



Environmental Consortium
of Colleges & Universities

11th Annual Student Summit

Our Collective Campus: Acting on our Social and Environmental Responsibility



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**Pace University
861 Bedford Road
Willcox Hall
Pleasantville, New York**

Co-hosted by
Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies
Dyson College Institute for Sustainability and the Environment



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ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSORTIUM

The Environmental Consortium of Colleges & Universities was established in 2004 to advance our understanding of the cultural, social, political, economic and natural factors affecting the region. By promoting collaboration among its members, the Consortium works to provide ecosystem-based curricular and co-curricular programming aimed at improving the health of the regional ecosystem.

The mission of the Environmental Consortium is *to harness higher education's intellectual and physical resources to advance regional, ecosystem-based environmental research, teaching, and learning with a special emphasis on the greater Hudson-Mohawk River watershed.*

Spearheaded and hosted by Pace University, the Consortium's headquarters is situated within the Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies at the Dyson College Institute for Sustainability and the Environment in Pleasantville, New York. Among Pace Academy's stated goals is to externally apply the university's strengths to local and global environmental problems. As a testament to its commitment to interdisciplinary pedagogy, scholarship and service, the Academy provides essential administrative support that grounds the Consortium's programs.

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AGENDA

- 10:00am – 10:30am **Registration**
(Willcox Hall, Multipurpose Room)
- 10:30am – 10:45am **Welcome**
(Willcox Hall, Multipurpose Room)
- Michelle D. Land**
Director
Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies
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- 10:45am – 11:30am **Keynote:**
Taking Action To Achieve Environmental Justice!
- Peggy M. Shepard**
Co-Founder and Executive Director
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- 11:30am – 11:45am **Break**
- 11:45am – 1:00pm **Workshops**
- A. Food, Water, Health: How to Intervene
Effectively in a Complex System**
(Miller Hall, 1st Floor, Room 13)
- Eugenia Manwelyan**
Co-Founder and Director
Eco Practicum
Managing Director
Food + Enterprise
- B. Climate Justice: Deliberative Practices for
Resilience & Engagement**
(Miller Hall, 1st Floor, Room 14)
- Ana Baptista**
Assistant Professor of Professional Practice in
Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management
The New School
Board Member
Ironbound Community Corporation
- 1:00pm – 1:45pm **Lunch and Networking**
(Willcox Hall, Multipurpose Room)

AGENDA *(continued)*

1:45pm – 3:00pm

Workshops

C. Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Communities

(Miller Hall, 1st Floor, Room 13)

Manna Jo Greene

Environmental Action Director
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

D. Advocacy for Change: On, Off and Across Campus(es)

(Miller Hall, 1st Floor, Room 14)

John Cronin

Senior Fellow for Environmental Affairs
Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies
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3:00pm – 4:00pm

Report Out: Solidarity and Direct Action

(Willcox Hall, Lecture Hall)

4:00pm

Adjourn

[Optional]

Environmental Complex Tour

Following the Student Summit, you are invited to take a tour of Pace University's new Environmental Complex which includes a Nature Center (complete with goats, sheep, pigs, hawks and owls!), nature museum, and geothermal classroom.

KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHY

Peggy M. Shepard

Executive Director, Co-Founder
WE ACT For Environmental Justice
(WE ACT)



Peggy M. Shepard has successfully combined grassroots organizing, environmental advocacy and environmental health research to become a national leader in advancing the perspective of environmental justice in urban communities -- to ensure that the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment extends to all. Ms. Shepard was awarded an **Honorary Doctor of Science from Smith College** last May for “two decades of leadership in environmental justice and urban sustainability.

Ms. Shepard, a former journalist and state housing official, is co-founder and executive director of WE ACT For Environmental Justice (WE ACT) -- a membership organization based in West Harlem with a federal policy office in Washington, DC -- which has a 26-year history of engaging Northern Manhattan residents in community-based planning and campaigns to affect environmental protection and environmental health policy locally and nationally. WE ACT's work demonstrates how a community based organization can positively impact local, state, and national policymaking on environmental justice, public health, and equity issues. A recipient of the **Calver Award** from the American Public Health Association (APHA), the **10th Annual Heinz Award for the Environment**, and the **Jane Jacobs Medal for Lifetime Leadership from the Rockefeller Foundation**, Ms Shepard is a past chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

*WE ACT's advocacy and research contributed to the NY Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) retrofitting its entire diesel bus fleet. WE ACT hosts the **Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on Climate Change**, a national coalition of 33 organizations representing 19 states that have convened to develop a unified voice and position on climate change policies, and WE ACT coordinates the NYS Transportation Equity Alliance, a statewide coalition of 100 groups working to ensure equitable transportation policy locally and nationally. WE ACT's 1st campaign achieved the retrofit of the **North River Sewage Treatment Plant** and a lawsuit settlement of a \$1.1 million environmental benefits fund. A ten-year campaign spurred by a community-based planning process has resulted in the construction of the **Harlem Piers** at 125th Street on the Hudson River which opened in 2010.*

www.weact.org

WORKSHOP A

Food, Water, Health: How to Intervene Effectively in a Complex System

Miller Hall, Room 13

What exactly is a food system? How does it function? How does it impact us, and how do our actions impact it? Through critical analysis and complex systems theory, we will explore practical solution-oriented approaches to some of our most pressing socio-environmental challenges. We will dig beneath the greenwashing, official pronouncements, and dominant myths to get at the root causes of these challenges, and look to inspiring real world examples for solutions.



Eugenia Manwelyan

Co-Founder and Director
Eco Practicum

Managing Director
Food + Enterprise

Eugenia Manwelyan is an educator, ecologist, and food systems specialist. She is the co-founder and Director of Eco Practicum, a school for ecological justice, and the managing director of the Food + Enterprise Summit. She is a visiting professor at Columbia University where she has taught a series of Food Planning Practicum courses. Eugenia holds a BA in International Development from McGill University and her MS in Urban Planning from Columbia University. She has worked on food planning projects in India, Vietnam and Jordan, as well as a peace building project in Israel and Palestine. With a passion for democratic education and civic engagement, Eugenia is committed to taking part in the effort to reorient humanity toward sane and respectful coexistence with one another and the environment.

WORKSHOP B

Climate Justice: Deliberative Practices for Resilience and Engagement

Miller Hall, Room 14

This session is aimed at understanding what climate justice is and how deliberative public engagement practices can be used to engage local communities. We will review some of the practical tools and concepts around inclusive community engagement with an overview of concepts and cases from climate resiliency projects.



Ana Isabel Baptista

Assistant Professor of Professional Practice in
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Ana is an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice and the Chair of the *Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management* graduate program at the Milano School of International Affairs, Management and Urban Policy at The New School University. She also serves as the Associate Director of the *Tishman Environment and Design Center* at The New School. Prior to this, Ana was the Director of Environmental Justice and Planning Programs for the community based non-profit organization, Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) in Newark, NJ for over seven years. At ICC she oversaw a wide range of environmental justice, community development, planning and research projects in her native Ironbound community in Newark. Ana has a Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Public Policy from Rutgers University where she completed her dissertation on state level environmental justice policy making across the US. Ana is a member of the Coalition for Healthy Ports, and the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance. Ana was also a 2013 Gustav Heningburg Civic Fellow at Rutgers University and she is a Senior National Environmental Leadership Fellow.

WORKSHOP C

Ecological Restoration and Sustainable Communities

Miller Hall, Room 13

This session will explore a collaboration between a youth development organization in Poughkeepsie (Nubian Directions II), an environmental organization (Clearwater), and an independent composting contractor with extensive experience in biological systems design (Greenway Environmental Services). These partners recently received a grant from Vassar College to continue their work retrofitting low-income houses with stormwater diversion systems that feed backyard gardens. Together, they join the movement to imagine inclusive environmentalisms and green cities that provide education, opportunity, and amenity to all residents.



Manna Jo Greene

Environmental Action Director

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Manna Jo Greene is life-long community activist working for peace, justice, and environmental protection. She has been the Environmental Action Director at Clearwater since 2000. Formerly the Recycling Coordinator/Educator for Ulster County for more than ten years, and a Registered Nurse since 1976, Greene avidly supports collaborative land use planning and problem-solving. Working to promote sustainable agriculture, green building and renewable energy, she recently completed a Deep Energy Retrofit on her home in Cottekill with funding from a NYSERDA grant and the Green Job/Green NY on-bill payment program. Trained in The Natural Step, a sustainability methodology for businesses and institutions, Greene teaches communities how to balance environmental preservation, economic prosperity (based on quality of life indicators), and social equity using effective communication. Greene served as Councilwoman for the Rosendale Town Board (2006 – 2013) and is currently an Ulster County Legislator – Dist.19 (2014 to present).

Advocacy for Change: On, Off and Across Campus(es)

Miller Hall, Room 14

The secret of effective advocacy is to persuade intelligently while letting your passion shine through. College campuses have been central to many of America's great social movements. Today, classic activism techniques still apply but social media provide tools unimaginable to organizers of the past. This workshop will explore the essential skills necessary for effective advocacy, such as lobbying and organizing, and how to use media to best communicate your message. We will tackle the question of whether it is possible to organize across the region's campuses and discuss the unique role that colleges and universities can and should play in affecting collective social change. Come ready to discuss the issues most important to you.



John Cronin

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John Cronin is senior fellow for environmental affairs at Pace University Academy for Applied Environmental Studies. He is has been affiliated with Pace since 1985. He is best known for his groundbreaking work as Hudson Riverkeeper, for which Time Magazine named him a "Hero for the Planet." He has also served as a district project coordinator for Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., legislative aide to New York State Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey, a lobbyist and commercial fisherman. He co-authored *The Riverkeepers* with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and wrote and co-produced *The Last Rivermen*, cited as an outstanding documentary of 1991 by the Motion Picture Academy Foundation. His many awards include an honorary *Juris Doctor* from Pace Law School, the William A. Ricker Award from the American Fisheries Society, and a Jefferson Gold Award, founded as the "Nobel Prize for Public Service" by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLEX TOUR (4:00pm)

All are welcome to take a guided tour of Pace University's new environmental complex immediately following the close of the Summit. Meet at the Environmental Complex in the Environmental Classroom (circled on campus map on next page).



The Dyson College Institute for Sustainability and the Environment (DCISE) brings together faculty, students and programs throughout Pace University to address environment and sustainability issues. The Institute functions as a dynamic academic center and resource for the Pace community and also engages members of the external community who are concerned about environmental issues.

The Institute employs contemporary resources for unique learning, research and service opportunities, and serves as a home to:

- Environmental Studies and Science Department
- Dyson College Nature Center
- Dyson College Center for the Arts, Society, and Ecology
- The Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies
- Environmental Consortium of Colleges and Universities

The Institute's dedicated spaces, resources, and programs support students with various opportunities to fully engage in the interdisciplinary study of the environment through hands-on scientific, policy, conservation, and advocacy curricular and co-curricular activities and experiences.



www.pace.edu/dyson/dcise

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Campus Map
www.pace.edu/masterplan

Environmental
Complex Tour

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24 - Willcox Hall

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Entrance 2

Entrance 1

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