

XAVIER UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY FIELD TRIPS SPRING 2014

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Italicized events are open to the public



Week of January 13

Friday, January 17, 5-7 pm, Join us at a unique local eatery, **Moriah's Pie**. They use mostly ingredients from Norwood, Ohio for their pizzas and pies and they have no fixed price for anything on the menu and are only open one night/week! Come enjoy some great food and a discussion about this neighborhood venture. *Possible class topics: Globalization, localization, alternative economies*

Week of January 27

Friday, January 31, 3-5 pm, Join in a **Discussion of the new Alter Hall design** and the ways in which faculty and students will be part of making the building the most energy efficient building on campus and one of the most energy efficient classroom buildings in the country.

Possible class topics: Campus sustainability, energy use, green building, relationship between environment and learning

Week of February 3

Monday, February 3, 3-4 pm, **Introduction meeting with guest community organizers.** The Community Organizing Sustainability Visiting Expert will visit either virtually (Carolina Marturet de Paris) or physically (Barbara Jefferson of Generation Waking Up). The Visiting Expert will be available to meet with classes, community groups, and clubs during their week in residence. Contact Ann Dougherty for more information or to make an appointment with the visiting expert.

Possible class topics: community engagement, advocacy, group facilitation

Week of February 10

Monday, February, 4-5:30, **Sustainability Heroes Gallery opening** followed by discussion (5:30-6:30) with Dan Korman, honoree. Outside Currito Burrito and Mission and Identity. Discussion room TBA.

Possible class topics: green business, entrepreneurship, carless lifestyle, oral history

Week of February 17

Monday, February 17, 3-4 pm, **Food and Farming Forum** with Farmers Kevin Fitzgerald and Braden Trauth. Xavier students involved with the on-campus projects will present the work accomplished during 2012-2014. Urban Farm, Victory Permaculture Garden, and other community garden projects will be covered.

Possible class topics: agriculture arts, integrated design, innovation, community engagement

Week of February 24

Monday, February 24, 5-6 pm, **Campus Carbon Profile Presentation** with Sustainability Committee and colleagues. Office of Institutional Research, Sustainability Committee, and Sustainability Interns will present the campus carbon profile, and updates to the campus sustainability plan. Ideas for improvement will be solicited, and the Spring 2014 Hall energy treasure hunt will be described and teams formed.

Possible class topics: planning, innovation, integrated design, societal sustainability

Week of March 10

Monday, March 10, 3-4:15 **Interactive Dialogue with Jeremy Rifkin**, Kennedy Auditorium

Monday March 10, 7-8:45 **Jeremy Rifkin, public presentation, Energy Justice: Leading the Way to a Third Industrial Revolution**, Cintas Banquet Center

Jeremy Rifkin is president of the Foundation on Economic Trends, advisor to the European Union, and author of numerous books on the impact of scientific and technological changes on the economy, the workforce, society, and the environment. For more information contact Nancy Bertaux.

Possible class topics: renewable energy, sustainable economies, political economy of sustainability in the United States and Europe

Week of March 17

Thursday, March 20, 3-5 pm, **Sustainability and Gender**—Join a discussion about women's suffrage and sustaining gendered political agency. This event is held on campus. For more information contact Marita von Weissenberg, vonweissenbergm@xavier.edu.

Possible class topics: gender, citizenship, history (U.S. and European)

Week of March 24

Monday, March 24, 3-6 pm **“Sanctity of Sanctuary” award-winning film screening** by Producer/Director Blis DeVault, followed by multiclass discussion, hopefully Kennedy Auditorium.
Possible class topics for next three events: subsistence lifestyle, native plants, botanical medicine, entrepreneurship, community, fossil fuels

Wednesday, March 26, 7-9:30 pm **“Sanctity of Sanctuary award-winning film screening** by Producer/Director Blis DeVault, followed by Q&A with Paul Strauss, the subject of the documentary, place TBA.

Thursday, March 27, 11:30-2:00, **Cookout and Conversation** with faculty, staff and students at Nexus Community Garden/Urban Farm

Friday, March 28, 9:30-12:30, **Tour of Carriage House Farm and Local Foods lunch with Paul Strauss** and Richard Stewart

Learn about a local example of land reclamation and sustainable agriculture with two important ecological do-ers.

Possible class topics: local history, urban history, local and sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship

Week of March 31

Friday, April 4, 3-5 pm, **Tower Gardens with Meghan Fronduti**. Learn about a method of gardening that involves little water and space. It can be done on a patio or balcony in an urban setting. This event will be held on campus.

Possible class topics: urban agriculture, technology

Week of April 21

Friday, April 25, 3-5, **Seasonal tour of French Park** with Michael S. George, Park Naturalist and Nature Center Director followed by multi-class discussion. Contact Nancy Bertaux.

Possible class topics: natural resources, connection to land, history