



BUCPUA Spring Events 2021

The Curse of Connoisseurship

Every Tues. and Thurs. of March
6:00 pm

BU Diversity and Inclusion

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By nature, the world of wine and spirits is largely exclusive as it tends to focus on expensive luxury goods, gatekeeping, and arcane learning. The elitism associated with these products contributes to class differentiation, with some groups gaining from the involvement while others become marginalized. Therefore, the topic of beverage studies becomes a unique sector with intricate and previously unexplored aspects of class making. Through a series of virtual speaking engagements, these events will address who is othered and made invisible as a result of underrepresentation in the wine and spirits industry. These conversations, helmed by students and alumni from the MET College's Gastronomy Department, will bring together industry professionals from across the Boston beverage scene to discuss the existing barriers present within this community. In particular, we will foster conversations about the language, rhetoric, spaces, and events used to discuss, share, and sell wine and spirits.

Lessons From Paris: The Changing Landscape of Urban Transportation after COVID

Tuesday, March 23rd, 10:00 am

BU Initiative on Cities

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Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, advocates for making cities more bike and pedestrian friendly had gradually had small successes around the world. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically changed the ways people move around. The use of mass transit has plummeted along with the number of people commuting into urban centers. Yet in Paris, a movement towards a bike and pedestrian friendly reality has accelerated. How has a major urban center begun to change the way people move around? Join the Boston University Initiative on cities for a discussion featuring:

Hervé Levifve, Curbside Evolution Project Manager, Department of Transportation and Public Space, City of Paris

Charlotte Guth, Chief of Cycle Infrastructure and Facilities, Department of Transportation and Public Space, City of Paris

Mélanie Gidel, Data Project Manager, Department of Transportation and Public Space, City of Paris

Moderated by **Kris Carter**, Co-Chair, Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, City of Boston

The Future of The University

Tuesday, March 23rd | 12:00pm-
1:00 pm

Pardee School of Global Studies

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Part of the Spring 2021 Pardee House Webinar Series: "The Future of..." Featuring:

Phil Baty, Chief Knowledge Officer, Times Higher Education

Kenneth Elmore, Associate Provost & Dean of Students, BU

Scott Jaschik, Co-founder & Editor, Inside Higher Ed

Barbara R. Snyder, President, Association of American Universities



Women Leading the Charge in Energy Storage to Advance Renewable and EV Growth

Friday March 26th | 11:30am
BU Institute of Sustainable Energy
[Register](#)

In this webinar, women at the forefront of energy storage technologies will discuss the future of electrochemical energy storage, including technological challenges, promising new directions, and the transition of fundamental research to commercial products

The Privileged Poor

Thursday April 1st | 10:00 am
BU Diversity and Inclusion
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Dr. Anthony Abraham Jack will discuss how class and culture shape how undergraduates navigate college and shed new light on how inequity is reproduced. Jack will discuss the social and personal costs of exclusion on undergraduates' opportunities and social well-being. As our final speaker in the series, Dr. Jack will analyze how higher education can enact different behaviors to create a more equitable and just environment?

Downtown after COVID: Will Urban Centers be the Same?

Wednesday April 7th | 12:00pm
[Register](#)

For many who work in white collar office jobs, COVID-19 has ushered in a new era of working from home. Will the end of the pandemic bring back bustling urban centers filled with restaurants, cafes, shops, and white-collar office jobs? Will businesses forgo rent in favor of Zoom? Join the Boston University Initiative on Cities and City Planning & Urban Affairs Program as experts discuss the likely future of downtown spaces, from mass transit to mass gathering, what can we expect to see downtown after the COVID-19 pandemic ends? Join the Boston University Initiative on Cities and City Planning Urban Affairs program for a discussion featuring experts in city planning, sustainability, and real estate:

Brian Swett, Principal, Boston Office Leader & Director of Cities in the Americas, Arup

Emily Keys Innes, Founder of Innes Associates; Faculty and board member at the City Planning & Urban Affairs (CPUA) Program at Boston University

David Valecillos, Director of Design, North Shore Community Development Coalition; Faculty and alumnus of the CPUA Program

Lightning Talk: Class in the Classroom

Friday April 9th | 12:00 pm
BU Diversity and Inclusion
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Remote and hybrid classrooms have highlighted the kind of class inequities that have always existed but have been easy to ignore in higher education. This Lightning Talk session, will focus on areas of practice and content that help us understand the myriad ways that class plays out in our classrooms, with strategies to create more inclusive classes



Boston's Chinatown: Community, Power, and Placemaking

Thursday April 15th | 12:00 pm
BU Initiative on Cities

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Join us for a discussion on the legacy of Boston's Chinatown neighborhood, exploring community, urban expansion, displacement, public health, and the birth of Pao Arts Center.

This event is part of a series on Race, Place, and Space, co-hosted by the Initiative on Cities, BU Arts Initiative, and BU Diversity & Inclusion

The Future of the Digital Economy

Thursday April 22nd | 1:00 pm
Pardee School of Global Studies

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Part of the Spring 2021 Pardee House Webinar Series: "The Future of..." Featuring:

Azer Bestavros, Associate Provost for Computing & Data Sciences
Robin R. Murphy, Professor of Computer Science & Engineering,
Texas A&M University

Nicol Turner Lee, Director, Center for Technology Innovation,
Brookings Institution

A System Dynamics Framework to Guide Sustainable African Electricity Sector Expansion: The Critical Role of Social Factors

Friday April 23rd | 11am-12:30pm
BU Institute of Sustainable Energy

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Our panelists will discuss forthcoming research that proposes a system dynamics framework to describe the forces that shape electricity infrastructure expansion in Africa. In particular, the framework highlights two major factors that have generally been underemphasized: the role of societal structures and the consideration of the full spectrum of risks in electricity infrastructure development and operations.

President Biden's Earth Day Summit: What it Means for Massachusetts

Thursday May 6th | 6:00 pm
WBUR

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Climate change was a pillar of President Biden's 2020 campaign. Since entering the White House, he has already rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement and signed a number of executive agreements to further tackle climate change at home and abroad. On Earth Day, President Biden will hold a Leaders' Climate Summit with various world leaders led by John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, to outline emissions reductions, green energy investments and more.

How will these new commitments impact Massachusetts? *Earthwhile* reporter **Miriam Wasser** will moderate a panel of local climate experts and answer your questions.



Can the University Restore Trust and Confidence in Experts and Science?

Friday May 21st | 11-12:30pm
BU Institute of Sustainable Energy
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From climate change to public health, Americans purposively ignore and distrust experts. The COVID-19 pandemic and the last presidential election magnified this phenomenon. This panel will discuss the role of the modern university in contributing to such mistrust, and how it can help restore trust and confidence in experts and science.

Improving Sustainable Investing through Better ESG Metrics

June 18, 2021 11am-12:30pm
BU Institute of Sustainable Energy
[Register](#)

New research led by the BU Impact Measurement and Allocation Program (IMAP) is helping financial practitioners understand and use sustainable investing metrics and techniques to make better investment decisions, starting with carbon accounting and human capital ESG metrics. This webinar will discuss the program's early research, done in collaboration with industry stakeholders and investors.