

# Earth & Environment

## Weekly News

April 3rd - April 9th

Hi Earth & Environment team! Welcome to our department newsletter. Weekly event information, news updates, and opportunity announcements will all be collected in this blast.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### MONDAY 04/03

#### 10:30am: **Corrin Barnes Thesis Defense**

Exploring Bicycle Equity and Justice in Boston. CAS 132.

### WEDNESDAY 04/05

#### 12:00pm: **Finding Funding in the Sciences: Meet the Pew Charitable Trusts**

Kara Coleman, Project Director for Biomedical Programs, will share insights on Pew Trusts' mission and interests, priorities, and grant programs, and how faculty and students may best engage with the Foundation. Participants will also have the chance to share ideas with each other and meet potential collaborators.

### THURSDAY 04/06

#### 12:00pm: **Luca Morreale Thesis Defense**

The effects of fragmentation on temperate forests in the northeastern United States. CAS 132.

#### 12:00pm: **Busting Imposter Syndrome Workshop for Grad Students and Postdocs**

Calling all graduate students and Postdocs: Many accomplished people have felt like an impostor at some point. In this interactive workshop, learn about the sources and types of impostor syndrome, as well as a variety of techniques you can personalize to lessen the impact of impostor syndrome and gain greater confidence.

### FRIDAY 04/07

#### 9:00am: **Ian Smith Thesis Defense**

Analysis of urbanization impacts on vegetation, heat, and water for improved climate adaptation. CAS 132.

#### 2:30pm: **Urban Inequalities Workshop**

The Initiative on Cities hosts a doctoral workshop series led by Professor of Sociology and IOC Faculty Fellow [Japonica Brown-Saracino](#), that invites postgraduate and Ph.D. candidates to explore the issues of urban inequality. Dr. Meaghan Stiman will discuss "The Social Life of Zoning."

#### 4:00pm: **First Friday: Rag Rugs and Rugelach** (BU Sustainability & BU Arts Initiative)

Join BU Sustainability and BU Arts Initiative for April's First Friday: Rag Rugs and Rugelach event! At the event, you will use recycled textile waste to weave your own customized rugs. Bring your friends and join us to make some sustainable crafts and snack on some delicious rugelach.

### SATURDAY 04/08

#### 8:00pm: **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.

## SPOTLIGHT

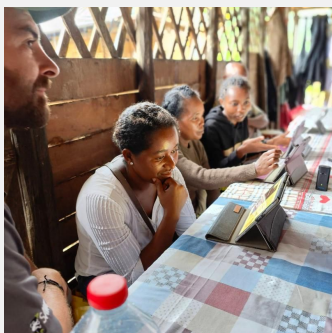
### [Hristiana Stoynova](#) selected for the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program!

**Stoynova** is Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Earth and Environment. She completed her B.A. in Environmental Studies, Psychology and German from City University of New York-Hunter College. She currently works as a first year PhD student at the Hutyra Lab.

Stoynova was selected for her project, "The Greenness of Green Energy: The Environmental Impacts of Utility-Scale Solar."



## E&E IN THE NEWS



### [Asst. Professor Andrew Bell Leads Study on Balancing Agriculture & Conservation – Shows Women Are Integral to Sustainability](#)

Using video games, Asst. Professor Bell and a team of international researchers studied crop production vs. sustainability dilemmas in 7 countries. They found that, when women lead, both yield and conservation can be improved.

Check out the [BU Today article](#) about his study.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### **MA AUDUBON - MASSACHUSETTS CLIMATE CORPS (MCC)**

#### **Hiring: Paid Summer Positions**

The MCC is paid climate resilience-based summer program for young professionals from backgrounds historically underrepresented in the conservation and environmental fields. The program combines research opportunities with hand-on field work experience at our sanctuaries, as well as engaging summer trips and cohort community building experiences with other environmental organization partners. MCC Corps Leaders and Corps Members are supported by a team of conservation ecologists as well as our Early Career Program Manager throughout the program.

MCC Corps **Leaders** = June 20<sup>th</sup> – August 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 weeks, \$25/hour, 40 hours/week, 2 positions (1 Boston, 1 North Shore)

MCC Corps **Members** = June 26<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 weeks, \$18-20/hour, 30-35 hours/week, 8 positions (4 Boston, 4 North Shore)

[MCC Crew Leader – Boston](#) / [MCC Crew Members - Boston](#)

[MCC Crew Leader – Joppa Flats](#) / [MCC Crew Members – Joppa Flats](#)

Contact: Aisha Farley, Early Career Programs Manager at [afarley@massaudubon.org](mailto:afarley@massaudubon.org).

### **CLEAN WATER ACTION - MA OFFICE**

#### **Hiring: Part Time (potentially Full Time), Zero Waste Specialist**

Clean Water is looking for a motivated part-time Zero Waste Specialist to join our award-winning ReThink Disposable program. Our program tackles the global waste crisis by working directly with food operators on all levels, from family-owned small businesses to large institutions, to deploy cost-saving, actionable changes to food operations. We're in search of a motivated candidate, preferably

multilingual who thrives on creating relationships that drive planet-forward changes.

Apply [Here](#). Contact: [mfernandezymora@cleanwater.org](mailto:mfernandezymora@cleanwater.org)

## FUND FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST

### Hiring: Full Time, Paid Summer Campaign Roles

Students who work with us over the summer will gain skills in communication, leadership, and financial management as they gain exposure to the operations of a grassroots campaign. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of campaign activities including: running media events, canvassing, writing editorials, and lobbying elected officials.

Apply [Here](#). Learn More [Here](#). Contact Andrew Wagner, Director of Campus Outreach: [nwagner@fundstaff.org](mailto:nwagner@fundstaff.org)

## AECOM

### Hiring: Geologists

Entry Level Position, [Apply Here](#).

Environmental Scientist Position, [Apply Here](#).

Environmental Scientist Federal Position, [Apply Here](#).

Project Geologist Federal Remediation Position, [Apply Here](#).

Contact Andrew Borden: [andrew.borden@aecom.com](mailto:andrew.borden@aecom.com)

## MASS DOT

### Hiring: Full Time, GIS Analysts

Apply on [LinkedIn](#).

## ADVISING REMINDERS

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## FUN-GI SECTION



### A Queer Ecology Reading List

Six stories to change the way you think about nature.

By Clare Egan

"Media coverage of the natural world rarely acknowledges it, but queerness exists everywhere we look. Homosexuality can be found in 1,500 species. In the wild, there are also examples of asexuality,



### A Holdout in the Northern California Designated Wildcraft Zone

By T. K. Rex

Imagine 2200, Fix's climate fiction contest, recognizes stories

gender fluidity, polyamory, and sexual voraciousness, including gender-swapping fish, sadomasochist snails, genderqueer lions, birthing male seahorses, partially asexual ants, same-sex songbirds and flamingos, aroused bonobos, and exuberantly sexual dolphins.

It's ironic when you consider that homophobia originated from the idea that homosexual behavior is a crime against nature. What is considered "natural" or "unnatural" has been used to discriminate against LGBTQIA+ people, as well as people of color and Indigenous people, for generations. And yet, nature has always been flamboyantly queer, insatiable in its appetite for sex, pleasure, and new life."

that envision the next 180 years of equitable climate progress, imagining intersectional worlds of abundance, adaptation, reform, and hope.

In this short story, an inquisitive and thoughtful drone responsible for protecting a forest ecosystem stumbles upon a surprise deep in the woods.

You can also listen to this short story, read by Grace J. Kim.



**Meme / Joke of the Week**

We all need a little bit of joy. Please enjoy this bit of mycelial mischief.

If you would like to submit a meme or a joke for the weekly newsletter, please reach out to Emma Roth (they/them) at [emroth@bu.edu](mailto:emroth@bu.edu)

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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