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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 workshops, Brandi Robinson and Peter Buck will share information about how Pennsylvania college and university faculty and students can work with local and regional governments to act on climate. Starting in 2022, the Sustainability Institute will likely be administering a statewide program that has students and faculty conduct community greenhouse gas inventories using industry-standard software. They follow the GHG inventory by assisting the drafting of a climate action and adaptation plan (CAAP) with the partnering governmental partner. Regardless of the LCAP's status, this session will provide insights into how we can assist community engagement and education around GHG inventories and the creation, prioritization, and implementation of the CAAP. Robinson and Buck will share the LCAP process, provide CAAP examples, and answer questions.