

# Earth & Environment

## Weekly News

April 17th - April 23rd

Hi Earth & Environment team! Welcome back to our newsletter and happy Earth Week!

## UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### MONDAY 04/17

**NO CLASSES: MARMON**

### TUESDAY 04/18

**11:00am: E&E Weekly Coffee Hour**

All students, staff, and faculty are invited to eat/drink and chat in CAS 132! A casual space for making connections, forming friendships, and getting delicious snacks.

**4:00pm: Science Friday Climate Fair: An Interactive Celebration for Kids**

Attention families! Join Science Friday at CitySpace during Massachusetts school vacation week for a science fair exploring the ways scientists, educators and engineers are inventing solutions to climate change, creating sustainable systems and learning from the natural world around us. Come ask a tree a question! Learn what frogs have to teach us! Try your hand at building your own remotely operated vehicle and more! Kids of all ages, families and caregivers welcome. [Register here](#).

### WEDNESDAY 04/19

**2:00pm: Detoxifying Commerce**

Come hear from experts about why we must and how we can reduce toxins in our lives. You'll learn about case studies, the Detox Agenda, and more. At 4pm there will be optional breakout sessions to discuss specifics.

640 Commonwealth Ave, Rm. 209. Also available via [zoom](#).

**2:30pm: Asst. Professor Jeffrey Geddes Tenure Seminar**

Come hear about Asst. Professor Geddes work at BU during his talk, *Keeping an Eye on the Earth's Atmosphere: Modeling and Remote Sensing of a New Era in Atmospheric Chemistry*. CAS 132.

**3:00pm: Community-Engaged Research to Advance Health Equity: Co-Creating Knowledge through Research**

Are you eager to advance social justice and health equity? Are you wondering how to address sponsors' requests to describe your plans for engaging community in research? This workshop will describe what it takes to shift power to community through research. Listen to the insights of experts from the BUSSW and BUSM who have built careers in community-engaged research for health equity. [RSVP here](#).

### THURSDAY 04/20

**10:00am: The Value of a Whale: On The Illusions of Green Capitalism**

Public understanding of, and outcry over, the dire state of the climate and environment is greater than ever before. Yet, when it comes to slowing the climate and nature crises, despite a growing number of pledges, policies and summits, little seems to change, and the world remains on course for a catastrophic 3°C of warming. What is holding real climate action back? In "The Value of a Whale", Adrienne Buller examines the fatal biases that have shaped the response of our governing institutions to climate and environmental

breakdown, and asks: are the 'solutions' being proposed really solutions? Tracing the intricate connections between financial power, economic injustice and ecological crisis, she reveals the myopic economism and market-centric thinking presently undermining a future where all life can flourish. [RSVP here](#).

## FRIDAY 04/212

### 10:00-2:00pm: [Seedling Bagging](#)

[Speak for the Trees Boston](#) presents one of the first events of Arbor Week! Join them at Seaport at the Community Table at the Rocks at Harbor Way. [Register here](#).

### 2:00pm: [Afrodiasporic Cities: Spatial Histories of Race and City in Belo Horizonte](#)

Drawing on her ongoing doctoral research in the City of Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais (Brazil), Natália Alves da Silva presents the debate on the "spatiality" of racial relations, emphasizing the spatial inequalities of race as well as black agencies in the dispute over the meaning of the body and space. [Register here](#).

### 6:30pm: [Choose Your Own Disaster: Adventuring Through Hollywood's Attempts To Tackle Climate Change](#)

Hollywood is full of big screen metaphors and on-the-nose cliches about climate change. And it turns out audiences love a disaster flick, from world-ending meteor strikes to the next ice age or even the mysterious switching of the planet's polarity.

But IN A WORLD... where we actually need to talk about the real issues we're facing, can disaster movies help? Join *Endless Thread* podcast co-host Ben Brock Johnson and the WBUR Podcasts team for a night of absurdity, fun and some real discussion of what our blockbuster movie industry has gotten wrong—and right—about the greatest existential threat humanity has ever faced.

## SATURDAY 04/22

### 12:00pm: [Community Garden Earth Day Event](#)

Join the Earth & Environment community at the Community Garden in Warren Tower C! We'll be gathering to learn about our garden, urban gardening in Boston, and more.

### 2:00pm: [Climate Hope Concert](#)

Have you ever wondered what science sounds like? Multiverse is an interdisciplinary concert series combining music and science in live performance. Join scientists, artists and musicians to explore possible worlds through evocative discussion, immersive music and mind-bending art in a cohesive, multimedia experience.

### 6:30pm: [HER House X Earth Day Concert](#)

The Harriet E. Richards cooperative house is hosting an Earth Day Concert! All are welcome. DOORS OPEN @ 5:20PM. There will be refreshments. OPEN MIC STARTS @ 5:30PM. PERFORMANCES @6:00PM. Special performances by House Failure, Realized Nation, tiredeyes, and more! To see the full list of performers or videos from previous events check the instagram [@herhousebu](#).

You can check out more [Earth Day Events here](#).

## SPOTLIGHT

### [Assoc. Prof. Dan Li](#) appointed to 2 international climate organizations

Associate Professor Dan Li was recently appointed to the board of the International Association for Urban Climate (IAUC)! He will serve a four year term. You can learn more about the IAUC as an organization [here](#). He was also appointed as a panelist to the Predictability, Predictions, and Applications Interface Panel! This Panel is a part of the US Climate Variability and Predictability (CLIVAR) Program. Associate Professor Li will serve a four year term. You can learn more about CLIVAR [here](#).

(He was **ALSO** awarded Early Stage Urban Research funding by the BU Initiative on Cities. You can check out more [here](#).)



## CLIMATE IN THE NEWS



### Youth vs. Apocalypse Puts Working-Class Young People of Color at the Heart of the Climate Fight

"According to YVA, centering frontline youth means meeting fellow students where they are on the issues that impact them every day. Says Estrada, **'We don't see the climate crisis as separate from colonialism or white supremacy, but a symptom of the same system.** The climate crisis intersects other issues — food deserts, poverty, violence. We can't pretend we're not fighting these other traumas.'"

[Check out the full article here.](#)

You can also follow the E&E Department on Twitter [@BUEarth](#) and on Instagram [@bostonuearth](#) for more news and updates!

## OPPORTUNITIES

### HARVARD FOREST

#### Hiring: Full Time, Summer Field & Lab Technician

Summer research in the Matthes Lab (Petersham, MA) focuses on measuring soils, streams, and trees to characterize the processes that produce and release carbon dioxide and methane and influence the cycling of carbon and other nutrients. The Technician will assist with field data collection and laboratory measurements of soil, leaf, and water nutrient and carbon chemistry at Harvard Forest, and will assist with data organization, documentation, and preliminary data analysis. Approx. 1-2 days of fieldwork, 1-2 days of labwork, and 1 day of computer work per week. **\$20/hour for 40 hours/week over 13 weeks.** This position **may include shared housing and support for up to \$600** for relocation travel to/from Harvard Forest. You can check out [more information and apply here.](#)

### trubel&co

#### Hiring: Part Time, Summer GIS Instructor - Virtual

Calling all trubelmakers! If you have a passion for culturally-responsive education, believe in responsible innovation, and want to empower diverse youth, please check out some of the roles below and reach out if you want to join us in sparking "good trubel" where it's needed most.

[trubel&co](#) is launching a new Mapping Justice site this summer at the **Florida Gulf Coast University Water School** and we are looking for an experienced GIS instructor to lead this site through a combination of STEM education and liberatory design exercises that advance the pursuit of social and environmental justice in the Southwest Florida region.

[Lead Instructor Position](#)

[Teaching Assistant Position](#)

### BLUESWELL INCUBATOR

#### Program + Stipend Opportunity

[BlueSwell](#) is a collaboration between SeaAhead and the New England Aquarium to support the creation and growth of startups with scalable solutions that enhance ocean health, sustainable ocean industry, and global resilience. The 20-week program also provides entrepreneurs with a stipend of \$50k, along with business model workshops, mentorship, market access introductions, and the connections to prepare for pre-seed and seed investments.

[Apply here.](#) and contact Sam Calagione (sam.calagione@sea-ahead.com) with any questions.

[Check out previous opportunities here.](#)

# ADVISING REMINDERS

Check Out The Fall '23 Class Bulletin

## FUN-GI SECTION

April is **National Poetry Month** and this is **Earth Week**, so here are a few climate-related poems!  
Please be aware that they are heavy - and you can scroll down for a more hopeful article.



### My End of the World

By Danez Smith

"My end of the world is so beautiful I  
could cry. Someone else not far is  
weeping in dystopia. Who gets to hold  
onto beauty as the world ends? Whose  
world has ended? I walk my city's  
blossoming miles as I dream and add my  
action to the world's survival. I pray not to  
know the coming guilt that while it all  
collapsed, it was so damn pretty..."

Read the [full poem/prose here](#).



### How To Let Go Of The World

By Franny Choi

"When disaster comes, some of us will  
stand on the rooftop to address the  
ghosts. Some of us will hold the line.  
Some will look for the shards, run our  
tongues along the floor."

TW: Death, Suicide, Climate Grief

Read the [full poem here](#).



### Anthropocenic

By Jake Skeets

": when water undresses into tar sands  
and to one long tune acacia  
trees dance some

as in alder reach

anything is worth the rain

Read the [full poem here](#).

As difficult as these poems are, we encourage you to hold them.  
You can also check out [this incredible article](#) for finding hope in poetry!

### Meme / Joke of the Week

A message from us frogs  
in the E&E Office.

Come stop by if you need  
anything!

If you would like to submit a  
meme or a joke for the weekly  
newsletter, please reach out

to Emma Roth (they/them) at  
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If you have updates, announcements, or events that you would like sent via the newsletter, please reach out to Emma Roth (they/them) at [emroth@bu.edu](mailto:emroth@bu.edu).



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