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### NYU to Install Do-It-Yourself Bike Repair Station

NYU is installing a permanent outdoor repair stand in the bike parking area behind the Kaufman Management Education Center building on West Third Street near Gould Plaza. The stand will include a full range of basic bike tools attached by cables as well as

We are pleased to send you this quarterly edition of the *Consortium Circular*.

If you have colleagues who might be interested in the Consortium, please circulate the *Circular* and encourage them to become an individual member to receive this newsletter directly.

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an air pump. This allows [NYU bikers](#) to perform basic repairs, and will also be a venue for DIY educational workshops on bicycle maintenance. For more information contact [Kelsey Desiderio](#).

To share your greening story and be considered for a highlight, [send an email to the Consortium](#) with details.

[www.hvgreencampus.org](http://www.hvgreencampus.org)

## Our Mission

The mission of the [Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities](#) is to harness higher education's intellectual and physical resources to advance regional, ecosystem-based environmental research, teaching, and learning through interdisciplinary, collaborative programs and information sharing.



Pace University is the host institution of the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities, with headquarters located at [Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies](#).

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## Consortium News



### Applications Being Accepted: Theodore Gordon Flyfishers Founders Fund Merit Scholarship

The Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. and the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities are pleased to announce the [2012 Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Inc. Founders Fund Scholarship](#). This merit scholarship, in the amount of **\$3,500**, is offered annually in the name of the TGF founders, to a single recipient who has demonstrated excellence and outstanding dedication in a field of study that falls within an environmental field of a school or department.

It was the hope of the founders, as it is the hope of the current membership of Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, that the recipient will use this scholarship to assist his or her studies, and after graduation seek employment in the tri-state region in either the public or private sector furthering the cause of environmental protection and riparian habitat conservation for the benefit of all.

This scholarship is available to students enrolled, and who will continue to be enrolled during the award year (2012-2013 academic year), in a full-time four-year undergraduate degree (junior standing or higher as of fall 2012) or graduate degree program at a [member institution of the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley](#)

Colleges & Universities. The scholarship is also available to community college students in their second year who have been accepted into a four-year accredited member institution of the Environmental Consortium and will be enrolled as a junior or senior in the award year (as of fall 2102). The eligible applicant's major shall be in an area of environmental studies such as but not limited to ecology, hydrology, conservation biology, natural resource management, zoology or environmental law and policy. **Application deadline April 2, 2012.**



#### **Nominations for Consortium Steering Committee Seats**

The Environmental Consortium Steering Committee solicits nominations for open positions on its Steering Committee. In selecting members for election, the Subcommittee considers Article III of the Consortium By-Laws. Categories for open seats are:

**Member Seats (3):** Nominees may include faculty, deans, administrators, etc. Individual members of the Committee must hail from an Institutional Member. The Committee seeks representation from different and diverse academic disciplines.

**Affiliate Seat (1):** Nominees must hail from a Non-Profit Affiliate Member.

**Student Seats (2):** Nominees must be students from an Institutional Member and be able to fulfill a two-year term.

If you are interested in serving on the Committee, please complete the [nomination form](#) and email it to [johnsonl@vassar.edu](mailto:johnsonl@vassar.edu). Nomination deadline Thursday, December 8th.

#### **Consortium Headquarters Has Moved**



Pace University is the host institution and fiscal sponsor of the Environmental Consortium, which is headquartered in Pace's Academy for Applied Environmental Studies department. The office recently relocated to Pace's Pleasantville campus.

The Environmental Consortium's new contact information is: Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities

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## Regional News

### **Lt. Governor Duffy Joins Announcement of New Alliance between Clarkson University and Beacon Institute**

On Thursday, October 20, 2011, Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries and Clarkson University announced they have expanded their education and operational partnership in order to advance commercialization of emerging real-time river monitoring sensor technology, new academic programs and long-term public policy solutions to protect waterways. Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, Clarkson University will provide far-reaching environmental and economic benefits to New York State under a new name and operational structure that will establish New York as the leader in research and education for water innovation. Lt. Governor Robert Duffy joined the celebratory event that took place at Denning's Point in Beacon, NY. The goals of the partnership align to the priorities in Governor Cuomo's administration to drive economic growth and jobs through robust collaboration among private sector, university and public interests. [Read the full announcement.](#)

### **NYU Promotes Campus Sustainability Through Bike Share and Water Bottle Initiatives**

**Bike Share Increases Service To Community:** This fall, the NYU Bike Share left the pilot stage and emerged as a core university program. From September to November, the program has nearly doubled and has close to 1,000 registered students, faculty and staff. Check-in and check-out locations are based out of NYU residence halls, and the Bike Share recently set up locations in its 9th and 10th residence halls. To accommodate a fivefold increase in daily demand, NYU is doubling the size of its bicycle fleet - while also continuing to add public bike racks throughout the campus core area and neighborhood, where there are already twice as many spaces as there were in 2008. The NYU Bike Share launched in 2008 as a student-led "Green Grant," and is now a fully institutionalized program run by the NYU Office of Sustainability. The program provides free bike rentals to NYU students, faculty or staff who attend a half-hour bike safety training session. Since the program launched, there have been zero reported injuries or thefts.

**Comprehensive Water Bottle Evaluation:** To better institutionalize sustainable behavior, NYU purchased 2,000 reusable, stainless steel water bottles to distribute to the university community. NYU students, faculty and staff throw away 12 million disposable water bottles each year - enough to reach halfway across the United States. The university has worked to cut this figure by removing bottled water from free meal plans and funding a cutting-edge research study to examine the behavioral drivers of bottled water purchasing. To further address this issue, NYU completed a comprehensive environmental, social and cost analysis of reusable water bottle product offerings and vendors. This evaluation included a review of close to 10 vendors according to 12 performance and cost criteria, which ranged from labor standards to manufacturing materials. NYU ultimately purchased stainless steel, BPA-free, plastic liner-free bottles from California-based EcoImprints. Bottles were designed to best appeal to a diverse

university community through a variety of shapes, colors and designs. The bottles will be distributed to different divisions of the university over the next few months to drive changes in behavior and promote sustainability on campus. For more information, contact [Kelsey Desiderio](#).

### **Pace University is First in Westchester to Earn Sustainability Rating from STARS**

Pace University is a charter participant in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's national rating program, [Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment & Rating System](#) (STARS). Pace submitted its report in August and received a bronze rating, and will be working to improve its rating for the next report. Pace was also highlighted on the STARS blog for "an institutional best practice" of "sustainable compensation." To date, nearly 230 higher education institutions have registered as STARS participants. [Read the Pace press release](#).

### **RPI Professor Interviewed, "Where science meets the people"**

Michael Mascarenhas is an environmental sociologist who teaches at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. While accompanying some students to observe New York City's [Occupy Wall Street](#) movement, he found time to talk about blogging and bringing science to a level where everyone can reach it. Michael Mascarenhas has been a member of the Consortium's Steering Committee since 2008 and currently serves as Vice-Chair. [Read the full interview](#).

### **Grant Funds Benefit Westchester Community College**

**Con Ed Power of Green Grant:** Con Ed has generously awarded the college Foundation a second grant to continue and expand a faculty learning community on sustainability and the curriculum titled Between River and Sound. During 2011 seven faculty from a variety of academic disciplines completed a program designed to stimulate discussion of sustainability principles and to encourage the modification of existing courses or to inspire the creation of new courses that include sustainability themes and practices. For 2012, up to ten additional faculty, staff and administrators will participate in the program. Program co-directors are [Dr. Scott Zaluda](#); and [Prof. Michael Priano](#).

**Campus Nature Trail:** [The Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College](#) has been awarded a \$15,000 NYS Parks and Recreation grant to begin the restoration of the campus nature trail.

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## Scholarly Highlights

### **Bard Law Professor Published in International Journal of Rural Law and Policy**

Bard CEP Law Professor, Victor Tafur Esq., was recently published in the newly launched [International Journal of Rural Law and Policy](#) for his article "Water Law, Mining and Hydro-Energy Conflicts in South America: Tales from the Andes and Patagonia."

### **Rensselaer Professor Michael Mascarenhas Explores Nonprofit Water Development in Project on Globalization Supported by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**

Dr. Mascarenhas is exploring international water aid organizations-particularly in relation to their work creating knowledge and distributing information about people, places, and projects in the developing world - as part of a new interdisciplinary research studies initiative through Indiana University. The project, "Framing the Global," brings together 15 scholars to study the links between global issues and local communities. It is supported by a \$755,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. For the project, Mascarenhas will research how knowledge is created by and for water development agencies. His project is titled "[Developing Research, Researching Development: Understanding Knowledge Production About the World's Water Problems](#)."

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## Consortium Classifieds

### **HRWA Seeks Volunteers for Macroinvertebrate Identification**

The [Hudson River Watershed Alliance](#) (HRWA) is working with several other organizations on a grant-funded project to monitor water quality in tributaries of the Hudson River, and to use the findings in educational programs. One aspect of this project is focused on using macroinvertebrates to assess water quality in streams, following the same methods used by NYS DEC. Due to the intense flooding this year, DEC and other sources advised us that the macroinvertebrate community in streams is likely to be significantly altered for some time after the floods. We therefore had to postpone sampling scheduled for this September and wait until the next standard sampling season next summer. In response to this situation, however, HRWA will try and track the recovery of these organisms at several selected stream sites in the region. We are seeking help for analyzing samples, and possibly for collecting them in the field, from colleges and other organizations and individuals who have experience with macro ID. We are not trying to do the ID to the detailed level needed for the DEC's full water quality assessment method, but simply trying to get some level of ID, perhaps to family level, and to do this at periodic intervals between now and next summer, with a total of perhaps 2-4 samples during that period. If you have some background in this and are willing to help with ID of samples, please contact Simon Gruber, President, HRWA, at [sgruber100@verizon.net](mailto:sgruber100@verizon.net) or 845-534-5622. There is no budget to fund this work, but HRWA will credit all participants in project reports and educational materials, and the findings can potentially be presented at an educational workshop or conference.

## Opportunities

### CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS

#### **Left Forum 2012 Conference: A Call for All Panel Submissions**

Convening each spring in New York City, [Left Forum](#) is the largest annual international conference of its kind. Continuing a tradition begun in the 1960s, the conference involves a broad spectrum of intellectuals, organizers, academics, activists, and the general public from a wide range of progressive, social movement and Left political backgrounds who come together to share ideas and offer critical perspectives on the world. Left Forum 2011 featured Dr. Cornell West, Barbara Ehrenreich, John Nichols, and Laura Flanders and drew over 3,500 participants for more than 230 panels. Left Forum 2012 will be held at Pace University from March 16-18, 2012 and is currently now calling for panel proposals for the 2012 conference. Topics on the environment and sustainability are encouraged. This year's theme is "Occupy the System: Confronting Global Capitalism." Panel submission deadline is January 15, 2012. For inquiries, contact [panels@leftforum.org](mailto:panels@leftforum.org). To see instructions on how to submit a panel, [www.leftforum.org/panels/instructions](http://www.leftforum.org/panels/instructions) and to see panels from last year's conference, [www.leftforum.org/conference/2011](http://www.leftforum.org/conference/2011).

#### **Call for Papers - PIERS Student Conference: Encountering Nature Through University Culture**

Are you writing a paper on the environment or environmentalism? "Recycle" it at the [Pace Institute for Environmental and Regional Studies](#) (PIERS) Conference and you could win \$200! Pace University (NYC) is inviting undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and colleges around New York City to submit their original research on the environment and papers written for an environmental studies class in Fall 2011. Students will present their work at the PIERS student conference on March 23, 2012. Learn from and network with other environmentally active people. Possible topics are alternative transportation, environmental justice, global warming, green living, land and water, natural resources, organic farming, pollution and health, population growth, renewable energy, waste and recycling, and more! Submit a 250 word abstract to [piers@pace.edu](mailto:piers@pace.edu). **Deadline for submissions are December 31, 2011.**

#### **SUNY ESF Symposium of Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Land Use and Ethics**

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry's Northern Forest Institute invites submissions for its first annual [symposium of interdisciplinary scholarship](#) in land use and ethics, to be held at Huntington Wildlife Forest, Newcomb, NY. We welcome research from across professions and disciplines on topics related to balancing individual and community priorities with respect to land use and the associated expectations for human and ecosystem stewardship and social and environmental ethics. Submissions should generate conversation around a variety of approaches to land use, the moral implications of these approaches, as well as the ways that they influence the ongoing debate over how to achieve social and environmental justice. Submissions from a range of disciplines and professional fields are encouraged.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

#### **Loewy-Mohonk Preserve Liaison Fellowship Opportunities**

Mohonk Preserve is once again pleased to announce 2012 fellowship opportunities under the [Loewy-Mohonk Preserve Liaison Fellowship program](#). Located in the northern Shawangunk Mountains of eastern New York State, the Mohonk Preserve manages over 7,000 acres of land including ridgetop forests and pine barrens to wetlands and grasslands. The Mohonk Preserve is seeking to sustain the viability of natural communities and maintain biodiversity. Through the 2012 Loewy-Mohonk Preserve Liaison Fellowship, up to \$10,000 will be awarded to a project (or projects) that will contribute to the understanding and conservation of this ecologically significant landscape. The program guidelines and announcement flyer listing some of our highest priority subjects and information about the Daniel Smiley Research Center can be found on our website. Should you be interested in applying for a fellowship, please take a look at the guidelines at the link above or feel free to forward this information to others who may be interested. **Deadline for applications is December 31, 2011.** Our fellowship opportunities are made possible through funding from The Loewy Family Foundation, Inc. Please contact John Thompson, Director of Conservation Science at the Mohonk Preserve by phone (845) 255-5969, fax (845) 255-1018, or email [jthompson@mohonkpreserve.org](mailto:jthompson@mohonkpreserve.org) or [research@mohonkpreserve.org](mailto:research@mohonkpreserve.org) if you have questions or need further information.

#### **EPA P3: People, Prosperity and the Planet Competition**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites higher education students and faculty to apply for its [P3: People, Prosperity and the Planet competition](#) to design solutions for a sustainable future. Winners of the first phase of the competition will receive a \$15,000 grant to develop their idea. Designs will then compete at the National Sustainable Design Expo in April 2012 for the P3 Award and a \$90,000 grant for real world application. **Applications will be accepted through December 22, 2011.**

### EDUCATION

#### **Carbon Farming 2012: Workshops in Regenerative Agriculture**

Top farmers and researchers will gather at the Pfeiffer Center in New York's Hudson River Valley from Jan 17 - Feb 5 for the [2012 Carbon Farming Course](#). The course is a series of workshops in regenerative agriculture, but individuals may attend individual 1 to 3-day workshops if so desired. The Carbon Farming Course is the only training of its kind in the United States. The focus will be on practices and design for profitable farming and

regenerative agriculture, carbon sequestration, soil building, and holistic management. Presenters include: Joel Salatin of Polyface Farm and author of numerous books including *You Can Farm*; Dr. Wes Jackson, founder and director of The Land Institute in Salinas, KS; Dr. Elaine Ingham, founder and director of Soil Food Web, Inc; Dr. Ann Adams of Holistic Management International; Darren Doherty, a leading Permaculture designer; Dave Jacke and Eric Toensmeier, authors of *Edible Forest Gardens*. A special discount is negotiable for groups [jhunn@thesca.org](mailto:jhunn@thesca.org) of students who would like to attend any of the workshops or the entire course.

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Bard College Program Chair - MBA in Sustainability**

Bard College seeks a Program Chair to help develop, launch and grow a new MBA program with a focus on sustainability. The new degree will offer a rigorous education in core business competencies, while embedding sustainability across the curriculum. The program will initially be low-residence, convening classes primarily in New York City, with administrative offices at the Bard Campus in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. The position will begin full-time in June, 2012. The successful applicant will have a distinguished record in business and sustainability education and practice, as well as demonstrated leadership and administrative ability. A terminal degree appropriate for business education is required, Ph.D. or J.D. preferred. The new degree program is a joint initiative of the [Bard Center for Environmental Policy](#) and the [Levy Economics Institute](#). To apply, send cover letter, CV, writing sample (no more than 25 pp.), and names and contact information for three references by e-mail only to [hr11084@bard.edu](mailto:hr11084@bard.edu). **Application deadline is February 1, 2012.** Bard College is an equal opportunity employer, and we welcome applications from those who contribute to our diversity. AA/EOE.

### **Citizen-Science Educator - Student Conservation Association and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Hudson River Estuary Program coordinates research, education, and conservation efforts on the Hudson River, a waterway rich in biodiversity, storied in history, and famously scenic. We seek a self-motivated educator to help students and the public to discover the river's stories and conserve its natural resources. The major activity of this member will be split between supporting citizen-science field programs in local fisheries research and estuary monitoring and providing electronic media, internet content, and public exhibits about the Hudson River estuary, its natural resources, DEC's management role, and the importance of citizen involvement and stewardship to schools, service organizations, and the general public. A common thread through all these duties is the importance of communication and education about the river's natural resources. Emphasis of duties will vary seasonally. Areas of responsibility include coordinating and implementing citizen-science research on American eel migration better known as the [Eel Project](#), assisting in coordinating and implementing "[A Day in the Life of the Hudson River](#)," developing content for publications and for DEC's Hudson River web pages, design and staff displays for riverfront festivals and other public gatherings as well as participate in all SCA Corps wide trainings and service projects, as well as project evaluation and reporting. The position will be headquartered at the Norrie Point Environmental Center in Staatsburg, NY. The educator will travel regularly to the NYSDEC office in New Paltz, and other project sites in the Hudson Valley as needed. Office vehicles will be provided for work activities. For applications and more details on job description, requirements, and compensation please visit [www.thesca.org/node/325115](http://www.thesca.org/node/325115). If there are any questions or concerns about position benefits and applications, contact Josh Hunn at 845-255-4758, x-101 or [jhunn@thesca.org](mailto:jhunn@thesca.org). All questions and concerns on position duties please Contact Chris Bowser at [chbowser@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:chbowser@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

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## Regional Events

### **Cary Institute: Inspiring Environmental Awareness in Youth (December 2nd) 6:30pm**

*Cary Institute, Auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44) in Millbrook, New York*

Join award-winning author, illustrator, and filmmaker Lynne Cherry for a special evening exploring how books and videos can inspire youth to engage in conservation and citizen-science. Cherry will discuss the story behind her classic book *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*, as well as her more recent offering *How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate*. She will also show several videos from her collection of short films, "Young Voices for the Planet." These inspiring vignettes capture how students are making a difference through environmental action. For example, the story of N.Y. resident Olivia Boulter who, at 11, raised \$200,000 for Audubon following the BP oil spill. A book signing will follow the lecture; Merritt Bookstore will be offering books for sale.

### **Bard CEP Evening Lecture: Majora Carter (December 2nd) 8:00pm-9:30pm**

*Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York*

Majora Carter, an inspiring sustainability leader, will speak at Bard College as part of a weekend conference that the Center for Environmental Policy (Bard CEP) is holding to launch our C2C Fellows initiative. At Bard CEP, we are creating a national network of students and recent graduates who aspire to balance sustainability and leadership in business and politics. Majora's keynote address for the conference is open to the public. For more information contact: [cep@bard.edu](mailto:cep@bard.edu) or 845-758-7071.

### **OCWA: Orange County Flood Forum (December 6th) 3:30 pm - 6:00pm**

*Blooming Grove Town Hall, 6 Horton Road, Washingtonville, NY*

The OCWA in partnership with the Town of Blooming Grove, the County of Orange and the Moodna Creek Watershed Inter-municipal Council are pleased to present a free public educational forum about flooding in

Orange County, NY. The forum is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Contact OCWA at 845-615-3868 or [ecruz@orangecountygov.com](mailto:ecruz@orangecountygov.com) to reserve your seat today.

**Bard Center For Environmental Policy: National Climate Seminar (December 7th)** 12:00pm

Listen in real time to climate and clean energy specialists talk about the latest science, policy, law, and economics of climate change. Assign these half-hour calls to your students for a chance to hear top scientists, analysts and political leaders discuss climate and clean energy solutions. Send us your questions, prior to each call, by emailing [climate@bard.edu](mailto:climate@bard.edu). Join the National Climate Seminar by dialing in at 12:00pm eastern on the scheduled day. Call-in number: 1-712-432-3100; Conference Code: 253385. Who: Mark Hertsgaard, Author and Journalist, the Conversation: Generation Hot.

**Dominican College: Creating a Sustainable Campus Workshop (December 9th)** 9:00am-2:00pm

*Dominican College, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY*

Kean University and the New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability (NJHEPS) are proud to announce their autumn lineup of Creating a Sustainable Campus Workshops that will be held in NY and NJ as part of an EPA Pollution Prevention Program. Topics covered throughout these workshops will include: Green Design Building Guidelines, state and federal incentive programs, Greenhouse Gas Reporting Initiative (GRI), Hospitality Green's Resource Tracking Tool, Clean Air-Cool Planet and other GHG Calculators, and highlights of what campuses throughout the region are doing to track and lower their GHG emissions.

**HRWA: Watershed Management on a Shoestring Budget (December 15th)** 8:30am-4:30pm

*Henry A. Wallace Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park, NY*

This conference is a regional training opportunity for local watershed and conservation organizations along with local governments in the Hudson Valley region. Participants include volunteers, board and staff members, restoration practitioners, local leaders, and funders.

**EPA: Green Design and Carbon Tracking (February 10th)** 9:00am - 2:00pm

*USEPA Region 2 Headquarters, 290 Broadway, NY, NY*

Workshop presented by: Kean University and the New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability. Join us to learn about the new revision of the High Performance Campus Design Handbook! Learn about the latest subsidies available from the Clean Energy Program. Come hear case studies from NY institutions - what they are doing in the area of energy efficiency. This workshop is part of an EPA grant designed to help you and your campus community learn how to track and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

**Cary Institute: Journey of the Universe: An Epic Story of Transformation (February 10th)** 6:30pm

*Cary Institute Auditorium, 2801 Sharon Turnpike (Route 44) in Millbrook, NY*

From the Big Bang to the epic impact humans have on the planet today, this documentary film is designed to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth in a period of growing environmental and social crisis. A collaboration between acclaimed author and philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme and Yale University historian of religions Mary Evelyn Tucker. Following the screening, Tucker will be available for QA. Space is limited. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

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