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COMMONWEALTH CAMPUSES SUSTAINABILITY FORUM (HARRISBURG)

9:30 -10:00 AM

Thursday, May 19, 2022

REGISTRATION FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDEES

10:00 AM - NOON

WELCOME BY HARRISBURG CAMPUS CHANCELLOR, JOHN MASON

KELLY AUSTIN, *Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses*
Town - Gown Sustainability Opportunities for Campuses

EACH CAMPUS WILL SHARE THE PROGRESS OF SUSTAINABILITY ON THEIR CAMPUS: Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Schuylkill, Philadelphia Center, Navy Yard, Lehigh Valley, Hazelton, Harrisburg, Great Valley, Brandywine, Berks, Abington

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)**
- Tour of PSU Harrisburg Campus Sustainability Features **(In-person only)**
- Taking Recycling Education to the Next Level



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SECOND WORKSHOP SESSIONS (*Full Descriptions Below*)

- A Multi-Discipline Living Lab Approach to Stormwater Adaptation
- Let's Make a Plan. University & Community Cooperation for Climate Action

HARRISBURG 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 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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Tour of PSU Harrisburg Campus' Sustainability Features

PSU Harrisburg Staff

This 75-minute walking tour of the Harrisburg campus will be a nice refresher after a delicious lunch. The tour will include a visit to Juniata Hall, which was the first LEED - certified residence hall in the University system. Other LEED-certified buildings to see are the Educational Activities Building extension and the Student Enrichment Center. A stop at the electric vehicle charging stations will conclude the tour.

Taking Recycling Education to the Next Level

Ayo Olywalana, *Waste and Recycling Manager, Office of Physical Plant, Penn State*

Lydia Vandenberg, *Associate Director, Employee Engagement and Education, SI*

Why do recycling markets keep changing? How can you help motivate your campus community to reduce their waste and sort what they can recycle correctly? Come to this session to learn the answers and gain skills in creating engaging marketing pieces and tap into existing resources to make this task easier. You will also meet Ayo Oluwalana, Penn State's newly hired Waste and Recycling manager, who wants to learn more about waste challenges at our Commonwealth Campuses.



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**HARRISBURG
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (*CONTINUED*)**

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A Multi-Discipline Living Lab Approach to Stormwater Adaptation

Hong Wu, Assistant Professor, *Dept of Landscape Architecture*

Lauren McPhillips, Assistant Professor, *Civil and Environmental Engineering*

Shirley Clark, Professor, *School of Science, Engineering and Technology*

Funded by the university's Strategic Initiative Seed Grant, the Penn State Stormwater Living Lab utilizes our multi-campus network to create a living laboratory for green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) research, education, and innovation. Join us to learn more about the network of researchers and practitioners we are building, the projects we have completed, what we've learned along the way, and how you can participate.

Let's Make a Plan. University & Community Cooperation for Climate Action

Peter Buck, Academic Programs Manager, *Sustainability Institute*

Brandi Robinson, Assistant Teaching Professor, *Department of Geography, Penn State*

In this workshop, Brandi Robinson and Peter Buck encourage sustainability and climate educators to jump into civic life by more directly engaging with local and regional government through service and through their classes. Widespread civic climate change engagement – with climate educators playing a key role – might do it. In a democracy, those who understand what is at stake can use their knowledge and expertise to develop understanding, build will, prompt action, and see that it is achieved. In this workshop, Robinson and Buck encourage faculty to go beyond general citizenship to not only advocate for climate policy through coursework, by speaking to representatives directly and commenting on current policy considerations, participating on appointed governmental boards, running for office, staying connected to people of like mind, and building new bridges.