels by January 1, 2011. See the [Massachusetts' press release](#) and the state's [Clean Energy and Climate Plan](#).

Tufts has set its own goals for reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, striving to reach: **7%** below 1990 levels by **2012**, **10%** below 1990 levels by **2020** and **85%** reduction in the long run.

EPA Recognizes Top Green Power



Purchasers

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released

[Sustainability Research Intern](#), ICLEI, Boston

[GIS and Climate Adaptation Research Intern](#), ICLEI, Boston

[Technical Assistance/Marketing Intern](#) (Summer), New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, Lowell

[CEQ Internship Program](#), The White House, Washington DC

[Outreach Coordinator](#), Climate and Energy Funders Group, Berkeley

[Office Coordinator: Office of Sustainability](#), (search requisition number 0110095) Princeton University, NJ

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

[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:

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

its list of the top 50 partner organizations using the most renewable electricity to help reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and protect people's health. Green power is generated from renewable resources such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, biomass, and low-impact hydropower. Purchases of green power help accelerate the nation's voluntary green power market and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful pollutants that threaten Americans' health from the power sector.

EPA's Green Power Partnership's largest single purchaser of green power, Intel Corporation, increased its commitment by nearly doubling its annual green power usage to more than 2.5 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh). This is the largest green power purchase to date in the partnership, and is equivalent to avoiding the carbon dioxide emissions (CO₂) emissions from the electricity use of more than 218,000 average American homes.

Click [here](#) to view more information about the Top 50 list and [here](#) for more information on the EPA's Green Power Partnership.

On-Campus Events

New:

Investing in Cleantech: Opportunities and Uncertainties

March 1, 6:30-7:30 pm
Barnum Hall (163 Packard Ave), Room 103

Have questions about investing in cleantech? Interested in the development and financing of green energy? Join the Fletcher School for a panel discussion.

Moderator:


Gilbert Metcalf, Professor of Economics at Tufts University and Research Associate at the MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Climate Change

Panel Participants:

Roger Berry, Partner at Private Equity clean energy firm C Change Investments
Ed Lovelace, Executive VP of Engineering at hydro power firm Free Flow Power

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"The Science of Kissing" Lecture and Book Signing

March 1, 6:30-7:30 pm

Barnum Hall (163 Packard Ave), Room 008

Tufts Alumna, Sheril Kirshenbaum A02, recently wrote a book on entitled, "The Science of Kissing: What Our Lips Are Telling Us." The book, which came out his month, has been attracting national attention (check out an article [here](#)) and presents research in disciplines ranging from endocrinology to anthropology to neurology. Stop by to hear about Kirshenbaum's research and to get a book signed!

Sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program.

Social Media 101 Presentations

Medford Campus

March 11, 1:30-2:30 pm

Cabot 205

Boston Campus

March 14, 2-3 pm

Sackler 516

Georgy Cohen, Manager of Web Content and Strategy in Web Communications, will be offering a Social Media 101 presentation for faculty and staff interested in learning more about social media:

"Social media. You've heard of it, but you're not quite sure what it means or how it could help you. In this hour-long "Social Media 101" presentation, I'll talk about the principles that drive successful social media, what NOT to do, why you should care and how to plan and execute social media. I'll also provide an overview of the major tools and what distinguishes them from one another."

Questions? [E-mail Georgy](#) or call 617-627-2482.

Previously Mentioned:

[Environmental Summer Research Scholarships for Tufts Students](#)

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.

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

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**.

The position will close at the end of the day next Tuesday (3/1), so get your application in now!

[Tufts Energy Challenge:\\$1000 Award](#)

[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

[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

[15th Annual Graduate Research Symposium: Call for Submissions](#)

Deadline for submissions is March 1st, 2011.

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

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 11
Conference Date: April 1
Fletcher School

[Sustainability Research Day: Call for Poster Submissions](#)

Deadline for submissions is April 1st, 2011.
Event to be held May 3rd, 2011

[2011 Friedman School Graduate Student Research Conference](#)

April 2, 2011
Tufts University, Medford Campus

Off-Campus events

New:

Help Plan Medford's Climate Summer Week

March 16, 6:30 pm
Medford City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor
Medford, MA 02155

Early this summer (June 27-July 2 or thereabouts), Medford will host six college students from a nonprofit organization called Climate Summer. The students are participating in an internship to learn and to practice effective communication and community organizing skills while they spread awareness of our need to get off fossil fuels. And they practice their beliefs while getting around all summer just on their bikes!

Please join us at a gathering of community leaders to help develop ideas for the students.

Sustainable Environmentalism in the 21st Century

March 17, 1-4 pm
Wheaton College, Norton, MA

The forum will examine the new realities and responsibilities that make it necessary to reinvent what it means to be an environmentalist in the 21st century. There is no charge for the event. More details to follow. For more information, please contact [Jen Gonet](#).

MA Sustainable Communities Conference: Best Practices in Local Sustainability

**April 15, 8 am-4 pm
Holiday Inn, Marlborough, MA**

The first annual **Massachusetts Sustainable Communities Conference** brings together stakeholders from government, education, business and communities. All who desire to learn more about community sustainability and best practices will find this conference timely, practical and valuable. Join us and have access to 30+ exhibitors and 50+ speakers in 16 sessions about community sustainability!

- **Learn** from leading experts about current local best practices and plans for sustainability
- **Network** with local, regional and statewide sustainability peers and experts
- **Go home** with knowledge and resources for community sustainability

Registration is \$60 before March 15th. \$75 after March 15th. [Register here](#).

NOTE: This conference will likely sell out in advance so please register early.

For more conference details, click [here](#).

Previously Mentioned:

[Open House\(s\): Homes with Deep Energy Retrofits](#)

March 6, 26 and April 2, 2011

[Kathy Mattea's "My Coal Journey" Presentation](#)

**March 8, 2011, 1 pm
Berklee College of Music's Café 939, 939 Boylston**

Street, Boston

[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

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[Seventh Annual Summer Institute for Social Marketing and Health Communications](#)

Week of July 10, 2011

Emerson College, Boston

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

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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