

Villanova University Earth Day Celebration

April 21-25, 2015

The Villanova Community will celebrate the 45th Earth Day with following events that are free and open to the Villanova community.

Tuesday April 21

6:00 p.m. **“Conflict Free Minerals”**
Driscoll 132 **Carolyn Duran, Intel Corporation**

Carolyn Duran is the conflict minerals program manager and supply chain director at Intel Corporation. Within her role, Carolyn oversees Intel’s conflict-free work, including the company’s recent milestone that it is now manufacturing and shipping conflict-free microprocessors. To date, her team has met with more than 85 smelters in 21 countries to develop an effective supply chain audit process. This process has in turn paved the way for the global Conflict-Free Sourcing Initiative.

Wednesday April 22

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Sustainability Fair and Farmers’ Market**
Connelly Center Plaza (outdoors) & Lower Level Connelly Center (indoors)

The Farmers’ Market is expanding and moving up to the Connelly Plaza this year! Dining Services has arranged an offering of locally grown produce along with breads, meats, beverages and other products. Cash, Novabucks, and credit cards accepted. Free samples and raffle prizes are available! Eco-vendors, student environmental organizations, information about campus environmental initiatives and Green Jobs, alternative energy companies, raffles, green-tours of campus, T-shirt tie-dyeing, and other displays will take place in the bottom floor of Connelly Center. In addition, students in Introduction to Environmental Science course will display the results of their semester-long research projects.

5:00 p.m. **Earth Day Keynote Address – Dr. Ben Horton,
Dr. Paul Rosier, and Dr. Susan Stein**
“The Politicization of Climate Change”

Connelly Cinema – ACS Approved Event

Dr. Ben Horton is a world renowned geologist whose research focuses on understanding how sea-levels have changed in the past, and the factors that will determine future changes in sea-level. He is a professor at Rutgers University, he has published well over 100 scientific articles, and he is a contributing author to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), among many other achievements. Dr. Horton will be joined by Dr. Paul Rosier from Villanova University Department of History with expertise in environmental history, and Dr. Susan Stein, an expert on the public perception of science and science journalism from Drexel University. Dr. Horton will briefly outline his research on sea-level rise and the process of conducting science, and then the panel will discuss how climate change science has been politicized, the important role that science plays in society, and public perceptions of climate change and science in general.

Thursday April 23

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Panel Discussion on Solutions to Climate Change**
Falvey Library Speaker’s Corner – ACS Approved Event

Join a panel of experts in a discussion focused on solutions to climate change. Panelists whose careers are focused on working towards a solution to some aspect of climate change will discuss the work they do. The challenges and opportunities of addressing climate change will be addressed. Questions and debate between panelists and the audience is encouraged. Continental breakfast provided.

Saturday April 25

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Earth Day of Service**

Join students eager to put their interests in the Earth, sustainability, and social justice into action with a morning of environmental/community service. Contact Alyssa Suhm (asuhm@villanova.edu) to get involved or for more information.

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Earth Day Student BBQ**

Celebrate Earth Day with BBQ! The Student Committee of the President’s Environmental Sustainability Committee will host a grill-out.

Many thanks to the following co-sponsors: The Office of the President, The College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, The President’s Environmental Sustainability Committee, Falvey Library, Dining Services, the Ethics Program, Villanova Center for Liberal Education, the Villanova Center for Energy and Environmental Education, the Villanova Center for Global Leadership, the Villanova Center for the Advancement of Sustainability in Engineering, the Center for Peace and Justice Education, Maintenance and Grounds, and the departments of Geography and the Environment, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and History.

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