

UWO EARTH WEEK 2005

MONDAY, APRIL 18: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

7:00-8:00 p.m. Reeve 202. "Biodiesel as an alternative fuel." Dr. John Baumann and students.

8:00-9:00 p.m. Reeve 202. "Hydrogen Energy." Dr. Ken Munningen, UW Stevens Point.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19: WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

6:30-7:30 p.m. "Rachel's Daughters." Women's Center. Documentary film about those who have continued the work of Rachel Carson.

7:30-8:30 p.m. "Ecofeminism." U.W.O Professor Jordan Landry.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20: SUSTAINABLE EATING / SUSTAINABLE LIFE.

12:00 noon-1:00 p.m. & 6:00-7:00 p.m. Blackhawk Commons. "Eating Good: Vegan and Vegetarian Diets." Sue McClraith.

7:00-8:00 p.m. Reeve 202. "Bringing Fair Trade Home - Connecting the Local with the Global in Food Politics." John Peck, Executive Director of Family Farm Defenders.

8:00-9:00 p.m. Reeve 202. "Bringing Local and Sustainable Food to Campus." Doug Wubben, Project Coordinator, Wisconsin Homegrown Lunch.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21: POLITICAL REFORM IN WISCONSIN.

6:30-8:00 p.m. Reeve 227 BC. "Issues in Political Reform in Wisconsin." Mike McCabe of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and Jay Heck of Common Cause, with UWO Communication Professor Dr. Tony Palmeri.

8:15-9:00 p.m. Reeve 227 BC. "Independent Media in a Time of War." Documentary video featuring Amy Goodman.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22: EARTH DAY!

10:00 a.m. Dempsey Mall near the Planetarium. 3rd annual Earth Day tree planting.

6:30-10:00 p.m. Titan Underground, Reeve Union. Open-mic spoken word workshop and fundraiser for 34 Million Friends of the United Nations Population Fund.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Wisconsin Street Bridge near campus. Fox River clean-up.

1:00-4:00 p.m. Rydell Center clean-up.

4:00-6:00 p.m. Environmental Studies Banquet.



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DRAMATIC RISE IN NUMBER OF ES STUDENTS

We are green and growing! UWO's Environmental Studies program became a major just a couple of years ago. By September 2003, the program had grown to 26 majors. And as of April, 2005, we have 60 majors!



THREE STUDENT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

Most campuses have a student environmental group. UWO now has three.



Campus Greens is a student activist organization involved in both environmental and social issues, both on and off campus. It bases its activities on the Four Pillars of the Green movement: ecological wisdom, grassroots democracy, social justice, and nonviolence.



Student Environmental Action Coalition is a grassroots environmental organization with the purpose of raising environmental awareness at UW-Oshkosh and around the world. Our mission is three fold: to uproot environ-

mental injustices through action and education; to challenge the power structure which threatens the environment; to create progressive social change on both the local and global levels.



Environmental Studies Club is a recently formed non-political group working on ecological restoration, environmental conservation, environmental education, social events, and promoting the Environmental Studies program. Their special project is ecological restoration at the Rydell Nature Center on Little Lake Butte des Morts



ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT WINS NWF'S CAMPUS ECOLOGY AWARD

Three UWO ES majors, Angela LeNoble, Michael Greene, and Iryna Depenchuk, spearheaded an environmental audit of the campus. The monumental report can be accessed online at <http://www.uwosh.edu/environmentalaudit/>. National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology Program recognized this outstanding work with an Exceptional Campus Conservation Achievement Award in 2004.



NEW FACULTY

We have been fortunate to have several excellent new faculty join the ES program over the past two years.

David Barnhill is the Director of ES (replacing his friend Bron Taylor) and Professor of English. He completed his Ph.D. at Stanford University focusing on Japanese religion and literature, and his research has expanded to include environmental philosophy, American nature writing, and radical politics. His books include *At Home on the Earth* (an anthology of American nature writing), *Deep Ecology and World Religions* (co-edited with Roger Gottlieb), and the recently published two volume translation of the Japanese nature poet Matsuo Bashō: *Bashō's Haiku* and *Bashō's Journey*.

Jim Feldman is full time in Environmental Studies (replacing Adrian Ivakhiv) and Assistant Professor of History. He recently received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin Madison. His dissertation is titled "*Rewilding the Islands: Nature, History, and Wilderness Policy at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.*" He has lead wilderness trips in the Northwoods, worked as a park ranger at Grand Canyon National Park, and spent time in New Zealand and South America. Dr. Feldman teaches ES 101: Seminar in Environmental Issues and 261: Environment and Society, as well as U.S. Environmental History and History of American Wilderness, with other new courses on the way.

Stefan Becker is 1/3 in Environmental Studies and 2/3 in Geography (replacing Charles Allen). Stefan comes to us from Germany, where he taught at the University of Giessen. He has spent some years also in Israel and South Africa. His current research focuses on air pollution in South Africa, the effects of climate change on precipitation and flood risks in China, and the impact of environ-

mental conditions on humans in extremely hot and arid regions. He plans another research project on natural disasters in Southeast Asia. He teaches ES 101 and ES 370: Environmental Science, Policy, and Problem Solving, as well as Geog 314: Environmental Conservation,

John Baumann is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. His research and teaching areas include religion and ecology, social and environmental justice, Native American contemporary issues, Buddhism, religion and society in America, and religious ethics. He teaches ES 162: Environmental Ethics, Rel St 362: Religion and Earth Ethics, and ES 390: Contemporary Native American Issues.

Michael Lizotte has returned to UWO as Director of the Aquatic Research Center. Dr. Lizotte was an assistant/associate professor in the Department of Biology and Microbiology from 1994 to 2000. He has an active research program on the ecology of algae in aquatic systems, particularly polar lakes and oceans. He teaches ES 101.

M. Ryan Haley is Assistant Professor of Economics. The majority of his research concerns Environmental and Natural Resource Economics. His particular area of interest is timber, which he has studied in various ways and in various locations. He has also studied agricultural decision problems using financial portfolio theory. He teaches Econ 355: Natural Resource Economics and Econ 360: Environmental Economics.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

The ES website has a lot of information, including webpages on careers and graduate schools. Check it out at http://www.uwosh.edu/enviro_studies/.



ALUMNI NEWS

Michael Greene, major '04, has entered the UWO Masters program in Educational Leadership. He plans to use his Environmental Studies degree as a foundation for a career in continuing education.

Angela LeNoble, major '04, is currently working for Ariens Company as a Materials Leader, which gives her an opportunity to improve the environmental efficiency of their operations. She plans to move to California where she will pursue a Masters degree in corporate environmental management.

Nick Pustina, major '04, is teaching environmental education in California. He has been accepted in the Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education Masters program at the University of Portland.

Dani Stolley, minor '97, is Annual Fund Director for the UWO Foundation. She has been a principal organizer of UWO's Earth Charter Community Summits. She helped create and develop the fastest growing new national environmental non-profit called Rock the Earth. She also has worked as Assistant Director of the Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Bron Taylor teaches at the University of Florida. His email is bron@ufl.edu

Adrian Ivakhiv teaches at the University of Vermont. His email is Adrian.Ivakhiv@uvm.edu



EARTH CHARTER SUMMIT AND EARTH WEEK

UWO has one of the most activist-oriented environmental programs in the Midwest. In October, UWO sponsors the world's largest Earth Charter Community Summit, a week-long program that explores issues related to the Earth Charter's Four Principles: Respect and Care for the Community of Life; Ecological Integrity; Social and Economic Justice; Democracy, Nonviolence, and Peace. Information about UWO Summit can be found at <http://www.uwosh.edu/earthcharter/>. In April, UWO sponsors not just an Earth Day celebration but an Earth Week, with various events and activities. For a listing of events, see http://www.uwosh.edu/enviro_studies/Activities/earth_week.html. If you are around, please join us.



NEWS AND ADDRESSES WANTED!

David Barnhill, Director of ES, wants to hear from all of the ES alumni, and he would like to keep you informed about the program. So please send him an update of where you are and what you are doing, and include a postal address and an email address so he can put you on the ES email list. Send it to barnhill@uwosh.edu.