

ES Newsletter, Week of March 23, 2009

ON CAMPUS EVENTS

Nature's Bounty? Coffee as a Commodity from Africa to the Middle East to Latin America, 1400-1900

Thursday, March 26 7:30 pm

315 Searles Hall

Steve Topik is Professor of History, University of California, Irvine and the author of *The Political Economy of the Brazilian State, 1889-1930*; *Trade and Gunboats: United States and Brazil in the Age of Empire*; *The Second Conquest of Latin America, Coffee, Henequen and Oil*; and *The World Trade Created: Culture, Society and the World Economy, 1400 to the Present*. He is currently writing a global history of coffee. The lecture is open to the public and sponsored by Latin American Studies, Environmental Studies and the History Department.

****HOLD THE DATE**- don't miss this – RSVP so we can order you a book!**

U Tube Faculty-Student Collaboration

Monday, April 6 7:00 pm

ES Common Room, Adams Hall

Africana Studies and ES students are invited to join faculty in the common room for a showing of U-tube videos and discussion of environmental justice and green jobs as a prelude to Majora Carter's Common Hour! . Students and Faculty who plan to attend are asked to **RSVP** to Rosie (rarmstro@bowdoin.edu) so she can order a copy of **"The Green Collar Economy"**, by Van Jones.

CLIMATE DAYS EVENTS – April 9th and 10th For more information see:

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/sustainability/campus-involvement/discussion/april-climate-days.shtml>

**** HOLD THE DATE** Climate Fair and Locavore Dinner – April 9th**

As part of the College's Climate Days, there will be a Climate Fair on Thursday, April 9th from 10-4 in Morrel Lounge, Smith Union. Over 15 classes and 20 community groups will have displays about sustainability and climate change. Come and find out about new initiatives connected with the college's Climate Action Plan.

Following the Climate Fair, there will be a Locavore Dinner at Thorne Dining Hall from 5-7:30. Come and learn more about the college's initiative to move towards carbon neutrality while enjoying a meal of local foods.

**** HOLD THE DATE** Common Hour and Reception with Majora Carter "Green Jobs and the Green Economy**

Friday, April 10 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m

Pickard Theater

Common Hour is open to Bowdoin students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Tickets required; tickets available beginning TODAY Monday, March 23, at the David Saul Smith Union information desk. Bowdoin ID required.

Majora Carter is an environmental advocate born, raised, and continuing to live in the South Bronx, her work takes her around the world in pursuit of resources and ideas to improve the quality of life in environmentally challenged



communities. She founded Sustainable South Bronx in 2001 to achieve environmental justice through economically sustainable projects informed by community needs. Ms. Carter simultaneously addresses public health, poverty alleviation, and climate change as one of the nation's pioneers in successful green-collar job training and placement systems. As President of the Majora Carter Group, her work now includes advising cities, foundations, universities, businesses, and communities around the world on unlocking their green-collar economic potential to benefit everyone. She has garnered numerous awards and accolades including a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship and was named one of Essence Magazine's 25 Most Influential African-Americans in 2007.

After Marjora Carter's talk, there will be an address by President Barry Mills about the college's new Environmental Mission Statement and the announcement of the winners of the Climate Matters Contest. The address will be followed by a reception with Ms. Carter. Students will have the opportunity to talk with her about Green Jobs and the Green Economy.

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS

Protecting the Environment: Reflections on the Role of Leadership (posted 3.23)

2009 Muskie Environmental Lecture- by former governor Angus King with an introduction by NRCM executive director Brownie Carson.

Wednesday, March 25 7:00 pm

Muskie Archives, Bates College

NRCM is partnering with The Edmund S. Muskie Archives at Bates College to host this event, which will be held at the Muskie Archives, [70 Campus Avenue, Lewiston](#).

Former Senator Ed Muskie was one of the nation's champions for environmental protection. He was a true leader, an inspiration, and an intellectual force to be reckoned with. The Muskie Environmental Lecture was established to celebrate his life.

This talk also is part of the calendar of events and activities that NRCM is organizing to celebrate our 50th anniversary. By attending this event, you will have a chance to enter into a raffle for great prizes that we will be announcing during the year ahead. We hope you can come hear Governor King's remarks, and celebrate the life of Ed Muskie and the 50 years of NRCM's work to protect Maine's environment.

Please RSVP to Leisa Dennett at Ldennett@nrcm.org if you plan to attend.

"Toward a Sustainable Regional Economy" (posted 3.23)

Friday, March 27, 2009

Abromson Center, University of Southern Maine, Portland

Registration & Refreshments at 7:45 a.m.

Program: 8:15 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Featuring Keynote Speaker Michael Shuman

Michael Shuman, author, attorney and economist, is Vice President for Enterprise Development for the Training & Development Corporation (TDC). He is nationally recognized and has authored many books about local economies including:

- The Small-Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses are Beating the Global Competition; and
- Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in the Global Age.

Since 1998 Shuman has worked with economically disadvantaged communities to create sustainable small businesses. He has appeared on numerous television and radio shows, such as the Lehrer News Hour and NPR's "Talk of the Nation," and is a periodic commentator on NPR's "All Things Considered."

For more information and to register on-line, use the link provided:

<http://www.gpcog.org/forums/toward-sustainable-economy-shuman.php>

or call Greater Portland Council of Governments at 774-9891.

**Come to a town hall to learn about how clean energy can repower our community!
Maine Green Economy Town Hall Event (posted 3/23)**

Saturday March 28th, 7-9pm

Brunswick High School—Crooker Theater

116 Maquoit Rd Brunswick, ME

With our country facing challenges on many fronts, we need bold action and visionary leadership to begin remaking our country today. The major crises we face to our economy, energy and climate are inter-related, and we can only solve them if we address them together. We must Repower, Refuel, and Rebuild America with clean energy to speed our economic recovery, cut our dependence on oil, and meet the climate crisis head on.

As Governor Baldacci mentioned in his recent State of the State Address, Maine's geographic location and ample natural resources can make us a hub for renewable energy innovation and economic activity.

Want to learn more? Come to a public forum on Saturday March 28 to find out how clean energy technologies, like wind and solar, will reduce global warming pollution while creating millions of new jobs at home today.



This event is free and open to the public!

Featured speakers include:

Seth Berry, State Representative, House District 67

Patrick Woodcock, Senator Olympia Snowe's Legislative Assistant

Dave Marshall, Portland City Councilor, Chair of Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee

Paul Kando, Midcoast Green Collaborative

Patrick Coon, ReVision Energy

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (invited)

There will be an opportunity to ask the panel questions!

For more information on this event, please contact Katie Kokkinos at kkokkinos@environmentmaine.org or at 207-253-1965.

We hope to see you there! Please bring along your friends and family!

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS/JOBS

Summer Internship at National Council for Science and the Environment (posted 3/23/09)

The National Council for Science and the Environment has extended the application deadline for summer internships to April 10th. Please review the requirements here <http://ncseonline.org/01about/cms.cfm?id=1144>

or send an email to internships@ncseonline.org <<mailto:internships@ncseonline.org>> . More information is available on the website <http://ncseonline.org/01about/cms.cfm?id=1144>

Ecology Project International – Yellowstone Ecology Program Instructors and Intern (posted 3.23.09)

*Early June – End of August 2009
Montana USA*

Ecology Project International, an international non-profit science education organization based in Missoula, Montana, is currently seeking instructors and an intern to teach 9 to 12 day field ecology courses to high school students in Montana, USA. Our programs introduce students to real-world scientific study, raise cultural and ecological awareness, and promote international conservation efforts. EPI offers residential ecology courses to U.S. and international student groups from June through August 2009 in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Students camp in the Gallatin National Forest while working with the US Forest Service to collect data for various wildlife research projects. They also spend time exploring Yellowstone National Park, whitewater rafting, and participating in service-learning projects. For more complete job descriptions please visit http://www.ecologyproject.org/english/about_epi/jobs.html. To apply please send a cover letter, resume, and an EPI instructor or intern application to info@ecologyproject.org by April 3rd, 2009.

Also, check out the site listed above for other opportunities with Ecology Project International
JOBS FOR SENIORS

Environmental Health / Clean Air Advocate, Earthjustice, in Washington, DC (posted 3/23/09) Website: www.earthjustice.org

Environmental Health / Clean Air Advocate sought for non-profit public interest law firm. Major responsibilities include advocacy for, and analysis of, federal legislation and rulemakings. Position requires knowledge of administrative rulemaking and prior Congressional or state legislature advocacy experience. Position also requires excellent analytical, writing, and oral communication skills, as well as the ability to work with a team and independently. Must be able to handle multiple issues, projects, and deadlines. Two to five years experience with environmental advocacy or public policy development required. Media experience, JD and prior experience in and commitment to public interest work are pluses. Salary DOE. Generous benefits package. EOE employer.

Please send cover letter, resume, and writing sample to:

Environmental Health / Clean Air Advocate Search
Earthjustice

1625 Massachusetts Ave. NW #702

Washington, DC 20036

Or email to Jess Ennis at [<jennis@earthjustice.org>](mailto:*jennis@earthjustice.org*)

No phone inquiries.

Green Collar Jobs Board (3/23/09)

If you are looking for a job, check out the job board:

www.sustainlane.com/green-jobs

The job board is a great resource for graduating college seniors looking to land their first jobs in the new green economy.

It contains hundreds of job listings from across the country, targeting employment opportunities that enhance sustainability—from alternative energy specialists and LEED building construction workers to landscape architects and administrative positions at environmentally-focused non-profits.

In addition to hundreds of job openings, SustainLane's green job board features tips and in-depth articles on:

- * Breaking into the growing green job sector;
- * Greening the job you have;
- * Emerging trends in the green collar economy.

The board also features green jobs experts to whom job-seekers may pose questions about green jobs and how to prepare and apply for them.

Development and Communications Coordinator, Highlander Center

East Tennessee

Website: www.highlandercenter.org/

The Highlander Research and Education Center is a 77 year old nonprofit popular education center that works with grassroots groups in Appalachia and across the South to promote social and economic justice. We are located 20 miles northeast of Knoxville, Tennessee on a 186 acre farm. Highlander's long and proud history includes work with labor education and organizing, the Civil Rights Movement, and environmental justice in Appalachia. Highlander is world-renowned as a beacon for progressive organizing and widely acclaimed as a leadership development center for grassroots activists across race, culture and generations.

Responsibilities

Develop and implement multi-strategy fundraising plan to meet million dollar plus annual budget including grants, individual donors, events, direct mail appeals, and online giving. This team also handles the organization's external communications, and the Coordinator develops and implements the communications plan and strategies.

This position works closely with the Director, coordinates the team including a Development Associate, consultants and contract workers as needed, staffs the Board Resource Committee, and has strong communication with the Education Coordinator and Team. Actively participates in a democratically managed organization.

Highlander has a national and generous donor base that helps meet its budget. We are also in the midst of a capital campaign.

Requirements

- * Passionate about Highlander's mission and purpose and able to communicate program work effectively.
- * Proven track record of fundraising success (3-5 years).
- * Excellent communication skills, written and verbal.
- * Outgoing and people friendly. Able to establish rapport with activists and community members in diverse ethnic, racial, social and economic groups.
- * Self-starter and team player.
- * Ability to travel.
- * Computer literate.
- * Organized.
- * Sense of humor.

Highlander is a rural based workshop center located on 186 acres in east Tennessee just outside Knoxville in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, and the position is based there. Some staff members live on the Highlander grounds while others live in the surrounding areas, including Knoxville.

Send letter of interest, resume, 3 references and a writing sample related to prior development work to:
Search Committee
Development and Communications Coordinator
Highlander Center
1959 Highlander Way
New Market, TN, 37820

Email applications are accepted at hrec@highlandercenter.org or by fax at 865-933-3424. Position is open until filled and applications will be considered as received. Women, people of color, and lesbian, gay, and transgender encouraged to apply.

1959 Highlander Way - New Market, TN 37820
(865) 933-3443
<http://www.highlandercenter.org/>
Mail to: hrec@highlandercenter.org

Communications and Development Associate with the Leadership Learning Community, in Oakland, CA (posted 3.23.09)

- * Website: <http://www.leadershiplearning.org/>*

Communications Coordinator in Marine Conservation

Project Seahorse (www.projectseahorse.org) is an international marine conservation team based out of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada (www.ubc.ca). We seek a communications coordinator to develop and implement a strategic communications plan. This person will identify and promote Project Seahorse stories and achievements – and marine conservation in general - through a wide variety of outputs. S/he will be also responsible for media relations and outreach, facilitating communications outside and within the team, producing popular articles, supporting technical writing, and ensuring that the website is an effective communications tool for international audiences. This person will be a senior member of the Project Seahorse team, reporting to the Director, and will have some supervisory responsibilities.

Further details of the position can be found on our website.

The ideal Communications Co-ordinator will have qualifications and extensive experience in journalism, communications, public relations or marketing. We seek superior writing, editing, and time management

skills and a record of effective and rapid communication in conventional and electronic media. Former experience as a journalist would be an asset. We also seek a demonstrated capacity for strategic thinking, innovation, research, analysis, and project co-ordination. Initiative and integrity are vital, as are a demonstrated interest in conservation and resource management and an ability to work to deadlines and manage a variety of projects concurrently. International experience is an advantage.

Please send the following to Christie Michailopoulos (christie@fisheries.ubc.ca): a cover letter, a curriculum vitae that indicates your outputs (with web links to them), three pieces of written work, and contact details for three references. Also indicate your legal status for work in Canada, although all international candidates will be considered enthusiastically.

Deadline: 31st March 2009 or until the post is filled.

This full-time position will initially be appointed for one year but funding is available for a further four years. It will be based at the University of British Columbia, which provides excellent benefits for its employees. "UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply."

***Job Summary*: The Leadership Learning Community is looking for a Communications and Development Associate.** The position will include the development and implementation of a communications marketing strategy for increasing LLC's brand and position in the field including a social media strategy for engaging new audiences. The person will also help to cultivate LLC's donor base, conduct donor research, write grants, implement donor systems, and develop membership strategies. In the first year the person will receive coaching from a marketing expert and development coaching from the Executive Director. The position will be equally divided between communications and development with advancement opportunities.

Visit <http://hosting-source.bronto.com/697/public/Com-Dev-Associate2.pdf> for a full job description.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Audubon Expedition Institute** is accepting applications for our **[Sustainable Practices Summer 2009 Program](#)**.(posted 3.23)

* June 1-22 in Searsmont, Maine

* Learn about small scale, organic agriculture, wholesome cooking, energy conservation techniques, photovoltaic systems, composting, measuring your ecological footprint.....

* Earn 6 undergraduate credits exploring sustainable living in Maine

Put into practice ecological concepts and alternative solutions you may have heard of, but never had the chance to try. http://lesley.edu/gsass/audubon/summer_programs.html

Questions? Please don't hesitate to contact us: aei@lesley.edu

See also:

<http://news.lesley.edu/2009/03/sustainability-simplified-living-emphasized-in-outdoor-summer-courses.shtml>

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