

# WELCOME!

## A Note from the Sustainability Coordinator

Happy September from the Sustainability Office!

Yesterday marked my one year anniversary at SIU! A big THANK YOU goes out to so many of you, who have made my transition to SIU a little bit easier. One of these groups is the Sustainability Council. It is with much gratitude that I thank the outgoing members of the Sustainability Council for their year/s of service promoting a more sustainable SIU. JD Tanner, Vicki Kreher, and Cami Sockow, **thank you** for your service!



Also, it is an honor to welcome the newest members of the Sustainability Council: Amanda Marshall, Shannon McDonald, and Sally Wright. **Welcome!** We look forward to working with you to move sustainability forward at SIU! Finally, to those who are continuing to serve the Council (Allyssa Kolenda, Jerrica Jordan, Tao Huang, Leslie Duram, Deb Sarvela, and Karen Stallman), **thank you** for your continued service!

Finally, if you are wondering what is in store for sustainability at SIU this semester, see [this article](#) for highlights, and read on!

**Sustainably yours,**

**Geory Kurtzhals**

# UPDATES

## Pop-Up Classes in the HUB!

Over the summer, the Innovation and Sustainability HUB hosted some brand new Pop Up classes on topics including 3D printing, the SIU Green Fee, and Design Thinking! We will be continuing these pop ups during the fall semester! We will kick start these fall pop up classes on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-2:30 with a 'Get to Know Your Green Fee' class, where students will learn all about the Student Green Fee: how their money is being used, examples of green funded projects, and how to apply for funding for your own sustainable idea!

There will be several more pop-ups throughout the fall and spring semesters. Topics may include composting, plant propagation, environmental justice, a business pitch exercise, a mindfulness

workshop, and more! If you are interested in facilitating your own pop-up through the HUB, or have any comments or ideas for future pop-ups, you can email us at [sustainability@siu.edu](mailto:sustainability@siu.edu)!



Mara Decker, Innovation Fellow, brain storming with students during the 'Design Thinking' pop-up.

## Schedule a SIU Sustainability Classroom (or Department) Visit!

The Sustainability Office now offers outreach and education services for your classroom or department. SIU faculty and staff, as well as RSOs, wanting to incorporate sustainability into their classes or initiatives can reach out to our office and plan a visit! We offer 10-15 minute, 30 minute, and 45 minute presentations that include information on SIU Sustainability programs, events, the green fee, and ways to get involved! Please email us at [sustainability@siu.edu](mailto:sustainability@siu.edu) if you are interested in scheduling a classroom visit or have any questions!

## First Friday Green Tours

Join us at our First Friday Green Tour on **September 2 at noon** to tour campus “green” sites, learn about the SIU Green Fee, and how to apply for funding for your own sustainable idea! Tours will run rain or shine (we have a virtual version as well)! We hope to see you there!



September 2	February 3
October 7	March 3
November 4	April 7
December 2	May 5

All tours start at noon  
in the **Innovation &  
Sustainability HUB!**

## Saluki Service Days

Hosted by Student Affairs, check out these opportunities for service!



**SALUKI  
SERVICE  
DAYS** **SIU  
CARBONDALE  
2016**

**GAIN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS. GIVE BACK.**  
**National Day of Service and Remembrance: Sept. 10-11**  
**National Public Lands Day: Sept. 24**  
**Make a Difference Day: Oct. 22**  
**Veterans' Day: Nov. 11**

**SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE AT [SALUKISERVICEDAYS.SIU.EDU](http://SALUKISERVICEDAYS.SIU.EDU)**

**SIU** Southern Illinois University  
CARBONDALE

**WATCH FOR THE BIG EVENT APRIL 1, 2017**

## Dawg's Nite Out

The Innovation and Sustainability HUB joined in on the fun at Dawgs Nite Out, held on Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> in the Student Center from 8pm-midnight. Students and community members got to learn more about sustainability and innovation at the 'DIY t-shirt crafts' activity in the HUB. We repurposed old or outdated t-shirts and turned them into reusable grocery/errand bags! This was a great opportunity to teach others about diverting material from the landfill using creative and innovative ideas!



## Watermelon Fest

We are so happy to share that we were able to collaborate with SIU Housing, Plant & Service Operations, and the SIU Aerated Compost Facility to send all of the watermelon rinds to our facility for this year's Watermelon Festival. A big thank you to our volunteers who helped make this day a fun success!



## NEWS

[Rio2016 Olympics: A Sustainability Summary](#)

[Expanding the Frontiers of Urban Sustainability](#)

[Invasive Species of Concern in Southern Illinois](#)

['Best Before' Dates Lead to Waste by Consumers](#)

[Learn the Lingo of Expiration Dates](#)

[Supply chain sustainability: Top trends, concerns and opportunities](#) – “...As a recent UN Global Impact report pointed out, supply chain managers are starting to [embrace sustainability](#) and exercise more responsibility to ensure they are responding and adjusting appropriately to the "geopolitical conflicts,



changing weather patterns and raw materials shortages and to improve their impacts on the workforce, local communities and the environment."

## JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES

Ready to get involved? Below are a few local and regional jobs/opportunities to look into for more experience and education, and FUN!

### Local Opportunities:

[Keep Carbondale Beautiful](#) – check out their fall calendar [here](#) for upcoming work days and events!

[Beautify Southern Illinois](#) - [Events Calendar](#)

[Touch of Nature Trail Stewardship Days](#) - The Touch of Nature Environmental Center has several 'Trail Stewardship Days' coming up. To learn more on how to volunteer with Touch of Nature, click [here](#).

[Sustainable Living Film Series](#) - The Next 'Sustainable Living' film is [The True Cost - Who Pays the Price for Our Clothing?](#) on Wednesday, Sept 7th, 5:30PM at Longbranch Café.



### Wildflower Walks on the Shawnee National Forest

The seventh Wildflower Walk will be led by Chris Benda (Illinois Botanizer), on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Todd Fink Natural Area (trail difficulty: easy). Participants will learn about the basics of plant identification. Handouts about plant identification terminology, field guides and web sites, and invasive species will be available. The walk will last up to four hours. No previous experience is necessary. Hikes are limited to 20 participants. Participants should meet at the Ozark General Store on Hwy 45 in Ozark. For questions, please contact Chris Benda at [botanizer@gmail.com](mailto:botanizer@gmail.com).



Bobcats, Foxes, and Coyotes, Oh My!

There will be a free public educational program on Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm, “Bobcats, Foxes and Coyotes, Oh My! Living with Meso-predators” with Beverly Shofstall.

How can we get along with the predators in our midst? How do they maintain the health of our wild habitats? Through awareness and education, Free Again encourages a peaceful co-existence between people and our native wildlife. You will have an opportunity to meet a special mystery guest! Contact Ruth Kelley at 684-2196 for more information!



## Other Opportunities:

### Green Shadow Program

Green Shadow is a mentorship program developed by the USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter Higher Education committee to expose students to green jobs within the Missouri Gateway territory through a **one day shadow** of local business people. Participating companies get access to local students interested in the industry without the financial commitment of an internship. They are looking for Mentors and Shadows to participate in the Green Shadow program. Apply by September 15, 2016 to be matched in the Fall 2016 semester. [Click here to view the Green Shadow MENTOR application.](#)



**GREEN  
SHADOW**  
USGBC MISSOURI GATEWAY

Explaining Environmental Education Webinar, Michigan State University Extension

Sept. 13 and 15, 2016 Session I - Tuesday/Thursday 1 - 1:30 p.m. each day

Session II - Tuesday/Thursday 6:30 – 7 p.m. each day

This webinar is for youth leaders, teachers and any others interested in learning more about Environmental Education. Click [here](#) for free registration!

ENTICE Workshops

Course Name: *Illinois Pollinators*

Location: University of Illinois Pollinarium, Urbana

Date(s): September 24, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Explore the hidden world of pollinators and their unique relationship with the plants they pollinate. This workshop will give you a hands-on look at plants and pollinators in action at the University of Illinois' Pollinarium and a nearby prairie. Professional Development Hours are available.

Check out the IDNR website for more details on [ENTICE Workshops](#)!

## **Jobs/Internships:**

### **Local:**

For those of you who are new students or may not be aware of available resources, make sure you are utilizing [SIU Career Services](#)!

[SIUC Student Internship Opportunities with Keep Carbondale Beautiful](#)

[Senior Safety Environmental Engineer, Marion, IL](#)

[Academic Advisors, SIUC](#)

### **Regional:**

[Energy Advisor, Matrix Energy Services, Inc. - Peoria, IL](#)

[Certified Safety Professional \(CSP\) – Wind Energy 100% Travel, Decatur, IL Sustainability](#)

[Program Officer, University of Leeds \(U.K.\)](#)

[Sustainability Outreach Coordinator, Bowdoin College](#)

[Sustainability Engagement Manager, Cornell University](#)

[Sustainability Behavior Change Officer, University of London](#)  
[Horticulture Operations Specialist & Culinary Liaison, Metropolitan Community College](#)

## Conferences

### GW Sustainability Collaborative Conference: Urban Agriculture and the Next Farm Bill

Sept. 30, 2016 - George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

The GW Sustainability Collaborative annual symposium brings together policy makers, academics and practitioners to identify current scientific findings and future research questions in the field of sustainability. This year's conference will focus on the role of urban agriculture in the forthcoming 2018 Farm Bill. [Click here for free registration!](#)

### Smart Cities Initiative Conference

The White House Administration is once again participating in the second annual [Smart Cities Week](#), September 27-29, in Washington, D.C. [Smart Cities Initiative](#) will bring leaders together to discuss new steps to help cities thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The conference will convene leading thinkers and practitioners from government, the research community, cities, civil society, and the tech sector. To learn more about this 2 day conference program, read more [here](#).



### "Beyond the Campus" 2016 AASHE Conference & Expo

[Registration](#) is still open for the 2016 AASHE Conference & Expo! Meeting the sustainability challenge requires collaboration across sectors and with stakeholders outside of academia. With a theme of *"Beyond the Campus,"* the 2016 AASHE Conference & Expo focuses on the dissemination and implementation of these sustainability solutions in surrounding communities and the world. [Register](#) today to join more than 2,300 sustainability leaders in Baltimore, Maryland from Oct. 9 - 12.

## INSPIRATION

[Cardboard House: This house is made of cardboard and lasts 100 years!](#)





[These are the 10 cities where the fewest people drive to work.](#)

[Wisconsin Dairy Sustainability Alliance Launched](#)

[Hampshire College Anticipates 100 Percent Solar Electricity Use](#)

[Grocery stores like this one are bringing healthy, affordable produce to low-income communities that previously lacked access](#)

## GREEN TIP

Here are some back-to-school green tips for both parents and students!

[Back to school green tips, EarthShare!](#)

[Back to school green tips, Huffington Post!](#)

**\*\*\*Ink and Toner Cartridge Recycling:** This program is a recently developed and rapidly expanding method of diverting hazardous electronic waste from local landfills. Through this program you can recycle both your unused and used ink and toner cartridges, and possibly receive unused cartridges depending on our inventory. Click [here](#) to learn more about the process.



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