

SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH and PRACTICE SEMINAR



Join us every Wednesday at lunchtime – in person or via Zoom – to learn how WCU scholars, staff, students, and friends explore and apply principles of sustainability in their research and on-campus work.

Students, faculty, staff, and community members are all welcome.

Wednesdays from 12:00 to 12:50 pm
in person (209 Sykes Student Union) and via Zoom

<https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/95444388826>, passcode: 121829

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Dr. Megan Heckert, *Geography & Planning*,
Dr. Randall Cream, *English*, and **Dr. Tina Rosan**,
Temple University Geography, Environment and Urban Studies
Using Walk Audits and Storytelling to Understand
Neighborhood Environmental Problems

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Dr. Emily Southerton, *Learning Sciences*,
and **Kate Southerton-Castillo**, *Transformative
Education and Social Change '26*
Getting “out in the woods” with students:
intergenerational work centering learners
as creators of sustainable futures

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Dr. Abbie Ganas
Chemistry
Sustainable Synthesis of
Cellulose-Derived Carbon Materials

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Dr. Lorenzo Cena, *Public Health Sciences*,
Daniel Engelbrecht and **Jess Hampton**
Why do mushroom farms in PA smell so bad?

MARCH 5, 2025

Dr. Manu Ramalho
Biology
Fostering and understanding diversity: within the
ant microbiome and our research group

MARCH 19, 2025

Dr. Nica Davidov
Associate Professor of Anthropology, Monmouth University
Nature Is Good To Think With: How Biomimicry
Creates a “Sustainabling” Resource

MARCH 26, 2025

Dr. Jason Vanfosson
English

“For All Its Problems, It’s Mine”: Writing and Sustaining
Queer Appalachian Stories in Youth Literature

APRIL 2, 2025

Dr. Nur Ritter

Steward of the Gordon Natural Area

Nobody Told Me There’d Be Otters! Species,
Patterns, and Insights from 2+ Years of Wildlife
Camera Monitoring in the Gordon Natural Area

THIS WEEK ONLY: SESSION WILL TAKE PLACE IN SECC 107

APRIL 9, 2025

Dr. Jason Wozniak

Educational Foundations & Policy Studies

On Environmental Debts, and Debt Abolition
to Fight the Climate Crisis

APRIL 16, 2025

Nick Ventrola

Resident District Manager, Aramark

Pursuing Sustainability in Campus Dining Services

APRIL 23, 2025

Dr. Linda Stevenson

Political Science

Teaching and Learning Sustainability:
An Interdisciplinary Global Studies Approach

APRIL 30, 2025

Dr. Karin Volkwein-Caplan

Kinesiology

Healthy Aging in a Sustainable Manner