



# DEPAUL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND STUDIES NEWSLETTER

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## NOTABLE DATES

**Friday, June 3 -**

**Saturday June 9**

SQ2023 Day & Evening Final Exams

[Final Exam Schedule LINK](#)

**Saturday-Sunday,  
June 10-11 University  
Commencement  
Wintrust Arena**

CSH Commencement - Saturday,  
June 10 6:00-8:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 12**

Begin Summer I Classes

[ENV Student Handbook Link](#)

## Final Service Trip of the Year Completes Rain Garden at Southwest Side Church

Congratulations to Dr. Potosnak, the DEI team and all the student volunteers who donated their time on three weekends this year to dig a french drain and plant a rain garden (pictured above) at the Pentecostal Church of Holiness in North Lawndale.

"We finished up the final part of a three-trip journey by installing green infrastructure with the help of a master gardener", said Elene Drosos MS '24, DEI Coordinator. "We first dug out a deep delineation for the placement of the French drain with the help of the Eco Ambassadors in November. Our second trip was when the French drain was installed and fill was added, with a landscape fabric liner around the drain as well as surrounding the bottom of the trench. The final trip was last Friday, where we planted a native species rain garden at the end of the French drain. Hopefully in years to come, this green infrastructure will improve the quality of the soil and increase biodiversity."

See photos on the last page to view the evolution of the garden. Many thanks to the DEI team who recruited volunteers and to Elene and Dr. P. for their leadership and service toward making one Chicago community more beautiful and biodiverse.



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### **CLASS OF 2023 ADVICE**

A New York Times article provides inspiration toward developing your climate career.

## **Finding A Rewarding Career In Climate**

NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE PROVIDES INSIGHT

Attention Class of 2023, can you find a rewarding career in climate?

Dr. Jess Vogt shares an article from the New York Times written by Senior Climate Writer, Manuela Andreoni that provides career-seeking inspiration for graduating students.

The article asked those in the industry to talk about their careers. Some excerpts are below.

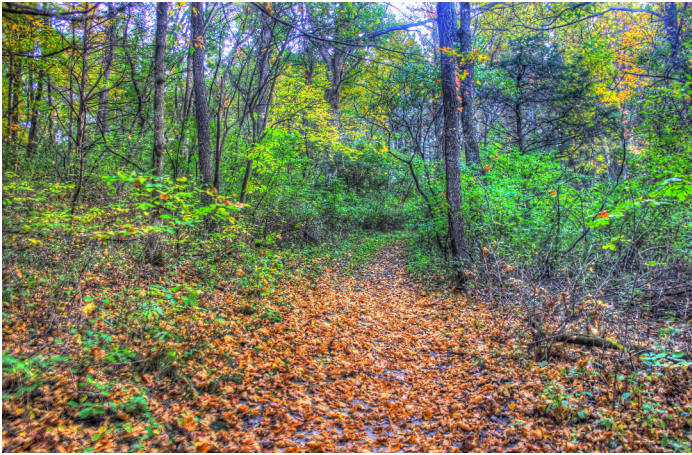
"Can you find a rewarding career in climate? Yes, definitely. How do we know? You told us..."

"Two weeks ago, we asked you to talk about your careers in the field. I'm not surprised that nearly everyone who wrote to us said they enjoy what they're doing..."

"We heard from people who work in investment, climate tech, education, outreach, consulting, engineering, research and more. You said your work is exciting and makes you feel more engaged..."

Find the link to the full article [HERE](#).





## **Our Future on a Humanized Planet**

A PRESENTATION BY LIAM HENEGHAN

## **Chicago Region Trees Initiative - Oak Ecosystem Recovery - June 23**

Join the Oak Ecosystem Recovery Plan group on June 23, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. for a unique opportunity to tour a tornado damaged area at Green Valley Forest Preserve of DuPage County. Registration is required to participate.

In June 2021, an EF-3 tornado touched down in the DuPage County communities of Naperville, Darien, and Woodridge. Dozens of homes in the area were damaged. In addition, approximately 10 acres of remnant oak woodland at Greene Valley were heavily impacted by the tornado. The tour will show pictures of the aftermath and we will discuss the FPDDC recovery efforts at the site. This unique opportunity for research exists with two tree-demography study plots in the affected woodland – one impacted directly by the tornado and the other relatively untouched. Meeting location here. Register [HERE](#)

## **Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum Event Features Dr. Liam Heneghan**

Dr. Liam Heneghan will be speaking on the topic: "Our Future on a Humanized Planet" at the Peggy Notebaert Museum on Thursday, June 8th. Liam's talk coincides with the launch of his new book, "A Primer on Human Impacts on the Environment: The Conceptual Approach".

Liam shows that many of the same conceptual tools used for investigating the biosphere can be adapted and applied to determining the fate of humanity in a rapidly changing world.

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end with a Q&A from the audience.

Free tickets can be reserved at this [LINK](#).

## **STUDENT INTERN (NATURAL RESOURCE FELLOWSHIP INTERN) McHenry County Department of Natural Resources**

Closing Date/Time: 06/07/2023 / Salary: \$2,000/per month / Job Type: Salaried Full Time

### Position Overview

The Natural Resource Fellowship Program provides young professionals in ecology, botany, forestry, zoology, wildlife biology, or public policy, a structured twelve-month practicum wherein emphasis on job experience serves as the instructional medium and provides the post-graduate student or >-the-job experience necessary for entry into the professional job market. Additionally, the fellowship program establishes a statewide opportunity to address various conservation opportunities such as natural areas management and monitoring, herbicide drift monitoring, and pollinator conservation. This position affords the opportunity for hands on training in all aspects of natural areas management including: exotic species control, prescribed fire, boundary maintenance and endangered species surveys, management and monitoring. Send resume to : Vicky Fowler, IDNR Human Resources, Email: [vicky.fowler@illinois.gov](mailto:vicky.fowler@illinois.gov) Phone#: 217-785-5387

Job Family: Environmental & Natural Resources

Please attach a DETAILED Resume/Curriculum Vitae (CV), a copy of your transcripts or diploma for all degrees earned.





## Volunteers Rule!

LED BY DR. P. (ABOVE IN HAT ADMIRING THE FINAL PRODUCT), ENV STUDENTS VOLUNTEERED TO DIG A FRENCH DRAIN LAST FALL AND THEN RETURNED IN THE SPRING TO PREPARE AND PLANT A RAIN GARDEN.

(RIGHT) MEMBERS OF THE ENV DEI TEAM (LEFT TO RIGHT) BRIANNA ORTIZ, YASMEEN IBRAHIM, JADE APONTE, AUSTIN SALVINO, ELENE DROSOS, GAVIN SALAS, DR. CHRISTIE KLIMAS (FACULTY ADVISOR).

