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Two former Eco-Ambassadors win Distinction Awards

The Office of Sustainability proudly congratulates Laurie Sabol and Chantal Hardy, two former Eco-Ambassadors who were recognized in the 2011 Tufts Distinction Awards for university staff and faculty!

Laurie Sabol (Eco-Ambassador FY09), a reference librarian who started the Tisch Sustainability Group - won The Bridge Builder Award, for bringing out the best in others.

Chantal Hardy of the English Department (Eco-Ambassador FY10) got The Extra Mile

May 20, 2011

Dear Tufts Environmental,

While Jason is out enjoying the festivities at Senior Week, we fight our way through the dreary weather to be part of National Bike-to-Work Week, which ironically happens once again during one of the rainiest weeks of the New England spring. The good news is, Tufts Bikes will stay open this summer so there's still plenty of chances to ride a bike.

Read on for more information on an upcoming Eco-Ambassador tour of the Genzyme building and other events, plus summer workshops related to the environment including an internship opportunity in Costa Rica.

Stay dry and keep riding!

Sustainability News

National Academies release report on America's Climate Choices

The National Academies released a report on May 12th entitled America's Climate Choices, which re-affirms the international scientific consensus about the causes and consequences of climate change. Its key findings



Award, for exceptional customer service.

The Grab Bag:



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clearly state that comprehensive, sustained efforts must begin today to deal with those consequences.

The report goes on to say that the question is no longer whether the climate is changing, but rather what are the options for dealing with it. Here's an excerpt:

"Emissions reductions and adaptation efforts should be guided by an iterative risk management approach, which emphasizes taking action to reduce risks while continuously incorporating new information and adjusting efforts accordingly."

"Response efforts currently being advanced by state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector are significant, but not likely to yield progress comparable to what could be achieved with strong national policies and leadership."

For a summary of the report, visit the [National Academies website](#).

In The News

Tufts Bikes to stay open this summer

After launching in April, Tufts Bikes has enjoyed a successful run that will now extend into the summer. Sixteen out of the 30-bike fleet will be operational after a two-week hiatus beginning May 9th.



Tufts Bikes

Are *you* interested in **hosting a Tufts Bike Summer bike at *your* office**? The Office of Sustainability and Tufts Bikes have teamed up to pilot office-managed bike sharing in the summer. Just think, instead of walking or getting into your hot car to drive to campus from TAB, 80 George St. or even across campus, you could just jump on a bike outside your office and breeze to your meeting! The bikes will even be outfitted with large rear baskets to accommodate your meeting supplies! Interested? Email tina.woolston@tufts.edu

Learn more about Tufts Bikes in this recent article/video on [Tufts Now](#).

On-Campus events

Eco-Ambassadors Genzyme building tour


June 15, 9:30-10:30 AM

Interested in taking a tour of one of the most environmentally responsible office buildings ever built in the United States? [RSVP by June 7th at noon](#) to join the Eco-Ambassadors on a tour of the LEED-Platinum certified Genzyme Headquarters building in Kendall Sq.

For more information about the Genzyme Center, visit: <http://www.genzymecenter.com/>

Off-Campus events

New:

 Home

Cambridge Climate Change Week

May 13-21

Friday, May 20, 7:30pm: Free Small concert at FirstParish in Cambridge UU, 1446 Mass. Ave. Many of his songs have an environmental theme. <http://www.firstparishcambridge.org/>

Saturday, May 21, Noon - 3:30pm: Climate Week Finale: ActionFest. Action oriented booths, speakers, commitments project, food. Cambridge College, 1000 Mass Ave.

More Climate Change Week Events may be found [here](#).

Sustainability in the Square

May 23, 6:00-7:30pm

One Kendall Square, Cambridge, MA

Cambridge Energy Alliance along with Sustainable Business Network and Cambridge Local First are

hosting an informative workshop on how to make small businesses more environmentally friendly while saving valuable natural resources and money.

This workshop will feature a presentation by Phil "Brewdaddy" Bannatyne, owner of Cambridge Brewing Company, who will highlight the steps that his business took to "go green" and share insights into the challenges and benefits of doing so.

Come and enjoy this informative and relaxed night of conversation, food, and free beer and leave with a clear understanding of how and why to green your small business. RSVP to: Info@CambridgeEnergyAlliance.org

Workshop: Local communities Adapting to Climate Change

**May 24th, 9:00am-4:00pm
Leominster, MA**

This one-day course will introduce municipal and community leaders, and planning professionals to the tools they need to better assess and manage the risks associated with climate change. Our approach helps community leaders to consider how they can alter everyday decision making to better prepare for the risks that may lie ahead. This course is tailored specifically for the needs of suburban and rural communities. The key concepts introduced will be "scenario planning" and collaborative approaches to decision-making.

For More Information or to Register:

www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/central-ma/adapting-climate-change-jun20.html or contact Miriam Scagnetti at 978.840.4446 x1935, mscagnetti@ttor.org

AESS 2011 Conference: "Confronting Complexity"

Jun 23-26, Burlington, VT

NCSE invites all environmental faculty, students, and interested parties to join us for the three-day event! You do not have to be a member of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) to attend.

Key highlights include presentations by Heidi Cullen (CEO of Climate Central) & Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, a premier of the documentary film "Green Fire:

Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time", and over 70 compelling presentations.

Click [here](#) to see the agenda and registration details.

Moving Planet: A Day to Move Beyond Fossil Fuels

Sept 24

350.org is gearing up for Moving Planet's international day of action on Sept 24, and they are mobilizing all interested New England organizers to form a core organizing group to plan the Boston event.

Can you imagine thousands of people on bikes, descending from all corners of New England toward Boston to reclaim the streets from cars and coming together to show off the power of our regional movement? What about a gigantic march? What ideas do you have?



If you are interested in joining this effort, contact Craig Altemose, [Marla Marcum](#) or [Vanessa Rule](#) of the [Better Future Project](#). [Click here](#) for the event home page.

Previously Mentioned:

[Deep Energy Retrofit Open House](#)

June 11 (originally May 21), 10:30 AM-1:30 PM
2 Bromfield Street, Quincy, MA

Educational Opportunities

New:

Permaculture Design Internship

Punta Mona Center, Costa Rica

July 1-28, 2011

There are still a few spaces left for Permaculture Design Course and Sustainable Living Internship in Punta Mona Center, an 85- acre off-the-grid organic farm, botanical collection, community, jungle-lodge and education center located on the southern Caribbean coast of Costa Rica.

Students will study and put into practice permaculture design techniques as well as experience all aspects of off the grid, sustainable living - such as harvesting and communally preparing meals; doing workshops in medicinal plants, fermented foods, basic nutrition; numerous garden projects as well as field trips to other permaculture farms and the indigenous reservation to learn about sustainable practices from the native people of Costa Rica! There's also yoga every day and conversational Spanish lessons in the evenings.

Contact [Sarah Wu](#) if interested.

Previously Mentioned:

(Click the links for more information)

[4th Annual Tufts Environmental Literacy Institute](#)**May 23-27, 2011****Tufts Institute of the Environment, Tufts University
Medford Campus****[2011 Student Training for Environmental Protection](#)****July 8th-15th****Prince William Forest, Washington, D.C.**

This is a week long environmental leadership program in beautiful Prince William Forest, just outside of Washington, D.C. This event promises to be one of the most pivotal events that you'll ever attend; upon completion, you'll be ready to effectively tackle just about any environmental (or even social) issue that you choose. There is no application deadline but don't delay, space is limited to 25 participants and applications are already coming in.

[Metta Earth Leadership Training: Generation Now](#)**July 11- August 7, 2011**

Metta Earth Institute, Lincoln, VT

[Wild Gift fellowship](#)

Wild Gift is a fellowship available to young, energetic and talented leaders aged 21-30 who are working to promote the stewardship of wild nature and the development of sustainable communities. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. The deadline for application is June 1, 2011.

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

Week of July 10, 2011
Emerson College, Boston

Webinars

WEBINAR: Re-Commissioning Existing Buildings for Energy Conservation **May 24th, 12:00pm**

There will be 3 presentations on some interesting solutions for reducing energy usage in existing municipal, institutional and commercial buildings.

To REGISTER/LEARN go to <http://Energyforefront.com/event>
NO COST TO ATTEND

See you next week!

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