

Environmental Studies Newsletter



February 2022

*The fabulous class of
ENST in 2021!*



Consider joining the Student ENST Steering Committee !

The faculty seeks to formalize participation of students in the life of the department by instituting and supporting the Student ENST Steering Committee. Please contact jsmiller@amherst.edu if you are interested or with questions!

The **Student Environmental Studies Steering Committee** is a group of 3-5 ENST majors responsible for helping to foster a shared sense of community in the department. Students on the committee are asked to solicit majors for feedback regarding the needs and views of majors, provide feedback concerning open faculty positions, and plan gatherings and events. The ENST chair and the departmental ADC serve in advisory roles to assist and support the work of the committee.

Some examples of events include a *Welcome Back Gathering* in the fall, a *Meet and Greet* event for prospective majors (typically held prior to pre-registration), and an *End of Year Celebration* in May. In addition to these occasions, students are encouraged to consider other activities to strengthen community both among majors and between students and faculty in Environmental Studies.

Membership on the committee is open to all declared Environmental Studies majors and is expected to represent the diverse spectrum of students in the department, including participation of students across class years. For more information or to express interest, please reach out to faculty in the department.

Applied Sustainability Virtual Roundtable with Matthew Mo '06 February 11th, 2022 (12-1pm) → [Zoom link](#)

Join the roundtable with **Matthew Mo '06**, who worked for the New York City Economic Development Corporation during the Amazon HQ2 bid for Queens. Matt serves as an Advisory Board Member at [Grünwald Technologies](#).

Matt will be in conversation with **Micah Owino, Loeb Center Government & Nonprofits advisor** and is looking forward to connecting with current students and alumni interested in pursuing careers in sustainability and renewables. [Preview the event in Handshake](#).

Please [send us](#) your news & announcements... we would love to hear from you!

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Save the date...

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 30th (5-6pm) in the Powerhouse** for the **Environmental Studies Meet & Greet**.

Come meet your professors and fellow majors and mingle for a bit prior to advising week and pre-registration for Fall 2022.

(*refreshments provided, but not sure what yet – send your ideas to dbhutton@amherst.edu)

Summer opportunities

Udall Scholarship Application - Feb 15, 2022

The Udall Scholarship is open to sophomores and juniors interested in the Environment, Tribal Policy, or Native Health Care. If you've demonstrated leadership and commitment to public service around these issues and are a US citizen, national or permanent resident, you are eligible to apply. This scholarship provides funding towards your undergraduate expenses.

- Amherst College internal deadline: February 15, 2022
- Reach out to the [Office of Fellowships](#) for support and assistance or contact Christine Overstreet coverstreet@amherst.edu with questions.

Montana Conservation Corps Conservation Interns - Feb 13, 2022

MCC's Conservation Intern (CI) program makes a measurable difference in conservation efforts while strengthening the experience of interns. Conservation Interns serve at partnering federal/state agencies, nonprofits, tribal offices, and other community-based conservation organizations across the region. The three-month AmeriCorps term of service extends from May - August and members gain insight into natural resource-related fieldwork throughout Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and the Dakotas. [Learn more at this link](#).

Sustainability Fellows at University of New Hampshire - Feb 14, 2022

[UNH Sustainability Fellowships](#) pair exceptional students and post-baccalaureates from UNH as well as colleges and universities across the nation with host organizations in New England to work on transformative sustainability initiatives. Each summer, Fellows undertake challenging sustainability projects that are designed to create an immediate impact, offer an extraordinary learning experience, and foster meaningful collaboration. JOIN an [INFO SESSION](#) on February 4th.

- Work with municipal, educational, corporate, and non-profit partners in New England ([check out our summer 2022 fellowship sites](#))
- Connect with a growing network of sustainability leaders (mentors, advisors, alumni, peers)
- Earn \$6,500 (post-baccalaureates) or \$5,200 (undergraduates)
- [Apply](#) by February 14th 11:59 PM (EST)



Summer opportunities continued...

Appalachian Headwaters

[Appalachian Headwaters](#) is a nonprofit focused on ecological restoration on mined lands, environmental education, and economic development in Appalachia. One of our programs is an environmental and arts summer camp, [Camp Waldo](#), in southern West Virginia. We are looking for college students to join us as camp counselors in June and July. We also offer counselors paid internships in other parts of the organization (pollinator science, environmental philosophy, communications/marketing, reforestation ecology, native plant horticulture, beekeeping, organic farming, and economic development).

Staff are paid \$2000 for camp, plus all meals and housing, and a weekly stipend for the internship period. Interested students can apply [here](#).

Contact Katie Warner Asquith, Director of Programs with questions kasquith@appheadwaters.org

New courses for Spring 2022

ENST-441: Conservation Biology

Conservation biology is a highly interdisciplinary field, requiring careful consideration of biological, economic, and sociological issues. Solutions to biodiversity conservation and environmental challenges are even more complex. Yet, conservation is a topic of timely importance in order to safeguard biological diversity. Utilizing close reading and discussion of articles from the primary literature, the course will explore key topics including overexploitation (including connections between the wildlife trade and emergent diseases such as COVID-19), habitat fragmentation, climate change, restoration, protected areas, payments for ecosystem services, as well as how to determine appropriate conservation priorities.

Senior Lecturer Rachel Levin; Thursdays 2:30-5:30pm, Science Center E208; [Link to course page](#)

RUSS-274: In/different Nature: Reading the Russian Environment

Russia stretches from Europe to Asia, and its vast tundra, steppe, and forests have been conceptualized in many ways throughout history: as a rich paradise or an inhospitable hell; a meaningless, empty space or site of limitless potential and transformation; a foe to be conquered or a guarantor of freedom. Russia's specific geographical circumstances and complex political and cultural legacies have produced a unique understanding of the natural world. This course will consider that understanding through a cross-disciplinary lens, exploring how changes in Russian culture, science, and the environment all influenced one another. We will encounter works of fiction, nonfiction, visual art, cinema, history, philosophy, and natural science—and, through Russians' eyes, ponder what the future of our planet might look like.

Five College Lecturer Daniel Brooks; Course time & location TBD; [Link to course page](#)