

SFI weekly newsletter for the week of August 24, 2009
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We want all members—faculty, students, staff—to please send announcements of your publications, presentations, awards, accomplishments, and names of awarded proposals to Denise Heikinen at dmheikin@mtu.edu.

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1. CWS to sponsor the film “Waterlife,” September 9 at 7 pm, in Noblet Forestry and Wood Products Building, Room G002

Waterlife is a compelling, feature-length documentary about the Great Lakes, focusing on the meaning of the Lakes to the people that live on them and the significance of the Great lakes ecosystem. Here's a summary from the filmmakers: "Waterlife is a documentary about the state of the Great Lakes that follows the flow of the lakes' water from the Nipigon River to the Atlantic Ocean. Using both documentary actuality and computer imaging, Waterlife begins at the primeval forests of Superior's north coast, stops at the baroque fountains of Chicago on Lake Michigan, continues to the rain-swept streets of Detroit and beyond, all the while examining how the greatest body of fresh water on Earth transforms the societies it passes through and is transformed by them. The film's goal is to take viewers on a tour of an incredibly beautiful ecosystem that is facing complex challenges. Beyond that, our hope is that Waterlife will bring viewers a visceral understanding of the element that is so integral to all of our lives." I believe that our showing will be the first in the UP. Please consider attending the film and spreading the word. You can find more information at <http://www.ourwaterlife.com/>

Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education

2.

21st Annual Michigan Alliance for Environmental & Outdoor Education (MAEOE) Conference Thursday-Saturday, October 8-10 at the Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of the UM Dearborn.

This year's conference theme is Urban Environmental Education. A wide variety of educator workshops, field trips and sessions will be presented by classroom teachers, informal environmental educators, university faculty and natural resource professionals on topics including school gardens, Green Schools, water quality, reuniting children with nature, and more. Please contact Kathleen Dougherty, MAEOE Scholarship Committee Chair, at Phone: 248-858-0704 or Email: _doughertyk@oakgov.com with any questions. Nominate college students for our Conference Scholarship Program website: <http://www.michiganenvironmentaled.org/>

3. DMG reports on \$175,000 award to WUPCENTER

The Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Math and Environmental Education Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Math and Environmental Education has been awarded a \$175,000 grant from a private foundation, the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, to continue and expand the Lake Superior Stewardship Initiative. The initiative is an educational program that involves seven school districts, 11 schools, 43 teachers and 1,377 students in Houghton and Baraga counties. See *Daily Mining Gazette*

<http://www.mininggazette.com/page/content.detail/id/506207.html?nav=5006>

For information about the center, visit wupcenter.mtu.edu



4. SFI member Fredline Ilorme organizes free Fulbright workshop in Haiti

Doctoral student Fredline Ilorme (CEE) organized a free one-week workshop, along with Fulbright scholars representing universities across the globe, for students at the State University of Haiti, Faculty of Sciences, during her two-week visit to Haiti this month. The workshop covered topics including the Fulbright scholarship and Haitian Fulbright Alumni Association, Geographic Information Systems with ArcGIS, remote sensing with Erdas Imagine, hydrology with HEC-HMS, hydraulics with HEC-RAS, statistics with R software, erosion measuring techniques and cohesive soil in Haiti. Fredline is also the President of Michigan Tech's Global City group <http://global.students.mtu.edu/>

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

1. Nominations open for three awards from The Great Lakes Fishery Commission

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission believes strongly that those who take extraordinary action to protect our natural resources deserve to be recognized. For that reason, the commission is pleased to present three annual awards to honour individuals who have demonstrated uncommon commitment to the principles that guide successful Great Lakes resource management.

<http://www.glfc.org/aboutus/awards.php>



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, David Shonnard, will sign the transmittal sheet on page 3. (If David Shonnard is unavailable for signing transmittal sheets, Rick Donovan 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. Sustain Our Great Lakes - Stewardship Grant sponsored by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

Deadline: October 15th, 2009

Amount: \$150,000 --Grant awards will range from \$150,001 to \$1,500,000 with cost share of a minimum of \$150,001.

The Sustain Our Great Lakes Program is a public-private partnership among ArcelorMittal, NOAA, NFWF, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. EPA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service. The program is designed to support the implementation of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, an outcomes-focused initiative designed to protect, maintain and restore the chemical, biological and physical integrity of the Great Lakes ecosystem. The purpose of the Stewardship Grants Program is to support large-scale restoration, enhancement and protection projects that will have significant positive impacts on the ecology and water quality of the Great Lakes basin. To be eligible for consideration, projects must be located within the Great Lakes watershed. Projects must also directly address at least one of the following priority actions:

- Restore, enhance and protect near-shore and off-shore habitats, wetlands, tributaries and riparian corridors, shoreline and upland habitats
- Reduce the threat from terrestrial and aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes basin

<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/120318>

Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant Application Workshops and WEBINARS

<http://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/MediaResources/Overview.aspx>

Requests for Proposals available at: <http://www.sustainourgreatlakes.org/Apply.aspx>

2. Great lakes Restoration Initiative

Main Website: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative <http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/>

FY2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Interagency Funding Guide

http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes/glri/fundingguide2009_r1.pdf

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/glmyrapo.pdf>

The U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative presentation video is now available online at:

http://epa.gov/greatlakes/live/glri_gary.html

3. Columbia River Estuarine Coastal Fund sponsored by NFWF

Deadline: The pre-proposal deadline is September 18, 2009. Full proposals are due in November of 2009.

Amount: \$200,000. \$700,000 is available

Proposals should address

- on-the-ground habitat conservation, restoration and management projects in and along the Columbia River below the Bonneville Dam and the adjacent Coasts of Oregon (up to and including Tillamook Bay) and Washington (up to and including Willapa Bay) that may be affected by estuarine flows to benefit the fish and wildlife resources and the habitats upon which they depend
- Landowner outreach and incentive programs for restoration and management of natural resources in the same geographic area
- Public use and natural/cultural projects that benefit the service's National Wildlife Refuge System

- Collaborative projects from local communities seeking environmentally and economically sustainable solutions to natural resource problems
- Applied research that is directly related to improvement of natural resources management in the same geographic area

Pre-proposals should address one or more of these program purposes:

- On-the-ground habitat restoration/improvement to enhance fish, wildlife and habitat resources
- Applied ecological studies and assessments to advance knowledge, test and monitor new techniques, and improve management practices for conservation
- Control and management of invasive species that directly impact the water and riparian areas of the Lower Columbia River and coastal ecosystems
- Address issues related to protection and enhancement of threatened or endangered fish and wildlife species and other species at risk
- Development of collaborative, multi-partner planning initiatives for guiding coastal watershed conservation activities
- Collaborative projects from local communities seeking environmentally and economically sustainable solutions to natural resource problems
- Development of resource information data systems to better evaluate/monitor river and coastal water impacts and past restoration efforts
- Education to enhance public understanding of ecosystem and environmental conservation
- Landowner outreach and incentive programs for management and restoration of natural resources
- Public outreach activities and information to promote conservation activities and ethics
- Fee simple acquisition and/or conservation easements on high conservation value lands
- Public use and natural/cultural projects that benefit the Service's National Wildlife Refuge System

<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/102169>

4. NOAA has 3 national funding opportunities for habitat restoration.

- NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration National and Regional Partnership Grants (proposals due Sept. 30, 09)
- NOAA Marine Debris Program – Community-based Marine Debris Removal Grants (proposals due Oct. 31, 2009)
- NOAA Open Rivers Initiative (proposals due Nov. 16, 2009)

Additional information on these funding opportunities is available online at

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/funding_opportunities/funding_nationwide.htm

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1. Faculty Position in Energy Sustainability

The University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) is seeking a candidate to fill a full time, nine-month, tenure track assistant professor position to contribute to research and teaching on energy sustainability. The current energy system faces significant challenges related to declining fossil fuels, burgeoning global demand, greenhouse gas emissions, health impacts and other growing social and economic impacts related to energy. Expertise in energy technology assessment and systems analysis is being sought to analyze alternative energy supply based on renewable sources, energy demand from transportation and/or buildings, and the storage and carriers required to link resources with end use activities. Ideal candidates would have integrative analytical skills in areas such as energy modeling, life cycle modeling, stochastic modeling, resource economics, optimization techniques, and dynamic systems modeling.

<http://www.snre.umich.edu/employment>



2. Faculty Position in Sustainable Systems

The University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) is seeking a candidate to fill a full time, nine-month, tenure track professor position (rank open) to contribute to research and teaching in sustainable systems. This focus includes approaches that address both the production and consumption activities associated with water, mobility, shelter, energy, and other basic needs. We



seek a candidate who can develop and lead expanded research initiatives focused on application areas such as sustainable water resource systems, sustainable energy, sustainable mobility/alternative vehicle technology, green buildings and/or the interactions among these systems. Ideal candidates will possess integrating analytical capabilities that can bridge across technology, policy, and/or design with sustainability. Examples of relevant applied research expertise include water resource management and policy, energy systems analysis, sustainable technology assessment, dynamic systems modeling, risk analysis, valuation of ecosystem services, life cycle modeling, resource economics and complex systems modeling. Ability to teach inter-disciplinary courses that include students from SNRE and other programs such as engineering, business and policy is expected.

<http://www.snre.umich.edu/employment>

3. Four fellow positions at University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment DEADLINE: Sept. 1, 2009 (initial screenings will begin Aug. 1)

The Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise (iSE), a program of the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, is searching for suitable candidates to fill up to four fellow positions to support the work of the newly formed NorthStar Consortium. This position is a one-year (with opportunity for renewal), 100 percent time appointment at a rank commensurate with experience. Successful candidates will be expected to manage cutting-edge, stakeholder-driven research projects developed through the NorthStar Consortium, a unique collaborative of corporate, nonprofit, government and university participants. The fellows will work in conjunction with IonE/iSE mentors who will determine the research and training agenda. Responsibilities generally involve participation in the design, implementation and evaluation of research projects. Appointees will also participate in the preparation and presentation of data; and author, co-author or collaborate on reports, conference papers, publications and other project outputs. Significant leadership development training will also be provided.

QUALIFICATIONS: Advanced degree (Ph.D., J.D., or other graduate degree, in combination with significant related experience) in nearly any disciplinary focus will be considered. A strong background in industrial ecology, energy/environmental policy, corporate sustainability, environmental sociology, environmental systems analytics (LCA, SD, FCA, etc.), environmental sciences or engineering, or environmental law is required. Advanced degrees must be obtained by the date of appointment. Successful candidates will have a strong track record of accomplishments and productive scientific and/or applied training, as well as demonstrated experience within an interdisciplinary setting.

TO APPLY: Submit resume and cover letter, one-page statement of intent, and names and addresses of three references. This position will be open until filled. All applications must be submitted through the University of Minnesota employment site. Link to the job posting at:

<https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/frameset.jsp?time=1246314268368>

and search for posting number 161775.

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO: Dr. Tim Smith, Director, Initiative for Sustainable Enterprise, e-mail: timsmith@umn.edu,

<http://www.environment.umn.edu/about/employment.html>

4. Program Assoc, Center for Science, Technology, & Sustainability, AAAS

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) seeks a Program Associate to lead the daily operations of the Center for Science, Technology, and Sustainability as it interfaces with the academic and policy communities. The successful candidate also will stay updated on issues related to the emerging field of sustainability science; maintain and enhance a network of stakeholders in the field; update the sustainability Forum and interface with the Forum's editors; plan and implement the sustainability roundtable that takes place during the AAAS annual meeting; and research, write, and edit materials on specific projects for the Center. A Bachelor's degree is required and preferred fields of study include International, Environment, Sustainability, and/or Climate Change.

<http://sustainabilityscience.org/content.html?contentid=2777>



5. Two Energy Program Coordinators, North Carolina State U---Applications are due August 28, 2009. TODAY!

North Carolina State University invites applications for two Energy Program Coordinator positions. The successful candidates will be responsible for identifying and implementing assigned energy conservation programs on all NCSU campuses. This work will include preparing program scope statements, specifications, and building data, as

well as solicitation and evaluation of proposals. They also will be tasked with documenting resulting energy savings. Applicants should have knowledge of North Carolina building and energy codes, spreadsheet software, boiler and steam distribution systems, and contract procedures for obtaining inspection services. A two-year technical degree in the area of assignment or an equivalent combination of training and experience is required. <https://jobs.ncsu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/frameset.jsp?time=1251470601615>

6. Project Liaison, Sustainability Plan, U California Santa Cruz

The University of California, Santa Cruz is recruiting a part-time, temporary Sustainability Plan Project Liaison to help UCSC develop its first Campus Sustainability Plan. Under the direction of the Sustainability Coordinator, the Sustainability Plan Project Liaison will support the Sustainability Working Groups, Task Forces, and other key stakeholders. In addition, the Liaison will work with the core Campus Sustainability Plan team to develop a master project timeline, document the process, and contribute to the overall project design. The successful applicant will have experience planning and producing events and activities; experience with word processing and spreadsheet applications; and the ability to negotiate and exchange ideas, information, and opinions with others to arrive jointly at decisions, conclusions, and solutions. The position is open until filled. The initial review of applications will begin on August 27, 2009.



<https://jobs.ucsc.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/frameset.jsp?time=1251470582275>

7. Prof/Dept Head, Dept of Plant & Env'l Sciences, New Mexico State U

New Mexico State University seeks a Professor and Department Head for its Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences. The tenure-track, 12-month, full-time position will be responsible for all aspects of administration including fiscal management; developing and maintaining departmental facilities; faculty and program evaluations; and administering teaching, research, and service programs at the main campus and several off campus locations. Candidates should have already obtained the rank of Professor or equivalent with a doctorate in agronomy, horticulture, soil science or a related field. Other requirements include a demonstrated ability to recruit and mentor students from diverse cultures and recruit and mentor diverse faculty. Review of applications will begin November 30, 2009, and continue until the position is filled.

<http://chronicle.com/jobs/0000606556-01>

8. Professor, Sustainable Systems, U of Michigan

The University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) is seeking a candidate to fill a full-time, nine-month, tenure track professor position (rank open) to contribute to research and teaching in sustainable systems. The focus includes approaches that address both the production and consumption activities associated with water, mobility, shelter, energy, and other basic needs. Applicants should have completed a Ph.D. in engineering, environmental science, economics, management, public policy, or related interdisciplinary fields including industrial ecology or systems analysis. A record of independent peer-reviewed scholarship is important; teaching experience is preferred. Review of applications will begin after October 15, 2009, and will continue until suitable candidates are found. <http://www.higheredjobs.com/search/details.cfm?JobCode=175386859>

9. Asst Prof, Energy Sustainability, U Michigan

The University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) is seeking a candidate to fill a full-time, nine-month, tenure track assistant professor position to contribute to research and teaching on energy sustainability. Applicants should have completed a Ph.D. in engineering, environmental science, economics, or related interdisciplinary fields including industrial ecology or energy systems analysis. A record of independent peer-reviewed scholarship is important; teaching experience is preferred. Evidence of prior work in interdisciplinary energy and environmental fields is also preferred. Review of applications will begin after October 15, 2009, and will continue until suitable candidates are found.

<http://www.higheredjobs.com/search/details.cfm?JobCode=175386854>

10. Technical and Outreach Specialist--Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS)

GLOS was established to provide public access to critical, real-time and historical information about the Great

Lakes, St. Lawrence River and interconnecting waterways for use in managing, safeguarding and understanding these freshwater resources. GLOS is intended to gather and integrate chemical, biological and hydrologic data, and monitor lake conditions and trends over time. It is focused on identifying and meeting user needs and therefore GLOS work closely with Great Lakes users. The incumbent in this position will operate in a collaborative environment involving public agencies, academia and a range of stakeholder groups.

Qualifications: Masters degree in a relevant field, e.g., environmental science, environmental engineering, resource management, with experience working in a multi-disciplinary environment; experience developing and/or applying hydrodynamic, ecological or ecosystem models to resource issues; a strong network within the relevant resource management, university and/or Great Lakes industry/business communities; demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a diverse team. A minimum of three to five years relevant professional experience preferred. http://glos.us/pdf/GLOS_Technical-Outreach_Specialist_07-09.pdf

NEW RESOURCES

1. Conf Call Podcast: Students' Role in Adopting a Sustainability Policy at U Colorado

AASHE has posted a podcast of "The Students' Role in Adopting a System-Wide Sustainability Policy at University of Colorado," a recent conference call held on the organization's Open Space Conference Call Line. The conversation, led by student leaders on all four CU campuses, focuses on how individual student governments can affect campus sustainability policy and what policies would help the CU campuses achieve strong sustainability goals best. <http://www.aashe.org/user/login?destination=resources/open-space-conference-calls/materials>

2. Sustainability Education and Curriculum Resource Center



Creative Change Educational Solutions has announced the opening of its Curriculum and Resource Center (CRC). The CRC is an online curriculum library that provides educators (K12, college, and adult) access to a curriculum

portfolio on a subscription basis. The materials in the CRC address sustainability topics such as food systems, land use/sustainable communities, brownfields redevelopment, green design, renewable energy, environmental justice, and ecological economics. The site also offers a searchable interface that allows subscribers to select and download materials by grade level, discipline, topic, and more. The CRC also provides access to completely developed units to integrate into courses. <http://www.creativechange.net/>

3. Interview with Owner of Duke U's Green Campus Cafe

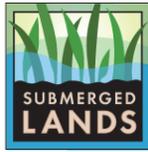
National Wildlife Federation Campus Ecology has posted an interview with Laura Hall, the owner and operator of the Refectory, a café that serves local and sustainable foods at Duke University (NC). In the interview, Hall discusses how the café was opened; how the Refectory has been able to source produce, meat, and eggs from 30 local farms, all within 150 miles; and how the campus eatery uses food from the on-campus garden. <http://www.nwf.org/campusEcology/climateedu/articleView.cfm?iArticleID=93>

EVENTS & CONFERENCES

1. Webinar--Climate Action Planning: Setting Bold and Achievable Targets and Timetables Tuesday September 1 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

The logo for Clean Air - Cool Planet features the words "CLEAN AIR" in green, all-caps, sans-serif font on the left, and "COOL PLANET" in green, all-caps, sans-serif font on the right. A stylized globe icon is positioned between the two phrases. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the upper right of the word "PLANET".
You've committed to ambitious greenhouse gas management; now how quickly can or should you fulfill the letter of those commitments? How do you find a balance between leadership and pragmatism in setting "hard" quantitative targets and dates? Join us for a lively discussion amongst people who have been in your shoes, come up with the best solution for their campuses, and created models for campus climate action leadership in the process. Jack Byrne: Director of Sustainability Integration, Middlebury College Keri Enright-Kato: Sustainability Project Manager, Yale University. Facilitator: Claire Roby, CA-CP Carbon Accounting Coordinator. Register here: http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/Webinar_Registration. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

2. 28th Annual International Submerged Lands Management Conference Webinar Series Sept - Nov 2009



International Submerged Lands Management Conference

Overview: The 28th International Submerged Lands Management Conference will hold a webinar series in the fall of 2009. Hosted by the Florida's coastal management program, the series will consist of 6 sessions. Starting in

September, a webinar session will convene bimonthly.

Audience: Coastal/natural resource managers, attorneys, consultants, academics and other professionals with particular expertise or experience related to some aspect of submerged lands, whether government, business, or the non-profit community.

Session Topics and Registration - Note that you must register for each session individually.

Emerging Policies and Plans for Offshore Energy Development

September 10, 3 P.M. Eastern

Register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/601860562>

Session Chair: Becky Pearson, Great Lakes Commission, bpearson@glc.org

Florida-licensed attorneys can receive two hours of CLE credit for attending this session (Course No. 76289)

Public Trust

September 24, 3 P.M. Eastern

Register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/782327083>

Session Chair: Kelly Samek, Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection, Kelly.samek@dep.state.fl.us

Working Waterfronts

October 8, 3 P.M. Eastern

Register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/955969675>

Session Chair: Dorina Frizzera, New Jersey Dept. of Environment Protection, Dorina.Frizzera@dep.state.nj.us

Water Dependency

October 22, 3 P.M. Eastern

Register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/618442579>

Session Chair: Jay Udelhoven, The Nature Conservancy, judelhoven@tnc.org

Wetlands Restoration/Climate Change Adaptation

November 5, 3 P.M. Eastern

Register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/229306274>

Session Chair: Dorina Frizzera, New Jersey Dept. of Environment Protection, Dorina.Frizzera@dep.state.nj.us

Marine Spatial Planning

November 19, 3 P.M. Eastern

Register at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/968181530>

Session Chair: David Stein, NOAA Coastal Services Center, Dave.Stein@noaa.gov

More Information

Visit www.submergedlandsconference.com for more information as it develops. For more information, contact: Kelly Samek, Florida Department of Environmental Protection at Kelly.Samek@dep.state.fl.us

3. 2009 Annual Meeting for the U.S. Great Lakes Areas of Concern Program, Milwaukee-- October 1-2, 2009

Implementing Restoration Targets and Achieving On-The-Ground Results for the Great Lakes

The AOC conference will be held in conjunction with the State of Lake Michigan conference being held Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the same location (<http://www.aqua.wisc.edu/solm/>).

Conference Overview

The annual meeting for the U.S. Areas of Concern (AOC) program will convene participants from the 30 U.S. AOCs to review recent developments affecting the program; discuss approaches for implementing delisting targets; build capacity to implement on-the-ground restoration actions; identify opportunities to address AOC restoration priorities under President Obama's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; improve linkages between the AOCs, Lakewide Management Plans (LaMPs) and other programs; and consider actions that will strengthen the regional U.S. AOC program. <http://www.glc.org/rap/aocconference.html>

4. Pre-Conf Workshop: How Higher Education Can Lead Restoration

October 15, 2009; 9am – 5pm Pacific; San Francisco, CA

Second Nature, AASHE, and the California Student Sustainability Coalition will host "Education for Action in the Age of Climate Change: How Higher Education Can Lead Restoration In and Out of the Classroom," a pre-conference workshop at Bioneers 2009. The workshop, which is designed for students, faculty, staff, administrators, and the general public, will challenge participants to rethink the purpose of formal education related to solving the complex problems we face, while demonstrating breakthrough examples of leadership and successful innovations. Keynote speakers will include David Orr, leading environmental educator and Bioneers board member; Anthony Cortese, founder and President of Second Nature; and Julian Keniry, Senior Director of Campus and Community Leadership for the National Wildlife Federation. <http://www.bioneers.org/conference/sessions-events/how-higher-education-can-lead-restoration-in-and-out-of-the-classroom>

5. Join Island Press webinar with Robert Glennon on water issues! on Thursday, September 3

Most Americans are used to a plentiful supply of clean water--from the tap, in bottles, for washing machines. They are unaware that there is a limited amount of water we can draw from the well, even as droughts plague Southern California, Atlanta faces new restrictions on water from Lake Lanier, and ethanol production parches the country in the name of renewable energy. Luckily, Robert Glennon is a rare voice of reason on this often-overlooked issue. As an author and Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy in the Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona, Robert has proven himself a provocative, pragmatic thinker on the nation's impending water shortfall.

Following his appearance on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* and recent op-ed in the Washington Post, Robert Glennon will be the presenter at the next Island Press webinar on Thursday, September 3. He will discuss his latest book, *Unquenchable*, his solutions to avoid the coming water shortage, and will take questions from the audience. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the foremost experts on water issues, and learn what you can do to keep this crisis from becoming a catastrophe.

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[Sign up now! http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/334896507](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/334896507)

6. 2009 Clean Water Conference October 2-3, 2009

Fresh ideas for fishable, swimmable water
Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center
22300 State Park Road 20
Mt. Sterling, OH, 43143

<http://www.theoec.org/>



7. Lake Michigan: State of the Lake & Great Lakes Beach Assoc. Joint Conf. Sept 29 – Oct 1 Milwaukee

The conference convenes scientists, resource managers, local officials and interest groups to assess current conditions and progress toward improving the Lake and Great Lakes beaches. The information presented is used to revise the Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP), improve lake and beach management and protect public health. The conference is also an excellent way to improve regional coordination and share successes,

challenges and new ideas. For the program overview and online registration, visit the conference web site <http://www.aqua.wisc.edu/solm> Register by September 14 to receive the early registration discount.

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<http://www.aqua.wisc.edu/solm/>

9. Upper Midwest Green Schools Conference at Northland College, Ashland, WI 2009, Oct 16 and 17



Join educators, environmentalists, school officials, parents and young people, public policy leaders, community citizens, and college faculty and students in conversations about: nature as our teacher, creating green charter schools, critical environmental issues, schooling for sustainability, technological innovations and anywhere, anytime learning, preparation of educators for innovative new project-based schools, green school facilities and eco-friendly practices, and creating the capacity for change.

REGISTRATION RATES Conference Only on Saturday (10/17) -- \$65

Pre-Conference Event on Friday (10/16) --- \$10 Student

(Conference & Pre-Conference) --- \$20

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[Upper Great Lakes water levels inch higher](#)

The Detroit News (8/14)

The water levels of Lakes Superior and St. Clair crept upward by 1-2 inches over the past month, and lakes Michigan and Huron held steady, according to a report issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The levels of lakes Erie and Ontario dropped by 2 inches between July 14 and Aug. 14.

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20090814/METRO/908140391/1361/Upper-Great-Lakes-water-levels-inch-higher>