ES Newsletter, Week of February 8, 2010

ON CAMPUS EVENTS

Why African Americans Care about the Environment (Kim Smith) (posted 2/1)
Monday, February 8 4:30 pm
Russwurm, 2nd floor

The environmental justice movement has challenged the conventional wisdom that African Americans "just don't care" about the environment. In fact, the philosophy of the EJ movement has deep roots in African American political thought. Since the abolition movement, African American activists and intellectuals have been examining the connection between racial oppression and environmental degradation. This talk summarizes some of the key findings from Smith’s study of African American environmental thought from 1860 to 1930. Focusing on the canonical African American writers, she argues that this intellectual tradition includes a rich body of environmental thought centered on how racial oppression leads to poor stewardship, by distorting the incentives to take care of the land and by making it difficult for the oppressed (and the oppressors) to achieve an emotional connection to the landscape. Professor Kimberly Smith is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Environmental Studies at Carleton College, teaching courses in political theory, constitutional law, environmental ethics and environmental politics.

THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED: Solving Problems by Investing in Research and Communities: A Conversation with Dr. Shelley Hearne '83 (posted 2/1)
Tuesday, February 9
4:00 – 5:00 pm, McKeen Center Common Room, Banister Hall

An Informal Panel on Green Jobs, hosted by Green Global Initiatives (GGI)
Tuesday, Feb 9; 7:30 pm
Maine Lounge, Moulton Union

GGI is a student organization dedicated to educating students about opportunities in “green jobs” in traditional and non-traditional environmental fields. This event will feature experts in sustainable design and architecture, energy policy, and environmental consulting. This is a great chance for students to gain insight into the future of green jobs.

Panelists include:
- Suzanne Watson ’89, Policy Director for the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy
- Lucy Van Hook ’06 (ES/Biology) Carbon Market Consultant, Maine State Housing Authority
- Robin LeBlanc, Executive Director, PlanNH: The Foundation for Shaping the Built Environment, a nonprofit organization that promotes sustainable planning, design and development of the built environment

***Don’t miss the "Maine Winter Harvest Dinner" Feb 10th 5pm-7pm in Moulton Union***
Come and enjoy a yummy meal of local organic foods brought to you by our own wonderful Dining Service

Biodiversity Conservation and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (Shahid Naeem)
Thursday, Feb 11, 2010 4:00 pm
Druckenmiller Hall, Room 16

Shahid Naeem, Professor of Ecology, Columbia University. Professor Naeem studies the ecological consequences of declining biodiversity- by whatever means possible.
Terra Nova: Antarctica Sinfonia, DJ Spooky That Subliminal Kid (aka Paul D. Miller ’92)
Thursday, Feb 11 7:30 pm
Pickard Theater, Memorial Hall * Tickets required- get them at Smith Union info desk, or from Rosie (rarmstro@bowdoin.edu)

Paul D. Miller ’92 is a composer, multimedia artist and writer best known under his constructed persona as "DJ Spooky that Subliminal Kid". Terra Nova: Sinfonia Antarctica incorporates field recordings and audio samples from Miller's visit to Antarctica transforming the artist's first person encounter with the continent's harsh, dynamic landscape into a large scale multimedia performance. The work is coupled with historic, scientific and geographical visual material featuring video projections, electronic beats, and live musicians to create a unique and powerful performance around man's relationship with nature.

DJ Spooky That Subliminal Kid (aka Paul D. Miller ’92), Composer, Multimedia Artist, and Writer
"Sound Unbound"
Friday, February 12, Common Hour 12:30-1:30
Studzinski Recital Hall

Sound Unbound is Paul D. Miller's follow up to his award winning first book Rhythm Science (MIT Press, 2004). In this rip-mix-burn-lecture format, DJ Spooky will explore the overall theme of sound in contemporary art, digital media, and composition. Miller's lecture is accompanied by his use of many historic texts, rare audio recordings and films, to demonstrate the complex relationship between text and art in a multimedia context. Miller will share the history of sound and recorded media by several of the most well known artists of their field - ranging from Brian Eno, Steve Reich, Moby, Chuck D, and Pierre Boulez, to artists, writers and theoreticians like Jonathan Lethem, Bruce Sterling, and Manuel Delanda. These events are part of the Innovation for Change and Climate Days’ events.

A Ton of Carbon Emissions: Installation and Opening Reception
Monday, February 15 4:00-6:00pm
Morrell Lounge, Smith Union

It takes a ton of energy to keep a college running. Each year Bowdoin emits 24,000 tons of carbon dioxide. One ton of carbon gas fills up a 30' x 30' area. By creating a 3-D sculpture, Madelyn Sullivan '10 invites the campus community to consider tangible ways in which to reduce our individual and collective carbon emissions. Opening remarks at 4:30pm. This installation will be up for the entire week. This event is part of the McKeen Center's Innovation for Change series and the Climate Days events for this spring..

The Right to Relocation: Disappearing Island Nations and Common Ownership of the Earth
Tuesday, February 16
7:30pm, Main Lounge, Moulton Union (Santagata Lecture)

Using the case study approach, Mathias Risse (Associate Professor of Public Policy and Philosophy at the Harvard Kennedy School) introduces the plight of small island nations whose existence is threatened by global climate change and helps illuminate what moral claims they have to international aid. Highlighting the intersection of environmental and social issues, Risse introduces implications for a range of problems that have recently preoccupied the global community, including immigration, obligations to future generations, climate change, and human rights. This event is part of the McKeen Center's Innovation for Change series and the Climate Days events for this spring.

Two great films on food!!!

Food Inc
Thursday, February 18th  7:00pm
Smith Auditorium
Sponsored by Bowdoin Dining Services, and the Committee on Real Food
You’ll never look at dinner the same way…

King Corn screening and dinner
Friday, February 19th  5:30 pm
Howell House
Space is limited! Please RSVP for dinner and the movie to Katie Guttenplan at kguttenp@bowdoin.edu

INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, the Environmental Studies Program will be offering 9 summer fellowships through two programs, The Psi Upsilon Sustainability and Environmental Justice Fellowship program and the Community Matters in Maine Fellowship program:

Community Matters in Maine Psi Upsilon and Logan Fellowships
Application Due Date: February 10th, 2010 at noon

The ES Program coordinates the 10-week internships, working with Maine non-profit organizations and governmental agencies. Commitment to work in the environmental field, academic record, and financial need are all important criteria, though students not receiving aid are eligible if a paying summer job is a necessity. The Environmental Studies program will award seven Psi Upsilon–Community Matters in Maine Fellowships. Placements will be offered through the following organizations:

- Town of Brunswick
- Town of Topsham
- City of Bath/Kennebec Estuary Land Trust
- Maine League of Conservation Voters
- Natural Resources Council of Maine
- Cultivating Community
- Brunswick Topsham Land Trust

Application and fellowship descriptions can be found at: http://www.bowdoin.edu/environmental-studies/beyond/psi-u-internship/application-info.shtml

Psi Upsilon Sustainability and Environmental Justice Fellowship.
Application Due Date: March 1st, 2010 at noon

The Psi Upsilon Sustainability and Environmental Justice Fellowships provide students with the opportunity to explore the topic of sustainability or environmental justice by working directly with a business, at the government level or through a nonprofit organization. The Environmental Studies Program will award one Sustainability and one Environmental Justice Fellowship in the summer of 2010. Students receive funds to work with an organization of their choice.

Information and application information can be found at: http://www.bowdoin.edu/environmental-studies/beyond/psi-u-internship/Sustainable_EJ_info.shtml

Volunteer opportunity – Brunswick Topsham Land Trust (posted 2/1)
The Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) is celebrating 25 years of land conservation with a year-long schedule of events honoring past accomplishments and communicating a vibrant vision for the
future. Since 1985, BTLT has preserved more than 1,500 acres in the neighboring towns of Brunswick and Topsham in our effort to protect properties with true ecological, agricultural and aesthetic importance.

We are seeking a volunteer for 2-3 hours per week to assist with anniversary events. Jobs could include: Communications & Marketing (create an information display for use at events and conferences, Design posters, brochures and promotional materials, Work with the media on press releases, Submit online event listings, Develop a media kit for BTLT) Event Management (Assist with logistics such as site preparation, sign-up sheets, refreshments Support speakers and guides Particular assistance is needed to plan our running race, Race for Space.)

Work will take place either at the BTLT office on Maine Street in Brunswick, at the event location or from home. Events include winter fun days, lectures, baby lamb days, bird walks, kayak and canoe trips, races all in the Brunswick area at BTLT preserves including Crystal Spring Farm.

Contact: Alicia Heyburn aheyburn@hotmail.com, 725-8865

2010 WWF Science Internships
Deadline for most internships: April 15

The following internships are available at the World Wildlife Fund - United States. They are designed typically for graduate students, although some may be appropriate for advanced undergraduates. Projects can be undertaken over the summer (with extensions, as necessary, into the fall semester).

Most projects could also be extended over the course of one or two semesters as part of a student's course work or thesis requirements; advance arrangements would be necessary with faculty advisors. Internships are typically unpaid unless otherwise noted, but facilities, library resources, and computers at WWF headquarters are available. Hours are flexible. To qualify for an unpaid internship, the student must provide documentation that they are receiving credit from their university, or that the work they will be performing is consistent with a course requirement.

In general, our interns need solid data management and writing skills, self-motivation, an ability to work both independently and collaboratively. Specific skills (required or preferred) are listed with each project, along with the primary contact person.


To apply, please email a cover letter and resume/CV to the contact individual listed for each project, with "INTERNSHIP" and the relevant internship number listed in the subject line.

Topics: Building a WWF Science Network, Protected Area Downgrading, Downsizing and Degazettement, Mapping and valuation of ecosystem services, Ecosystem services - policy and conservation finance, The impact of ecosystem service valuation on decision-making , Poverty and Biodiversity in the Coral Triangle, The Driver Geowiki, Option values of tropical forests, Modeling of African buffalo movements in a transfrontier conservation area, Global River Gap Analysis, Climate Change Vulnerability of flagship species in priority landscapes

More information available – contact Eileen Johnson ejohnson@bowdoin.edu for detailed internship descriptions.
Deadline: February 19, 2010

Friends of Acadia announces two summer openings:
Recreation Technician Position. Through a variety of methods, the Recreation Technician will monitor visitor use and impacts on the carriage roads, trails, and other sites in Acadia National Park. Data collected will advance the understanding and management of visitor use in the park.

Ridge Runner Position (4 positions available). Hikes selected foot trails inside and connecting to Acadia National Park, educating with visitors about Leave No Trace principles and offering trail guidance, first aid, water, maps, and information about Friends of Acadia and Acadia National Park programs. May serve as first responder to emergencies in Park (search & rescue, fire, injury, etc.)

Permanent Seasonal Field Crew Leader. Field crew leaders work with the Acadia National Park (ANP) volunteer coordinator and Friends of Acadia (FOA) volunteer crew leaders and projects coordinator, to conduct a volunteer stewardship program on Acadia’s trails, carriage roads, and vistas, as well as other outdoor stewardship projects. Deadline for this position is Feb. 26.

For more information and an application see:

Piedmont Environmental Council, Environmental Fellowship Program (posed 2/1)
Applications for the 2010 program are now available, and must be received no later than March 12, 2010. Sent to us by alumnus Ali Rau ‘03

The PEC Fellowship program is much more than an internship! The seven week program is designed to provide college students and recent graduates with comprehensive exposure to PEC’s work in the Piedmont region and Virginia. Fellows will experience a hands-on approach to learning about PEC through field-trips, classroom discussions, and individual practicum projects. Wherever possible, classroom lessons are followed with practical applications and field trips. During the 2009 program, morning lectures on land conservation and farmland preservation were followed by field trips to three farms to hear directly from land owners and work side-by-side with farmers.

2010 Schedule
June 21-July 16 - Academic Session: The first four weeks of the program are focused on academic activities including orientation, classroom instruction from PEC staff, field trips, guest lectures, assigned readings and more.
July 19-August 6 - Individual Practicum Session: The final three weeks of the program allow the Fellows to develop and use their new skills in a "real world" setting to complete an individual practicum project of personal interest, yet related to PEC's mission. Fellows will complete the practicum with the assistance of a mentor from PEC or a partnering organization.

PEC is pleased to provide accepted 2009 Fellows assistance with local housing, classroom facilities, activities and special project expenses, a small living stipend, and an unforgettable experience!
For more information http://www.pecva.org/anx/index.cfm/1,220,480,0,html/PEC-Fellowship-Program

City Hall Fellows (posted 2/1)
Deadline: March 10

City Hall Fellows is a non-partisan nonprofit training the next generation of leaders for America's cities. Our 12-month, paid, post-college Fellowship integrates hands-on experience working within the highest levels of local government with intensive training in how cities work. For our next class, we will be placing cohorts of Fellows in 3 cities:

- Houston, Texas
The Fellowship is open to students of ALL majors. I would appreciate it if you would let your top graduating students and recent alums know about this opportunity.

A detailed overview of the Fellowship, as well as application materials and instructions, are on our website, www.cityhallfellows.org. Applications for our next Fellowship Class are due March 10, 2010. The Fellowship year begins August 2, 2010 and runs through July 29, 2011.

Our staff, Fellows and alumni will be visiting campuses around the country over the next two months. We also will be hosting several free, live webinars for students we are unable to meet in person. All of these are posted on our schedule of events http://www.cityhallfellows.org/Application_Calendar.html

OFF CAMPUS EVENTS/JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADS

Green Mountain Conservation Group, Water Quality Monitoring Coordinator 2010 (posted 2/1)
This is a 40 hour per week, $10 per hour position January-December 2010. The coordinator will oversee Water Quality Monitoring programs for 2010 season, work with WMCG staff, board members, schools, teachers and partner organizations to create the Watershed Workbook (per grant guidelines). For more information see the website: http://www.gmcg.org/gmcg.php?id=165

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