



Check out these Sustainability related events happening on Campus this Fall!

Film Screening and Q & A Session with Sut Jhally, 9/27

Environmental Performance Advisory Committee (EPAC) September Meeting, 9/28

Permaculture Garden Dedication Ceremony, 9/29

Student Farmer's Market, Every Friday until 11/18 in the Campus Center

NESEA Green Buildings Open House, 10/1

Journalism, The Environment and The Future, a presentation by Peter Thomson '85, 10/6

Green Building Lecture Series, 9/27, 10/18, 10/28, 11/10, 11/15

UMass Libraries Sustainability Resources Faculty Workshop 10/26, Library rm. 2601

4th Annual Clean Energy Connections Conference, 11/2

UMass Amherst Earns AASHE Gold Rating

The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS) is a transparent, self-reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. STARS® was developed by [AASHE](#) with broad participation from the higher education community.

STARS is designed to:

- Provide a framework for understanding sustainability in all sectors of higher education.
- Enable meaningful comparisons over

time and across institutions using a common set of measurements developed with broad participation from the campus sustainability community.

- Create incentives for continual improvement toward sustainability.
- Facilitate information sharing about higher education sustainability practices and performance.
- Build a stronger, more diverse campus sustainability community.



The assessment is completed every 3 years and the most recent report was submitted in early August. UMass Amherst is proud to be recognized as an AASHE Gold rated Institution. To view the UMass report, [click here](#).



Sustainable Move-In Sets Example For Freshman

This year, freshman move in has been completely re-organized. In collaboration with the Office of Waste Management, the Campus Sustainability Initiative has also introduced a new feature.

Corrals for the responsible disposal of cardboard—whether used to transport clothing or ensure the safety of a new television—are situated throughout residential areas. The corrals are in place to encourage new students to recycle

when possible, and to understand the importance of such practices to the UMass community.

Students are also able to see how much material is diverted from the waste stream.



Sustainability Manager Ezra Small Brings Talents to UMass

Ezra Small, the new Sustainability Manager at the University of Massachusetts, is a western Massachusetts native, a UMass, Amherst alum (07G), and has just relocated from Philadelphia, PA where he was working with the Delaware Valley Green Building Council. Ezra will be fostering a culture of sustainability by coordinating efforts for the UMass Sustainability Initiative. He will

chair the Chancellor's Environmental Performance Advisory Committee (EPAC) and work on many other projects, including an effort to increase campus recycling rates and a Green Office program.

Ezra hopes to increase the visibility of sustainability on campus and engage the University population in an informative way. He'd like to see sustainability incorpo-

rated into the university's undergraduate curriculum and will collaborate with active committees working on food systems, transportation and green building projects.

The Sustainability Manager can be reached at:

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Ezra's office is located at the Physical Plant, 360 Campus Center Way.

Looking for a sustainability related class to take? Check out the Climate Impacts in New England Seminar: Climate Change and the Urban Environment

Presented by the Civil & Environmental Engineering & Geosciences Departments

Click [here](#) for more information!

Blind Spot Film Screening and Q&A with MEF Founder Sut Jhally

Peak oil, climate change and the environmental impact of human behavior are constantly debated phenomena in today's cultural sphere. A film produced by Northampton's Media Education Foundation (MEF), *Blind Spot: Peak Oil and The Coming Global Crisis*,

explores the inextricable link between the energy we use, the way we run our economy, and the multiplying threats that now confront the environmental health and stability of our planet.

Students are invited to a screening of the film fol-

lowed by an opportunity for discussion with Sut Jhally, UMass Professor of Communication and MEF founder.

The event will take place in the Reading Room of the Campus Center on September 27th from 6-9 p.m.



UMass Auxiliary and Dining Services currently use 27% local produce and aim to increase that figure by 2% annually.

Permaculture Garden Dedication Ceremony Welcomes Francis Moore Lappé To UMass Amherst , 9/29

On **Thursday, September 29**, internationally acclaimed author, anti-hunger activist and food policy reformer Francis Moore Lappé, best known for her 1970s book, "Diet for a Small Planet," will be the keynote speaker at the Franklin Permaculture Garden at UMass

Amherst. Students and administrators will dedicate the campus's permaculture garden and celebrate the UMass Amherst Permaculture Initiative's first harvest.

Lappé is a co-founder of three national organizations including the Small Planet Institute of Cambridge,

Mass., that look for solutions to world hunger, poverty and environmental issues.

Other speakers will include Chancellor Robert C. Holub, the executive director of Auxiliary Services, Ken Toong, and the chief sustainability specialist of Auxiliary Services, Ryan Harb.



The SGA Office is located in room 420 on the second floor of the student union.

Masters In Sustainability Science Begins this Fall

In the United States and across the globe, there is a growing need for professionals with extensive knowledge of sustainability related concepts. UMass Amherst has recognized this need, and in response has created a dynamic program to prepare students for this growing job market.

The educational goal of the program is to help students understand sus-

tainability as a systems problem, not merely individual elements. It is an accelerated, one-year program that begins with core classes addressing topics including economic, social, environmental and political sustainability.

After the core requirements have been satisfied, students choose an individual concentration to focus on. Concentra-

tions include Water Sustainability, Sustainable Food & Agriculture, Environmental Quality and Sustainable Urban Systems. Two elective courses from an alternate concentration are required to complete the program, in addition to a 4-credit internship in the field.

The first cohort of students are enrolled to begin this Fall.

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UMass Amherst Campus Bike Share Program Gears Up

Beginning in the fall of 2011, UMass Students will have free, daily access to a bike, lock and helmet.

The Bike Share program will be managed by the Student Government Association and has received support from the

Physical Plant. Located in the Student Union, the SGA office will be the location for the bike check-out system, free of charge with a UCard.

25 bikes have been purchased from Worksman Cycles, an American company with a factory in

New York that uses a solar arrangement for 25% of its electricity.

Bikes will be housed outside the student union secured to a dedicated covered bike rack.



The Eco-Reps are “Making Sustainability Sexy” at UMass.

Eco-Rep Program Welcomes New Eco-Reps!

This summer, Eco-Rep program manager Julie Kadlik has been working hard to revamp and re-energize the Eco-Rep Program for the coming year.

“I think the program will be engaging, educational and a great opportunity

for first year students to get involved at UMass,” Kadlik said.

Any undergraduate living on-campus is invited to apply to become an Eco-Rep for the 2011-2012 school year. Participants receive 2 weighted credits.

Applications were accepted between September 6th and September 19th for the new class of Eco-Reps.

Watch out for Eco-Rep sponsored events and information throughout the residential areas!