Emory’s 9th Annual

Green Networking Night

GUEST DIRECTORY

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

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Tips for Making the Most of GREEN NETWORKING NIGHT

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1. **Emory University is known annually to be one of the “greenest” universities in the country.** Few schools offer an event of this scope for students to explore the environmental and sustainability career sector. Whether you’re an Environmental Sciences major - or studying in business, law, public health or the arts and sciences - many of us share the same desire for meaningful work that makes an impact locally or globally. Tonight, 65+ professionals are coming to Emory - make arrangements to be there for all or part of this annual event. If you like what you see, face-to-face connections have a greater likelihood of extending into the future - towards internships, volunteer work, jobs or gap year experiences... these conversations can inform your next steps **whether you decide to stay in Atlanta or go elsewhere!**

2. **Take time to review this Guest Directory before coming.** Networking at a mixer is less overwhelming when you have a gameplan for who you want to find and talk to before you arrive. Some of our guests are Emory alumni - designated by graduation year and school (ie. C-Emory College, OX-Oxford, B-Business, L-Law, T-Theology, PH-Public Health, G-Graduate School of Arts & Sciences).

3. **It’s a “mixer” - guests won’t be standing behind tables,** they’ll be mingling with you and your peers, making conversations less intimidating and more enjoyable. Find them near ballroom signposts that align with the **first letter of their LAST name.**

4. **Take an interest in the “Green” professional you are meeting** before asking them about opportunities. If you want to form connections that feel authentic, it starts by valuing who people are - rather than simply what they can do for you.

5. **You don’t need to bring a resume.** If you want to follow up with one of our guests to explore an opportunity to get involved, simply ask them for a business card - you can follow up with a timely thank you note and a resume the next day.

6. **How do I introduce myself?** Smile and make eye contact. Offer a firm handshake. Share your name and the a few things your listener might like to know about you. That might be your hometown, major/year in school, part of their role that resonates with your interests and values, or a key influence in your own life that is leading you in a similar direction.

7. **I’ve introduced myself. What next?** Listening is one of the best ways to engage. Questions might relate the to the person, or their organization. Try one of the following: What is an average day like in your role? What do you find most challenging/rewarding about this work? Can you describe one of your favorite projects? What attracted you to work for this organization? How would you describe the people and culture? What opportunities exist for someone with my interests and strengths?

8. **Conversation doesn’t have to be competitive.** If a professional is already talking to some of your peers, don’t be afraid to join in. It’s not practical to wait in a single-file line to talk with every guest at a party or an event - that’s why people naturally form semi-circles, or clusters. This saves a guest from having to repeat information - but also reflects your own ability to listen and communicate with others effectively in a group. Position yourself by finding a comfortable space in the semicircle, then make friendly eye contact with others and begin by simply listening and attempting to learn what is being shared in the discussion.

9. **Await a verbal or nonverbal cue to join in** - then extend a handshake to the professional and make your introduction (see #6 and #7 above). Your peers will appreciate knowing who you are - so speak loudly enough for all to hear. Refrain from asking multiple questions at once. This gives everyone a turn, and others may have questions that are similar to your own. Another way to share the conversation is by making room in the circle when you see someone wanting to join in!

10. **Keep an open mind.** A guest who is standing alone might appreciate you taking the initiative to say hello. You might walk over and thank them for coming to Emory - and you will often be pleasantly surprised to learn what you share in common.

11. **Stretch your comfort zone.** While networking can be uncomfortable at first, it gets easier the more you do it! Don’t spend all of your time talking to one person - set a goal to speak with 3-5 people in order to hear about other unique contributions. Transitioning from one conversation to the next doesn’t have to be awkward - here are the steps: 1) thank the person you’re speaking to; 2) if you intend to follow up after the event, never be afraid to ask for their business card; 3) offer a firm handshake with good eye contact and a smile; and then, 4) politely make your exit.

12. **Should I follow up with people I spoke to at the event?** Yes. Develop a habit of sending a thank you note no later than the next day to create a timely and lasting impression. **Tonight is only the beginning...building relationships takes follow up and initiative.** For more advice about how to stay connected, schedule an appointment at The Career Center at 404-727-6211.

*Require a disability-related accommodation to participate? Please email pbredde@emory.edu to make arrangements.*
## Guests by Area(s) of Focus

### Advocacy
- Blair; Burgener; Doucette; Eldridge; Garcia; Goldstein; Hairston; G. Harris; Jalal; Jih; Johnston; King; Koti; Nkromo; Sattler; Schroeder; Spicer; Totten; Weisinger; Williams; Worley; Zern

### Agriculture/Sustainable Food
- R. Baird; Berney; Bok; Burgener; Costa; Cumbie-Drake; Fowler; Garcia; B. Harris; G. Harris; Hays; Jalal; Johnston; King; Nkromo; Sela; Spicer; Stevens; Weisinger; Winfrey

### Air/Water Quality
- Blair; Burch; Dickerson; Eccles; Garcia; Hays; Hunter; Johnston; Peterson; Roberts; Schroeder; Schwartz; Spicer; Stevens; Totten; Weisinger; Zern

### Architecture
- C. Baird; Frazier; Johnston; Kingsley; Koti; Reed; Seville; Totten

### Clean Energy/Solar
- Burgener; Coker; Ganzert; Garcia; G. Harris; Johnston; Koti; Peterson; Reed; Sadler; Spicer; Stevens; Weisinger; Zern

### Cleanup/Revitalization
- Doucette; Eccles; Jih; Schroeder; Schwartz; Sela; Spicer; Williams; Winfrey

### Communications/Media
- Blair; Bowers; Burt; Costa; Eccles; Fowler; Ganzert; Garcia; Hairston; Johnston; Koti; Schroeder; Sela; Spicer; Stevens; Winfrey

### Community Building/Outreach
- Baltzell; Berney; Black; Burgener; Burke; Eccles; Eldridge; Garcia; Hensley; Jih; Reed; Schroeder; Schwartz; Sela; Spicer; Vickery; Weisinger; Worley; Warren

### Compliance/Permitting
- Burch; Fry; Garcia; Peterson; Stevens; Vickery; Zern

### Conservation/Wildlife
- C. Baird; R. Baird; Baltzell; Dickerson; Eccles; Eldridge; Garcia; Hensley; Jih; Reed; Schroeder; Schwartz; Sela; Still; Totten; Weisinger; Williams; Worley; Zern

### Corporate Sustainability/Social Responsibility
- Burgener; Burt; Costa; Fry; Ganzert; G. Harris; Hays; Howlett; Longhofer; Peterson; Reed; Sadler; Sela; Shepard; Still; Totten; Weisinger; Winfrey; Worley

### Economic Development
- C. Baird; R. Baird; Burgener; Doucette; Garcia; Hairston; G. Harris; Jalal; Johnston; Koti; Nkromo; Spicer; Totten; Towe; Worley; Warren

### Engineering
- R. Baird; Coker; Harris; Zern

### Environmental Consulting
- Baltzell; Bok; Burgener; Cumbie-Drake; Dickerson; Garcia; G. Harris; Hairwell; Hays; Jih; King; Nkromo; Peterson; Reed; Sela; Shepard; Still; Vickery; Weisinger; Zern

### Environmental Education
- Baltzell; Black; Bok; Burgener; Cumbie-Drake; Dickerson; Garcia; G. Harris; Hairwell; Hays; King; Schroeder; Schwartz; Seville; Spicer; Stevens; Warren

### Environmental Law
- Eldridge; Goldstein; Sturm

### Event Planning/Fundraising
- Baltzell; Berney; Bowers; Eccles; Fowler; Ganzert; Hairston; Hays; Jih; Johnston; Nkromo; Schroeder; Sela; Spicer; Stevens; Wintraub; Weisinger

### Facilities Management
- Costa; Frazier; Peterson; Spicer; Stevens; Totten; Weisinger; Winfrey; Zern

### Finance/Accounting
- C. Baird; Burgener; Sadler

### Government
- Ganzert; Garcia; Hairwell; Hays; Hunter; Jih; King; Roberts; Sattler; Stevens; Tyger; Vickery; Warren

### International
- Burgener; Fowler; Ganzert; B. Harris; Hairwell; King; Longhofer

### LEED Building
- Frazier; Garcia; Hays; Koti; Mitchell; Peterson; Reed; Schwartz; Seville; Shepard; Stevens; Totten; Weisinger

### Marketing
- Bowers; Burt; Coker; Costa; Eccles; Hairston; Johnston; Nkromo; Schroeder; Sela; Shepard; Sun; Wintraub; Winfrey

### Policy
- Garcia; Goldstein; Hairston; G. Harris; Longhofer; Nkromo; Peterson; Sattler; Vickery; Warren; Weisinger; Worley

### Public Health
- Berney; Dickerson; G. Harris; Hays; Hunter; Roberts; Spicer; Warren; Winfrey

### Research
- Coker; Garcia; G. Harris; Hensley; Hunter; Jih; Koti; Longhofer; Spicer; Tyger; Warren

### Resource Management
- C. Baird; Burgener; Sattler; Schwartz; Spicer; Stevens; Vickery

### Sales/Technology
- Burt; Costa

### Social Enterprise
- Burgener; B. Harris; G. Harris; Jalal; Koti; Longhofer; Nkromo

### Transportation
- R. Baird; Blair; Burch; Burke; Garcia; G. Harris; Jih; Peterson; Sattler; Spicer; Stevens; Vickery; Weisinger

### Urban Planning
- Burke; Eldridge; G. Harris; Jalal; Johnston; Nkromo; Schroeder; Schwartz; Stevens; Totten; Tyger; Warren

### Waste/Recycling
- Burgener; Burt; Costa; Cumbie-Drake; Eccles; Garcia; G. Harris; Mitchell; Peterson; Schwartz; Sela; Spicer; Stevens; Towe; Wintraub; Weisinger; Winfrey; Zern
**WHERE TO FIND ME:**

**RACHEL BAIRD** is a Supply Chain Engineer at Serta Simmons Bedding LLC. Previously she worked for UPS with enterprise companies all over the country to improve their supply chain design, allowing them to cut costs and reduce their carbon emissions—all while improving efficiency and broadening their networks. She is also the founder of the sustainable living/travel blog, Life Devoured. She lives with her husband, Charley, and French Bulldog, Louis, in Vinings. Most weekends you can find them all hiking at Whitewater Creek Trail or canoeing down the Chattahoochee River or fly fishing. Rachel holds a bachelor’s from Florida State and a Master’s in Transportation Planning and Land Use from Georgia Tech.

**CHARLES BAIRD** is a licensed CPA (Certified Public Accountant) in the state of Georgia and serves as Accounting Manager at Storage Post. Charles is a graduate of Kennesaw State University and holds degrees in both accounting and psychology. He has worked in public accounting and private industry with specific area expertise in real estate. In the private sector, Charles has worked for a Multi-Family Developer (Wood Partners) and currently works at Storage Post—a property management company in the self-storage arena. Charles is particularly interested in emerging trends in accounting where sustainability is taken into account along with traditional costs.

**KATE BALZELL** is Executive Director of Woodlands Garden, where she wears many hats. She oversees day-to-day operations at the Garden; leads the fundraising arm through grant writing and special events; and, coordinates community outreach, along with marketing and educational programs. Woodlands Garden works to preserve a woodland garden as an urban sanctuary to educate and engage the community in the natural world. Though Woodlands is a small nonprofit with two staff persons, it offers a variety of programs for the public and remains open year round with a unique horticulture collection highlighting plants native to the Georgia Piedmont region. The 7.1 acres hosts family friendly events throughout the year including a focus on local musicians. Visitors are encouraged to come to the Garden in any season, any day of the week, to learn and explore this hidden gem of Decatur.

**SARA BERNEY** (10C) is the first full-time Executive Director of Wholesome Wave Georgia, a nonprofit organization working to increase access to and affordability of nutritious, local foods for Georgians living at or below 130% of the poverty line. Prior to this role, Sara worked as a Public Health Consultant for Deloitte LLC, supporting clients at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and public health nonprofits including the Flour Fortification Initiative. Prior to joining Deloitte, Sara served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Peru where she worked side by side community health promoters and youth health educators to implement Healthy Homes and Schools programs, impacting over 40 families and students in five primary schools. Sara earned her Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, in African Studies and Sociology from Emory University, and is a graduate of Atlanta Regional Commission’s Regional Leadership Institute. When she isn’t working, Sara can be found ravenously reading, riding her bike around town, and in deep conversations with friends and family.

**DR. MICHAEL BLACK** is the Faculty Associate in Georgia State University’s Sustainability Office where he teaches courses in Sustainability and Neuroscience. In this role, he has written successful grants, helped develop a bike plan and new sustainability curricula for GSU campus, hosted a Sustainability Forum seminar series, and co-led a Faculty Sustainability in the Curriculum workshop. GSU awarded Michael a Sparks Award and the student newspaper named him Faculty of the Year for his sustainability efforts on campus. He currently serves as the faculty advisor for Atlanta Herpetology Club, Tree Campus at GSU, and Sustainable Energy Tribe (SET), the largest student environmental group on GSU campus. SET was able to pass a student sustainability fee at GSU with the help of Dr. Black, other environmental organizations on campus, and the GSU student government. Michael helped organize the Atlanta People’s Climate March last year and this year and serves as the founding board member of the Georgia State University Sustainability Office.
ANNE BLAIR is the Program Director for Southern Alliance for Clean Energy’s (SACE) clean fuels programs and serves as SACE’s Georgia state liaison. Since 2003, Anne has been engaged in policy analysis, outreach and research on both state and federal levels, with an emphasis on clean transportation technologies and bioenergy. Recent work has focused on black carbon reduction, electric vehicles expansion, and cleaner fuels. She is engaged in regulatory proceedings at the state level on issues related to renewable energy and has testified on transportation issues in numerous regulatory forums throughout the Southeast. She is a member of the Mothers & Others for Clean Air Leadership Board, the Green-E Governance Board, and the EarthShare of Georgia Board of Directors. She is a graduate of the Environmental Leadership Institute. Her previous roles have included working for River Network in Washington, D.C., The Fund for Public Interest Research Group, and as an AmeriCorps volunteer with the National Park Service. She graduated with a B.A in Biology from Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in Lynchburg, VA and is a Master of Environmental Law & Policy (MELP) candidate at Vermont Law School.

ABBY BOK (17T) is the Living Green Graduate Fellow within Emory’s division of Residence Life. A graduate of Hope College with a major in International Relations, Abby focuses her work around feeding local communities. Before enrolling at the Candler School of Theology, Abby was the manager of a large Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) organic farm for three years. Through working in the local agriculture movement, Abby developed skills in organic vegetable production, marketing, small business, healthy food systems, and collaboration. Today she is a second year student at the Candler School of Theology as well as the Living Green Graduate Fellow. She uses her knowledge and passion for healthy food to promote sustainability around the campus and hopes to ignite a passion for sustainability in all students. Abby is currently the seminarian at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church and hopes to be ordained. Abby uses her passion for sustainability to help religious communities develop ethereal practices towards the care of our earth.

ADAM BOWERS is Director of Marketing - Brand for Urjanet, providing strategic direction for the brand and communications function. Urjanet’s mission is to provide the world with easy access to automated utility data. Our cloud-based platform connects directly to utilities to seamlessly acquire and normalize disparate utility bill and interval data. The processed data is delivered directly to industry-leading business applications. Adam’s professional interests include marketing management, strategic brand-building, startups, website design and SEO, PR, social media, event planning, video production, copywriting, and design. Prior to joining Urjanet, Adam was an early employee at EndoChoice, a medtech company serving GI caregivers, prior to its IPO in 2015. Adam holds a B.A. from Grand Valley State University and an M.Div. from Princeton.

T. MAX BURCH (13OX, 15C) is a GIS/GPS Technician at Arcadis, an international environmental, engineering, and infrastructure consultancy firm. Max specializes in mapping and monitoring of stormwater systems for illicit discharges, preforming in-situ sampling and parameter testing, and determining the source of illicit discharges. Before joining Arcadis, Max worked as an environmental compliance biologist for bridge demolition project over the Flint River. In this role he performed site impact assessment and habitat monitoring around the demolition site and ensured compliance with federal and state laws regarding protected species. He graduated from Emory in 2015 with a B.S. in Environmental Sciences.

BERNIE BURGENER is a PhD Economist by education and a Sustainability Consultant by avocation. A member of the Green Chamber of the South, Bernie leads the Greenhouse Accelerator, which strives to create green jobs through the support of early-stage green startups and sustainability initiatives within existing companies. Early in his career, Bernie helped fund and grow (in both financial and consulting roles) businesses in South America, working for a private investment company out of Lima, Peru. He then worked for more than 20 years with a water treatment company in Atlanta, leading its international business development through strategic planning, identifying, negotiating and executing acquisitions, and managing key raw material contracts.

KEVIN BURKE has been the Senior Landscape Architect for Atlanta BeltLine Inc. since early 2009, and has thirty-four years of professional experience on a range of institutional, roadway, college and university, residential, and park projects. He oversees most day-to-day design and construction efforts for all public open spaces of the project. Currently, he is the Construction Manager for the 3 mile Westside Trail and will sit 2nd chair on the 1.5 mile extension of the widely popular Eastside Trail. He was the lead organizer of ABI’s Annual Organic Land Care Symposium which sought to inform the public and practitioners about the path towards a more sustainable way of maintaining our public spaces. Mr. Burke has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Utah State University and is a NOFA (Northeast Organic Farming Association) Accredited Organic Land Care Professional.

LUCY BURT is the Marketing Coordinator at Rubicon Global, the worldwide leader in sustainable, cloud-based waste and recycling solutions. She supports sales enablement and aspects of brand management and business and assists in demand generation through email marketing for Rubicon’s small and mid-sized business segment. Prior to joining Rubicon, Lucy was the Logistics Intern for the ethically sourced fashion label Nisolo, which enabled Peruvian shoemakers to gain access to the global market and earn fair compensation. Lucy graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2016 with a B.S. in Supply Chain Management and International Business.

ANTHONY COKER is VP of Market Development at Hannah Solar, where he is responsible for utilities, national accounts and market development. With over 30 years of experience, he has provided engineered solutions to international clients around the globe. In 2013, he was elected to serve on the Board of Directors and is currently an officer of the Green Chamber of the South; and in 2012, he served as Chairman of the Board for the Georgia Solar Energy Association. From 2009-2015 he served as founding member and on the Board as Vice-Chairman.
Leila Costa (10C) is the Sustainability Architect for Sodexo Universities, North America. Sodexo’s mission is to improve the Quality of Life of all those we serve and to contribute to the economic, social and environmental development of the cities, regions and countries where we operate. Leila designs and pilots new sustainability offers, while also supporting existing sustainability initiatives to continuously improve the Better Tomorrow Plan, Sodexo’s sustainability plan launched in 2009. Leila graduated with a degree in Environmental Sciences from Emory in 2010 before attending Yale, where she became Sustainability Food System Manager at Yale Dining and formed a regional, sustainable purchasing group of college dining services. Leila has consulted on sustainability projects for The Dannon Company and Chipotle. She received her Master of Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. As a result of her experience, Leila has successfully developed green products, sustainable purchasing criteria, energy management programs, local purchasing initiatives, zero waste programs, environmental impact analyses, and green marketing campaigns.

Emily Cumbie-Drake (10C) is the Farm to School Director at Georgia Organics. In this role, Emily facilitates partnerships across Georgia to support and develop farm to school initiatives, conducts farm to school trainings, and oversees the FoodCorps service program in Georgia. Originally from Des Moines, Iowa, Emily came to Georgia to study at Emory University. She graduated summa cum laude from Emory in 2010 with a B.A. in Anthropology and minor in Global Health, Culture, and Society. Since graduation, Emily spent a year studying in Scotland as a Bobby Jones Scholar; volunteered on farms throughout Europe, was an education volunteer at the Heifer Ranch in Arkansas, worked for nearly three years as the Sustainability Programs Coordinator at Emory’s Office of Sustainability Initiatives, and most recently worked as the Farm to School Coordinator at Georgia Organics. In her free time, Emily enjoys exploring Georgia’s mountains and coast and everything in between, bike riding, cooking delicious local vegetables, and hula hooping.

Eli Dickerson is the Ecologist and “chief tree hugger” at Fernbank Museum of Natural History where he manages the 65 acre, old-growth Fernbank Forest. He also manages the Atlanta Champion Tree Program through Trees Atlanta. Prior to his current role, Eli was an environmental educator, and developed the UrbanWatch Restoration program at the museum, bringing underserved youth to Fernbank Forest for a unique full day experience including active forest restoration (service learning). This program is ecology themed and encourages stewardship in middle and high school students. Eli has also served as Director of Education at Piedmont Park Conservancy and Events and Donor Relations Coordinator at Trees Atlanta. His restoration ecology and environmental education experience began, however, during a 2 year position with the National Park Service in Southern California from 2003-2005. Through his career at Fernbank Museum, Eli has led various programs incorporating forest research, forest restoration, project management, volunteerism and environmental education. Eli has B.S. in Biology from Winthrop University and an MBA in nonprofit management from Georgia State University.

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Kelsi Eccles currently serves as the Development and Events Manager at EarthShare of Georgia. In this role, Kelsi is the primary spokesperson for supported non-profits at campaign events and fundraisers, reconciles campaign pledge results, maintains relationships with current corporate partners and serves as the primary planner of EarthShare of Georgia’s annual Earth Day event. EarthShare of Georgia is a non-profit that connects people to other trusted non-profit organizations dedicated to conserving and protecting our air, land and water. Currently, EarthShare of Georgia is working to create a green jobs job portal where our corporate partners and supported member groups can recruit students from around Georgia interested in working directly to protect our environment. Kelsi is a 2014 graduate of the University of Georgia where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a Public Affairs Reporting emphasis and Environmental Law minor. In 2015, Kelsi graduated from Mercer University with a Masters of Business Administration degree with a marketing emphasis. Kelsi is passionate about preserving our future through her work and helping students also interested in the same line of work.

David Eldridge is a Board Member and legal committee chair for The South Fork Conservancy, whose mission is to create trails and preserve and enhance habitat along the South Fork of Peachtree Creek. For nearly a decade he served on the Board of Trustees of The Georgia Conservancy and as its legislative liaison for two years. David was President of Friends of the River for several years and was part of the team that sought and achieved passage of the bill creating the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area. He has also assisted several environmental organizations, like The Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy, and The Georgia Conservancy, on various land preservation and conservation easement projects. He is also currently serving as an adjunct professor at Emory University’s School of Law, co-teaching a course on Negotiations and is also a trained, certified mediator. As a lawyer for over 45 years, David has generally concentrated his practice in the areas of commercial real estate and commercial lending. His recent work has included all aspects of development of large-scale, multi- and mixed-use projects having values of $150-$600M in different states throughout the Southeast, including tax increment financing, multi-layered cross-access easements and restrictive covenants, and development, construction, mezzanine and permanent financing.

Desiree Fowler is the Development and Communications Coordinator for Global Growers (GG). GG is a 501c3 nonprofit organization based in Atlanta with the mission to create opportunities in sustainable agriculture in Georgia by growing good food, training farmers, and
providing economic opportunity to farmers who have come to metro Atlanta as legal refugees. Desiree leads outreach efforts to invite community members to support GGs work through volunteerism, donations, product purchases, as well as charitable giving. Furthermore, she plans and implements GGs communication strategies. Originally from Germany, Desiree received her MA Degree in International Development Studies. She has extensive overseas experience including: 6 months working in post tsunami Sri Lanka, academic field research in Manila, Philippines, and conducted a graduate thesis on refugee resettlement in Clarkston, Georgia.

**ART FRAZIER** is a licensed architect serving as the Director of the Spelman College Department of Facilities Management & Services. He is Co-Chair of Sustainable Spelman, serves as Immediate Past President of the Georgia Association of Physical Plant Administrators (GAPPA), and is Chairman of the board of directors of the University Community Development Corporation. Art has been recognized nationally for his role in greening Spelman’s campus and promoting sustainability. Prior jobs included working at Clement & Wynn, LLC; as Capital Program Manager for Emory’s Department of Facilities Management; as a Project Architect for Atlanta firms Lord Aeck Sargent & Cooper Carry; and, in other roles with construction project management and architecture. He has a Master’s in Architecture, as well as a B.A. in Design of the Environment from University of Pennsylvania.

**NELL FRY** is a part of EY’s Climate Change and Sustainability Services practice where she has supports the sustainability mission of her clients, which include some of the largest brands in the world, through the assurance of non-financial metrics, carbon footprint measurement, greenhouse gas goal setting, stakeholder engagement assessment and conflict mineral due diligence support. Previous Nell worked at Sodexo, Inc. where she was a Sustainability Coordinator and Energy Analyst. Her efforts in these roles included helping a major university achieve a 20% reduction in utility spend, and the diversion of 300 tons of organic waste from landfills. Nell has a BS in Management from Georgia Institute of Technology, and serves on the executive committee of the Generation Green Board of the Georgia Conservancy.

**AIDAN GANZERT** is an environmental professional working every day to develop innovative solutions for environmental issues intersecting with modern public health burdens. As an ORISE Fellow at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, she works with the Quality and Sustainability Office. Believing that creative and positive initiatives are essential to success of sustainability programs, Aidan tends to spearhead initiatives that are both interdisciplinary and collaborative. Her greatest accomplishments to-date include a fellowship-funded international climate change research project. She was also selected as part of a student delegation for the development of a multi-year comprehensive communications plan for Belize’s Coastal Zone Management Authority Institute, an agency under the Belizean Ministry of Natural Resources. In the past, she has also reported on both food security issues and up-and-coming sustainability frameworks for the popular blog outlet, Triple Pundit. She has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies from Elon University. She also has a Masters of Sustainability degree from Wake Forest University.

**DR. JAIRO GARCIA** is the Director of Climate Policies and Renewables with the Atlanta Mayor’s Office of Sustainability. Dr. Garcia performs sustainability analysis and reporting, and studies and develops innovative policies and educational programs to track and implement community-wide energy, water, waste, and climate related initiatives. He also evaluates worldwide sustainability best practices, and provides recommendations to meet the Mayor’s goal to make Atlanta a top tier sustainable city. Dr. Garcia has a vast experience in climate, renewables, sustainability metrics, and sustainability education. Dr. Garcia worked as a research assistant for the Earth Institute at Columbia University in New York City, and his teaching experience includes two teaching assistant positions at Columbia University, a faculty adjunct and thesis advisor position at Concordia University, and an instructor position for the UCLA-Extension program in Global Sustainability. Dr. Garcia holds an engineering degree, a Master of Science degree in Management of Information Technologies, a second Master of Science degree in Sustainability Management, and a Doctoral degree in Educational Technology and Sustainability.

**JULIE HAIRSTON** is the president of GigaWord Communications. Formed in 2013, GigaWord Communications provides a broad range of services essential to successful business branding and marketing, specializing in sustainable products, companies and initiatives. GigaWord offers award-winning expertise at reasonable rates to power your message. Before forming GigaWord, Ms. Hairston served as a senior account executive with A. Brown-Olmedo Associates. During her 30-year journalism career, Ms. Hairston was honored with more than a dozen state, regional and national awards for reporting and writing. A graduate of the Henry W. Grady School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Georgia, she chairs the marketing committee of the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta and serves as vice-chair of the Atlanta Press Club’s marketing committee. Since 2011, she has served as the Communications Director for the Georgia Solar Energy Association and as Secretary on its Board of Directors since 2013. She is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Editors (NAREE), the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), and the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

**GARRY A. HARRIS** has crafted a unique career path around sustainability in both professional and community-based roles. An engineer by trade, he is the President of Sustainability Solutions Group, a growing consulting firm consisting of two divisions, Center for Sustainable Communities and HTS Enterprises, that provide diverse energy engineering, sustainable communities, workforce development, policy and advocacy, research, education, clean energy and environmental and industrial engineering services. Garry holds a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering from the University of Virginia, an M.S. in Technology Management, an M.S. in Quality Engineering, and is currently seeking a PhD in Energy Policy at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has worked on construction, startup, engineering, maintenance and operations at over 80 power stations globally and has helped start or advance several energy, equity and environmental organizations He is a graduate of Leadership Atlanta, the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership, the Regional Leadership Institute and the National EPA Environmental Justice Academy. He holds several technical certifications in energy, quality and environmental fields. He is an awarded and recognized member of many civic associations, social justice and community based organizations including 100 Black Men of Atlanta.
B. HARRIS is the Founder of Café Campesino, which partners with small-scale coffee farmers, connect communities, and inspire conscious consumption... one great cup of coffee at a time. Our core values are 1) Be Fair 2) Build Community 3) Celebrate People 4) Walk the Talk 5) Do the Right Thing 6) Smiling Customers. His organization imports and roasts 100% organic, fair trade coffee and supply coffeehouses throughout the south. Bill discovered the plight of coffee farmers while building homes with Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala. Now he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Fair Trade organization. He holds a B.S in Management from Georgia Tech.

TODD HARWELL is a Regional Recruiter for the U.S. Peace Corps and formerly served as a Peace Corps. The Peace Corps is a leader in international development and citizen diplomacy. In an increasingly interdependent world, we tackle challenges that know no borders—such as climate change, pandemic disease, food security, and gender equality and empowerment. Today, Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in collaboration with partner organizations and using cutting-edge technologies and well-tested best practices to enhance impact. Todd served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Perú from 2012 to 2015, where he was responsible for the training and capacity-building of park guards in a marine-protected area near his community, as well as initiating projects to broaden and strengthen ecotourism practices. There also, he led an Environmental Club in the primary school, hosted a weekly radio program, and taught conversational English to local fishermen. Todd received his B.S. in Marine Science from Coastal Carolina University and his M.S. in Environmental Education from the Florida Institute of Technology.

EMILY HAYS is an ORISE Research Fellow in the Quality and Sustainability Office at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC works 24/7 to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. CDC increases the health security of our nation, fights disease, and supports communities and citizens to do the same. In the Quality and Sustainability Office, Emily works in communications and program development on projects related to water conservation and energy reduction. Emily previously worked for the Greenville Health System researching effective pediatric weight management programs, and additionally worked for Mill Village Farms, a non-profit committed to reducing food deserts in underserved communities through youth development and urban farming. She graduated from Furman University with a B.S. in Sustainability.

MORIKA HENSLEY (16C, 17G) is a master’s student from Santa Fe, NM, and was the first student enrolled in Emory’s 4+1 BS/MS program, newly offered through the Emory’s Department of Environmental Sciences and Laney. During her time at Emory she has had the opportunity to further her interests in ecology and conservation by working with the labs of both Dr. Thomas Gillespie and Dr. Berry Brogi; participating in study abroad programs in India, Southern Africa, Peru, and The Bahamas; co-teaching with and assisting Dr. John Wegner in the classroom; and by conducting independent research. During the summer of 2016 she collected field data for her master’s thesis on snow leopards and livestock depredation in the north Indian region of Ladakh. Feel free to ask her about her dual-degree program, involvement in ecological research and how she sought out study abroad opportunities!

CIANNAT HOWETT (87C) became the first Director of Emory’s Office of Sustainability Initiatives in September 2006 and is also an Adjunct Associate Professor in Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health and Environmental Sciences Department. Ciannat received her B.A. in 1987 from Emory and J.D. in 1992 from University of Virginia. Before joining Emory, she practiced environmental law for over fifteen years with a private firm, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C., and as Director of the Southern Environmental Law Center’s Georgia and Alabama office. She serves on several advisory boards, including for the R. Howard Dobbs, Jr. Foundation and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta’s Grants to Green.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CANDIS M. HUNTER (09PH) is an Environmental Health Scientist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH). She provides environmental health expertise and outbreak response support to state and local health partners for Legionnaires’ disease investigations funded under the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases Cooperative Agreement. She is an Environmental Health Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and has provided environmental and epidemiological assistance for several public health emergency responses including the 2011 Japanese Earthquake/Nuclear Response, 2015 Ebola Response, and 2016 Flint, MI Lead and Legionella Investigations. She holds the Registered Environmental Health Specialist/ Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) certification and is a member of the 2013 Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL) and LEAD Atlanta Class of 2017. In 2009, she received her MSPH in the joint Environmental and Occupational Health/Epidemiology program at Emory. She received her B.S. in Chemistry from Spelman College and currently is a PhD candidate in Environmental Health Sciences at Emory University with a focus on investigating behaviors to mitigate potential heavy metal soil contaminant exposures among community gardeners.

SAGDRINA JALAL is the founding Executive Director of the Georgia Farmers Market Association (GFMA), a state-wide organization led by farmers, market managers and other food advocates. The GFMA is the preeminent strategic partner of the Georgia Food Policy Council (see Kwasbena Nkromo, also a guest here tonight). The two organizations collaborate across multiple statewide program areas, as well as local food and public health sectors. Sagdrina and Kwasbena also work closely together through her role as leader of Project Generation Gap (PGG) and the NAF2 local affiliate Atlanta Food & Farm PBC (AF2). Sagdrina holds a BS in Education from the University of Georgia and has certifications and additional training in the areas of fitness, nutrition and using food to achieve optimal health. She is also a graduate of SoulFire Farm’s Black and Latino Farmer Immersion program. A wife and mother of three, her commitment to local food and health extends to her home life. She loves to cook, tinker with tinctures and considers herself a kombucha mixologist. Sagdrina has found her space in the good food movement at the intersection of food, health and community.
YEOU-RONG JIH (09C) is Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Atlanta Mayor’s Office of Sustainability, where she manages a sustainable urban redevelopment project called AVE EcoDistrict, as well as the Office’s internship program. She graduated from Emory a B.S. in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology and a B.A. in Chinese in 2009, then went on to work at the Emory School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and then completed a M.Sc. in Research Psychology at The University of Oxford. Following graduate school, she worked at the Sierra Club as their Georgia Chapter Volunteer Coordinator, focusing on volunteer engagement and community outreach in environmental activism.

WILL JOHNSTON is an energetic force bringing the Tiny House Movement to Atlanta. Two years ago Will quit his corporate job to travel for three months to New Zealand working on vineyards and backpacking the south island. There, he discovered a new way to live in a minimalist and experiential fashion. Returning to Atlanta he picked up on the Tiny House Movement and has not looked back. Johnston is growing the advocacy and education about the tiny house movement and what it could do for the South and Atlanta. He grew his monthly meetup group to 1400 people in 2 years and holds monthly educational and advocacy meetings. Johnston has presented to SCAD Atlanta, GSU, HOA’s and other community groups on the premise of what the Tiny House Movement could mean for the area and why it appeals to so many people. Johnston’s next steps are to team up with local institutions and build a tiny house village as a case study to demonstrate other ways to live a fulfilled life by reducing your footprint and living out in the world.

HILARY KING (17G) is the Graduate Fellow for Emory University’s Sustainability Minor and the Director of Special Projects at Community Farmers Markets (CFM), which works to build an infrastructure for local food by providing opportunities for distribution, education and financial incentives to increase food access. Hilary combines work as a PhD Candidate in Cultural Anthropology at Emory University with applied work on evaluation and program development at CFM. She teaches courses on local food systems, and is finishing her dissertation, focused on what happens when producers and consumers get to know each other in Chiapas, Mexico. Since she started at Hamilton College in 2001, she has worked in food systems as a researcher, potluck organizer, waitress, business adviser and chief of farmer relations. She has worked with farmers and food businesses across Latin America and East Africa, testing out ways for farmers to earn more money and consumers to get to know more about what they eat. Her work has been supported by a Thomas J. Watson and a Fulbright Fellowship. She is a native Oregonian, and makes a darn good latte and handmade tortillas.

ALISSA KINGSLEY is an integral team member at Lord Aeck Sargent, an architectural and planning firm. She collaborates across practice areas on projects through all phases of design and construction. Curious by nature, Alissa enjoys translating what she learns into her work with the firm. With a background in mixed-use, single and multi-family residential, civic architecture, healthcare, and sustainable design, she draws on her interdisciplinary experience to find the best design solutions for every project. Alissa’s early architectural interests and academic career focused on sustainability, resiliency, and public-interest design, including the provision of disaster relief and design-build services to communities in post-Katrina New Orleans. At LAS, she is facilitating the firm’s participation in Public Architecture’s One Percent program, an initiative to provide pro-bono services to local non-profits. Currently, Alissa’s focus is on holistic, sustainable practices as part of the design team for the Living Building at Georgia Tech. The Living Building Challenge is the most rigorous performance standard to date.

RAMANA KOTI is a Building Performance Analyst across multiple practice areas in the Atlanta office of Lord Aeck Sargent, an architecture and planning firm. His specialized expertise is in assisting project teams with energy, daylighting and lighting design decisions through benchmarking, simulation analysis, and research. Ramana is a LEED-Accredited professional and is proficient in sustainable design software, including eQuest, DAYSIM, IES VE, SPOT Pro, and SketchUp, which allows him to work on a variety of project types. He has published several technical papers on daylighting and energy performance in buildings and regularly blogs on green building related topics. Ramana is a certified Building Energy Modeling Professional (BEMP) and a LEED Accredited Professional. He volunteers with the local AIA COTE (Energy & Atmosphere Subcommittee) and USGBC (Education & Events Committee) chapters. He earned an M.S. in Building Design with a focus on Energy Performance and Climate Responsive Architecture from Arizona State University (2006) and his Bachelor of Architecture from Andhra University College of Engineering, Visakhapatnam, India (2000).

WESLEY LONGHOFER is Assistant Professor of Organization and Management in Emory’s Goizueta Business School. His research and teaching interests include organizational sociology, institutional theory, nonprofits and philanthropy, corporate social responsibility, international law, and the environment. He has published broadly on voluntary associations, environmental nonprofits, and environmental policy reform, including a paper he co-authored titled, “National and Global Origins of Environmental Association” that appeared in the American Sociological Review. His current research includes a National Science Foundation-funded project on the organizational dynamics of climate change, as well as a number of other papers on environmental protection, foreign aid, and global charitable activity. Wes received his PhD in Sociology from the University of Minnesota in 2011.

JIMMY MITCHELL is Director of Sustainability with Skanska, a world-leading project development and construction group. Sustainability has been a career passion: Jimmy became one of the state’s first LEED managers, created the Atlanta Mission urban garden, and recently co-founded a new Atlanta nonprofit of which he is a Past Board Chair, called the Lifecycle Building Center (LBC). LBC is a collaborative effort between Atlanta stakeholders to reduce construction solid waste disposal, promote resource efficiency, stimulate economic development, and empower citizens to improve their built environment. LBC operates a retail building material reuse center, using proceeds to fund community outreach programs designed to raise market demand for green building goods and services. Jimmy has a Civil Engineering degree from Georgia Tech, where he is an Alumni Trustee and serves on the External Advisory Board for the College of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

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**Kwabena Nkromo** is Chair of the Georgia Food Policy Council (GFPC), representing various sectors of Georgia’s food system tasked with examining state-level food and nutrition concerns. The GFPC works to educate citizens, convene stakeholders to prioritize food and nutrition activities and policies, and recommend environmental, policy or system-based solutions to policy makers and leaders in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Launched in June 2010, the Council consists of members from sectors including: Production; Consumption; Processing; Distribution; and, Waste, Recycling, and Sustainability. Kwabena’s involvement in the local food movement spans across the country. He is Founder and CEO of North American Food & Farm PBC Inc (NAF2), a social enterprise consultant network focusing on community food system planning and urban agriculture projects, with affiliate chapters in Atlanta & Athens GA, Boston MA, Houston TX, and Oakland CA. He is a national popular speaker on college campuses in the areas of his expertise and has been covered in multiple media outlets. Kwabena studied Plant & Soil Sciences at Tuskegee University and Agricultural Economics at Clemson, but is a self taught Food Systems Planner.

**Tim Peterson (16C)** is a Sustainability Consultant at **Sustainable Investment Group (SIG)**, an environmental consulting firm specializing in building sustainability services. SIG’s mission is to improve the built environment to inspire stewardship of the natural environment. These services range from LEED project management, to commissioning and retro-commissioning, to LEED Accredited Professional training. As a consultant, Tim assists property management teams with LEED certification projects nationwide, with a focus on new construction and existing building certifications. Tim also conducts feasibility studies and oversees internal sustainability reporting. Tim graduated from Emory in 2016 with a BA in Environmental Sciences, and because his focus revolved around the confluence of business and the environment, he also pursued a concentration in Environment and Sustainability Management at Goizueta Business School.

**Marci Reed**, CFRE, MPA, re-joined **Southface Energy Institute** as Chief Development and Communications Officer in 2014. Since 1978 Southface has promoted sustainable homes, workplaces and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. Marci was Southface’s first Director of Development and Communications from 2000-2006. Previously she was Executive Director of the American Institute of Architects, Georgia Association and has been a Development Officer in the College of Engineering at Georgia Tech. Marci is a graduate of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership and Leadership Atlanta. She is past Chair and current Treasurer of EarthShare, the national federation for environmental charities. She was recently honored with the Earl Blauner Award for outstanding contributions to environmental philanthropy. She holds an undergraduate degree in English from Georgia State University and Master’s in Nonprofit Management from GSU’s Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. She has been a certified fundraising executive (CFRE) since 2009. Marci and her husband Robert are Atlanta natives and live in the Midtown neighborhood.

**Virginia Roberts (07PH)** is an Epidemiologist in the Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch at the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**. As part of the Domestic Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Epidemiology Team, she collaborates with state, territorial, and federal partners on waterborne disease outbreak surveillance, reporting, and prevention. She manages surveillance activities for the One Health Harmful Algal Bloom System and the waterborne disease outbreak reporting module of the National Outbreak Reporting System. Virginia coordinates a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative project designed to improve waterborne disease prevention capacity in Great Lake States. She received a joint MSPH in environmental and occupational health and epidemiology from Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health in 2007.

**Scott Sadler** is Founder and Chief Investment Officer of **Boardwalk Capital Management**, an independent registered investment advisory practice focused on sustainable and social impact investments for high net worth individuals and families, as well as green retirement plans for organizations. Boardwalk Capital is the Southeast’s only wealth manager that is also a Certified B Corporation, incorporating triple bottom line principles into both client accounts and their own practices. Scott founded Boardwalk in 2009 as a 25+ year veteran of the investment management industry, with prior stints at Bank of America Capital Management, Goldman Sachs, and at Wachovia Asset Management, where he launched and managed the firm’s first international mutual fund. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, is a Chartered Financial Analyst, and is the Board Chairman of the Green Chamber of the South. He is also on the boards of the Technology Association of Georgia, the Ovie Mughelli Foundation, the advisory board of Will Solutions, a technology firm based in Montreal that aggregates and monetizes carbon credits from small emitters.

**Polly Sattler** Senior is Sustainability Planner for the **City of Atlanta’s Department of Aviation**, which includes managing the **Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta International Airport**’s installation of EV charging stations, implementing a Green Infrastructure program for all new construction to manage storm water runoff, developing a Green Purchasing Plan and identifying opportunities for alternative fuel use at the airport. Polly is also implementing sustainability initiatives such as using sheep for mowing, and investigating the use of bio-jet fuel. Before working for the airport, Polly was the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization, GreenPlate that promoted the use of bio-degradable take-out products in restaurants to reduce the use of disposable plastic. She is committed to sustainability and environmental advocacy and has worked with Southface Energy Institute on sustainable building practices, The Clean Air Campaign to promote carpooling, Earth Share of Georgia and lobbied on environmental issues at the State Legislature on behalf of Georgia Conservation Voters. Polly holds a Master’s in Environmental and Resource Policy from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

**Bryan Schroeder** is Senior Director of Marketing and Development for **Georgia Conservancy**. A Rome, GA native, he earned a B.A. degree in Philosophy and Religion from Piedmont College and a M.A. in Nonprofit Management from the University of Georgia. He worked for the State of Georgia’s Outdoor Therapeutic Program from 2003-2005 before starting graduate school at UGA. After graduating with honors, he worked as an Americorps Crew Leader at both the Mile High Youth Corps in Denver, CO and the Canyon County Youth Corps in Monticello, UT. In 2007 he worked in Savannah as an environmental education coordinator in public schools through Wilderness SouthEast’s Fish Gotta Swim program. In 2009, Bryan left Savannah for Atlanta to join the Georgia Conservancy as its Membership Coordinator, before serving in his current role.
Tabitha Schwartz (10OX, 12C) is the Urban Forestry Crew Manager at Trees Atlanta, where her role is to maintain the trees that have been planted and remove any encroaching invasive species in restoration sites. Trees Atlanta preserves, conserves, and educates about our cities’ urban forest. Tabitha enjoys working on projects from the beginning stages of restoration all the way to replanting the site with native species. She graduated from Oxford College in 2010 and Emory University in 2012 with a BA in Environmental Studies and BA in Psychology. At Emory she led numerous Outdoor Emory adventures; after graduating, served a year with a Washington State AmeriCorps team working with an environmental nonprofit that had a focus on weatherization of homes, then also served a half year in Florida removing invasive species in state parks.

Ariella Sela (14C) is a Sustainability Analyst at Corporate Reports Inc., a communications firm and consultancy specializing in corporate sustainability reporting for companies such as General Motors, UPS, The J.M. Smucker Company, and Walmart. At CRI, Ariella is responsible for copywriting, content research and analysis, report and industry benchmarking, and Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) data management. Prior to this, Ariella held positions in corporate sustainability at Novelis, the global leader in aluminum recycling, and within sustainable supply chain at The Coca-Cola Company. Ariella also serves as Marketing Chair on the young professionals’ board of Camp Twin Lakes, a non-profit camp for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and other life challenges. She graduated in 2014 from Emory with a B.S. in Environmental Science with concentration in Environment and Sustainability Management and a minor in Spanish. In her free time, you can find Ariella teaching Spin class, riding her bike on the beltline, hiking the mountains of Georgia, cooking with ingredients from her CSA, and listening to live music throughout the city.

Carl Seville, principal in SK Collaborative, LLC, is a consultant and educator on sustainability to the residential construction industry. During his 25 years as a remodeling contractor, he led the development of Earthcraft House Renovation Program with Southface Energy Institute and supervised the pilot homes for that program. His industry awards include the 2014 EarthCraft Renovation of the Year, 2008 Excellence Award from Residential Design Build Magazine, the 2009 Energy Value Housing Award, the 2005 and 2007 Green Remodeling Advocate of the Year, as well as the 2004 and 2006 National Green Building Awards. Carl certifies single and multifamily buildings under all major green building programs and is a HERS rater and holds the LEED AP Homes and Green Rater designations. He was a co-author of the USGBC/ASID ReGreen guidelines, Green Building, Principles and Practices in Residential Construction the first textbook on residential green building, and the LEED for Homes Version 4 reference guide. He is a contributing editor to greenbuildingadvisor.com where he writes the Green Curmudgeon blog.

Collin Shepard (14C) is a Sustainability Consultant & Intern Manager at Sustainable Investment Group (SIG), a full-service sustainability firm with offices in Atlanta, Boulder, Minneapolis, New York, and San Francisco that provide three core services in-house: Green Building (LEED) Training, Consulting, and Engineering Services . As a Sustainability Consultant, Collin provides technical expertise on LEED certification and sustainability benchmarking to building industry professionals. Through his work on over 20 LEED projects, he has helped clients realize added value at their properties from lowered operating costs, healthier workplaces, market differentiation, and reduced environmental impact. In addition to LEED projects, Collin successfully started and implemented SIG’s Consulting Intern Program. He manages a team of Sustainability Analyst Interns, which includes onboarding, training, and accountability tracking.

Taylor Spicer (15G) joined Emory University’s Office of Sustainability Initiatives (OSI) as the Programs Coordinator in August 2015 to support and enhance student engagement with sustainability lifestyles and academic and professional careers on campus and beyond. Taylor also works closely with Emory Dining to increase community education about and appreciation for Emory’s commitment and efforts to source more food locally and sustainably. Before becoming the Programs Coordinator, she worked as a graduate intern for the OSI for two years, running a behavior change program in the residence halls across Emory’s campus. During that time, Taylor was completing her Master’s in Development Practice degree at Emory, where she graduated in 2015. She has conducted research on the land sector in Rwanda, place-based social movements in Northeast Brazil, the effects that gender norms and differences can have on adaptation and mitigation for small-scale farmers in Kenya and Ghana, and the potential transformative power of intimate partner violence programming in Vietnam. Taylor served on the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Millennial Advisory Board and now serves on the Generation Green Board of the Georgia Conservancy’s Board of Trustees.

LenA Stevens is the Project Manager for the City of Decatur, Georgia. Originally a Midwestern gal, Lena began working for the city in 2008 after getting her Master’s Degree from Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Like most local government staff, she wears many hats. Her projects range from environmental sustainability to technology and traffic management. Some recent highlights of her work include the High Performance Building Ordinance which requires all new construction projects to obtain a green building certification. Decatur also recently became the first city in metro Atlanta to achieve Platinum level certification in the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Green Community Program.

Claire Still (15PH) is the Atlanta-area Sustainability Specialist with AECOM, a U.S.-based multinational engineering firm with nearly 100,000 employees. Claire is working with clients on a multitude of sustainability services and climate change resilience and adaptation initiatives, and she primarily works with transportation clients to both mitigate their impact on the environment, as well as identify vulnerabilities to climate change and guide them to adapt to those risks. She is a 2015 graduate of Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health and a 2010 graduate from The College of William and Mary. While at the Rollins School, Claire worked at CARE with their Water Team and at the CDC in the National Center for Environmental Health. Prior to graduate school, Claire has worked with the U.S. Geological Survey in water quality and Green Corps in environmental advocacy.

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Kasey Sturm is an attorney with Weissman, an Atlanta-based real-estate and litigation firm. Mrs. Sturm’s practice focuses on environmental litigation, consultation and negotiations in connection with a wide range of environmental and land use matters. She represents and advises clients in litigation before state, federal and administrative courts, as well as, other governmental and regulatory bodies. Her clients include individuals, organizations, community groups, homeowner’s associations and businesses. She also advises clients on property contamination matters and environmental issues associated with real property acquisition and development. She received her undergraduate degree from The University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN in 1996 and her J.D. and MSEL from Vermont Law School in 2000. She started her legal career working with the Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper (now Chattahoochee Riverkeeper) and the Georgia Center for Law in the Public Interest (now GreenLaw), focusing on Clean Water Act litigation. She served as the Chair of the Environmental Law Section of the State Bar. She currently serves on the Board of GreenLaw. She was named a “Georgia Rising Star” in 2009 and has been named a “Georgia Super Lawyer” since 2014. She is a frequent speaker on land use and environmental matters.

Angela Sun (11B) is the Director of Marketing, Demand Generation at Urjanel, a technology company based in Atlanta, helping to solve the world’s largest problems in energy and utility data management. Angela graduated from Emory’s Goizueta Business School in 2011, and joined Cloud Sherpas (acquired by Accenture) shortly after graduation. Now she heads up Demand Generation & Marketing at Urjanel.

Shane Totten is Director at Southface and leads the Commercial Sustainability Services team, composed of engineers, architects, interior designers, and project management staff. Southface promotes sustainable homes, workplace and communities through education, research, advocacy and technical assistance. We envision a regenerative economy, responsible resource use and social equity through a health built environment for all. Shane’s team pursues opportunities facing commercial development, design, construction and operations; they also consult, conduct research, advise, and administer programs for the betterment of society. Shane is interested in the consequences of the intersection of the built environment, the natural environment, and the human experience, and the programs he administers include the Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge, EarthCraft, Grants to Green, and the Advanced Commercial Building Initiative. Ask him about ACBI or evidence-based design theories. He has practiced architecture for more than 20 years, been active in the nonprofit community, and has also taught in higher education. His favorite thing to do is hang out with his dogs (“Yeah, I’m one of those people.”) He holds a Master of Architecture with substantial work in urban planning and public administration.

Mason Towe is the Zero Waste Team Coordinator at the University of Georgia Office of Sustainability. He graduates from UGA in December with dual degrees in Economics and Sociology, with a minor in environmental law and interdisciplinary certificates in sustainability and environmental ethics. He has been working on recycling and other waste reduction strategies as an intern at UGA for the past three years, coordinating student intern recycling & compost projects. He worked as a student intern with Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division during the summers of 2014 and 2015 and served as Sustainability Intern for UGA Costa Rica campus in summer 2016. Mason was chosen as one of two recipients of the 2016 SWANA Georgia and SWANA International Chapter scholarships, which put $6k toward school. As an undergraduate, he researched recycling behaviors in freshman dorms through a series of waste audits and interventions. Mason, his parents, and younger sister form a band called Check the Signs and in 2015 wrote and recorded an educational recycling theme for the ACC Recycling Division mascot “Binny” the recycling bin, now distributed among local K-12 classes.

Taylor Tyger (10OX, 12C) is a Senior Planner in the Research & Analytics Division of Atlanta Regional Commission, where she focuses on data analysis and outreach through visualization and storytelling. Taylor’s goal is to provide information and create interactive tools that improve data-driven decision-making. Her research interests include socioeconomics, demographics, arts and culture, education, and health. Taylor holds a BA in Environmental Science from Emory University, a Master’s in City and Regional Planning from Georgia Tech, and recently spent a year researching public participation tools in Finland on a Fulbright grant.

Gray Vickery (15C) is an Ecologist at the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), where he evaluates the environmental impacts of proposed transportation projects and finds solutions to help mitigate potential risks and protect Georgia’s natural biodiversity. This involves conducting stream/wetland delineations, habitat assessments and endangered species surveys to map out a site’s ecologically critical resources for regulatory protection. Before joining GDOT, Gray was a Fellow on the Commercial team at Southface, creating tools to expand energy efficiency into the higher education sector - meanwhile earning his LEED GA certification. He graduated from Emory in 2015 with a B.A. in Environmental Sciences, where he completed his senior independent research on the environmental impacts of man-made stream impoundments.

Camilla Warren works in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Southeast Region Office in Atlanta as the Brownfields Revitalization Support Project Manager, where she has formed partnerships with Emory University, GA State University, GA Tech, Auburn, Tuskegee, and University of Alabama in various projects. With 30 years of experience managing environmental assessment and cleanup activities, she currently provides revitalization support to EPA Brownfields project managers and communities throughout the southeast, and has helped to designed a number of nationally known Brownfields successes, including work on the Atlanta Beltline, Graniteville, SC, the River Arts District in Asheville, NC, and the Freshwater Land Trust Red Rock Ridge and Valley Trail System. Most recently, Camilla returned to Alabama to continue revitalization along the Selma-Montgomery National Historic Trail. Regionally speaking, Camilla is the go-to person on brownfields revitalization, brownfields real estate transactions, and various public health related brownfields concerns throughout the Southeast. Camilla continues to work with an interdisciplinary team of public health and environmental professionals in developing community revitalization options for NW Atlanta where a new football stadium is under construction. Camilla holds a BS in Forest Hydrology at the University of Georgia and an MS in Environmental Engineering at Clemson University.
Shira Weintraub (14C) is the Marketing Manager at Rubicon Global, the worldwide leader in sustainable, cloud-based waste and recycling solutions. She leads demand generation through email marketing for Rubicon’s small and mid-sized business segment and oversees sales enablement and aspects of brand management. Prior to joining Rubicon, Shira worked in marketing at Urjanet, a technology company that provides organizations easy access to automated utility bill data, enabling them to achieve sustainability goals and reduce energy consumption and cost. Shira holds the LEED Green Associate credential and is Co-Chair of USGBC’s Emerging Professionals group. In her spare time, she also volunteers for the Center for the Visually Impaired and Trees Atlanta. As a student, Shira was Co-President of Emory’s Environmental Alliance and interned at both non- and for-profit organizations including Park Pride, Community Assets Consulting, and Green Business Networking. She graduated from Emory in 2014 with a B.S. in Environmental Science and Economics.

Kelly Weisinger has served as Sustainability Program Coordinator at Emory’s Office of Sustainability Initiatives since 2012, collaborating with Emory University and Healthcare leadership in fulfilling Emory’s Sustainability vision. She conducts staff outreach and engagement and works with all of Emory’s university and healthcare departments on projects including waste minimization, energy and water use reduction, sustainable procurement, climate action, lab and office sustainability, and curriculum and research. Previously, Kelly spent two years working in transportation and sustainability with Midtown Alliance in Midtown, Atlanta. She acquired a Master in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School in 2009 while working full time as Assistant Director of Admissions for the Law School. Though she has lived in Connecticut, Colorado, and Vermont, she is an Atlanta native and now calls Decatur home.

Ayanna Williams is currently the Director of Community Building with Park Pride, a nonprofit empowering communities in the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County to improve and develop their parks. Ayanna has been a community organizer and facilitator for the more than 20 years. In 2013 she joined the Clarifications team as facilitator. She now manages the Friends of the Park Program, helping communities organize, facilitating relationships between residents and civic leaders, increasing positive activity in parks and helping neighbors navigate the process to implement desired park improvements. Before coming to Park Pride, she worked with United Way of Central Indiana’s Volunteer Center, the University of Michigan’s Ginsberg Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement and Hands On Atlanta AmeriCorps. She has a Masters of Social Work from the University of Michigan with a concentration in Community Building. Ayanna grew up in Michigan’s Manistee National Forest where she developed an appreciation for green spaces, gardening and community engagement.

Judith Winfrey has been President of PeachDish since June 2014, where she collaborates with hardworking farmers and passionate artisans by sourcing their local ingredients and passing them on to you with all that’s needed to create a healthy meal for sharing with loved ones. The end goal is to develop an evolving southern culinary history. Judith’s passion for and dedication to good, local food go back to childhood. Since 2007, Winfrey and her husband Joe Reynolds have co-owned the celebrated Love is Love farm, a certified organic farm growing a diversity of vegetables and fruit through soil-based agricultural practices. Winfrey held the position of COO for Resurgens Hospitality Group, the company founded by James Beard-Nominated Chef Linton Hopkins’ and which includes Restaurant Eugene, Holman & Finch Public House, H&F Bread Co., H&F Bottle Shop, Eugene Kitchen, and H&F Burger. Previously, Judith served as Membership Coordinator for Georgia Organics and is one of the founders of both Community Farmers Market and Wholesome Wave Georgia. She served as Leader of the Atlanta chapter and regional governor for the Southeast of Slow Food International.

Mike Worley (01B) is President and CEO of the Georgia Wildlife Federation, as well as a lifelong outdoors enthusiast. Mike’s outdoor interests include waterfowl and upland hunting, clays, fishing, hiking and kayaking. Mike brings enthusiasm and commitment to protecting and enhancing Georgia’s natural resources and particularly enjoys working on issues important to Georgia’s hunters, anglers, and all who enjoy the outdoors. Prior to joining GWF, Mike had a long and successful career at Georgia Power, where he held positions in power generation, environmental affairs, legislative affairs, local operations and community and economic development. Mike brings significant expertise in fundraising, advocacy, and state and local government relations. He has a B.S. in Biology from the University of West Georgia and is a 2001 graduate of Emory’s Goizueta Executive Education Program.

Brent Zern is a Senior Project Manager with Sherwood Design Engineers, a national civil engineering company that focuses on ecological design and sustainable site water management, blending landscape with innovative engineering practice. Rather than just carving up land with infrastructure piping, Brent considers more natural ways to manage a site’s water issues, from promoting infiltration and groundwater recharge to water reclamation and reuse. Previously he was the Assistant Director for Operational Compliance in Emory’s Campus Services where he led Emory’s water reclamation project and the installation of two roof-top mounted solar arrays on campus. He also has extensive experience in regulatory issues related to air, waste and water. Brent is a Georgia-registered civil engineer and LEED Accredited Professional who has worked in both the private consulting and higher education sectors. He has a BS in Civil and Construction Engineering, magna cum laude from Temple University.
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