

EARTH MONTH



Protect Our Species—April 2019

Throughout the month of April the Office of Sustainability Programs is seeking your input about sustainability initiatives on campus. Stop by our table in Skutt to share your ideas and receive a gift from the office to help you live more sustainably.

11 a.m.—1 p.m.

April 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th, 24th, and 25th

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Earth Month 2019

The Office of Sustainability Programs welcomes you to join us in celebrating the gift of creation this year by participating in Earth Month events. Earth Day is celebrated every year on April 22. Many students, faculty, and staff are collaborating to bring you ongoing and single day events starting throughout the entire month of April. Join us in raising awareness, expressing gratitude, and engaging in behaviors that care for the Earth.

2019 Earth Day Theme: Protect Our Species

Find out more about this year's theme at [Earth Day Network](#).

Human impacts on the environment have led to a dramatic decline of species throughout the world. Earth Day Network has facts about [global species decline](#) and [steps you can take](#) to protect our species.

Monday, April 1, 2019, 7—8:30 p.m.

Planetary Emergency Lecture Series featuring Hardy Merriman

Hardy Merriman presents “*We’re the Ones We’ve Been Waiting For: Power, Social, Movements, and Lessons*” as part of the Planetary Emergency Lecture Series. Hardy Merriman is President of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC) and an internationally recognized expert in civil resistance and how people power can overcome corrupt political systems and regimes.

Hixson-Lied
Auditorium in the
Harper Center

There is a post-lecture conversation from 8:30—9:30 p.m. in the Hixson-Lied Auditorium.

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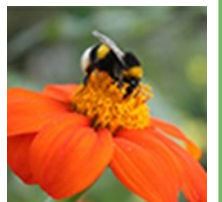
ICNC International Center
on Nonviolent Conflict

Friday, April 5, 2019, Noon—1 p.m.

Sustainability Forum: Protect Our Species

Skutt Student
Center Room 104

A special Earth Month Sustainability Forum featuring Ted Burk, PhD (Professor, Biology) and Carol Fassbinder-Orth, PhD (Associate Professor, Biology). Drs. Burk and Fassbinder-Orth will explore this year's Earth Day theme, *Protect Our Species*, by sharing their work about butterflies and bees which play an important role as pollinators.



Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Noon—1 p.m.

Feast of St. Francis Open Call

Skutt Student
Center Room 105

The Feast of St. Francis occurs annually on October 4 and commemorates the life of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. Every year Creighton celebrates with a special Mass, lunch, Spirit of St. Francis award, and other awareness-raising events and service. Students, faculty, and staff who are interested in planning the 2019 are encouraged to attend this initial planning session.



Friday, April 12, 2019, 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Environmental Justice Community Orientation

Skutt Student
Center Room 105

The Office of Sustainability Programs, SCSJ, campus, and community partners work together to provide *Climate Change: Faith, Hope, and Action*, an experience that combines local social justice and Catholic Social Teaching. This program counts as a Level 1 Living Our Mission experiential opportunity.

[Please register here.](#)



Friday, April 12, 2019, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Peace and Justice Cooperative Fair Trade Sale

Skutt Student
Center
Art Gallery Level

Creighton's Peace and Justice Cooperative hosts a sale of fair trade and locally-sourced items to promote sustainable and ethical shopping. Products include local foods, hand-made candles & jewelry, and delicious fair trade coffee & chocolates.



Monday, April 15, 2019

Meatless Monday

Brandies Dining Hall
and
Harper Dining Hall

Meatless Monday is a global movement with a simple message: one day a week, cut out meat! Launched in 2003 in association with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Meatless Monday is now embraced in more than 40 countries. The goal is to reduce meat consumption for personal health and the health of the planet. CSU and Creighton Dining are collaborating to bring Meatless Monday to CU on 4/15/19. Creighton Dining Halls will serve meat-free meals throughout the day.



Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Creighton Global Fair

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Center Room 105

The Global Engagement Office, Creighton Intercultural Center, and Student Leadership & Involvement Center host an open-house, come and go opportunity for the Creighton community to experience features of varying cultures on campus through food, tabling, and performances.



Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 6 - 8 p.m.

SCSJ Film Screening—*This is Home*

Hixson-Lied
Auditorium in the
Harper Center

This is Home follows four Syrian families sent to Baltimore in 2016. The film reveals the inherent decency of a displaced community desperate for help within a country increasingly hostile to principles of inclusion and opportunity. *This is Home* is the winner of the 2018 Sundance Audience Award; World Cinema Documentary.



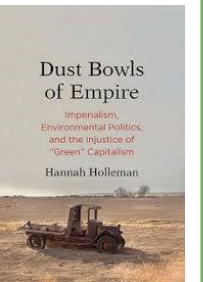
Thursday, April 25, 2019, 3:30—4:45 p.m.

Guest Presenter—Hannah Holleman

Skutt Student
Center Room 105

Dr. Hannah Holleman presents *No Empires, No Dust Bowls: Rejecting the White Man's Burden and Building Real Ecological Solidarity*. Dr. Holleman is an associate professor of sociology at Amherst College, where she works in the areas of social theory, environmental sociology, environmental studies, political economy, and social movements.

Kingfisher Institute for the Liberal Arts & Professions, Kenefick Chair in Humanities, Environmental Science Program, and Department of Cultural and Social Studies are sponsoring Dr. Holleman's visit to Creighton.



Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26, 2019

Tree Pick-up and Campus Planting



Putting Down Roots (PDR) is an effort to offset greenhouse gas emissions and demonstrate the value of planning for the environmental impact of travel. PDR is working with a local nursery to provide approximately 200 trees for planting. If you are interested in claiming a tree to plant at your residence or participating in a campus planting event, please contact EmmaBaker@creighton.edu. Tree pick up for planting at your residence is on Thursday, April 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the greenhouse. Campus tree planting is on Friday, April 26 (Arbor Day).

PDR is funded with support of the Global Engagement Office's and Creighton Global Initiatives. PDR is partnering with the Creighton Staff Advisory Council and Facilities Management for on-campus planting.

Community Earth Day Celebrations in the Omaha Metropolitan Area

Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m.—6 p.m.
Earth Day Festival at Elmwood Park in Omaha, NE
Visit [Earth Day Omaha](#) for more details.



Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.
Earth Day Celebration at Union Plaza in Lincoln, NE
Visit [Lincoln Earth Day](#) for more details.

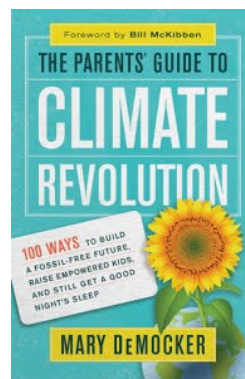


Sunday, April 28, Noon—4 p.m.
Green Bellevue's Sarpy County Earth Day Celebration
Visit [Green Bellevue](#) for more details.



Nebraskans for Solar's Earth Month Speaker:
Mary DeMocker presents *Why We Can Still Build a Thriving Future (& Easy Ways Anyone Can Help)*
April 11, 7—9 p.m.
The Thompson Center, University of Nebraska Omaha
Visit [Nebraskans for Solar](#) for more details.

Author Mary DeMocker is the author of *The Parents' Guide To Climate Revolution* (foreword by Bill McKibben). The book is a finalist for the 2019 Oregon Book Award and has been featured on *Yale Climate Connects* and recommended in *The New York Times*.



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