New Incoming Faculty

The Environmental & Sustainability Studies program will have two new faculty joining us in the Spring of 2018 and one in the Fall of 2018.

Timothy Collins
Dr. Collins’ research is interdisciplinary, collaborative, and focused on environmental justice, health disparities, and social vulnerability to hazards. He has led multiple research projects funded by NSF, National Institutes of Health, and the EPA. He has also served as chair of the Hazards, Risks, and Disasters Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers. In the coming years, he will be teaching classes on human dimensions of environmental change, social vulnerability to hazards, and environmental health disparities.

Sara Grineski
Dr. Grineski’s research interests relate to environmental health, environmental justice, hazards and disasters, racial/ethnic inequalities, and children’s health. She developed these interests as a Master’s student at Arizona State University. Dr. Grineski collaborated with a neighborhood on a community-based research project about children’s asthma and air pollution. She graduated with a Ph.D. in Sociology with a minor in Geography in 2006. Grineski will be teaching a course in Environmental Health Disparities in the ENVST program, among other courses that will later be determined.

Get Involved

Students in the Environmental & Sustainability Studies Program are involved in a variety of extracurricular activities and clubs. Many of these are also open to the public. If you find an organization that interests you, contact them for more information about how you can get involved.

Edible Campus Gardens
Student-powered produce
Join the Edible Campus Gardens during one of their volunteer shifts to learn about sustainable, organic gardening practices. Tasks include weeding, planting, harvesting, composting, and much more. No prior gardening experience is necessary!

For more information and to sign up, visit: sustainability.utah.edu/edible-campus-gardens/

EnviroClub
On-campus environmental advocates
EnviroClub hosts social hikes, volunteer opportunities, panels, and other events for students passionate about environmental sustainability.

To get involved, email envirocultabatu@gmail.com or check out their Facebook page, EnviroClub at the UofU for updates on Spring meeting times.

Student Clean Air Network (SCAN)
Students for cleaner air
SCAN is a club that raises awareness of Salt Lake’s air quality and gives students information as to how they can take community action to help clear the air.

For more information, email drewkennedy@outlook.com and like their Facebook page, Student Clean Air Network - SCAN.

The Real Food Challenge
Students for better food
The Real Food Challenge is a nationwide student movement for food justice. Their goal is to shift $1 billion of university food budgets away from the industrial food system and toward foods that are humane, ecologically sound, fair, and community-based.

For more information, email realfoodutah@gmail.com and/or attend one of their weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 10-11AM in the Sustainability Office (Bu C, suite 50).

Food Recovery Network
Students against food waste
The Food Recovery Network works to reduce food waste and fight hunger by donating excess food on campus to those in need. They meet in the Union every Tuesday and Friday from 4-5PM and in the Heritage Center on Wednesdays from 2-3PM.

To get involved, email Ivan Cardenas at foodrecoveryuofu@gmail.com or call (801) 979-8755

New Building Updates
Carolyn & Kem Gardener Building

Summer 2018
The new Carolyn and Kem Gardener Building, which is replacing OSH, will be done in the summer of 2018. The building will be seeking a LEED Silver Certification. LEED certification is the most widely used sustainability building rating system in the world. The Gardener Building will also feature a water conservation garden. Both of these features will be a huge step in a more sustainable direction for the University of Utah’s campus. The new building will have a new Environmental & Sustainability Studies office area that will include six administrative offices and a work area for students in the program.

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