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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

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

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Consortium News

Environmental Consortium Welcomes New Members to Steering Committee

Governed by a multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary Steering Committee comprised of the Consortium director, a chair, vice-chair and 18 members, the following members were elected to serve a 3-year term on the [Environmental Consortium's Steering Committee](#):

- **John Cronin**, Senior Fellow, Academy for Applied Environmental Studies, Pace University, and Beacon Institute Fellow, Clarkson University
- **Craig L. Frank**, Co-Director Dept. of Biological Sciences, Fordham University Louis Calder Center
- **Douglas Robinson, Jr.**, Assistant Professor of Biology, Mount Saint Mary College
- **David T. Conover**, Education Director, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
- **Gabriel Dunsmith '15**, Environmental Activist, Vassar College

Consortium Merit Scholarships - 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.**



Pace Law School Environmental Consortium Merit Scholarship

In support of the Environmental Consortium of Hudson Valley Colleges & Universities' mission, Pace Law School is offering a "Merit Scholarship" award to a fall 2012 entering student who is either currently enrolled in or has earned his or her bachelors or masters degree from one of the Consortium's member institutions and has demonstrated an interest in environmental issues affecting the Hudson River watershed region. Scholarship benefits consist of a merit scholarship ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 towards law school tuition, depending upon the student's qualifications and Pace's financial resources. The award is renewable each year based on continued academic excellence. The scholarship recipient will be expected to complete at least one written work related to a regional environmental issue(s) while at Pace Law School. Interested students should attach a half to one page statement to the Law School application of how he or she has been involved in Hudson River region environmental issues during their undergraduate work or why they have a particular interest in the environmental issues affecting the Hudson River watershed region. Details and how to apply.

SAVE THE DATE: 7th Annual Student Summit, April 13th with Career and Graduate Program Fair

Manhattanville College will host the Environmental Consortium's Student Summit on Friday, April 13th. "[Your Future and the Planet's: Environmental Careers and Graduate Education](#)" will provide students an opportunity to hear from a number of professionals in diverse fields about a wide range of environmental careers, and will conclude with a career and graduate program fair. Spaces for graduate programs are reserved exclusively for member institutions of the Environmental Consortium.

Collaboration Throughout the Hudson River Watershed

Posters and photos from the Environmental Consortium's annual meeting, [Collaboration Throughout the Hudson River Watershed](#), held November 11-12, 2011 at The College of Saint Rose, are now online. Many ideas for collaborative programs and initiatives were proposed at the close of the annual meeting. The Consortium's Steering Committee is working on convening program groups. An invitation to the Consortium membership to participate will be forthcoming.

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Regional News

Three Consortium Members Featured in *New York Post* Article About the Hudson

John Cronin, Senior Fellow for Environmental Affairs at Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies and Beacon Institute Fellow at Clarkson University, along with Nevin Cohen, Professor at the New School, and Gregory O'Mullan, Professor at CUNY Queens College appeared in the *New York Post* article, "[Clean Sweep: In the past 40 years, New York has enjoyed perhaps the greatest environmental turnaround in American history](#)" article found in the *New York Post*.

WAMC and Cary Institute Debut New Radio Show

On January 2nd, WAMC Northeast Public Radio and the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies debuted a new radio show called *Earth Wise: A look at our changing environment*. The collaboration was formed to increase ecological literacy among radio listeners, with a focus on raising awareness about the science that underpins environmental issues. The two-minute segments will air Monday through Friday at 11:10 AM and 4:04 PM on WAMC. With the Earth as its subject, *Earth Wise* content will be globally relevant. New topics will be featured

daily, with coverage on climate change, energy, sustainable living, agriculture, and threats to air, water, and wildlife. Each segment will also highlight how individuals can make a difference. *Earth Wise* debuted on Monday, January 2nd and is available for syndication to other radio stations. In addition to WAMC, Earth Wise can be heard on WRFA in Jamestown. You can also listen online at earthwiseradio.org, keep updated on Twitter @earthwiseradio, or join the conversation at Facebook.com/EarthWiseRadio.

Clearwater's Indian Point Research and Campaign Featured in *Poughkeepsie Journal* Weekly Conservation Column

Manna Jo Greene, environmental action director of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, was featured in the *Poughkeepsie Journal's* [February 4, 2012 weekly conservation column](#). Entergy has applied to renew Indian Point's licenses for another 20 years, but this is a risky proposition. The plant has two reactors, both approaching the end of their designed 40-year lifespan. Their licenses expire in 2013 and 2015, after which the plant was intended to be closed and decommissioned. On January 12, the [NY State Assembly](#) sought to answer this question at a hearing in Manhattan. More on Clearwater's campaign and research can be viewed at www.clearwater.org/ea/power-plants-energy/indian-point-campaign.

Hudsonia Launches Habitat Connections Initiative, Studies Fracking

Hudsonia, a nonprofit scientific research institute based at the Bard College Field Station on Tivoli South Bay of the Hudson River, has launched the Habitat Connections initiative. This program integrates results of research during the past 30 years to produce a broader spatial and temporal perspective on conservation science issues in the northeastern states (see more information at <http://hudsonia.org/habitat-connections>). One current study addresses the impacts on biodiversity of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas (preliminary results at <http://hudsonia.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/nfh-Fracking-biodiversity-best.pdf>).

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Scholarly Highlights

Bard CEP Professor Jennifer Phillips publishes in *Future Science*

"[Land use carbon implications of a reduction in ethanol production and an increase in well-managed pastures.](#)"
Background: As the debate over governmental subsidization of ethanol continues, the academic and policy communities should prepare for a potential reduction of ethanol production, and be aware of the potential land use impacts. We report a first-order estimate of carbon implications of the change in land use that results from a reduction of ethanol production from current levels and having well-managed pasture as an alternative land management option. Method: An integrated biogeophysical-socioeconomic model is used to evaluate three levels of potential reductions in ethanol production, along with the possibility of conversion of cropland to pasture management. Results: Results indicate that up to 10 million ha of cropland could be converted to pastureland, reducing agricultural land use emissions by nearly 10 teragrams carbon equivalent per year, a 36% decline in carbon emissions from agricultural land use.

CUNY Queens College Professor Publishes Paper in *Journal of Applied Ichthyology*

Dr. John Waldman of the Biology Department at Queens College, with colleagues L. Maceda, and I. Wirgin, published recently in the *Journal of Applied Ichthyology*. The newly released article (Volume 28, Issue 1, Pages 1-6) "Mixed-stock analysis of wintertime aggregations of striped bass along the mid-Atlantic coast" includes Hudson River striped bass stock in its analysis. For a reprint, contact john.waldman@qc.cuny.edu.

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Opportunities

SUNY ESF - Adirondack Narratives: The Ethics of Environment and Culture, 3CR

Students will learn about environmental ethics through the study and practice of natural world storytelling and Scholarly Personal Narrative (SPN). Particular attention will be paid to the role that storytelling plays in our understanding of what environmental ethics is. We will begin by studying the work of writers and philosophers of the American Transcendental period along with their literary, cultural and philosophical legacy. We'll explore how this 19th century confluence of ideas began to change the way we understand ourselves in the context of our environment.

Students will experience landscape as text and nature as story, as they develop a sense of the self in relation to place at Cranberry Lake. They will learn to use various modes of language (particularly writing, but also images, music, and public speaking) as vehicles for creating and expressing a relationship to place. Our primary means for pursuing the course inquiry will be through reading selections from the course texts and responding

to them through discussions and writing. Through this process, the hope is that we will come to understand and connect to the place where we find ourselves: Cranberry Lake.

The course location is SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Cranberry Lake Biological Station from July 29 - August 10, 2012. Details at www.esf.edu/clbs. Inquiries contact Marianne Patinelli-Dubay, mpatinelli@esf.edu.

Bard Center for Environmental Policy Sustainability/Solar Workshop

The Bard Center for Environmental Policy is pleased to invite interested parties to join a two-day workshop with sustainability consultant Roberta Fernandez. This is an opportunity to learn about the "Pyramid" method of accelerating sustainability decision-making pioneered by Alan Atkisson, and discussed in his book, The Sustainability Transformation. (EarthScan 2010). There is no charge for the workshop.

The dates are February 17th and 18th, and we have some remaining slots available. The workshop will employ as its focus consensus building around New York's proposed "Solar Jobs" Bill, but the intent is to learn how the Pyramid method can be generally applied to accelerate sustainability planning in businesses and communities.

To learn more about Atkisson and his Pyramid method, please see this interview with him that appeared in Sustainability: The Journal of Record last June, and was conducted by graduate students at the Bard CEP.

Spaces are limited, and so we would request that participants commit to the full two days if possible. To sign up, or for questions, please e-mail Josephine French, jofrench@bard.edu.

Hudson River Estuary Program Citizen Stewardship Volunteer Opportunities

The Hudson River Estuary Program protects and improves the natural and scenic Hudson River watershed for all its residents. The program created in 1987 focuses its work on the tidal Hudson and its adjacent watershed from the federal dam at Troy to upper New York harbor. Its mission includes ensuring clean water, protecting and restoring fish, wildlife and their habitats, providing water recreation and river access, adapt to climate change and conserve New York's world famous scenery. Join today in a multitude of volunteer opportunities with the Hudson River Estuary Program. A few of the opportunities include the following:

- Amphibian Migrations and Road Crossings Project: In early spring, forest amphibians move from their woodland habitat to breed in vernal pools, often making dangerous road crossings. Volunteers can help conserve salamanders, frogs, and toads by documenting spring migrations and road crossings, and moving amphibians to safety. Visit www.dec.ny.gov/lands/51925.html for more information or contact woodlandpool@gw.dec.state.ny.us to receive migration alerts and information on project training opportunities.
- North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP): Frog and toad populations around the world are declining due to habitat loss, climate change, fungal disease, and contaminants. Monitoring programs that keep track of where frogs and toads are, and how they are doing, will be a critical part of their conservation and long-term sustainability. Visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50247.html for more information or contact: FrogandToad@gw.dec.state.ny.us.
- American Eel Research (Hudson River Research Reserve): With the decline of American eels along the east coast, research is critical to understand the behavior and habitats of the juvenile "glass eels" that migrate from the Sargasso Sea to the Hudson River tributaries in order to conserve them. Teams of scientists, community volunteers, and students go to their sites on designated days in late March through May and record data on glass eels, measure environmental conditions, and release the eels to continue their journey. Visit www.dec.ny.gov/lands/49580.html for more information or contact chbowser@gw.dec.state.ny.us.
- River Herring Monitoring Program: River herring stocks along the east coast are declining, likely due to a combination of dams, water quality issues, invasive species, over fishing, bycatch losses, and increases in predator populations. Monitoring Hudson River tributaries will help to determine the extent of their use by migratory herring during spring spawning months. Visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/41545.html for more information or contact r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

Internship Opportunities at the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has ongoing internships in Environmental Action and Green Cities. Want to help close Indian Point and transition the Hudson Valley to a Green Energy Economy, work on Environmental Justice, or gain environmental law experience? Well the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater can help and will tailor to your needs and wants. Contact mannajo@clearwater.org or victor@clearwater.org or call (845)265-8080N> x 7113.

Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station: Summer Opportunities for Students

The Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station-a 2,000 acre preserve and 75 year-old field station located in the Hudson Valley/Northern Catskill region of New York.

- **Odum Undergraduate Internship in Field Ecology Research**
Applications are due Friday, March 9th.

The Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station is now accepting applications for its Odum Internship for summer 2012 for rising juniors and seniors who are interested in doing independent research this summer. The internship is for approximately 8-weeks, from June 4 to July 28. This is an unpaid internship, though housing is provided and some opportunities for paid work prior to or following the internship are available. For more information on the internship and for how to apply, please visit: http://huyckpreserve.org/research/odum_intern.htm

- **Senior Research Fellowship**
Applications are due Friday, March 2nd.

The Huyck Preserve and Biological Research Station is now accepting applications for its Senior Research Fellowship for summer 2012. The Fellowship is for approximately 50 days, with a concentration in early June to early August. There is a \$10,000 stipend along with waived housing and station fees. For more information on the Fellowship and how to apply, please visit: <http://huyckpreserve.org/research/srf.htm>

Polgar Fellowships for Undergrad and Grad Research

The Tibor T. Polgar Fellowship program is a research program conducted jointly by the Hudson River Foundation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Named in honor of the late Dr. Tibor T. Polgar, a major contributor to the early development of the Foundation, this program provides a summertime grant (\$3,800 for each fellowship) and limited research funds (maximum of \$1000) for up to eight college students (both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible) to conduct research on the Hudson River. The objectives of the program are to gather important information on all aspects of the River and to train students in conducting estuarine studies and public policy research. Proposal deadline: Monday, February 20, 2012. For full application procedures, requirements and examples of previous research please visit <http://www.hudsonriver.org/polgar.htm>.

Enroll in River University, An Interdisciplinary Summer Experience for Undergraduates

River University, a new program by Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, a subsidiary of Clarkson University, launches July 8 through August 3 at Beacon Institute's Center for Environmental Innovation & Education at Denning's Point in Beacon, NY. Successful completion of the River University program will earn undergraduates, from any college, nine credits in Ecology, Environmental Engineering and Environmental Policy. Taught by internationally recognized Hudson River environmentalist John Cronin and respected Clarkson University faculty Tom Langen, Ph.D. and Shane Rogers, Ph.D., courses will be an interdisciplinary learning experience, which will include five days of experiential learning on the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater. Apply now, only 25 students will be selected!

Bard CEP: Environmental Science Faculty Position

Bard College seeks an environmental scientist for a full-time position on the Faculty of the Bard Center for Environmental Policy (Bard CEP). This position is for a three-year term, renewable upon review for successive three-year terms. Responsibilities include teaching a year-long course in environmental science in the M.S. degree program in Environmental Policy, along with one additional course each year. Other responsibilities include advising Master's theses and serving on faculty committees. A commitment to interdisciplinary teaching is essential. The position requires completion of the Ph.D. by time of hire. For more information about Bard CEP and the M.S. in Environmental Policy, visit www.bard.edu/cep. To apply, send a cover letter, CV, writing sample (no more than 25 pages), and names and contact information for three references by e-mail only to hr12011@bard.edu. Applications will be reviewed as received. Bard College is an equal opportunity employer, and we welcome applications from those who contribute to our diversity.

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Campus Greening Corner

Marist College Earns Title of "Organics Reduction Champion"



On November 5, 2011 Marist College participated in the [EPA Game Day Challenge](#), a friendly competition between colleges and universities across the nation to promote waste reduction at football games. The team at Sodexo worked together to collect and separate nearly 3,000 pounds of waste into proper collection bins.

Marist Dining Services has been recognized as the "Organics Reduction Champion" of the EPA Game Day Challenge 2011. For the second year in a row, Marist College's waste reduction efforts have surpassed those of numerous academic institutions including University of Colorado Boulder, Harvard University, and University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The goals of the Game Day Challenge are to lower the waste generated at college football games, increase participation by students, faculty, staff, and the community in waste reduction programs, and heighten awareness of waste reduction programs. [View Game Day results.](#)

NYU announces 8 new Green Grants; Students Begin Planning Food Cooperative



[New York University's Sustainability Task Force](#) announced this Spring eight 2012 "Green Grant" projects, including seed funding for a student food co-op, student-led composting collection for academic spaces and events, LEED evaluation study for the University's existing building stock, a Meatless Mondays campaign exploring relationships between food and climate change, and a series of solar-powered kinetic sculptures that resemble flowers and biomimetically open and close their petals.

The projects were chosen among a host of submissions from NYU students, faculty, and staff based on impact on the campus' environmental footprint and campus culture of sustainability, feasibility, and potential for institutionalization after the funding period. Since its establishment in 2007, the program has funded 61 projects to the tune of nearly \$400,000 dollars.

Though the food coop program is still in the early planning stages, students are actively scouting locations on campus from which to serve food and vetting vendors and farmers to supply the mobile campus food truck. The group plans to launch the program starting this fall.

For more information about the food cooperative, contact Kayla Santosuosso, kaylasantosuosso@gmail.com. For more information about the Green Grants, contact Dave Seaward, dms537@nyu.edu.

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Regional Events

MCLA Green Living Seminars (Thursdays Jan 26th - May 3rd)

Every semester, MCLA's Green Living Seminar Series hosts lectures by local, regional, and national experts organized around a central theme related to the environment and sustainability. This year's theme is "Saving biodiversity: Protecting species in Berkshire County and beyond." The seminars take place Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Room 218 of Murdock Hall on the MCLA campus. They are free and open to the public. The series is sponsored by Eos Ventures, Inc. and Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, as well as the MCLA's Environmental Studies Department. For more information, go to www.mcla.edu/greenliving or contact Elena Traister at (413)662-5303.

National Climate Seminar - a bimonthly event hosted by BardCEP (February 15th-May 2nd)

Listen in real time to climate and clean energy specialists talk about the latest science, policy, law, and economics of climate change. A unique opportunity to hear top scientists, analysts and political leaders discuss climate and clean energy solutions. Join the National Climate Seminar by dialing in at 12:00pm eastern on the scheduled day.

February 15 - Anthony Leiserowitz, Yale Project on Climate Change Communication - Six Americas: Communication on Climate

March 7 - Billy Parish, author and founder, Solar Mosaic - Careers: Finding Meaning, Money and Community

March 21 - Auden Schendler, VP for Sustainability, Aspen Skiing Company - Getting Green Done: Front Line Sustainability Work

April 4 - Paul Comey, Vice President of Environmental Affairs, GMCR - The Climate for Coffee

April 18 - Cynthia Rosenzweig, Climate Impacts Group, NASA Goddard Inst. - Climate and Food Supply

May 2 - Jihan Gearon, Director, Black Mesa Coalition - Carbon Supply Chain: Black Mesa and Beyond

BardMBA Sustainable Business Series - Mondays in NYC (February 20th-March 12th)

Join with leading experts in sustainable business for this powerful discussion series. You'll hear from experts who will speak to increases in productivity from incorporating sustainability practices into operations, work environment, and corporate policies. Highlights of the series include a conversation with Hunter Lovins, President of Natural Capitalism Inc, on March 5th. Following the presentations, there will be a discussion period open to questions from the audience.

February 20 - MBA Student Roundtable

February 27 - Financing Clean Energy

March 5 - A Conversation with Hunter Lovins

March 12 - Sustainable Finance, What Does it Look Like?

Creating America's Eastern Wildway (February 16, 2012) 7:00pm

SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, Lecture Center (Room 102), New Paltz, New York 12561

Shawangunk Ridge Free Public Lecture Series presents Creating America's Eastern Wildway with John Davis, co-founder of the Wildlands Network. In 2011, John hiked, canoed, cycled, and skied over 5,000 miles of the Eastern Wildway of the United States and Canada to demonstrate the need and potential for conservation connectivity for the benefit of wildlife, vegetation, protected areas, and people. Join John as he discusses the potential for connecting America's eastern wildlands and cultural landscapes and maintaining viable ecosystems in the face of fragmentation and climate disruption.

How's The Water? A Presentation and call for volunteers (February 16, 2012) 7:00pm

Town of Esopus Library, 128 Canal Street, Port Ewen

Riverkeeper will present its water-quality testing program for the Hudson and its tributaries, and recruit volunteers for a new testing initiative in the non-tidal portions of the Wallkill River and Rondout Creek. For more information contact Dan Shapley at (914)478-4501 x226 or dshapley@riverkeeper.org. This event is free of charge.

How clean is the Hudson right now and what can we do to help? (February 17, 2012) 7:00pm

Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon, NY (across from Metro North riverside)

A lecture by Andrew Meyer and Emily Vail from the Department of Environmental Conservation. Find out about how water quality is measured and the river's current health status. For more information call (914)879-1082 or (845)463-4660. The event is free of charge.

Living on the Wind: The Miracle of Bird Migration (February 23, 2012) 7:00pm

SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, Lecture Center (Room 102), New Paltz, New York 12561

Shawangunk Ridge Free Public Lecture Series presents Living on the Wind: The Miracle of Bird Migration with Scott Weidensaul, noted author and naturalist. Since the dawn of human imagination, we have been spellbound by the migration of birds, in which even the smallest species traverse immensities of space the way we cross the street. New research continually expands our understanding of where birds travel and their migratory feats. But while populations of many migratory birds are in drastic decline, there are many things we can do to save them. Scott will explore the wonder and mechanics of migration and the simple, effective ways we can preserve migratory birds, from what we plant in our gardens to what we pour into our morning mug of coffee. Presented in partnership with Birds & Beans Bird-Friendly Coffee.

Framing the Viewshed: A Bend in the River (February 25, 2012) 3:00pm

Stair Galleries, 549 Warren St, Hudson, NY

An Insider's Account of the Hudson Valley's 1979 Nuclear Decision. Panelists include J. Winthrop Aldrich, Carl Petrich, and Rick Benas and moderated by Dorothy Heyl.

The Surprisingly Significant Earthworm (March 1, 2012) 7:00pm

SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, Lecture Center (Room 102), New Paltz, New York 12561

Shawangunk Ridge Free Public Lecture Series presents The Surprisingly Significant Earthworm with Dr. Peter Groffman, Senior Scientist at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Sometimes the smaller animals can have the biggest impacts on our ecosystems. The humble earthworm, the same animal we rely on to decompose our compost and catch fish with, is actually altering the northern forest from the ground up. The burrowing activities of these slithery creatures, first brought here by European colonists in the 1800s, can dramatically impact all the plants that depend on forest soils. Learn about these changes and how they may rework our northern forests.

Eyewitness Fukushima: What Emergency Responders Need to Know (March 5, 2012) 6:30pm

Regional Conference for Emergency Responders. 3 First Responders from Fukushima-Daiichi will meet with

their counterparts and interested others here in U.S. to share experience and lessons learned. At Manhattanville College. For more information: mannajo@clearwater.org or call (845)265-8080 x 7113.

Bard College: Green Design and Carbon Tracking: Efficient Campus Practices & Operations (March 9, 2012) 9:00am-2:00pm

Bard College, New Science Building - The RKC, Rm 103, 7401 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY

The Bard College: Green Design and Carbon Tracking, Efficient Campus Practices & Operations workshop is hosted 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.

Berry Forum Events at Iona College (March 11 and March 21, 2012)

The Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue at Iona College will be hosting two events in March.

- Ground for Hope - Westchester: Mobilizing Interfaith Action for the Earth. Sunday, March 11, 2012 2:00-6:00 p.m. Spellman Hall, Iona College
- A tribute to Wangari Maathi including a screening of the film "Taking Root" about her ecological vision. Wednesday, March 21, 2012, Romita Auditorium, Ryan Library, Iona College

Of time and the River: Songs of the Historic Hudson (March 16, 2012) 7:00pm

Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon, NY (across from Metro North riverside)

A lecture by Linda Russell which traces life along the Hudson as seen in folk ballads, Erie Canal ditties and dance tunes accompanied by guitar, pennywhistle & hammered & mountain dulcimers. For more information call (914)879-1082 or (845)463-4660. This event is free of charge.

Pace University - Left Forum 2012: Occupy the System: Confronting Global Capitalism (March 16-18, 2012)

Pace University, 1 Pace Plaza, New York, NY

A unique phenomenon in the U.S. and the world, Left Forum convenes the largest annual conference of a broad spectrum of left and progressive intellectuals, activists, academics, organizations and the interested public. Conference participants come together to engage a wide range of critical perspectives on the world, to discuss differences, commonalities, and alternatives to current predicaments, and to share ideas for understanding and transforming the world. The conference is held each spring in New York City. The deadline for submitting panels is January 6, 2012.

Pace Student Conference: Encountering Nature Through University Culture (March 23, 2012) 9:00am

Pace University, 1 Pace Plaza (Multipurpose Room) New York, NY

Pace Institute for Environmental and Regional Studies (PIERS) will host this conference. Learn from and network with other environmentally active people. The theme is "Encountering Nature Through University Culture." The conference will provide a forum for students to present their work, also visually, exchange ideas, and network with others across disciplinary and institutional borders. Our goal is to develop new ways to communicate our diverse research agendas and results to a broader public and interest them in sustainability.

Understanding Native American Cultures in the Hudson Valley (April 20, 2012) 7:00pm

Beacon Sloop Club, Beacon, NY (across from Metro North riverside)

A lecture by Eugene J. Boesch. This presentation examines Native American cultures and adaptations in the southeastern New York region from the area's earliest occupation by humans, at least 13,000 years ago, to the period of initial European exploration. For more information call (914)879-1082 or (845)463-4660. This event is free of charge.

First Dutchess County Regional Trails Conference (April 21, 2012)

Marist College Cornell Boathouse

The mission of the Winnakee Land Trust is to protect and preserve the natural agricultural, recreational, architectural, cultural, scenic, historical, and open space resources of northern Dutchess County. At the heart of the Winnakee's mission is a deep regard for the history and natural beauty of our towns and villages - Rhinebeck, Red Hook, Milan, Hyde Park, Clinton, and Tivoli. The Sepasco Indians once hunted these forested lands, where our traditional villages and farms lie now. Northern Dutchess has always had a special beauty, recognized by early settlers, Hudson Valley School painters, writers, and travelers. This unique history is in our landscape, in the farmed fields and clapboard farmhouses, the Dutch barns, Victorian villages, and riverfront mansions.

Looking Ahead for a Future in Renewable Energy (April 27, 2012) 8:00am

At "The Links" in East Syracuse, New York

Our country is at a crossroad in energy sustainability and the goal of the Symposium is to look at successful models both from other countries, U.S. and locally to learn what can be done for more sustainability nationally and locally. This year includes speakers from Germany and Denmark and those who make decisions in the U.S. The Symposium has been noted as one of the most important energy conferences in the North East and draws more than 350 attendees each year. The Symposium provides a venue for diverse groups to join together in a bi-partisan multi-disciplinary conversation and learning experience. The attendees include congressmen, mayors, town supervisors, presidents and deans of colleges, CEO's, professors, students, engineers, architects, city planners, representatives from the offices of elected official both on the federal, state and local levels, farmers, as well as interested citizens. Diverse groups of people, all who work in or have interest in energy, from the largest to the smallest of municipalities, come to share and learn from each other and from an outstanding group of speakers.

SAVE THE DATE: Inaugural Symposium of Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Land Use and Ethics (June 1-3, 2012)

Huntington Wildlife Forest, Newcomb, NY

This event will highlight 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. The aim of this symposium is to 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. New and in-process work from a range of disciplines and professional fields will be represented and integrated into the symposium discourse.

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