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<http://sustainability.berkeley.edu>

Meet our Team!

Bright Green News

The Campus Sustainability Newsletter

24 Hours of Reality: The Cost of Carbon

The Office of Sustainability and Building Sustainability @ Cal are holding a public screening of a segment of the **24 Hours of Reality** global broadcast.

Join us on **October 22nd – 5:30pm to 8:00pm – 112 Wurster** - to watch the broadcast together and talk about the cost of carbon and what we can do about it.

Watch, enjoy sustainable refreshments, and engage in inspiring conversation!

The segments we will be tuning-in to during the event will be from South & Central America and Europe.

South & Central America: Across South and Central America, carbon pollution is disrupting water supplies and sources, triggering floods in Brazil and melting glaciers in Bolivia.

Europe: Where does adaptation end and transformation begin for life shaped by climate change? We'll travel to German towns under water and the

JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC VIEWING OF A SEGMENT OF THE 24 HOURS OF REALITY BROADCAST - A CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT EVENT

THE COST OF CARBON

AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

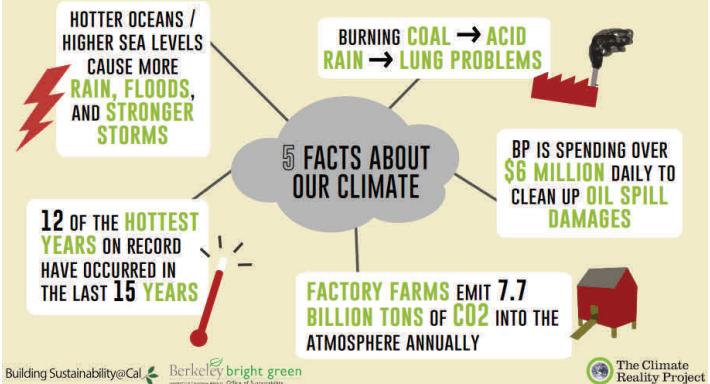
DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2013

TIME: 5:30 PM - 8 PM

LOCATION: 112 WURSTER HALL

SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

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Building Sustainability@Cal Berkeley bright green

The Climate Reality Project

Russian capital under heat waves to witness what happens when carbon pollution redefines the everyday.

Beginning at 11am PST on October 22, former Vice President Al Gore and The Climate Reality Project will stop the clock for a full 24 hours to focus the world's attention on the greatest challenge of our time: climate change driven by carbon pollution. With our global broadcast [24 Hours of Reality: The Cost of Carbon](#), we'll bring together

artists, scientists, celebrities, economists, and other experts to explore the many ways we're all paying for carbon pollution in our daily lives — wherever we may live — and how we can solve this with a market price on carbon.

We hope to see you at the UC Berkeley public screening and encourage you to tune in sometime during the [24 hour broadcast!](#)

[Learn More about Our Event and RSVP.](#)

C2C Fellows Leadership Workshop: Nov. 8-10th

The **Green Initiative Fund** will be hosting a **C2C Fellows Workshop** November 8-10, 2013 at the University of California, Berkeley. C2C stands for Campus to Congress, to Capitol, to City Hall, and also for Campus to Corporation. This particular workshop will include the participation of Climate Corps Bay Area Fellows.

C2C Fellows workshops, sponsored by the **Bard Center for Environmental Policy**, are designed for college students and recent graduates who want high-impact careers in sustainable business, politics, and policy.

The cost of the weekend training is \$30 (including food, and lodging for those traveling over an hour). Ap-

plications are accepted on a rolling basis and the deadline to apply is **October 25th**.

View the [workshop agenda](#) and [apply](#) (there are limited spots available)! Check out the [event invitation](#) for more details.

C2C FELLOWS
LEADERSHIP | BUSINESS | POLITICS

Fall Student Sustainability Forum Wrap-Up



Students representing a variety of clubs and groups shared their exciting environmental ideas at the Fall Student Sustainability Forum on Thursday, September 19. Over seventy students attended the event – the

13th Forum hosted by the **Office of Sustainability**, which was held in residence hall Unit I all-purpose room.

The Forum opened with remarks from the Office – welcoming the students and encouraging on-going communication and collaborations in the upcoming year. “I am always amazed and impressed with the breadth of projects and the pas-



sion all of you bring to making Berkeley a more sustainable place”, remarked Lisa McNeilly, Director of Sustainability, “you make my job the best in the world.”

The forum featured speakers from over thirty campus groups, including the **ASUC Sustainability Team, Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative (BERC), the Residential Sustainability Program, and the Strawberry Creek Restoration Project.**

With topics ranging from energy conservation to sustainable forestry, the forum provided information for students of all interests.

At the end of the forum, attendees had a chance to talk with the presenters and find out ways to become



involved in their clubs. The event also facilitated networking between club officers so they could coordinate efforts on environmental projects and events. Many campus groups also presented job and volunteer opportunities during the forum.

The forum was catered by the **Berkeley Student Food Collective**, which provided fresh, organic fruit and cookies to participants.

Did you miss the forum, but still want to get involved with Cal’s environmental clubs? See our updated list of participating student groups [here!](#) Check out more forum photos on our [Facebook page](#)—do you know any of these passionate sustainability people??

Article by **Lindsey Agnew**, Photos by **Michael Drummond**

Cal Dining Gets Greener and Greener

Over the last year, Cal Dining has begun many new sustainability projects in both the dining halls and in campus restaurants. Cal Dining has the unique opportunity of serving and educating most new incoming Berkeley students. With Berkeley’s goal of **Zero Waste by 2020**, Cal Dining has made many sustainable decisions to reduce waste and continue towards becoming a sustainable business.

In Fall 2012, a new initiative - **Chews to Reuse** - started by student **Monica Harnoto**, began in the dining halls.

Chews to Reuse is a program that replaced compostable to-go containers with reusable to-go containers in all the dining halls. This fall, the program was updated to include reusable utensils and a reusable mug! Although compostable items are better than landfill items, such as regular plastic utensils, they still take energy to produce so using reusable containers is a much greener option.



coffee lids, which are being phased into on-campus dining locations at this moment.

The Dining Sustainability Team is in the process of holding staff trainings for each dining hall to teach the employees how to compost and recycle. As we all know, composting and recycling can be very confusing especially without proper training, so the hope is to end the confusion on where different products in the dining hall must end up.

The Dining Sustainability team is also working on planning **Food Day**, a celebration of affordable, sustainable and healthy food, which will be held on **October 24th** on Upper Sproul Plaza from **11-2pm**. The event will showcase sustain-



UPPER SPROUL PLAZA
OCTOBER 24TH 2013
11-2PM

FREE SAMPLES from LOCAL vendors!
Performances by UC Jazz Ensemble & Decadence
Cooking Demonstrations
Student Groups promoting Sustainability

FOOD DAY AT UC BERKELEY
Food Day is a nationwide celebration of healthy, sustainable and affordable food!
Come eat, listen to music and learn about what is happening in your community!
Learn more at: <http://uhs.berkeley.edu/foodday/>
Sponsored by Cal Dining

able vendors from around the Bay Area as well as student sustainability groups at Cal! There will also be a Cal Dining sustainability showcase in the dining halls that evening during regular dinner hours. So come out and learn about what's going on in YOUR food community!

If you have any project ideas for Cal Dining don't hesitate to contact the sustainability coordinator, [Sarah Atkinson](#).

Article by **Sarah Atkinson**

Greening the Greeks Meeting—Talking Sustainability

In continued efforts to foster a culture of sustainability on campus, the Office presented to students at the second **Greening the Greeks** meeting about the many sustainability-related opportunities available to the Greek community. Greening the Greeks is a student organization that encourages sustainable behavior and environmental awareness in the fraternity and sorority community. This year, Greening the Greeks is focusing on sustainability and how the Greeks can unite through sustainable choices.

The Office introduced a variety of resources that are available including [Green Event Certification](#) for philanthropy events and The Green



Initiative Fund (TGIF) grants. By applying to Green Certify philanthropy events, Greek houses can work towards reaching sustainability goals while fundraising for other charities, a win-win situation for all!

The Office student communications associates emphasized to attendees, that although students at the meeting are most inclined to make sustainable behavioral changes, it is really important to encourage those students who were not at the meeting to engage in sustainability. Using reusable water bottles, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's), and composting are sustainable options that can be implemented at all fraternity and sorority houses

and its easy to encourage students who may not be focused on sustainability to make effective choices like these.

Greening the Greeks is one of many student organizations working towards environmental awareness and sustainability. The Office has a resources available for student groups and hopes to work with many students throughout the coming year to make a meaningful impact within the UC Berkeley community.

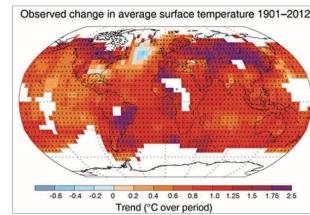
If you are a member of a student organization and would like the Office of Sustainability to present at one of your meetings, please contact us at sustainability@berkeley.edu for more information!

Article by Ben Rushakoff

Climate: IPCC—Assessment Report 5 Released

The latest report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has confirmed that climate change is anthropogenic and that there is an immediate need to reduce carbon emissions. Assessment Report 5, released on Friday, September 27, shows definitive evidence for record increases in global temperature, atmospheric

carbon dioxide, ocean acidification, and glacial melting. The highly anticipated report addresses the physical science basis of climate change. Additional reports about climate



change mitigation and adaptation are scheduled to be released next year.

To read more about the report in an article from campus Media Relations, and learn about UC Berkeley researchers involved in the creation of it, click [here](#).

Big Ideas @ Berkeley—Apply for the Annual Innovation Contest!



Big Ideas @ Berkeley is an annual innovation contest aimed at providing funding, support, and encouragement to students who have innovative solutions to challenges facing our campus, community or world. This year up to \$300,000 is available to students with Big Ideas!

The "Clean & Sustainable Energy Alternatives" category seeks proposals that encourage the adoption of clean energy alternatives that are

sustainable and have the potential for broad impact. Proposals may focus on the design, development, or delivery of sustainable energy solutions and can be domestic or international in scope. For more information, click [here](#).

Additional categories in this year's Big Ideas Contest include: [Creative Expression for Social Justice](#) / [Clean & Sustainable Energy Alternatives](#) / [Financial Capability](#) / [Global Poverty Alleviation](#) / [Improving Student Life](#) / [Information Technology for Society](#) / [Open Data](#) / [Promoting Human Rights](#) / [Scaling Up Big Ideas](#)

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Pre-Proposals are Due November 5th.

To schedule an appointment with a Big Ideas Advisor [email us](#).

UC Launches Sustainability News Magazine on Flipboard



UC Green is a quick and easy way to follow all the latest UC developments in sustainability research and operations. UC Green is a new custom magazine published via Flipboard, a social

media app on iPad, iPhone or Android devices. Flipboard allows you to view your social media feeds in one place and subscribe to custom magazines such as UC Green.

Go to <http://flip.it/7ljG> on your mobile device and download Flipboard to subscribe to UC Green.



Gerardo Campos and Motion-Sensor Power Strips

myPower at BERKELEY Facilities and Building Operations Manager **Gerardo Campos** has been leading the way in making Haas School of Business more sustainable, particularly in terms of energy use. In the past, Gerardo has worked on water cooler retrofits, and has met with **myPower** and **Building Sustainability at Cal** representatives to audit various areas of Haas.

Now, Gerardo is working on a brand new project which is sure to help save even more energy at Haas. Gerardo is installing motion sensor power strips in a number of offices in the Student Services Building. These motion sensor power strips turn off building occupants' devices once they have left their desk for a set amount of time, which the occupant can choose. When the oc-



cupant returns to his or her desk and activates the motion sensor, the devices are turned back on. Gerardo is metering some offices in order to determine how much energy exactly can be saved by using these strips.

While this project is still in the works, it will be exciting to see how much energy the Student Services Building is able to save, thanks to Gerardo's forward thinking!

NRDC Report on Greening Campus Sports Features UC Campuses

UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and UC San Diego are all profiled in a comprehensive report which concludes with a message from UC Berkeley swimmer Missy Franklin. Here are a few excerpts from Missy's Message on page 102:

"...and my new home, the University of California at Berkeley, has



dramatically cut down on the energy use at its athletic facilities through more efficient lighting and smarter power use...I am unbelievably excited to be starting my first year at Cal. I can't wait to share a pool with some of the nation's best female swimmers, and to be surrounded by such a rich history of student activism. As the

home of so many political causes, like the Free Speech Movement, this campus is now full of energy to help save our planet. I know I'll be joining the fight, working to make our athletic programs more sustainable while learning about environmental problems and solutions in the classroom...."

Read the [full report](#).

TGIF—Apply for a Mini-Grant! And More

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) provides grants to support projects that can help reduce UC Berkeley's negative impact on the environment. There is still time for students, faculty, and staff to submit a proposal for a **Fall Mini-Grant!**

The **Mini-Grant** applies to short-term projects needing \$500-\$2,000, and the application deadline is **Monday, November 18, 2013**. For more application information and project samples please visit [this page](#).

The Green Initiative Fund

University of California, Berkeley

Annual Report: To learn even more about the projects funded by TGIF, check out the [2013 Annual Report](#). This updated report provides a detailed analysis of the distribution of the funds, and explores the various environmental realms that are benefitting from these grants. Along with financial information, this report includes the mission statements and goals of the vast projects funded by TGIF grants.

Read the Blog: Interested in being informed with updates and news regarding the different environmental movements on campus? Read the [TGIF Blog!](#) With frequent posts ranging from interviews to informative articles, this blog is an excellent resource to raise awareness and promote involvement with the sustainability projects currently taking place at UC Berkeley.

Article by Amy Craik

CACS Internship Opportunity



UC Berkeley Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability (CACS): 2013-14 Internship Request for Proposals

CACS annually funds Student Sustainability Internships, and through these paid positions, Berkeley students have access to new fields of applied learning.

Applications are now open for the 2013-2014 year program.

Proposals are due on November 22, 2013 by 5pm. Berkeley faculty, staff and students are eligible to apply for up to \$2,000 to support student sustainability internships.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE: **November 22, 2013 by 5pm** (electronically submitted to abumkim@berkeley.edu)

WHO MAY APPLY: **UC Berkeley faculty, staff, or student group** with experience supervising interns.

PROJECT TYPES: Awards will support student labor for campus projects. Preference given to proposals that support goals identified in:

- ⇒ [2009 Campus Sustainability Plan](#)
- ⇒ [Cal Climate Action Partnership \(Cal CAP\)](#)

[Click here](#) to learn more and apply.



Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability