STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Sunday, November 8, 2015

10:00 am - 11:00 am
Registration
Welcome - Office of Sustainability & President Bergeron
Keynote: Majora Carter - Urban Revitalization Strategist
Lunch and Group Discussion

11:00 am - 11:20 am

11:20 am - 12:00 pm

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Location: Crozier-Williams 1962 Room

12:50 pm - 1:50 pm
Workshops
Choose One

- Person, Place, & Planet: Finding Nature in Everyday Life
  Goodwin-Niering Center for the Environment - Cro 1941
- Indigenous Pathways: College and Community Partnerships
  Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity - Cro’s Nest
- Bridging the Gaps: Intergenerational Strategies to Connect Past, Present and Future
  Holleran Center for Community Action and Public Policy - Charles Chu Room

1:55 pm - 2:55 pm
Workshops
Choose One

- Identifying Leverage Points for Sustainable Change: Problem Solving Tools for Systems Thinkers
  Alumna: Genevieve Harding ’13 - Cro 1941
- STARR: Tell Your Sustainability Story So Potential Employers Get It.
  Career Enhancing Life Skills - Cro’s Nest
- Examining Your Privileges
  Unity House - Charles Chu Room

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Workshops
Choose One

- Call to Action: Strategies for Creative Environmental Engagement
  Ammerman Center for Arts & Technology - Cro 1941
- Crossing Borders: Culturally Sensitive Research in Communities Near and Far
  Center for International Studies and the Liberal Arts - Cro’s Nest
- Sustainability: Connecting the Dots
  Office of Sustainability - Charles Chu Room

4:10 pm - 4:45 pm
Wrap up & Next Steps - Cro 1962 Room

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Person, Place, & Planet: Finding Nature in Everyday Life - GNCE
Staying connected to nature - to place and planet - is a key and often overlooked skill in moving toward genuine sustainability. This hands on workshop will provide tools and ideas for finding nature in your busy everyday life - through active contemplation and artistic expression. Join us and explore your connections to place and planet.

Indigenous Pathways: College and Community Partnerships - CCSRE
This workshop will be co-led by Sandy Grande (Director, CCSRE) and Jason Mancini Director of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center (MPMRC). As both the MPMRC and Connecticut College undergo strategic planning processes and (curricular) redesign, this is an opportune time to explore synergies toward a renewed partnership. Participants will learn about the exciting new projects underway at the MPMRC and discuss ways in which it can serve as a productive site for research and community learning projects for Conn students. Participants will also gain a deeper understanding of the broad field of Native American and Indigenous Studies and how the central ethic of “sustainability” serves as an organizing principle for the field.

Bridging the Gaps: Intergenerational Strategies to Connect Past, Present and Future - Holleran Center
Learn how to effectively bridge gaps between communities by putting your passions to work. Participants will work to better understand how building partnerships can be an effective strategy for implementing community projects. We will also consider best practices for college students working with senior citizens in their communities. Through bridging the gaps, participants will work to better understand themselves and how to be effective changemakers.

Identifying Leverage Points for Sustainable Change - Alumna Genevieve Harding ‘13
How can we change the structure of the systems we are a part of to provide more of what's good and less of what's bringing us down? Is there really such thing as a “magic potion” for sustainable change? During this workshop, participants will be introduced to a systems thinking tool for identifying places in these systems where making a small change can lead to a large shift in behavior. This workshop introduces the 12-step guide to identifying leverage points created by renowned systems thinking and sustainability educator, Donella Meadows. Participants will then have the opportunity to break down current, real life challenges they face in their own organizations or communities, and work collaboratively to apply these tools to shift how we think and act to transform these challenges into sustainable change.

STARR: Tell Your Sustainability Story So Potential Employers Get It - CELS
How can students from schools like Connecticut College best articulate the benefits of a liberal arts education to potential employers, graduate schools, or their Aunt Daisy at Thanksgiving? “The idea behind the liberal arts is to support students to develop an ability to approach challenges from multiple angles/perspectives, which is a central tenet of using a sustainability lens to develop long lasting solutions to current challenges.” (Josh Stoffel). Students will discuss and understand the concept of transferable skills, and practice using a structure for articulating the skills and accomplishments that derive from their engagements both in and out of the classroom.

Examining Your Privileges - Unity House
Through this interactive workshop participants will have the opportunity to identify and gain a better understanding of their privileges. In addition, this workshop will serve as an opportunity to share experiences and develop strategies that will aide them to become advocates.

Call to Action: Strategies for Creative Environmental Engagement - Ammerman Center
Workshop presents an overview of existing practices in art, design and creative activism aimed at promoting awareness and engagement with environmental issues. Artists discussed include culture jamming pranksters The Yes Men and designer/engineer and artist Natalie Jeremijenko who is our featured artist and keynote speaker for the upcoming Open All Ports Biennial Symposium (Feb. 25-27, 2016)

Crossing Borders: Culturally Sensitive Research in Communities Near and Far
This workshop will focus on “assumptions” about people, places, and spaces. Why are these assumptions important to address when you are studying abroad or within a community with some differences from your own? We will challenge attendees to face their assumptions, and learn to reverse them.

Sustainability: Connecting the Dots - Office of Sustainability
What does sustainability mean to you? Is it important to take a holistic approach to ensure success in the long run? This workshop will focus on getting back to the roots of sustainability, with conversation centered around what sustainability really means. We’ll examine the importance of the relationships between the three spheres of sustainability and how they all “connect” to create meaningful progress.