

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

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To become a Center Faculty or Staff Associate

The Center's work is greatly expanded by the contributions of Faculty and Staff who share a commitment to the Center's mission and affiliate with the Center. This affiliation is formalized through the individual's Professional Development Plan and Annual Review Process. Faculty or staff members must incorporate one or more goals in the area of teaching, scholarship, or service that are tied to the mission and goals of the Center in a professional development plan. More information is available at www.fgcu.edu/cese or by calling (239) 590-7166.

Now accepting proposal applications for the 2012-2013 Earth Charter Mini-grant Program

The Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education educates for a culture of sustainability through strategic initiatives which begin at Florida Gulf Coast University, extend into local communities in the Western Everglades and Barrier Islands, and reach international scholars and practitioners of sustainability. In educating for a culture of sustainability, we work to cultivate the attitudes, skills, and knowledge to act effectively in our personal and professional lives to support a flourishing Earth community.

Our work is carried out by a growing group of faculty, staff, and student associates on campus; a distinguished Board of Advisors; and with an international network of sustainability education Centers, each seeking to advance such education through scholarship and action in their contexts.

The Center has developed a Faculty and Staff Associates Program to provide a means of connecting to the work of the broader Florida Gulf Coast University community. During the 2009-2010 academic year, the Center created the Earth Charter Mini-grant Program to provide small grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,000 to Faculty and Staff Associates. Associates delineate scholarly projects that are tied to the Earth Charter, support the goals of the Center, and advance the environmental sustainability mission of the University. These scholarly projects fall under three broad categories:

1. Scholarly Projects—those that support teaching or research of environmental or sustainability education
2. Seed Grant Projects—those that provide ground work for or explore the possibility of a grant or that enable Associates to complete a grant and
3. Specialized Training or Certification Projects—those that provide faculty with specialized training that results in certification or formally recognized credentials relevant to the mission of the Center.

To apply for an Earth Charter Mini-grant

Faculty members must include one or more goals in the area of teaching, scholarship, or service that are tied to the mission and goals of the Center in a professional development plan. Complete the Mini-grant application form at <http://www.fgcu.edu/CESE/earthchartergrantprogram.html> and return it along with a copy of your professional development plan to Sharon Bevins, Senior Faculty Associate, by 4:00 PM Friday, September 21, 2012. This is a rolling deadline. We will accept proposals until the funds are expended. A final project report and information included on your annual report will be required with an explanation of how the funding was used.

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2012-2013 SIGNATURE EVENTS

Terry Tempest Williams Student Dialogue

An event created for students, by students the Terry Tempest Williams Student Dialogue series focuses on education for a sustainable future, including our role as stewards of our natural, cultural, and political environments. Intended to spark youth action and inspire the intellectual climate among the Florida Gulf Coast University and Southwest Florida communities, the initiative fosters an open space for dialogue. The event is free and open to the public. Faculty members are encouraged to invite students to attend. Please contact the Center for help building the Dialogue into course curriculum.

Seventh Annual Terry Tempest Williams Student Dialogue

“Foods to Nourish the Mind, Body, and Soul for a Sustainable Future”

Monday, October 8, 2012

Networking session at 5:00 PM; Speaker panel presentation at 6:00 PM; Questions and dialogue to follow
FGCU Cohen Center patio and lawn (outside Einstein Brothers)

This year's Dialogue will illustrate how choosing to consume sustainable foods nourishes the mind, body, and soul. Nourishing the soul incorporates the ethics of a sustainable diet, highlighting connections to the Earth Charter. Nourishing the body approaches how and why sustainable foods provide superior health benefits over mass-produced or imported foods. Nourishing the mind considers the knowledge required to choose, grow, and prepare sustainable foods while remaining sensitive to budgetary constraints and limited living space. The goal of this year's Dialogue is to demonstrate how a conscientious young person on a budget in Southwest Florida can utilize local resources and benefit from consuming sustainable foods.

Please join us at 5:00 PM on the patio outside Einstein Brothers for light refreshments and conversation with students and campus leaders, Center stakeholders, and local organizations. Educational display tables will be set up by campus organizations, conservation groups, and local food educators and producers to offer resources and in-depth information on humane and sustainable food systems in Southwest Florida.

Speakers to be announced soon.

Celebrated American poet Mary Oliver to deliver 2013 Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture

The Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture Weekend is February 8-9, 2013. This is a signature event of the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education that brings public intellectuals to Southwest Florida to discuss issues such as sustainability, ethics, democracy, and literature. This event is free and open to the public.

Rachel Carson Distinguished Lecture

Friday, February 8, 2013

Poetry reading by Mary Oliver at 7:30 PM, followed by question and answer session, and book signing
Saint Michael and All Angels Church on Sanibel Island, FL

Ninth Annual Fundraising Celebration

Saturday, February 9, 2013

5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Sanibel Island beachfront home of Peter and Mallory Haffenreffer

For more information on the Center's 2012-2013 Signature Events, please visit the Center for Environmental and Sustainability Education at www.fgcu.edu/cese or contact us at cese@fgcu.edu or (239) 590-7166.