



PennState

COMMONWEALTH CAMPUSES SUSTAINABILITY FORUM (*GREATER ALLEGHENY*)

9:30 -10:00 AM

Thursday, May 12, 2022

REGISTRATION FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

10:00 AM - NOON

WELCOME BY GREATER ALLEGHENY CAMPUS CHANCELLOR, JACQUELINE EDMONDSON

PAUL SHRIVASTAVA, *Penn State's Chief Sustainability Officer and Director of the Sustainability Institute (SI) - Celebrating a Year of Progress*

EACH CAMPUS WILL SHARE THE PROGRESS OF SUSTAINABILITY ON THEIR CAMPUS: York, Shenango, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Greater Allegheny, Fayette, Erie, Dubois, Beaver, Altoona, Pittsburgh Center

Q&A SESSIONS Will be interspersed between groups of campus presentations

CLOSING REMARKS by Paul Shrivastava

12:00 - 1:30 PM

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

1:30 - 2:55 PM

FIRST WORKSHOP SESSIONS (*Full Descriptions Below*)

- Make-Your-Own CUSP Kit Workshop (**In-person only**)
- Town-Gown Partnerships in Food Systems
- Community Campus Engagements - the EPIC model



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SECOND WORKSHOP SESSIONS (*Full Descriptions Below*)

- Tour of Penn State Greater Allegheny Campus Sustainability Features (*In-person only*)
- Sustainability and Global Learning
- Campus Libraries as a Community Sustainability Amplifier

GREATER ALLEGHENY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Using CUSP Kits to Engage Your Community on Climate Change: A Demonstration and Make-Your-Own Workshop

PETER BOGER, *Assistant Director for Community Engagement*
SUSTAINABILITY INTERN TEAM

A common challenge we all face is how to make sustainability topics engaging, accessible, and relevant for a wide variety of audiences. Research from the Carnegie Institute has shown that using slick, pre-packaged materials can frequently feel intimidating or less personal and may deter audiences from engaging with the material. The solution they piloted was to create a series of CUSP (Climate & Urban Systems Partnership) Kits that are homemade, locally specific, and easily reproducible while introducing audiences to lessons about climate change and its connections to many different aspects of daily life. In this engaging and interactive workshop, you will participate in demonstrations of five CUSP kits and how they can be adapted to different audiences, followed by an opportunity to build a mini version of a food systems and climate change CUSP kit that you can take with you to use on your campus. All materials and instructions will be provided.



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Town-Gown Partnerships in Food Systems

Leslie Pillen, *Associate Director, Farm and Food System*
Marta Plumhoff, *Food Systems Coordinator*

Student participation in and contribution to community food systems presents a bounty of opportunities for competency development in sustainability and civic engagement. Local food pantries, farmers markets, farms, community gardens, non-profit organizations, governing bodies, grocers, restaurateurs, and others can offer fun and dynamic real-world projects that in turn advance goals for the community food system. In this workshop, participants will understand a framework for community engagement, and will explore and identify engaged learning partners and projects in their local community. The workshop will highlight potential tensions inherent to course projects completed for community clients and offer insights for scoping and managing these potential challenges.

Community Campus Engagements - the EPIC model

Marshall Curry, *Program Manager, EPIC-N*
Michele Halsell, *Assistant Director of the Sustainability Institute*

Are you interested in working with communities employing a community-engaged scholarship model but not sure how to start? [EPIC-N](#) (The Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities - Network) provides the tools and community to offer support, regardless of where you are in the engaged scholarship journey. From best practices to communities of practice, EPIC is a resource for program administrators, faculty, and community partners. The program manager, Marshall Curry, will share what resources his organization can bring to your program, success stories, a snapshot of the ever-evolving EPIC program, and national and international partners.



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Tour of PSU Greater Allegheny Campus Sustainability Features

PSU Greater Allegheny Staff

Time to get outside and tour the Greater Allegheny campus, visiting their newly renovated science building on track for LEED certification, the bee apiary and hopefully by then, you can meet the "goatscapers" -- a pack of goats clearing brush on campus.

Sustainability and Global Learning

Matt Lockaby, *Campus Associate for Education Abroad, Penn State Global*

Penn State Global has been working hard to build sustainability into all aspects of our work. Come find out what we've been up to and how we can help you! Would you like to help connect your students with sustainability-focused global experiences, or even help create them? Maybe you'd like to lead a student group abroad yourself or create a virtual exchange project with an international partner in one of your courses? Or maybe you'd like to be doing more community-engaged scholarship, but with a global perspective? Penn State Global can help with all of this and more, and we're eager to connect with you!

Campus Libraries as a Community Sustainability Amplifier

Peter Buck, *Academic Programs Manager, SI*
Cathi Alloway, *retired librarian, State College*

Libraries are one of the hubs of community life. Over the last several years, Penn State staff and faculty have collaborated with their campus and community libraries to support one another's programs and build shared programming on climate change, plastics, and racial and social justice. In this program, librarians and staff will share examples and provide insight into taking the steps to finding common ground and making things work.