

# Earth & Environment

## Weekly News

April 10th - April 16th

Hi Earth & Environment team! This week we've got seminars, a movie screening, and other events across campus and beyond. Check out some new opportunities and learn more about "cli-fi!"

## UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### MONDAY 04/10

#### 3:30pm: [Biogeoscience Seminar Series](#)

Professor Kate Tully will be discussing her research on the sustainability of food production systems. Her work in the Mid-Atlantic examines how to balance farm productivity and ecosystem services. Along with collaborators at the USDA, she studies how cover crops can promote efficient on-farm nutrient cycling, sequester carbon, and improve water quality. **This event is online only.** [Zoom link here.](#)

#### 4:00pm: [Office Hours Best Practices FAQ for Faculty & Staff](#)

Have you ever struggled with how to respond to an issue with a student during office hours? Staff and faculty will have an opportunity to meet with the CAS Deputy Title IX Coordinator to discuss best practices, ask questions, and share concerns or ideas. Registration found [here](#).

### TUESDAY 04/11

#### 2:00pm: [BU Sustainability: Dental School Waste Audit](#)

Dive into the waste at Boston University by participating in a waste audit, where the BU Sustainability team investigates the contents of the Dental School's trash, recycling, and food waste bins. As a participant, you'll get your hands a little dirty and help BU Sustainability track data on waste diversions throughout the building. This data helps BU stay on track for its Zero Waste goals.

#### 3:00pm: [Building Successful Collaborative Relationships with Policymakers](#)

How can faculty and others share their research findings in a way that successfully influences policy? Join [Adam Seth Levine](#) for an in-person workshop on how scholars can develop effective, collaborative relationships with policy makers.

#### 4:00pm: [Janetos Distinguished Lecture](#)

"Is the Asian Century Really Coming?" by Kishore Mahbubani. "The world today faces a huge contradiction. On the one hand, the data shows that power, especially economic power, is shifting to Asia. On the other hand, the established powers, especially in the trans-Atlantic alliance, refuse to acknowledge that a major transition in world history is happening, as they continue to cling to old privileges like the leadership of the World Bank and the IMF. So, will we witness an Asian century?"

#### 5:30pm: [#EarthDay365: "Entangled Film Screening"](#)

As we celebrate #EarthDay365 on campus throughout April, Boston University students, faculty, and staff are invited to a free screening of Entangled — an award-winning, feature-length film about how climate change has accelerated a collision between North Atlantic right whales (one of the world's most endangered species), North America's most valuable fishery, and a federal agency mandated to protect both. A special audience Q&A with filmmaker David Abel will immediately follow the screening.

### WEDNESDAY 04/12

#### 11:00am: [Sustainability Tour of the Jenga Building](#)

Join the BU Sustainability team on a tour of the Center for Computing & Data Sciences to see what makes it the largest fossil-fuel free building in Boston! Registration required.

## 12:00pm: **E&E Grad Talks**

Alexis Helgeson, Luofan Dong, and Heng Yu will present their ongoing research. CAS 132.

## 1:00pm: **Spring 2023 Campus Climate Lab Presentations**

Come hear about the latest BU Campus Climate Lab projects and how they're supporting the goals of the BU Climate Action Plan and advancing equity and justice in sustainability. Lunch provided; registration required.

## 5:00pm: **Riding The Marine Heatwave: Studying Thermal Stress in the Kelp Forest Community of Coastal California**

The BU Marine Program presents the 2023 Annual Lang Lecture! Gretchen Hoffman, the interim Director of the Marine Science Institute of UC Santa Barbara will discuss her work in studying the kelp forests in coastal California.

## THURSDAY 04/13

### 12:30pm: **New Approaches to Race & Ethnicity in Global Perspectives**

The sociology department is hosting six junior scholars from around the country. Junior scholars will present their exciting research on two afternoon panels in the Photonics Building (8 St. Mary's Street), Colloquium Room 906. Lunch will be served at noon and presentations will begin at 12:30 p.m. [Register here](#). (We're friends with the sociology department - check them out!)

### 7:30pm: **Alligator-a-Phobia in 3D!**

If you like alligators... this new play is showing at the Boston Playwrights' Theatre (on Comm Ave).

"One part door farce, one part monster movie, *Alligator-a-Phobia in 3D!* is an absurd horror-comedy about singing alligators, dancing swamps, isolation, and the fear of stepping outside your house. Also playing throughout the weekend.

## FRIDAY 04/14

### 9:30am - 1:30pm: **BU Sustainability: International Ecological Justice Speaker Series**

Join us for a conversation with the Dr. Rebecca Copeland, professor at School of Theology, and Dr. Whitney Bauman from Florida International University for a panel on decolonizing ecology. How do we then create solidarity beyond our national boundaries? What does it look like if we redefine our identity as a planetary community? [Register here](#).

## SATURDAY 04/15

### 1:30pm: **Dorchester Food Co-op Store Tour**

The Dorchester Food Co-op is a community & worker-owned grocery store that aims to nourish, employ & reinvest in the local community. After 10+ years of building power, we now have 1,450+ members & are DUE TO OPEN this summer! Come for a unique pre-opening tour to learn about our store & how to support or join us. We'll also have a Q&A session & light snacks. [RSVP here](#).

## E&E IN THE NEWS



### **Adil Najam named as new President of WWF International**

Dr. [Adil Najam](#), the inaugural dean (2014-2022) of Boston University's Pardee School of Global Studies and now Dean Emeritus and Professor of International Relations and Earth and the Environment has been **named as the new President of WWF-International**, one of the largest and most respected environment and conservation organizations in the world.

### **Nathan Phillips comments on Harvard Professor's ties to oil firm**

Professor [Nathan Phillips](#) was featured in *The Guardian* responding to Harvard Professor Jody Freeman's role in lobbying the SEC on behalf of the fossil fuel company ConocoPhillips: this is "shock[ing] but not surpris[ing]."

This continues the [national conversation about oil money on](#)

college campuses.



## OPPORTUNITIES

### ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN GEOSCIENTISTS (AWG) - BOSTON CHAPTER

#### Accepting Members

The [AWG](#) is an organization dedicated to supporting women in geoscience. This new Boston chapter is for people at all career stages (undergrad, grad, postdoc, faculty, professional, K-12 teachers, retired, government, etc), and will be a great way to participate in networking, mentoring, and community outreach projects! **If you are interested in joining or learning more, please fill out [this form](#).**

### PLACES Lab - BU EARTH & ENVIRONMENT

#### Hiring: Full Time Summer Positions

**For Undergraduate Sophomores and Juniors:** Join [Asst. Professor Christoph Nolte](#) in a research initiative on land conservation in the US. The student team will help develop the first U.S. -wide, geo-located validation sample of public expenses for long-term land conservation actions. Research tasks include contacting public agencies with funding programs for conservation (county, state, and federal level) to verify and enrich existing data about conservation transactions. **Effort will be compensated hourly at \$17/hour.** We anticipate hiring 1-3 students that can dedicate up to 40h/week over summer to the tasks, and ≥5h/week during the term. **If you are interested, please send your CV, preliminary transcript, and a short cover letter to [chmolte@bu.edu](mailto:chmolte@bu.edu).**

### BU CAMPUS CLIMATE LAB

#### Summer Funding Opportunity

The BU Institute for Global Sustainability (IGS) invites research proposals from student and mentor (faculty or grad student) teams to generate new knowledge on the impacts, adaptation, and/or mitigation of climate change. The Campus Climate Lab is an opportunity to use the BU campuses as a living lab to advance sustainability. Check out [more information about applying and information sessions](#).

### SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

#### Hiring: Full Time Positions and Paid Internships

The Solar Energy Industries Association® (SEIA) is leading the transformation to a clean energy economy, creating the framework for solar to achieve 30% of U.S. electricity generation by 2030. SEIA works with its 1,000 member companies and other strategic partners to fight for policies that create jobs in every community and shape fair market rules that promote competition and the growth of reliable, low-cost solar power. **They are hiring in:**

[Content / Marketing](#)

[Membership & Business Affairs](#)

[State & Regulatory Affairs](#)

[Internships](#) (Communications, Congressional Affairs, Graphic Design, State & Regulatory)

[Check out last week's opportunities.](#)

## ADVISING REMINDERS

Get Your WebReg Code

## FUN-GI SECTION

The Fun-gi Section is for both "fun" **and** for creating connections, like mycelial networks. If you have information that you'd like to share with the department, please reach out to [emroth@bu.edu](mailto:emroth@bu.edu).



### Visions Beyond an Apocalypse

Science Fiction Writers Explore Better Climate Endings.

By Jonita Davis

"Climate science fiction, or "cli-fi," is having a renaissance...

**But not all of these stories are grim post-apocalyptic journeys after climate catastrophes.** In fact, a particular kind of cli-fi with themes of hope, resilience, and renewal has existed for years. Until recently, it's been the purview of authors from communities that are underrepresented in publishing. These books offer a new and socially responsible look at what Earth could be like after an apocalyptic event—written by authors who were already living in spaces damaged by climate change and who had survived horrors in real life."

Check out this article to learn about a few authors who are writing cli-fi infused with some hope.



### Climate Conversations Presents: Indigenous Perspectives on Just Transitions

The Climate Conversations team interviews **Dr. Kyle Powys Whyte, a Professor of Philosophy and Community Sustainability at Michigan State**, about indigenous views of climate change and climate justice.

Dr. Whyte outlines how the legacy of colonialism, capitalism, and other systems of domination affected indigenous populations in North America.

He also discusses potential just climate solutions that respect indigenous traditions, while amplifying the voices of contemporary indigenous peoples. He goes on to talk about current work being done by indigenous scientists and environmentalists.

Interested in his perspective on cli-fi? [Here's a journal article](#) where Dr. Whyte writes about how the apocalypse already happened for indigenous people - and cli-fi needs to recognize that.

### Meme of the Week

We all need a little bit of joy.  
Tag yourself as a frog/toad this week!

**From us in the office:**

Lauren - American Toad  
Fred - Common Rain Frog  
Sara - Banded Bullfrog  
Emma - White's Tree Frog  
Matt - Pac-Man Frog

## TAG YOURSELF



**PAC-MAN FROG**  
- always hungry  
- always on their phone  
- rarely shows up to class



**POISON DART FROG**  
- thinks they're toxic but everyone likes them  
- will do all the work in group projects  
- typing speed is 100WPM



**WHITE'S TREE FROG**  
- just wants their friends to be happy  
- has a perfectly consistent sleep schedule  
- might fall asleep at the party



**COMMON RAIN FROG**  
- thinks they're scary (they aren't)  
- wants to deepen their voice  
- gets angry when hungry



**AFRICAN BULLFROG**  
- eats 24/7  
- prefers coke to pepsi  
- has the perfect gaming setup



**TOMATO FROG**  
- always confused  
- will eat your food  
- mutes group chats but never scrolls up to read old messages



**BANDED BULLFROG**  
- soft but will defend themselves  
- likes to eat in the middle of the night  
- probably a cat person



**AMERICAN TOAD**  
- tough on the outside, soft on the inside  
- cries at movies but doesn't want people to know  
- always tired and wants to go home



**AFRICAN CLAWED FROG**  
- everyday is a leg day  
- likes all your instagram photos, and love/care reacts to all your facebook posts  
- seldom gets angry



**BUDGETT'S FROG**  
- looks dumb  
- is actually dumb  
- friendly but might bite your finger off accidentally

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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