



OUR SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OHIO STATE EARTH MONTH

Late March through early April; Various locations

From film screenings to volunteer activities to educational lectures, Ohio State celebrates Earth Month from late March through early May. See the entire calendar at www.earthday.osu.edu/.

FABE SEMINAR: TRANSITIONING “TOWARD” A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

1:45 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 5; Room 219, Agricultural Engineering Building

The Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department’s Spring Seminar features "Transitioning ‘Toward’ a Sustainable World” with Norman Scott, a former vice president for research at Cornell and a senior advisor to the National Research Council.

STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FAIR

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6; Great Hall Meeting Room, Ohio Union

Learn about the amazing sustainability initiatives around the city and on campus from nearly 30 different organizations. Get some free, locally sourced food, and enter to win T-shirts, sustainability related books, Zagster bike-share passes and many other prizes! Meet animals from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium between 11 a.m. and noon.

CONSCIOUS COLLEGE ROAD TOUR 2016: INFORMATION STATION

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 6; West Plaza, Ohio Union

Join Project Green OSU and Turning Green for the 3rd Annual Conscious College Road Tour Stop at The Ohio State University! Get free eco-product samples and learn about 8 different sustainability themes at the Conscious Information Station, an interactive tabling display.

DEFEND OUR FUTURE DAY OF ACTION

8 a.m. – noon, Thursday, April 7; The Oval, Ohio Union and Crane Café

Tabling, petitioning, and creating climate action followed by a screening of “Racing Extinction.”

BUCKEYE BLACKOUT CONCERT

8 p.m. – midnight, Saturday, April 9; Performance Hall, Ohio Union

Join Buckeye Blackout for its third annual concert to promote environmental conscientiousness. The show will feature some of Columbus’ most highly acclaimed local and student performers, as well as guest speaker Gregory Hitzhusen, assistant professor, environmental and natural resources. The show is free, and no tickets are required for entry. Before you come, remember to turn off or unplug unnecessary lights and appliances.

SEEDS OF SERVICE

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10; Olentangy River Trail behind Drake Performance Center

Undergraduate Student Government and Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW) are sponsoring an area for restoration along the Olentangy River. They will be planting trees and other plants; weeding; and picking up litter.

COLUMBUS GREESPOTLIGHT 2016 AWARDS AND STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY EXPO

7:15 – 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 12; Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

Columbus’ new mayor, Andy Ginther, will be a special guest at this April Environmental Professionals Network breakfast, which will feature information about GreenSpot Columbus and Ohio State’s commitment to sustainability. In addition, Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability Capstone students will display their research projects examining how Ohio State can meet its newly established sustainability goals.

IF YOU MAKE A SOLAR FUEL FROM CO₂, WHAT SHOULD IT BE?

4 p.m. Friday, April 15; 130 CBEC

Clifford P. Kubiak, chemistry professor, University of California San Diego, will deliver this 2016 Sheldon G. Shore Lecture, hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Kubiak will present the major accomplishments in the activation and chemical reduction of CO₂.

RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKSHOP AT THE SCARLET, GRAY AND GREEN FAIR

10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 19

Fisher Auditorium, OARDC, Wooster Campus

This year’s Renewable Energy Workshop agenda features “The Sun, Fossil Fuels and the GEO Tour;” “Motor Fuels: Renewable and Alternative Sources;” and “Case Study: Solar Energy.”

SCARLET, GRAY AND GREEN FAIR

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 19

OARDC, Wooster Campus

The festival celebrates, educates and demonstrates that “Green is for Life!” Free to the public, the event features trade show exhibits, green product vendors, educational recycling opportunities, and sustainable food vendors in a fun-filled environment in and around Fisher Auditorium.

COLLABORATIVE ANALYTICS: MEETING GLOBAL CHALLENGES THROUGH SHARED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

4 p.m. Tuesday, April 19; Wexner Center Film/Video Theater

The Center for Urban and Regional Analysis, the hub for GIS and data-driven urban science on campus, hosts Kristin Tolle of Microsoft Research Outreach for this lecture. Tolle will give examples including how cloud-based data analytics services can be leveraged to perform research analyses and facilitate collaboration for geographically dispersed teams and co-investigators. The use cases discussed will focus on global challenges — such as healthcare and climate change.

EARTH DAY DOCUMENTARY VIEWING

6 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21

Tanya R. Rutner Room, Ohio Union

Society of Environmental Engineers will show the documentary “Triple Divide” and will serve pizza and popcorn. Afterward there will be a speaker or chance for discussion. Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

SUSTAINABILITY FINAL EXAM SURVIVAL KITS

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 22; On the Oval

With finals approaching, everyone needs a little pick-me-up. The Office of Energy and Environment will keep students motivated during the final weeks of the semester by giving away Sustainability Final Exam Survival Kits.

ENCORE OPEN HOUSE

1:30 – 3 p.m. Friday, April 29; enCORE, behind 2201 Fred Taylor Dr.

enCORE, Ohio State’s solar powered, student-designed and -built house, will be open for tours so researchers and students can view the house and learn about research opportunities associated with various aspects of sustainable, net-zero building and living. The campus community is welcome to visit the house to learn how enCORE can be used as a meeting space, as a teaching tool, and/or for outreach.

[2016 STATE FOOD POLICY SUMMIT](#)

1 – 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 3; Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

The State Food Policy Summit, held by the John Glenn College of Public Affairs, is the single annual event for food policy interests to join together across the state. The Summit features nationally recognized experts and addresses a range of state food policy topics such as state legislative trends from across the country, the upcoming farm bill, and federal initiatives around nutrition and health. Members of local food policy councils are also invited to attend the Pre-Summit session from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. This session will provide opportunities for training and coalition-building for local food policy councils.

[2016 OSU MATERIALS WEEK](#)

May 10-13; Blackwell Inn and Conference Center

The 8th Annual OSU Materials Week conference showcases materials-allied research at Ohio State and beyond. The technical and cross-cutting sessions will focus on the latest advances in the full spectrum of materials innovation, continuing a special focus on sustainability from the 2015 conference.