

## Tuesday, September 15, 2015

### Lunch Talk with Earthjustice

This lunch will be very casual and students should feel free to ask career related questions regarding public-interest environmental law and working with Earthjustice. Earthjustice is a non-profit public interest law organization based in the United States dedicated to environmental issues. Earthjustice's work is divided into three major program areas:

- Health and Toxics focuses on cases that fight for healthy communities.
- Climate and Energy focuses on cases that advance clean energy and promote a stable climate.
- The Wild focuses on cases that preserve our wildlife and wild lands.

John B. Connally Center for Justice ([CCJ](#)), Room 2.310 @ 11:45 am – 1:00 p.m. ([more info](#))  
RSVP at <https://law-utexas-csm.symplicity.com/students/> by selecting the "Events" tab.

## Wednesday, September 16, 2015

### Campus Environmental Center

Come out to our weekly meeting to learn how you can get involved with the Campus Environmental Center! Every week we have interesting speakers and activities to inform you about UT's many sustainable initiatives. Take this great opportunity to influence leadership positions, cool upcoming events, and ideas for the future!

Jester Center ([JES](#)), Room A218A @ 6:30 -7:30 p.m. (every Wednesday) ([more info](#))

## Thursday, September 17, 2015

### Perceptions of Energy and Water Use

Shahzeen Attari, Indiana University Bloomington  
Peter O'Donnell Building ([POB](#)), Room 2.302 @ 5:15-6:15 p.m. ([more info](#))

### What's eating you? Texas vectors and their pathogens

Stavana Strutz, Department of Integrative Biology

Texas is renowned for its beautiful landscapes and rich diversity of plant and animal species. Unfortunately, we also have a diverse array of parasites and their blood-feeding carriers. Parasitism is all around us! Come out to learn about parasitism, the epidemiology of vector-borne diseases in Texas, and most importantly, how to protect yourself!

Brackenridge Field Laboratory ([BFL](#)) @ 7:30 p.m. ([more info](#))

*Free! Arrive early for refreshments and fun activities for kids of all ages! Guided tours of the field lab start at 7pm (wear sturdy shoes and bring water)!*

## Friday, September 18, 2015

### Controls on the Development of Anoxia in the Cretaceous Western Interior Seaway, USA

Chris Lowery, UT Institute of Geophysics

Pickle Research Campus, Building 196 (map), Room 1.603 @ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. ([more info](#))

Click here for a [Live Broadcast](#).

### **Barton Springs University**

BSU 2015 is a full day of outdoor learning and fun at Barton Springs Pool. The event is designed for high school and college students and the general public. The event will feature lectures, panel discussions, presentations, and training by leading academics, professionals, and policy makers on central Texas water science, public policy and cultural history.

Barton Springs Pool ([map](#)) @ 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. ([more info](#))

### **UT-Austin Sustainability Symposium**

The President's Sustainability Steering Committee at UT-Austin will host a full day symposium dedicated to highlighting the scholarly and practical sustainability efforts of the university community.

Peter O'Donnell Building (**POB**), Room 2.302 @ 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. ([more info](#))

### **Deforestation and Cattle Culture in the Amazon**

**Jeff Hoelle**, University of California – Santa Barbara

As the leading driver of Amazonian deforestation, cattle raising has received significant academic and popular attention, with most analyses focusing on economic and institutional drivers. In this presentation, I discuss the cultural beliefs, values, and behaviors that also contribute to the appeal of cattle raising over forest livelihoods and landscapes. I examine this “cattle culture” through a focus on human-cattle relationships, deeply-held beliefs about nature and development, and the emergence of “cauboi” (cowboy) popular culture with influences from Texas.

Liberal Arts Building (**CLA**), Room 0.128 @ 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. ([more info](#))

## **Sunday, September 20, 2015**

### **Austin Museum Day**

Take part in a city-wide celebration of the Austin museum community!

Including...

[Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center](#): As you celebrate museums and gardens throughout Austin, make the Wildflower Center one of your stops. We'll have seeds for sale in the Store, planting demos, kid's activities and book signings. Free admission from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[Texas Memorial Museum Identification Day](#): University scientists and experts from Central Texas will be on hand to identify natural objects such as fossils, bones, rocks and prehistoric archeological materials. *Don't miss this one-time only opportunity from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.*

## **Special Notes and Ongoing Events**

### **Caribbean Coral Reefs at Risk Symposium –**

An international, two-day symposium on the current state and future of coral reef conservation efforts throughout the Caribbean from the perspective of government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and academia.

Texas Union (**UNB**), Room 3.116 (Texas Governors' Room), Sept. 24-25, 2015 ([more info](#))

For additional information, contact [Paloma Diaz](#)

### **UT Microfarm seeking interns and consistent volunteers**

UT's first student-run farm, is seeking interns and consistent volunteers to attend our weekly workdays! Located near the Facilities Complex at the corner of Manor and Leona, the Microfarm

uses organic, sustainable methods to grow produce for UT dining halls, HOPE Farmer's Market, and the local community. The following positions are available:

- Pest Control and Fertilizing Interns
- Compost Management Interns
- Resource Recovery Interns
- Blog/Social Media Interns
- Farm Stand Interns
- Education/Outreach Interns
- Beautification Interns

All volunteer positions have the potential to earn a paid position for summer 2016 and/or the 2016-2017 school year. If interested, please [apply here](#) by **September 18th**. Interested volunteers should then attend a weekly workday (**Wednesdays 5-8pm and Sundays 9-12pm**) to meet the staff and undergo any necessary training. No experience is required!

UT Microfarm, [2204 Leona Street](#)

Please like [our Facebook page](#) for workday updates, cancellations, and other news.

#### **Campus Environmental Center seeks a Green Greeks Coordinator**

CEC is hiring! We are looking for a Green Greeks Coordinator to establish a recycling program in the UT Greek houses and foster a mindset of sustainability throughout Greek life! For more information and to apply, [click here!](#)