



Campus Sustainability Council (CSC) Newsletter

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A newsletter concerning the sustainability initiative at U.W. Oshkosh



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UW – Oshkosh Students Attend Fair Trade Conference

By Stacey Henk
Fair Trade Intern

During spring break, over 100 students representing over 40 different schools came together to take part in United Students for Fair Trade's 7th Annual National Convergence. The gathering was aimed at launching a movement to make Fair Trade a part of the national conservation by bringing it to campuses throughout the country. Titled "Igniting a Movement: Fair Trade Universities," many workshops, training sessions, and movement building activities were offered to help students in their goal of furthering the availability and

awareness of Fair Trade on their campuses. It also provided a great opportunity to network with students who are working towards the same goals within the movement. As UWO was the first university in the country to declare its commitment to Fair Trade, myself, as the Fair Trade Intern, and Kenneth Kieck, a member of SEAC (Student Environmental Action Coalition) focused on the movement, had the opportunity to share how we came to declare our expansion of Fair Trade on campus since that time. Students were able to us ask questions and voice their difficulties in regards to achieving Fair Trade status at their universities. When not busy in workshops, students enjoyed a banquet with Fair Trade and locally sourced food, outdoor sports with Fair Trade equipment, and a Fair Trade Marketplace and Opportunity Fair all while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The convergence opened on a high note with Western Kentucky University becoming recognized as the fourth Fair Trade University in the United States and ended just the same with a large dose of inspiration for all who attended.

Earth Week: April 18th-22nd

Spring is in the air, and with it comes our annual April Earth Week Celebration. Listed below is the schedule of events for the week:

Monday, April 18

1.) Prairie Planting

Come participate in the greening of UW-Oshkosh while learning about the benefits of landscaping with native plants. Everyone is welcome, including classes!

Wear grubby clothes- work gloves and tools will be



provided. Contact Mike Lizotte (lizotte@uwosh.edu) for more information.

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Location: Tennis Courts

2.) Rain Barrel Installation Training Session

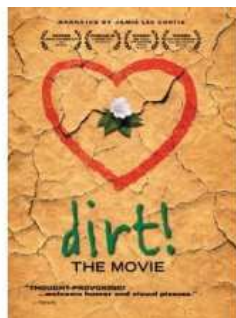
Rain barrels are an easy way to conserve water and reduce your ecological footprint. Those interested in volunteering to install water barrels on campus and in the Oshkosh community during Earth Week, or learning how to install them on their own property, should join us for this training session. Please contact Robyn Anderson (anderr91@uwosh.edu) to sign up for a training session and to volunteer.



Times: 11:30 am-12:15 pm, 12:45-1:30 pm, and 2:00-2:45 pm
Location: In front of the Oviatt House

3.) Earth Week Film Series Film: DIRT! The Movie

DIRT! The Movie takes you inside the wonders of the soil. It tells the story of Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility--from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. It brings to life the environmental, economic, social and political impact that the soil has, and shares the stories of experts from all over the world who study and are able to harness the beauty and power of a respectful and mutually beneficial relationship with soil.



<http://dirthemovie.org/>

Join us for the film and a talk back afterwards with UW-Oshkosh geologist Moe Muldoon. Please contact David Barnhill (barnhill@uwosh.edu) for more information.

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Reeve Union Theatre

Tuesday, April 19

1.) Community Rain Barrel Installation

Come help SEAC and Oshkosh community members install rain barrels at UW-Oshkosh and within the Oshkosh community- or buy one to install on your own property! Please contact Robyn Anderson (anderr91@uwosh.edu) to volunteer.

Time: 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Location: Meet at the tents on the lawn between Polk and Harrington

2.) Tree Plantings

Come participate in the greening of UW-Oshkosh! All are welcome-including entire classes. Wear grubby clothes-work gloves and tools will be provided. Contact Mike Lizotte (lizotte@uwosh.edu) for more information.



Time: 12:00-1:30 pm
Location: TBA

3.) Sustainability Research for Wisconsin

Come hear about the research of three UW-Oshkosh faculty and find out how their work promotes and enhances sustainability in our state. Please contact Douglas Haynes (haynesd@uwosh.edu) for more information. Panel: Paul Van Auken, Sociology; Steve Dunn, College of Business; Moe Muldoon, Geology Moderators: Douglas Haynes, English; Stephanie Spehar, Religious Studies and Anthropology



Time: 5:00-6:00 pm
Location: Reeve 227A

**4.) Earth Week
Film Series
and Bike Bash
Kickoff -
Short Film:
Scrapertown**



Come learn about the Scrapper Bike movement, founded in Oakland, California, and one of the inspirations for this year's Bike Bash. Talkback and panel with Bike Bash artists Robyn Guttman and Christine Spehar as well as UW-Oshkosh students, faculty, and staff afterwards. Please contact Stephanie Spehar (spehars@uwosh.edu) for more information. <http://originalscraperbikes.blogspot.com/>

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Reeve Union Theatre

Wednesday, April 20

1.) Community Water Barrel Installation

Come help SEAC and Oshkosh community members install rain barrels at UW-Oshkosh and within the Oshkosh community- or buy one to install on your own property! Please contact Robyn Anderson (anderr91@uwosh.edu) to volunteer.

Time: 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Location: Meet at the tents on the lawn between Polk and Harrington

2.) Tree Plantings

Come participate in the greening of UW-Oshkosh! All are welcome- including entire classes. Wear grubby clothes- work gloves and tools will be provided. Contact Mike Lizotte (lizotte@uwosh.edu) for more information.

Time: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Location: TBA

3.) Bike Bash

This multidimensional event is designed to plant the seeds of a vibrant bike community at UW-Oshkosh. This event will feature:

- Free bike tune-ups and workshops hosted by the Student Rec. and Wellness Center and local bike shops.
- A collaborative, interactive art project that will result in a set of custom-designed bikes- including a bike that can charge cell phones!- that will be displayed and used at UW-Oshkosh.
- an art station where you can decorate your own bike with streamers, bike tape, and more.

Los Angeles-based organization RuckusRoots and UWO students will be responsible for creating the custom bikes. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate-come join in! Contact Robyn Anderson (anderr91@uwosh.edu) and Stephanie Spehar (spehars@uwosh.edu) to volunteer and for more information.

Time: All day Wednesday and Thursday

Location: Tents between Polk and Harrington

4.) Earth Week Banquet

Eat a delicious organic meal (with plenty of vegetarian options!) while enjoying an enlightening discussion. A panel of local farmers will talk about the importance of sustainable and locally produced foods to the environment and our communities. **Co-sponsored by Organic Valley.** Panel participants: Olden Produce, Cattleana Ranch, Red Barn Dairy, Organic Valley farmers



Time: 6:30-9:00 PM

Location: Reeve Union 227AB

Fee: \$5 for students, \$15 for faculty, staff, and the general public

Thursday, April 21

1.) Bike Bash continues all day

2.) Tree Plantings

Come participate in the greening and cleaning of UW-Oshkosh! All are welcome- including entire classes. Wear grubby clothes- work gloves and tools will be provided. Contact Mike Lizotte (lizotte@uwosh.edu) for more information.

Time: 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Location: TBA

3.) **Riverfront Cleanup**

Come help keep our river beautiful! All are welcome- including entire classes. Wear grubby clothes- work gloves and tools will be provided. Contact Mike Lizotte (lizotte@uwosh.edu) for more information.



Time: 12:00-2:00 pm

Location: Aquatic Research Lab

4.) **Student Handmade Fair**

Come shop for items made right here in Wisconsin by UW-Oshkosh students. A variety of crafts will be on display, and a portion of the proceeds will go to support a nonprofit, Compas de Nicaragua. Contact Kenneth Kieck (kieckk04@uwosh.edu) for more information.

Time: 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Location: Reeve Union Concourse

5.) **“Human Dimensions of Wildlife Conservation” posters**

Students from Stephanie Spehar’s Anthropology and Environmental Studies class will display the posters from their class projects related to wildlife issues in Wisconsin and around the world.

Time: 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Location: Reeve Union Concourse

6.) **Speaker: Michelle Alexander**

Title: The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness

Join us for an event sponsored by the African American Studies Program! Michelle Alexander is a professor at Ohio State University and a former law clerk to Justice Harry Blackmun and former Director of the Racial Justice Project at ACLU. She will discuss her book, “The New Jim Crow”, which argues that the U.S. Justice system operates as a social and racial control mechanism by targeting undereducated black men for incarceration.

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Reeve Union Theatre

Friday, April 22 - EARTH DAY



1.) **Speaker: Steve Arndt** **Title: “Clean Water Act, Storm Water, and UW Oshkosh”**

Join us to hear the latest on campus efforts to protect fresh water and local ecosystems through storm water detention and filtration.

Time: 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Location: Reeve

2.) **Chancellor’s Address & earth Day Bash!!!!**

Join us for a culminating display of creativity and community! Chancellor Richard Wells will give his Earth Day address at 1:00. Then, deck your bike out at the Bike Bash site and join the group ride to the community gardens for a picnic, music by Nicole Rae and the Travelling Suitcase, and more! Plot signups and spring preparation at the gardens, bring gloves if you want to get dirty. Contact Mark Cesario (cesarm09@uwosh.edu) for more information.

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

Location: Meet at lawn between Polk and Harrington; picnic and music at Student Gardens

Other Upcoming Sustainability Events

Wednesday, April 27, 12:30-1:30 pm

Sustainability Brown Bag: *How are students responding? How do we address pushback and “sustainability fatigue”?*

Where: Reeve Union 207