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Celebrate National Community Gardening Week August 23-29!

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/08/0371.xml>

Please send announcements of your publications, presentations, awards, events, and names of awarded proposals to Denise Heikinen at dmheikin@mtu.edu.

SFI NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Michigan Tech among AASHE list of those with completed greenhouse gas inventories

Even though Michigan Tech is not an official signatory campus of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) AASHE included Tech in its update of those who have submitted public greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories. The GHG inventory is the first major reporting requirement of the Commitment and is due within a year of signing. New inventories were submitted by: University of California, Berkeley; University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; University of Illinois at Chicago; Furman University (SC); University of Wyoming; University of South Carolina, Sumter; University of Minnesota-Duluth; State University of New York at Albany; Franklin College (IN); Castleton State College (VT); Cabrillo College (CA); Fairfield University (CT); University of Saint Thomas (MN); San Joaquin Delta College (CA); Springfield College (MA); Gateway Community College (AZ); Lake Superior College (MN); Washtenaw Community College (MI); Coppin State University (MD); and Johnson County Community College (KS). In related news, Michigan Technological University has also published a greenhouse gas inventory. See also: MTU Press Release from July 7th at http://www.admin.mtu.edu/urel/news/media_relations/918/

2. SFI Tech Centers to Cosponsor Hike at Keweenaw Shore Nature Sanctuary Aug. 22



The Western UP Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education and SFI's Center for Science and Environmental Outreach at Michigan Tech are cosponsoring a botanical visit to the Keweenaw Shore Nature Sanctuary on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 1 p.m. On this 3/4-mile trail, four different plant communities are present: boreal, rich and poor conifer, and northern dry forests. Along the way, hikers will encounter a variety of plants--from paintbrushes to orchids--and a cross section of Keweenaw geology. Participants will meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, at the Keweenaw Shore Nature Sanctuary trailhead. Parking is available at Esry Park roadside park along M-26, approximately nine miles west of Copper Harbor and five miles east of Eagle Harbor. The trail through the sanctuary starts on the south side of M-26, about 200 feet west of the west entrance to Esrey Park.

For more information or to register for the hike at the Keweenaw Shore Nature Sanctuary, email the North Woods Native Plant Society at wnpsociety@gmail.com.

<http://www.michigan.org/Property/Detail.aspx?p=G5562>

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

1. GM to invest \$43M in battery plant

General Motors announced it will invest \$43 million in Brownstown Township to manufacture lithium-ion battery packs for the Chevrolet Volt and other extended-range electric vehicles. GM says the facility will be the first lithium-ion battery manufacturing plant in the U.S. operated by a major automaker. The plant will be part of a wholly owned subsidiary of General Motors called GM Subsystem Manufacturing LLC. The 160,000-square-foot landfill-free facility will have new machinery and equipment and special tooling.

<http://www.wwj.com/GM-To-Invest--43-Million-In-Battery-Plant/4998364>

2. Dow Chemical Co in Midland also gets \$\$ boost for battery plant

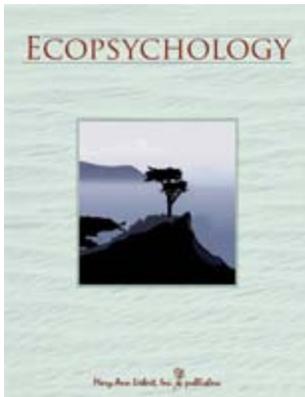
The Midland Daily News reported last week that Midland's economy is getting a much-needed boost from a new high-tech automotive battery manufacturing facility that will employ about 800 people. The Dow Chemical Co. and its partner, Townsend Kokam LLC, has received a federal grant that will allow them to build the 800,000-square-foot lithium polymer battery manufacturing facility at Dow's Michigan Operations site.

<http://www.wwj.com/pages/4976605.php>

2. Wind and wave—the rise of wind energy in the USA

According to a newly released study by Lawrence Berkeley Labs, the USA invested over \$16 billion in wind energy last year, resulting in a 60 percent increase in this form of generating capacity. Apparently, wind now powers about 2% of electrical generation in this country. The report gives an authoritative and comprehensive look at the state of the industry, and makes some very reasonable projections for the future. August 13, 2009 **Inside Higher Ed** http://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/getting_to_green/wind_and_wave

3. Call for Papers *Ecopsychology* New Deadline: September 15, 2009



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Ecopsychology, the new online journal, is actively seeking articles to be considered for publication in future issues as well as for a special issue on "Emotional Well Being and Sustainable Behaviors."

We always welcome submissions on other key topics in the field including:

- * The role of connection to nature in healthy development and self identity
- * Emotional and psychological factors that drive environmental issues
- * Ecotherapy and the use of wilderness for health and healing
- * Coping with anxiety or grief about environmental destruction
- * Effective ways to motivate sustainable behaviors
- * Spiritual and cultural practices that support a healthy environment

Please read the author instructions for details on how to submit your paper to Ecopsychology today! We look forward to your manuscript submissions and to your participation in this rapidly growing field of study. Editor-in-Chief, Thomas Joseph Doherty, PsyD. Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR. <http://view.exacttarget.com/?j=fe5a16707266027a7212&m=ff281776736c&ls=fde113797d670d7a7d17707d&l=fe6b15767560077f7417&s=df715747760007d721c727d&jb=ffcf14&ju=fe271674756604757c1d76>

4. Northwestern Michigan College launches associate degree program in freshwater studies

Northwestern Michigan, a two-year institution with a campus fronting the bay, is about to launch a new associate degree program in freshwater studies, with concentrations in science and technology, global freshwater policy and sustainability, and economy and society. The college has long been the only community college to host a state- and federally-recognized maritime academy, and the only such academy located on freshwater. The college has converted a 56-foot-long, 14-foot-wide Northwestern, a ship owned by the college and used by the Great Lakes Maritime into a research vessel that runs on vegetable oil. Core requirements for the associate degree in freshwater studies include a two-credit field experience and three-credit internship, as well as courses in Introduction to Freshwater Studies, Watershed Science, Meteorology and Climatology or Earth Science, Oceanography, and Introduction to GIS (geographic information system). The college is working on developing articulation agreements for transfer to Michigan universities in a variety of fields, including environmental engineering, environmental sciences, agriculture and natural resources, and even environmental literature. See *Inside Higher Ed* August 13, 2009 <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/08/13/northwestern>

5. Grand Rapids CC Bookstore Rents Textbooks

Grand Rapids Community College (MI) has announced plans to begin renting textbooks to students starting this fall. GRCC's bookstore provider is testing the rental system at six of its 860 campus stores during the upcoming semester.

6. Editorial on Sustainability in Higher Education



The Spring/Summer 2009 Issue of Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy features an editorial entitled, "Higher Education: the quest for the sustainable campus." In the piece, author Leith Sharp, Founding Director of the Harvard Green Campus Initiative, discusses the history of the campus sustainability movement and advocates for teaching and demonstrating sustainability on campus. <http://ejournal.nbii.org/>

7. Great Lakes Biomass State Regional Partnership closes down

After 26 years of promoting renewable energy, the Great Lakes Biomass State Regional Partnership (GLBSRP) has come to an end due to lack of funding from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The GLBSRP was administered by the Council of Great Lakes Governors and was one of five regional programs established by DOE to encourage greater production and use of biomass for energy generation. Biomass includes wood, crop residues, municipal waste and other organic materials. GLBSRP funded numerous case books, demonstration projects, conferences and workshops to promote renewable energy. The Council continues to seek funding to support this important program. For an overview of the GLBSRP, visit <http://www.cglg.org/biomass/index.asp>
Department of Energy Pulls Plug on Regional Biomass Program

8. College students are flocking to sustainability degrees, careers

http://www.usatoday.com/news/education/2009-08-02-sustainability-degrees_N.htm?POE=click-refer

9. Volunteers needed for Michigan Tech International Programs and Services Office "Taste of Houghton"

International Programs and Services Office will be hosting "Taste of Houghton," an event designed to introduce new exchange and international students to area restaurants and businesses within walking distance of the campus. Following a mandatory meeting for new international students, students have the option of taking a guided tour of the downtown area. Not only will students have a chance to see the many businesses which make up our downtown, but they will also have the opportunity to dine at one of the area restaurants with returning students and IPS staff. To help make the program a success, we would like to extend a special invitation to you to join us and serve as a volunteer guide. All volunteers will receive a special IPS T-Shirt and a \$15 restaurant gift certificate. As a guide, you will be required to:

- Attend the Mandatory New Student Meeting on August 21st, 2009 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Serve as a guide for the downtown walking tour and facilitate the dinner from 5:00 p.m. onward

If you would like to sign up to be a student volunteer, please email Ms. Thy (pronounced TEE) Yang at thy@mtu.edu, call me at 487-4315, or stop by the IPS office. Because we are limiting our volunteer positions, we ask that you contact us no later than Monday, August 17th.

FUNDING & AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

To submit research proposals through the Sustainable Futures Institute, add "SFI" to the DEPT/CENTER/INSTITUTE(S) column for identifying the PI's and co-PI's. SFI Director, John Sutherland, will sign the transmittal sheet on page 3. (If John Sutherland is unavailable for signing transmittal sheets, Qiong (Jane) Zhang can also sign for SFI). Submitting proposals under SFI provides wider publicity and recognition for your research as well as a 10% return on your incentive account.

1. NSF--Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) NSF Wide Programs

Deadline: October 22 in 2009

The Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program supports active research participation by undergraduate students in any of the areas of research funded by the National Science Foundation. REU projects involve students in meaningful ways in ongoing research programs or in research projects specifically designed for the REU program. This solicitation features two mechanisms for support of student research: (1) REU Sites are based on independent proposals to initiate and conduct projects

that engage a number of students in research. REU Sites may be based in a single discipline or academic department, or on interdisciplinary or multi-department research opportunities with a coherent intellectual theme. Proposals with an international dimension are welcome. A partnership with the Department of Defense supports REU Sites in DoD-relevant research areas. (2) REU Supplements may be requested for ongoing NSF-funded research projects or may be included as a component of proposals for new or renewal NSF grants or cooperative agreements. Undergraduate student participants in either Sites or Supplements must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or its possessions. Students may not apply to NSF to participate in REU activities. Students apply directly to REU Sites and should consult the directory of active REU Sites on the Web at http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm. A directory of active REU Sites, along with contact information, can be found on the Web at http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm. NSF REU Contacts: http://www.nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_contacts.jsp

2. Great lakes Restoration Initiative

The President's 2010 Budget provides \$475 million in EPA's budget for a new Environmental Protection Agency-led, interagency Great Lakes restoration initiative, which will target the most significant problems in the region, including invasive aquatic species, non-point source pollution, and contaminated sediment. ... PDFs of the plans are available at [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/) ... In the summer of 2009, Agencies will initiate processes for one or more Requests for Proposals for competitive grants advancing the Initiative, in order that some grants may be issued as early as December, 2009. A series of stakeholder meetings, open to the public, will be held in July and August 2009 in various Great Lakes locations. ... To be added to a listserv which will provide updates on funding information, including funding information about the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, we request that you go to <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/maillist/index.html>

Main Website: [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/) The **Great Lakes Multi-Year Restoration Action Plan Outline** which will be discussed at the Public Meetings on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative starting next week is now available online at: <http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/glmvrapo.pdf>. Descriptions of the available plans and funding agencies is available at the [FY2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Interagency Funding Guide http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/fundingguide2009_r1.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/fundingguide2009_r1.pdf)

3. NSF Ecosystem Science Cluster

Deadline Jan 09, 2010

The Ecosystem Studies Program supports investigations of whole-system ecological processes and relationships across a diversity of spatial and temporal (including paleo) scales in order to advance understanding of (1) material and energy fluxes and transformations within and among ecosystems, (2) the relationships between structure, including complexity, and functioning of ecosystems, (3) ecosystem dynamics and trajectories of ecosystem development through time, and (4) linkages among ecosystems at different spatial and temporal scales. Research on natural, managed and disturbed ecosystems is supported, including terrestrial, freshwater, wetland, coastal (including salt marsh and mangrove), and human-dominated environments. Proposals may focus on areas such as: biogeochemical cycling and element budgets from local to global scales; roles of microbes in ecosystem functioning; primary productivity; stoichiometric relationships; climate-ecosystem feedbacks; energy and radiatively-active gas fluxes; relationships between diversity and ecosystem function; ecosystem services; and landscape dynamics. Proposals may focus on the cycling of non-nutrient elements, but those specifically ecotoxicological in orientation, or without an explicit link to ecosystem processes, will not be considered. Observational and manipulative approaches in field, mesocosm, and laboratory settings are supported, with the expectation that the research, whether hypothesis- or discovery-driven, have a strong conceptual foundation. Inter- and multidisciplinary proposals that fall across traditional programmatic boundaries are welcomed and encouraged; the Ecosystem Studies Program often co-reviews proposals with related programs across the NSF. Proposals that incorporate quantitative or conceptual modeling efforts promoting integration and synthesis, or advancing ecosystem science through either the pursuit of new theoretical paradigms or novel modeling efforts, are encouraged. Proposals that, in whole or part, strive to develop new techniques can be supported when a compelling argument exists that there is the potential for a major advance in ecosystem research. Projects that are potentially transformative - that is, those that may change the conceptual basis of ecosystem science and have broad implications for future research - are given particular priority.

<http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/fo2/getRec?id=28861>

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=12822

JOBS & POST DOCS & INTERNSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCOLARSHIPS and CFPs

1. Tenure track position in Environmental Studies at Oberlin College

Oberlin will hire a full-time, tenure-track faculty member at Assistant Professor or more senior level to start August 2010. We seek a colleague who can address the relationships between land and people. The successful candidate will explore the interplay between cultural, economic, political and ecological systems in the context of changing

demography and changing climate. Desirable research and training includes: social or cultural geography; spatial analysis; urban and regional planning; and environmental anthropology or sociology. Applications are due on October 23. A complete job description and instruction for application are posted at: http://new.oberlin.edu/home/jobs/jobs_detail.dot?id=1339975

2. Interdisciplinary Climate Change Research Symposium

The Dissertations Initiative for the Advancement of Climate Change Research invites applications for its week-long symposium which will be held in March 2010. During the event, participants will present and discuss their research, hone interdisciplinary communication and team skills, and discuss emerging research, societal and professional issues with each other and with established researchers invited to serve as mentors. Participation will be limited to thirty-four early career scholars identified by an interdisciplinary committee of research scientists based on review of submitted applications. Applicants should have completed their Ph.D.'s between April 1, 2007 and July 31, 2009. The application deadline is **August 31, 2009**. <http://www.disccrs.org/DISCCRposter.pdf>

3. Champions of Sustainability in Communities Award

The Sustainability Endowments Institute invites nominations for the Champions of Sustainability in Communities Award. Champion Awards will be presented to U.S. colleges or universities with exemplary community partnerships that demonstrate the impact of collaboration in achieving sustainability goals. Those selected will be recognized in the College Sustainability Report Card 2010 scheduled for release this fall. Nominations are due **September 4, 2009**. <http://www.greenreportcard.org/apply>

4. oikos Student Entrepreneurship Award

oikos invites applications for its Student Entrepreneurship Award which recognizes outstanding entrepreneurial student projects in the field of Higher Education for Sustainable Development. The award honors projects in areas of Sustainable Campus and Curricula Change. The Sustainable Campus category recognizes student initiatives that help universities become beacons of sustainability by integrating it into the campus operations. The Curricular Change category recognizes student initiatives that provide tomorrow's leaders with knowledge on sustainable economics and management and with action-oriented skills to make a difference in practice. Applications are due **September 30, 2009**. <http://www.oikos-international.org/projects/award/>

5. Suggest a Question for AASHE's Sustainability Staffing Survey



AASHE is preparing to update its 2008 Higher Education Sustainability Officer Position and Salary Survey and is soliciting suggestions for additional survey questions or improvements to questions that have been used in the past. Suggestions may be posted as comments on the blog post. <http://www.aashe.org/blog/suggest-question-aashes-sustainability-staffing-survey>

6. Volunteer at Greenbuild 2009

The U.S. Green Building Council – Arizona Chapter invites full-time students and professionals age 25 and younger to receive free admission to Greenbuild 2009 in exchange for a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer time. Volunteer activities will include helping to education conference attendees on the conference recycling program; assisting at conference general sessions and specific session tracks; helping with off-site educational sessions; assisting on green tours; helping with outdoor activities; and preparing for pre-conference activities.

<http://www.greenbuild.org/volunteer>

7. Executive Director, Sustainability Network, Illinois CC

Illinois Community College seeks an Executive Director to provide leadership and coordination for its Sustainability Network. The Executive Director will oversee and coordinate operations throughout the statewide network and will serve as the primary contact person on all issues related to the development and implementation of programs

and services designed to address critical issues related to energy efficiency, energy conservation and sustainability. The Executive Director will also work with regional, state, and national leaders in addressing the current and future needs of the Illinois "green jobs" workforce. A Master's degree in Environmental Studies or a related field and significant leadership experience in a community college, not-for-profit, or corporate entity are required. Applications are due August 21, 2009. <http://chronicle.com/jobs/0000604720-01>

8. Sustainability Manager, U California, San Francisco

The University of California, San Francisco Capital Programs and Facilities Management Department invites applications for a position as Sustainability Manager. The successful candidate will be responsible for coordinating all UCSF initiatives related to sustainability in accordance with the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Sustainability mission and vision and updating initiatives to keep current with institutional capacity and developing technologies. Requirements include a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Studies or a related field with an environmental focus; a minimum of seven years experience implementing environmental or sustainability programs, resource management, environmental initiatives, or equivalent; and experience with energy, water, and waste conversation in buildings.

https://sjobs.brassring.com/1033/asp/tg/cim_jobdetail_preview.asp?PartnerID=6495&SiteID=5226&pid=^Cl3_plus_HiRC2avKgvnQdlxETg==&ts=^5Nu6fSw842W8QCOU7gFurvg4GldQE121rjQgDcimLbK85z9t_plus_gDw==

9. Sustainability Coordinator, Colby-Sawyer College

Colby-Sawyer College (NH) is looking for a Sustainability Coordinator to provide guidance and advice to the President, Senior Officers and the college community on ways to make the institution a leader in campus sustainability and to direct and lead CSC in a cultural change toward sustainability. Other responsibilities will include collecting the information and compiling the reports to meet the reporting requirements of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment and teaching the development of a "Sustainable Living" course and an interdisciplinary "Pathway" course with a strong sustainability emphasis. A Master's Degree in an appropriate discipline and at least three years in sustainability-related positions are strongly preferred. The position is open until filled. <http://www.higheredjobs.com/search/details.cfm?JobCode=175385153>

10. Climate Scientist, School of Forestry & Env'l Studies, Yale U

The Yale University (CT) School of Forestry and Environmental Studies seeks a scientist who has research credentials in processes governing Earth's climate and expertise in the environmental impact of climate change. The opening is for either a tenure-track junior level position or for an exceptional senior-level scholar. Ideal candidates will demonstrate potential for collaborating with the School's natural and social scientists on the study of relationships between climate change and other environmental issues of societal importance, such as the condition of forest and freshwater resources, food security, biodiversity, emerging disease, and pollution. The successful candidate is expected to develop an internationally recognized research program that involves graduate students, to work across disciplinary boundaries in a collegial environment, and to teach in both the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and in Yale College. Applications received by 30 September 2009 will receive full consideration. <http://chronicle.com/jobs/0000605603-01>

11. Faculty, Global Environmental Politics, American U



The School of International Service at American University (DC) seeks an open rank professor of Global Environmental Politics. Responsibilities will include teaching and research supervision at the undergraduate and graduate levels, mentoring students, and participating in university governance. A Ph.D. or highest equivalent degree in a relevant discipline and record of teaching and research excellence are required. The successful candidate will specialize in sustainable development, international environmental cooperation, climate change, corporate sustainability, transnational environmental justice, global sustainability, and/or geopolitics of environmental protection. Applications will be reviewed beginning September 15, 2009, and continue until the position is filled. <http://chronicle.com/jobs/0000606082-01>

12. Asst Professor, Environmental Studies, U Illinois, Springfield

The University of Illinois, Springfield is seeking a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies. Candidates should have expertise in environmental policy, administration, and law, and should be able to teach Environmental Policy and Analysis, Natural Resources Policy and Administration, NEPA, Environmental Law, and Environmental Ethics. A Ph.D. in Environmental Policy/Administration, Environmental Law, Environmental Studies, or a related discipline is required. Review of applications will begin September 21, 2009 and continue until the position is filled. <http://chronicle.com/jobs/0000605918-01>

13. Planner, Transportation Department, North Carolina State U

North Carolina State University has a professional staff planner position available in its Transportation Department. The successful candidate will perform technical and data analysis; program and project management; and systems operations support to the department. S/he will also work with the transportation demand management program and help develop alternative transportation programs such as bicycle and vehicle sharing. A Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Transportation Planning, or a closely related field is required. A Master's degree is preferred. The position is open until filled.

14. Coordinator, Ohio Student Environmental Coalition

The Ohio Student Environmental Coalition seeks a Coordinator to be responsible for face-to-face field organizing visits followed by regular organizing guidance; supporting the operations of the Steering Committee; some fundraising; and being the primary support for gatherings and actions. Candidates should be located in Ohio during the 2009-2010 school year, have community organizing experience, and have a deep commitment to environmental and social justice. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. <http://www.energyjustice.net/Ohio/OSECCoordinator.pdf>

15. Membership Intern, AASHE

AASHE seeks a fall semester intern for 30-40 hrs/week who can assist with membership renewals and recruitment of new members. Candidates should be extremely detail-oriented and capable of meeting deadlines and deliverables without a great deal of supervision. Tasks will include general communication with campuses and businesses about membership issues; emailing and calling prospective and renewing members; working with membership information in an Access database; and compiling AASHE membership data for reports using Excel spreadsheets. Prior office experience and data management skills are also highly desired, including proficiency with Access and Excel. The position is open until filled. <http://www.aashe.org/highlights/jobs/membership-intern-job-posting>

NEW RESOURCES

1. Experts agree: If done right, biofuels bring benefits

The Union of Concerned Scientists report on a new article in the journal *Science* that 11 world experts from diverse fields assert that biofuels can have climate benefits, but only under certain circumstances. The authors state that biofuels must be produced from renewable sources like crop residues and municipal waste, rather than from food crops like corn and sugar, and their production must not compete with food production. Controversy over biofuels has raged since they gained prominence as a solution to the climate problem, but "society cannot afford to miss out on the global greenhouse-gas emission reductions and the local environmental and societal benefits" these fuels can bring, the authors wrote. See "Beneficial Biofuels—The Food, Energy, and Environment Trilemma" in *Science* 17 July 2009: Vol. 325. no. 5938, pp. 270 – 271. The authors are David Tilman, Robert Socolow, Jonathan A. Foley, Jason Hill, Eric Larson, Lee Lynd, Stephen Pacala, John Reilly, Tim Searchinger, Chris Somerville, and Robert Williams.

2. EPA releases list of top companies and cities with the most green power



The Green Power Partnership works with a wide variety of leading organizations — from Fortune 500 companies to local, state and federal governments, and a growing number of colleges and universities. The following

Top Partner Rankings highlight the annual green power purchases of leading organizations within the United States and across individual industry sectors.

<http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/toplists/top20onsite.htm>

3. Mother Nature Network reports on the Top 10 environmental scholarships

<http://www.mnn.com/family/education-activities/stories/top-10-environmental-scholarships#>

4. Students' Guide to Sustainable Living at Stanford

Students at Stanford University (CA), in partnership with the Office of Sustainability, have created the "Students' Guide to Sustainable Living at Stanford." The guide, which will be presented at the new student orientation events, contains information on greening dorm rooms and apartments, how to conserve water and electricity while doing laundry, how to make study habits more sustainable, eating sustainably on campus, using alternative transportation options, and where and what to recycle.

http://sustainable.stanford.edu/sites/sem.stanford.edu/files/documents/Stanford_students_guide_sustainable_living

5. Invasive Species Experts Directory

This online national directory of invasive species experts, developed by the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, is designed to assist with identification of and rapid response to invasive species.

<http://www.anstaskforce.gov/experts/search.php#invasive>
www.anstaskforce.gov/experts/search.php

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

1. [Registration Extended - Greening of the Campus VIII](#)

September 20-23, 2009; Indianapolis, IN

Ball State University and AASHE invite registration for Greening of the Campus VIII: Embracing Change. Keynote speakers will include Frances Moore Lappé, author of *Diet for a Small Planet*; Geoff Chase, Dean of Undergraduate Studies at San Diego State University (CA); and Jerome Ringo, President of the Apollo Alliance. Other conference features will include pre-, post-, and in-conference workshops; a two-day tradeshow focused on promoting environmentally sustainable and socially responsible products and services; panels, forums, and posters; and a networking reception with the Labs 21 conference. Early registration has been extended to August 14, 2009. Discounts are available for students and AASHE members. <http://goc.iweb.bsu.edu/index.html>

2. 25th International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management Philadelphia, Mar. 14 - 17, 2010

For more information or to submit an abstract for oral or poster presentation, please go to

www.widener.edu/solid.waste