



DEPAUL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND STUDIES NEWSLETTER

NOTABLE DATES

Fri. April 7- Sun. April 9
Good Friday and Easter Holiday,
University Closed

Monday, April 10
Last day to drop SQ2023 classes
with no penalty (100% refund of
tuition if applicable and no grade on
transcript).

Also last day to select pass/fail
option for SQ 2023 classes

ENV Student Handbook LINK

Every Day Is Earth Day In ENV

As Earth Week approaches, take the time to reflect on how DePaul ENV invests in our planet, not just during Earth Week but for the remaining 51 weeks of the year. Our faculty share their knowledge and expertise with our students, all while challenging them during their research projects and studies. The common goal is to graduate well-prepared individuals for careers that will make a difference in our world and have a positive impact on the environment. ENV's partnerships with Chicago's museums, zoos, nature areas, parks, communities, businesses and organizations display our leadership on environmental issues. We travel to learn, teach and share via field trips, travel and study abroad. Our alumni make us proud by the good work they do and when they share their experiences and expertise with current students. Faculty and students engage around the world with Global Conversations. There is much happening everyday in ENV!

The next two weeks offer some great opportunities for our students and faculty to engage with the DePaul community and greater Chicagoland about environmental issues. It is also our chance to talk about how ENV invests in our planet every day!

So jump into Spring and get out there! You'll find ample opportunity in the pages that follow - install a french drain at a south side church garden, participate in the April 18 Earth Week festival and talk about your experiences being an ENV student, join DUG's spring planting or clean up a park near your home. It's GO time for Mother Earth!



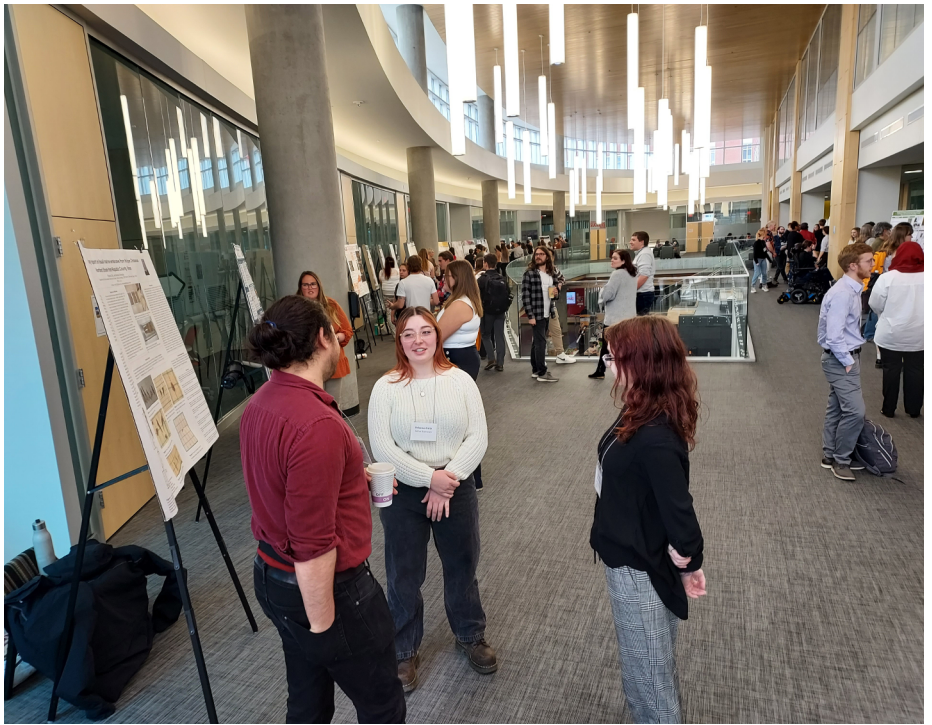
LOUISVILLE, HERE WE COME!

(ABOVE) A group of ENV and BIO students pose with Dr. Shimada prior to their departure for Louisville and MEEC 2023.

(Top Row L-R): Jake Wood, Aaron Johnson, Aly Mieczkiwski, Gavin Salas. (Bottom L-R): Dr. Shimada, Austin Salvino, Marcelina Skowronski, Brianna Ortiz.

(ABOVE RIGHT) Brianna Ortiz presents her poster in the main hall. Over 250 attendees participated in the conference which is organized and directed by graduate students.

Many thanks to the Biology Department and Dr. Kenshu Shimada for helping to organize and support the trip.



ENV and BIO Students Attend MEEC 2023

The Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference, held this year at the University of Louisville, is an annual regional conference hosted by different Midwestern institutions and is organized and directed entirely by graduate students. The conference provides a professional atmosphere for students of all levels to interact with and learn from their peers. Previous conferences have drawn between 250 and 300 attendees from universities around the Midwest. Students from ENV and BIO made the trek last weekend to network and present their research posters.

- Salas, Gavin D. [ENV Science major], and Mark J. Potosnak. 2023. Monitoring personal exposure to air quality gradients while biking on an elevated urban trail .

-Wood, Jake J. [BIO M.S.], and Kenshu Shimada. 2023. Functional implications reflected in neurocranial morphology of lamniform sharks (Elasmobranchii: Lamniformes).

-Skowronski, Marcelina [BIO MS], and Kenshu Shimada. 2023. A preliminary observation of a new skeletal specimen of a plethodid bony fish (Actinopterygii: Tselfatiiformes) from the Upper Cretaceous Eagle Ford Shale, Texas, U.S.A.

-Johnson, Aaron [BIO major], and Kenshu Shimada. 2023. Late Cretaceous marine vertebrates from the Tarrant Formation, Tarrant County, Texas U.S.A.

-Ortiz, Brianna E. [ENV Studies major], and Kenshu Shimada. 2023. Fossil marine vertebrates from the Hartland Shale Member of the Upper Cretaceous Greenhorn Limestone, northcentral Kansas, USA.

-Salvino, Austin M. [ENV Studies major], and Kenshu Shimada. 2023. Fossil marine vertebrates from the mid-Graneros Shale (Upper Cretaceous: mid-Cenomanian), Russell County, Kansas, USA.

-Mieczkiwski, Aly [BIO major], and Kenshu Shimada. 2023. Preliminary report on fossil marine vertebrates from the mid-Pfeifer Shale (Upper Cretaceous) from central Kansas. Note: Aly could not attend but her poster was presented at the conference.



Campus Connect Tips

If you are new to Campus Connect's various features or need a refresher, here are some helpful tips on some key tools that can be useful in your student life!

A great device offered through Campus Connect is the Schedule Optimizer. Once you log onto Campus Connect through campusconnect.depaul.edu, you can access the Schedule

Optimizer by clicking the Manage Classes icon on your Student Homepage. You will be automatically directed to the View My Classes tab where you can select the Schedule Optimizer tab, or find it on the bottom of the page if you switch from the By Class to the By Date tab. From there, you can select the term and create a probable or current generated schedule to help you compare and visualize your weeks.

One other helpful tool that you can access on Campus Connect is the Degree Progress Report. This can be found by first clicking the Advising, Progress & Graduation icon on your Student Homepage. From here, you can select the Degree Progress tab that will automatically direct you to the Degree Progress Report selector. You can run the status of your current degree, past plans, and a What-if Report that can explain various scenarios such as which classes are offered in certain degrees or how your degree might look like with a minor added to it.

ARTICLE CONTRIBUTED BY ELENE DROSOS, ENV MS'24/DEI COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEERS WANTED! Please join ENV DEI at the next event, volunteering to install green infrastructure at the Pentecostal Church of Holiness in Chicago!

RSVP [HERE!](#)

We Need Volunteers on Friday, April 14th!

Join the ENV DEI team and Dr. Potosnak in finishing the French drain green infrastructure project at the Pentecostal Church of Holiness.

Leaving McGowan South by 9 AM
Returning by 4 PM

Tourism and climate change: How does culture effect tourist decision making?

Join this Global Conversation to share tourism experiences from your home country or prior travels. Engage in dialogue to intercultural insights that inform learning. Challenge your tourism decision making to reflect global climate change imperatives.

Wednesday, May 3 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. (US Central)

Free registration here:
[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Join students and faculty from all over the world for a lively discussion facilitated by:

Mark Potosnak, PhD, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, USA
Rachel Welton, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK
Daniela Buzova, Universitat de València, València, Spain



GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

For more information, go to:
go.depaul.edu/globalconversations

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Global Conversations: Reimagining nutrition & agricultural practices & policies to address global hunger

Join Global Conversations with students from around the world. These 90-minute sessions will provide a brave space for students to share and reflect on a variety of current, relevant topics. facilitated by teams of expert faculty from leading international universities.

Prof. Maggie Workman is facilitating the conversation on Monday, April 24 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Free registration here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

Participants will discuss specific threats to food security in their local communities and strategies used to address these threats, as well as policies and practices that can be used to systematically address these challenges locally and globally.

ENVIRONMENTAL LITERARY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

A note from Dr. Liam Heneghan - A couple of events that may be of interest to you....

Award-Winning Author Stanley Qiufan Chen (the Humanities Center Laureate) will present on:
Writing the Future: Science Fiction and Climate Justice
WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.; DePaul Student Center, Room 120; 2250 N Sheffield Ave., Chicago

ALSO
I (Liam) will be in conversation with author to help celebrate Katie Holten's new book, The Language of Trees: A Rewilding of Literature and Landscape

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 at 7:00 p.m. CT, Exile in Bookville , 410 South Michigan Avenue #Suite 210 Chicago, IL 60605
Inspired by forests, trees, leaves, roots, and seeds, The Language of Trees: A Rewilding of Literature and Landscape invites readers to discover an unexpected and imaginative language to better read and write the natural world around us and reclaim our relationship with it. In this gorgeously illustrated and deeply thoughtful collection, Katie Holten gifts readers her tree alphabet and uses it to masterfully translate and illuminate beloved lost and new, original writing in praise of the natural world.



Earth Day Fest!
@ DePaul Student Center

April 18

Spring Career Fair
Network and find job opportunities at the DePaul Spring Career fair in the Student Center, room 120AB @ 3pm

April 19

Spring Flower Show
Join ENV's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team for a trip to the Lincoln Park Conservatory to see the Spring Flower Show! Meet us in McGowan South @ 12pm

April 21

Earth Day!!!
Check out local events and service opportunities on and off campus! [Click Here](#)

April 22

Listening Session
Join ENV's DEI Team to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion in our department .McGowan South Second Floor Conference room @ 4:00pm

April 24

Hale Sustainability Conference

April



2023 Seeds of Success Field Positions
Chicago Botanic Garden with Bureau of Land Management

Gain valuable field botany skills while contributing to critical work in the native plant materials development process. Positions are 5-7 months long.
Senior Botanists: \$31.22/hr. Lead Botanists: \$22.60/hr. Field Technicians: \$18.50/hr.



Earth Week Events April 18 - 25

Participate in Earth Week events!

DePaul's 10th Earth Day Fest! Tuesday, April 18, from 4:15pm - 5:45pm in DePaul's Lincoln Park Student Center, first floor atrium. Fun and prizes for students. ENV will be tabling. Contact Karen Loiacono if you would like to volunteer at the table.

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LP Conservatory Spring Flower Show - Friday, April 21. ENV trip to the Lincoln Park Conservatory to see the Spring Flower Show! Meet us in McGowan South @ 12pm

EARTH DAY - April 22 . Check out Chicago Park District cleanup events! [Click Here](#)

Botanic Garden Term Positions In Western US with "Seeds Of Success"

Chicago Botanic Garden is looking to hire for its "Seeds of Success" crews working with the Bureau of Land Management.

April 24 is preferred start date and with a term of 5-6 months. Open positions are for botanists and field technicians. Teams are based in Tonopah, NV, Bishop, CA, Elko, NV, Burns, Boise, ID, St. George, UT, El Centro, CA, Redding, CA, Bishop, CA, and Bakersfield, CA.

Apply at: <https://www.chicagobotanic.org/jobs>

Questions can be directed to Chris Woolridge at: cwoolridge@chicagobotanic.org.

DePaul's Clothesline Project Honors Survivors of Sexual Violence

The Office of Health Promotion and Wellness hopes you have been having a wonderful start to the Spring Quarter. As you may or may not know, April is recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) with the goal of bringing in audiences beyond advocates — those who may not realize they play an important role in preventing sexual violence. HPW contributes to recognizing SAAM on campus through a project called The Clothesline Project Exhibition. The Clothesline Project focuses on those who have been affected by violence as a means of expressing their emotions by decorating a T-shirt. After being decorated, the shirts are hung on a display with the intention of honoring survivors. Throughout the month of April, HPW is partnering with the DePaul Women's Center to facilitate the distribution and pick-up of such t-shirts for the Clothesline Project Exhibition which will occur on Friday, April 28 from 4-7 PM.

You can show your support of the cause in the following way (see more details attached to this newsletters email):

- Sign up and come to t-shirt pick-up for yourself or your group
- Participate in our social media campaign for Denim Day on Wednesday, April 26
- Share our social media graphics on your social media account (@healthydepaul)
- Tell your friends about tabling dates and the Clothesline Project Exhibition

The full lineup of all HPW programs can be found [HERE](#). Questions can be directed to Christine Augustin at: caugust9@depaul.edu



Diving into the world of fungus! ENV students had a great time at Plant Chicago last Saturday!

They experienced the mushroom growing lab along with the rest of Plant Chicago. Each student took away a mushroom transplant that they prepared with the help of a mushroom expert. The trip was organized by the DEI team and Dr. Christie Klimas.

