ON CAMPUS EVENTS

“Brute Facts, Social Facts and ‘the Mother of all Rorschachs’ Learning from Katrina”
Tuesday, Feb 5 4:00 in Druckenmiller Hall, Room 4
Stephen Kroll-Smith, Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Reception to follow in Druckenmiller 110

Classic disaster agents are terrifying, Old Testament powers. They shock, blow, burn, and
drown neighborhoods, towns and cities. In their immediate aftermath they create a dramatic
moment of openness and indeterminacy. Disasters are also portals into the complex
relationships between people and their built and green environments. I invite you to consider
how one sociologist is trying to make some modest sense of an historic human and
environmental catastrophe. I’ll start with a brief account of my particular take on this
complex word: environment. From there we’ll examine a range of meaning-filled issues that
together foreshadow a troubling future for one of our most historic cities.

Lunch with students: Wednesday, February 6 11:30-12:30 in Pinnette Dining Room, Thorne
Hall (sign in sheet for students without board will be at the checkers station)

“The Other as Enigma – How Can Dialogue Help Make a Difference?”
Wednesday, Feb 6 7:30 in Lancaster Lounge, Moulton Union
John Resenbrink, Professor Emeritus of Government and Legal Studies, Bowdoin College

The central question posed by Rensenbrink will be “Why is it so hard for people to work
together?” He will describe an intellectual journey that propelled him beyond the many
iterations of identity politics, as well as beyond the polarity of competition and cooperation.
The journey eventually centered on the relationship between the being of the one and the
being of the other, finding in that relationship the source and foundation of dialogue. Such
dialogue, he will argue, is at the core of both philosophy and politics.

The lecture is sponsored by the Bowdoin College Department of Government and Legal
Studies, the Department of Philosophy, and the Program on Environmental Studies.
Rensenbrink’s lecture is based partly on a presidential address he made to the Seventh
President Barry Mills of Bowdoin College will introduce Rensenbrink. Professor Paul Franco
of Bowdoin’s Department of Government will chair the session.

John Rensenbrink is Professor Emeritus, Department of Government and Legal Studies at
Bowdoin College. He retired in 1995 after teaching at Bowdoin, mainly in political theory,
since 1961 (with a hiatus of three years in Kenya and Tanzania, 1962 to 1965). He helped
found the Green Party of the United States in 1984 and the Maine Green Independent Party in
1984; and he is a member of the Green Party’s National Committee and its International
Committee. Among his published works are a book on Poland’s Solidarity movement,

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Community Matters in Maine – Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellowship
Deadline: February 15

For more information contact Eileen Johnson at ejohnson@bowdoin.edu
The Environmental Studies' Psi Upsilon and Logan Environmental Fellowship Program place ES majors in stipended summer internships, as rising juniors and seniors and also graduating seniors. The ES Program coordinates the 10-week internships, working with Maine non-profit organizations and governmental agencies. In 2008, four-five positions are available with a $4000 stipend each. Sponsoring organizations include The Town of Brunswick, the Town of Topsham, Maine Island Trail Association, Maine Audubon and Natural Resources Council of Maine. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who seek to gain experience in the environmental field while spending a summer in Maine. Students who participate in the Psi U Fellowship Program are eligible for Bowdoin College's summer housing.

Requirements: Interest in environmental issues, academic record and financial need are all important criteria, though students not receiving aid are eligible if a paying summer job is a necessity. Preference is given to ES majors, specifically rising juniors and seniors. Students selected for one of the fellowships will then be interviewed by a host organization. In consultation with the host organizations, fellowship placements will be offered in early to mid-March

*Application Due Date: February 15, 2008

Udall Undergraduate Scholarship

The Environmental Studies Program is currently seeking student applicants to the Udall Undergraduate Scholarship Program. Deadline is February 29.

The Udall Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields, including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics. The Foundation also seeks future Native American and Alaska Native leaders in public and community health care, tribal government, and public policy affecting Native American communities, including land and resource management, economic development, and education. Sophomores or juniors are eligible for the program.

This scholarship program selects 80 students throughout the country on the basis of their commitment to careers related to the environment. Our past recipients have benefited from the leadership and networking opportunities that the program provides.

Scholarship Benefits:
Up to $5,000 for tuition, room or board, or other educational expenses
Four-day Udall Scholars Orientation in Tucson, Arizona to meet with other Scholars, elected officials, environmental and tribal leaders. All 2008 Scholars are required to attend this event. It will be held August 2-6, 2008, in Tucson, Arizona. Travel from the Scholar's home or school, lodging, and meals will be provided by the Foundation. Access to a network of environmental, Native American health and tribal policy professionals through the Udall Alumni listserv.

Deadline: all materials must be submitted to the Eileen Johnson by February 29.

For more information see and an application visit: http://www.udall.gov/udall.asp?link=200

In order to apply, students must first be nominated by their college. We can nominate up to 6 students. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Johnson as soon as possible at ejohnson@bowdoin.edu. I would be happy to talk with you about the application process and work with you on your application.

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

Joseph Hall, Assistant Professor of History
Tuesday, Feb 5 Noon- 1 pm, Harward Center Conference Room, 161-163 Wood St

Sponsored by the Harward Center at Bates College, the Public Works in Progress Series offers presentations and conversations with Bates faculty and staff about community projects and the issues they raise. The series represents a regular opportunity for faculty, staff, students, and community partners to think and talk together about the civic, political, educational, artistic, and scholarly significance of public work. Presentations are typically 20-30 minutes, followed by open discussion. All are welcome; lunch is provided.

Please RSVP to Kristen Cloutier (kcloutie@bates.edu) by 2:00 pm TODAY to let us know if you are coming. Please note that attendance is limited to 35 participants.

Maine State Climate Summit
Friday, February 8 - Sunday, February 10, 2008
Bates College in Lewiston, Maine
Register Here: http://www.ssc.org

The summit, co-sponsored by the Sierra Student Coalition, is a three-day event that brings together students from every college and university in Maine to discuss and take action on issues pertaining to climate change, ranging from wind power to eco-art.

Although the summit is concerned, primarily, with climate change in Maine, we also hope to address issues on a national and global scale. The goal for the weekend is threefold: to teach, to train, and to organize. Panel discussions and workshops will serve to strengthen a participant's knowledge base and resources, while networking opportunities and campaign development will set us all on the course to effective climate change action as a powerful and united body of student activists.
Here's a link to the registration page:
http://www.ssc.org/involved/registrationsup_mz.php?e=117
Everyone who plans to attend must register by January 30th.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in February!
http://beamnow.blogspot.com/

Environmental Health and Toxics in Children’s Products/Toys Workshop
Saturday, February 9 10 am – Noon
First Parish Church, 9 Cleaveland St., Brunswick

MCC has received a grant from National Council of Churches to provide outreach/education to congregations on this important and timely issue that will be addressed through several bills in this spring's state legislature. The federal system to protect us from toxics in the environment is broken, and much like global warming, the grassroots and states is where the action is in the hopes that it will prompt national attention and action. Come learn about what's toxic & safe alternatives. For more info contact Andy 772-1918 or 882-6848 or adburt@gwi.net. Thanks! Hope to see you there!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) invites Bowdoin College to nominate students to attend a major Business Leader’s summit scheduled for May 22, 2008 at the Marriott Hartford Hotel. In 2007 this unique regional forum brought together nearly 300 policymakers, efficiency service providers and business leaders from nine states across the Northeast region to demonstrate the progress and benefits of energy efficiency. Students who attend will have an opportunity to:

- Meet with the business leaders nominated to be recognized for their leadership in advancing and achieve energy savings through investment in cost effective efficiency measures at a special breakfast session
- Be introduced at lunch with a short note about work that they are currently doing that effects the way energy is produced or consumed
- Post and distribute resumes or research proposals looking for underwriters
- Attend a reception that will feature an exhibition of energy efficiency solutions
- Attend the conference and the Business Leaders dinner

All fees are waived for attending this Summit meeting. This is an outstanding opportunity for students in many disciplines including such areas as law, sociology, economics, political science, history, science and engineering fields, to discover job paths that have an intersection with their field of study and one of the most pressing problems of our time, energy.

More information will be forthcoming in early spring. This event offers a unique opportunity for students who are close to graduating or picking a research topic to interact with the
leaders in this area. Visit our website and see what you can expect this May: 2008 NEEP Summit