

Earth & Environment

Weekly News

April 24th - April 30th

Hi Earth & Environment team!

Welcome back to our newsletter - we hope you had a wonderful Earth Day!

UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

MONDAY 04/24

10:00am: [Spring Shred & Recycle](#)

In partnership with BU Sustainability, BU Information Security is excited to be hosting the Spring Shred + Recycle event from **April 25th thru April 27th**. These are open to all faculty, staff, and students to safely & securely dispose of documents - any and all paperwork, especially those papers with personal or sensitive information - and hard drives. You can also recycle batteries, lightbulbs, toner, cords, and electronics. New for this year, additional recycling opportunities for recycling textiles, books, pens, pencils, markers, and plastics.

12:00pm: [Unmasked: COVID, Community, & the Case of Okoboji](#)

Join the Pardee School for a talk by Emily Mendenhall (Professor, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University). This is a part of the Global Health Politics Workshop series, which brings together leading social scientists from the disciplines of anthropology, political science, and sociology to advance the understanding of health phenomena in a globally interconnected world.

3:30pm: [Biogeoscience Seminar Series: James R. Kellner](#)

[James R. Kellner](#) is Co-Director for the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Graduate Program at Brown University. His research is focused on two problems: (1) quantifying how populations and ecosystems are responding to variation in the environment across large spatial gradients, and (2) reducing or eliminating biological sources of uncertainty in the global carbon cycle. **He will be speaking in CAS 132.**

6:00pm: [BU Pardee: Abdulrazak Gurnah - A Keynote Address at the CFD Annual Conference](#)

The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future is pleased to co-sponsor the Center on Forced Displacement's Annual Conference. On the first day of the two-day event, please join us for a keynote address by [Abdulrazak Gurnah](#), winner of the 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature.

TUESDAY 04/25

12:00pm: [Boston Terror - The Origins of Ecological Genocide In Your Backyard \(And How You Can Stop It\)](#)

[Anthropologist David Shane Lowry, Ph.D.](#), will shed light on BU's proximities to and relationships with the creation of policies, educational models, and corporate cultures that displace Indigenous peoples in the United States. The conversation will focus on the tension at the center of American life that needs to be resolved: widescale suppression of Indigenous presence in everyday American institutions vs. a rapidly increasing need for the United States and the world to have access to Indigenous knowledge and political authority. [Register here](#). Located at the Howard Thurman Center.

5:00pm: [BU Climate Cafe](#)

A group of undergraduate students developed the BU Climate Café in the fall of 2022 to provide a peer-led space for students to discuss current events in the Environment in a casual, open-minded space. Climate Cafés are open to students from all majors, and with all levels of prior knowledge on environmental issues. The goal is to build community and solidarity around the issues that face our

generation, without the pressure to immediately figure out solutions. **All meetings in CAS 424 .**

In the upcoming meeting, they will be celebrating Earth Day with a dialogue about hope and the climate crisis - and asking:

- What does a green future look like to you?
- Is there anything you see in the world today that makes you feel inspired about the future?
- What have been the greatest victories of the environmental movement?
- And more!

6:00pm: [Boston Healing - Indigenous Voices Film Panel](#)

This screening and virtual panel uses two films — "Our Sacred Obligation" and "Pandemic of Injustice" — as invitations to a robust conversation about the history of Indigenous disenfranchisement within critical discussions in the United States. Located at the Howard Thurman Center.

WEDNESDAY 04/26

10:45am: [BU URBAN's Professional Networking Fai](#)

BU URBAN is thrilled to offer lunch and the chance to network with graduate students, staff, and faculty from across the university who have a shared interest in tackling urban environmental challenges. Meet representatives from city government, local non-profits, and the private sector. Explore internships, employment opportunities, research partnerships, and get to know the work of organizations promoting environmental conservation, health, and justice! Located at the Life Science and Engineering Building (24 Cummington Mall).

[Register here.](#)

2:30pm: [Asst. Professor Christoph Nolte Tenure Seminar](#)

Come hear about Asst. Professor Nolte's work at BU during his talk, "Estimating the impacts and costs of land conservation efforts: *How satellite and property data can support the search for optimal investments into environmental goods .*" CAS 132.

2:30pm: [ERC Workshop: Get Ready for Finals](#)

This workshop gives you all the tools you need to navigate finals--not just to feel ready in the exam room, but to get into the "finals mindset" and lower the stress that comes with realizing that finals are just a few weeks away. Whether you're a seasoned test-taker or a finals rookie, this workshop will equip you with the test-taking, study, and self-care methods to ace finals week! 100 Bay State Rd or on Zoom!

THURSDAY 04/27

3:00pm: [World Ocean Day | Climate Creatives](#)

In honor of Earth Month, come celebrate World Ocean Day by combining art with ocean awareness. Make your own fish flag while meeting and conversing with environmentalists students and professionals! [Register here.](#)

4:30pm: [MIT Environmental Solutions Initiative - Climate Justice Program Launch](#)

This three-part event will introduce the ESI Climate Justice Program focal areas and first year priorities, with a special focus on how this program can serve as a cross-Institute resource for future work and an invitation for collaboration; introduce special guests working on urgent climate justice issues to the MIT community to spark ideas and conversation; and provide an opportunity for participants to gather for food, drinks, music, and conversation. Held at the MIT Media Lab, 75 Amherst St.

FRIDAY 04/28

11:00am: [Research for People & Planet Webinar Series | Daily Heat and Firearm Violence in 100 US Cities](#)

Researchers from the Boston University School of Public Health and the University of Washington analyzed daily temperatures and shootings in the 100 US cities with the largest burden of gun violence from 2015-2020. They found that a sizeable proportion of firearm shootings in these cities is linked to unseasonably high daily temperatures, both during the summer and throughout the year. This webinar will explore the study and its implications for reducing gun violence in the US, including the importance of heat adaptation strategies as part of urban climate action planning. [Register here.](#)

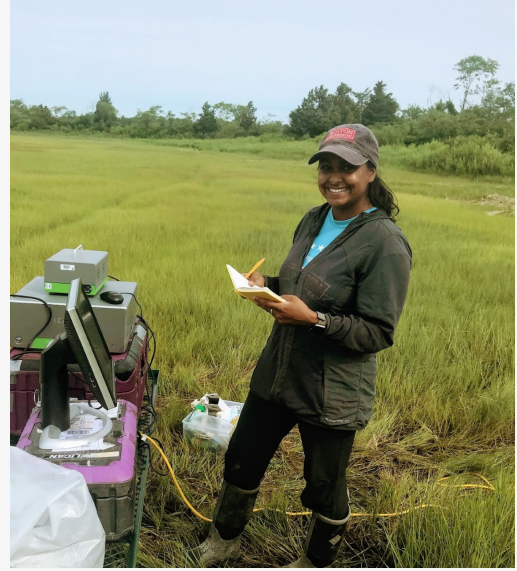
SPOTLIGHT

Nia Bartolucci receives both P.E.O. Scholar Award *and* Warren-McLeod Fellowship

4th year PhD candidate [Nia Bartolucci](#) was one of 110 women selected

to receive the [P.E.O. Scholar Award](#). It was noted that her "scholarly excellence, academic achievement, and worthwhile career goals speak to [her] ability to make a significant contribution to [her] field." She was also awarded a [Warren-McLeod Graduate Fellowship in Marine Science](#).

Bartolucci is part of the Fulweiler lab and is a coastal biogeochemist studying how climate change and other anthropogenic impacts are affecting the biogeochemistry and ecosystem function of coastal wetlands and how we can make these systems more resilient to rising sea levels. Specifically, her research investigates how the salt marsh resiliency strategy, thin layer placement of sediment (TLP), impacts greenhouse gas dynamics and nutrient filtration.



E&E IN THE NEWS



[Professors Zoe Hughes & Duncan FitzGerald featured in podcast, *The Common*](#)

"The Harbor Islands are also eroding, and fast.

In this episode of *The Common*, we're in a boat with [Zoe Hughes](#) and [Duncan FitzGerald](#) of Boston University and Marc Albert of the [National Parks of Boston](#) for a close-up look at how rising sea levels and increasingly intense storms are impacting the very existence of the Boston Harbor Islands, and all they hold."

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

OPPORTUNITIES

BOSTON CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

Hiring: Part Time, Paid Summer Internship

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[Communications Internship](#) / [Event Planning Internship](#)

THE SWEATY PENGUIN NEWS

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[Check out previous opportunities here](#).

ADVISING REMINDERS

It's almost Finals Season! **This is your reminder from the E&E Frogs that you are capable and brilliant. You are all so deeply important to us - please take care of yourselves during this time.** You can check out these resources for support:

BU: Wellbeing Resources

Vibrant: Safe Space (Various Resources)

A Reminder: "Your Grades Don't Define You"

FUN-GI SECTION



Overcoming Climate Chaos with Comedy

By Katharine Gammon

"Turns out, being able to laugh at something increases our ability to understand it--and take action."

This [Yes Magazine](#) article follows several "climate comedians" who are tackling climate doom with humor.

"Max Boykoff, a professor in environmental studies at the University of Colorado Boulder, says he believes comedy can help drive the conversation forward on polarizing topics like climate change. (The majority of Americans [don't feel comfortable talking about the climate](#) with their neighbors or co-workers.)"



Drilled & Earther Present: The ABCs of Big Oil

(largely) By Amy Westervelt

This one is less "fun-gi," but definitely worth a listen: The podcast *Drilled* investigates obstacles to combatting the climate crisis, often diving into the history of Big Oil with a true crime-like focus. **For this series, they partnered with *Earther (Nature for Nerds)* to present how Big Oil infiltrated schools across the country.** They "take you inside the campaign to miseducate American students," in a season full of episodes about elementary school curriculum, high school lobbying, and Exxon on college campuses. You can check out their series on Spotify, Apple, and anywhere you find podcasts.

You can also check out this [The Nation article](#) for more information on fossil fuel lobbying in education.

Meme / Joke of the Week

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i think "take a hike" is like the funniest response to someone. like dude just get outta here. and go experience the wonder of nature for a bit

We will definitely be taking silly little hikes for our mental health this spring.

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