

WELCOME TO THE NC CLIMATE JUSTICE SUMMIT

The first NC Climate Justice Summit (NCCJS) is the result of a unique collaboration. Early this year, Jodi Lasseter, M.A., Principal of Turning Tides Consulting, convened a grassroots leadership team of 13 teenagers and 10 adults to explore how to build a diverse climate justice movement across North Carolina.

The Summit is rooted in our team's understanding that **all** people have a vital contribution to make in dealing with climate change. We also recognize that **some** people—particularly people of color and poor people—are hit first and worst by the carbon polluting industries causing climate change and by the intensifying floods, droughts, hurricanes and sea level rise that result from it.

We hope that the NCCJS will provide a space to lift up our commonalities and differences in a way that helps build the broad base necessary to address the challenges we face together. It is time to build our resilience. It is time to resist, reform, re-imagine and re-create. It is time for the NC Climate Justice Summit!

GOALS

- e Apply a climate justice framework for linking issues of social justice and climate change through seven domains—food, water, energy, housing/building, transportation, green jobs/economy, and health
- e Provide an interactive, inclusive space for learning that enhances connection and understanding between groups with unequal power (e.g., youth and adults)
- e Engage the head, hands and heart of each participant through experiential and popular education
- e Promote opportunities for civic engagement, organizing and mobilization
- e Provide skills development in resilient community strategies
- e Develop and showcase cultural work
- e Support the leadership development of youth and grassroots leaders
- e Launch Resilience Hubs; lay the groundwork for effective local organizing while seeding a trans-local network

APPRECIATIONS

We acknowledge the leadership teams who made the Summit happen:

NCCJS LEADERSHIP TEAM : YOUTH CLIMATE LEADERSHIP PRACTICUM

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Gregory Louie ● Greta Moore ● Jane Norton ● M. Paloma Pavel
Melinda Robinson ● Briana Steele

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BREAKOUT SESSION FACILITATION TEAM

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and graphic designer Isissa Komada-John.

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COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

We hope to create an environment here at the NCCJS that honors and values each of our unique backgrounds, experiences and identities. We seek to create a safe, inclusive, creative, equitable and fun learning space for all.

Show Respect: Be mindful of varied perspectives and understandings that may be different from your own; treat yourself, others and the land with the utmost care and love in all interactions.

No alcohol or drugs are allowed; tobacco use is limited to outdoor areas only, away from buildings.

W.A.I.T (Why Am I Talking?) and Step Up, Step Back: Let's make sure everyone's voice is heard. If you tend to talk a lot, then watch your airtime and "step back" so others may participate. If you usually keep quiet, try to step up and engage!

Please put cell phones on silent or vibrate mode when in public spaces.

All are Teachers, All are Learners: We are all experts of our own lived experience, and we are all learners about others' stories.

Be mindful of quiet hours: Some of us are night owls and some of us are early birds, so please observe quiet hours in the public spaces between midnight and 8:00am.

Be fragrance-free: Out of respect for participants and facilitators with chemical sensitivities that impact their health, please refrain from using perfume, cologne or other strongly scented hair or body care products or detergents.

Practice good dining room etiquette: Eat according to what you said on your registration form so that everyone has enough of the foods they need (for example, if you registered as a vegetarian, this is not the time to experiment with meat or vice versa). Meal times are not flexible, so please arrive on time. The dining room is off limits between meal times. Everyone should bus their own tables and follow instructions for composting and handling the dishes.

Demonstrate hospitality: Lend a helping hand (assist with setting up, cleaning up and other volunteer tasks) and strive to create a welcoming atmosphere.

These guidelines were adapted from IDEC 2013

AGENDA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 9AM-5PM **Racial Equity Basecamp (Pre-Summit)**
This intensive session is geared toward adult leaders. Registration/breakfast is at 8AM and the program begins at 9AM.
- 4-6PM **Summit Registration**
- 6-7PM **Dinner**
- 7-10PM **Session 1 : Envisioning Climate Justice**
Opening welcome by indigenous leaders. Multi-media presentation by the Alliance for Climate Education. Climate justice talk by Jacqui Patterson, the national NAACP Director for Environmental and Climate Justice. Interactive exercises using image theater to share visions of climate justice in NC.
- 10PM-12AM **Fire Circle**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 8-9AM **Breakfast**
- 9AM-12PM **Session 2: Topic Groups**
The morning session will feature breakout groups co-facilitated by youth and adult teams. The breakout groups will focus on how these 7 domains connect with climate change in NC: food, water, energy, housing, transportation, health and green jobs/economy. Highlights include teach-ins led by youth teams and interactive discussions.
- 12-1PM **Lunch**
During lunch, Jim Warren, Executive Director of NC WARN, will speak.
- 1-1:45PM **Session 3 : Community and Organizational Info Fair**
All participating organizations and groups are invited to showcase their work. Participants will have the chance to learn about the campaigns, programs and initiatives they can join.

1:45-3PM **Session 4 : Advocacy & Organizing Workshops**
Learn how to build grassroots power and influence. See workshop descriptions for details.

Snacks available in the Rhododendron Lounge

3:15-4:45PM **Session 5 : Outer Resilience Workshops**
Learn new skills and practical solutions for community resilience. See workshop descriptions for details.

5-6:30PM **Session 6 : Inner Resilience Workshops**
Learn personal and interpersonal skills necessary to sustain our work over the long haul. See workshop descriptions for details.

6:30-7:30PM **Dinner**

7:30-8:30PM **Session 7 : Open Space**
Participants are invited to offer any workshop or discussion that they would like to convene.

8:30PM-12AM **Session 8 : Open Mic & Dance Party; Film Showings**
The Sacrificial Poets will kick off the party with spoken word performances by their award winning team. After the Open Mic, the dance party starts! Films on climate change will be shown in the Rhododendron Room.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

8-9AM **Breakfast**

9AM-12PM **Session 9 : Resilience Hubs & Closing Ceremony**
Youth leaders from Bladen and Columbus Counties in Southeastern NC will present the results of their community asset mapping research. Participants will be introduced to a toolkit for regional convening called Resilience Hubs. We will gather in regional groups to discuss how to build on the learning from the Summit once we return to our local communities.

12-1PM **Lunch**

ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING

WORKSHOP TRACK ONE | SATURDAY, 1:45-3PM

The Real Food Challenge

Students Uniting for a Just & Sustainable Food System

A dynamic introduction to the challenges and complexities of the industrial food system and supply chains as they play out in campus Dining Services, and an introduction to the Real Food Challenge, which is uniting students nationwide in organizing for a more just & sustainable food system through campaigns for the Real Food Campus Commitment.

Presenters: UNC Pembroke Students: Tiffany Smart, Jonathan Miller, Ana Gudiel and Stephanie Sellers & Emma Hutchens. Emma Hutchens is a Real Food Organizer in the Carolinas for the Real Food Challenge. She co-founded the REAL Cooperative (Regenerative Education Action and Leadership) a network of activists. Her current projects include campaigning and educating around appropriate policy for Genetically Modified Foods, working with the Asheville Grown Local Business Alliance and coordinating sustainability efforts for the band Beats Antique.

Advancing Systems Change From the Ground Up

Building the Communities In Which We Want to Live

Whether it's coal burning in the mountains or hurricanes across the coast, communities across North Carolina are caught in the crosshairs of the intersection between being impacted by the drivers of climate change and the results of climate change, thereby placing inhabitants of the state in double jeopardy. However, we don't have to accept this as an immovable set of circumstances. Across the country, communities are rising up in resistance against dirty energy, which harms communities and advances climate change. Others are doing place based organizing to build resilience against the climate change impacts we are already feeling. During this workshop we will talk about the circumstances we are facing, the resources that exist to aid us in advancing reform, and the models of communities that have taken progressive action that have resulted in thriving neighborhoods with good health and economic prosperity.

Presenter: Jacqueline Patterson, MSW, MPH, is currently the Director of Environmental and Climate Justice at the NAACP. Ms. Patterson has worked on international and domestic issues including gender justice, racial justice, economic justice, and environmental and climate justice, with organizations including Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, IMA World Health, United for a Fair Economy, ActionAid, Health GAP, and the organization she co-founded, Women of Color United. She also currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Institute of the Black World Center for Story Based Strategy, and the US Climate Action Network, as well as on Steering Committee for Interfaith Moral Action on Climate Change and the Gulf Guardian Fellowship.

Citizen Action on Climate

Shaping the Conversation

The workshop will include skills on developing individual personal empowerment and teach techniques on how to develop and grow a grassroots organization. It will discuss the vital role citizens play in our democracy with the skills necessary to become an active and effective citizen. The workshop will cover topics including how set up community outreach and education and how to engage people on the issue of climate change. We will discuss the skills needed to hold a meeting with your member of Congress and then practice those skills in a mock meeting. Participants will gain the confidence and know how to enact change in their government.

Presenters: Donald Addu & Katie Rose Levin. Donald Addu graduated from Appalachian State University with a degree in Ecology and Environmental Biology. He taught Ecology as a Peace Corp Volunteer in Armenia and founded the first North Carolina chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby in Durham in 2011. As the volunteer Southeast Regional Coordinator he now manages over 25 different chapters from Virginia to Florida with a focus on grass roots organizing, community education and lobbying members of Congress. Katie Rose Levin is a graduate of Duke University with a double Masters in Forestry and Environmental Management. She is a certified Arborist

and the Natural Resource Manager at Duke University. She developed a managed international youth trips to South America and has been a member of the Citizens Climate Lobby since it's inception in 2011.

Talking About Climate Communication Strategies

During this workshop participants will consider their understanding of climate change, receive resources for finding up to date climate science information, practice communicating climate science and handling climate skeptics.

Presenters: Dana Haine & Megan Hughes are educators with UNC-Chapel Hill's Institute for the Environment.

Powermapping A Critical Approach to Engaging with Allies and Opponents on Your Campaign

Understand how to identify the avenues for working with potential allies or defending against opponents who can pressure your target and influence their decision on your issue. You will gain and use new tools to review power map strategies of others and apply critical thinking to your theories and those of others about who and what will influence a target. Bring a pen and paper/notebook.

Presenter: Emma Greenbaum is the Organizing Representative for the North Carolina Beyond Coal campaign of the Sierra Club. She got her start organizing as a student at American University as a member of the Community Action Social Justice Collective where she worked on trade justice and campus workers issues. She later worked in Bridgeport, Chicago on the successful Fisk and Crawford coal plant fight. Emma now resides in Asheville and is the primary organizer on the Asheville Beyond Coal campaign.

Advocating with Compassion and the NC General Assembly 101

This session will provide an easy to understand explanation of North Carolina's political process and provide tips and inspiration about how to advocate with respect and compassion. Political advocacy isn't just for lobbyists; 'We the People' have a part in all of this!

Presenters: Susannah Tuttle & Veronica Shingleton. Susannah Tuttle is the director of NC Interfaith Power & Light, a faith-based initiative addressing climate change as a moral imperative. Susannah grew up in Wisconsin, and then moved to California to study in the field of ecological ethics and receive a Masters of Divinity degree from the Graduate Theological Union. Susannah is a founding member of HistoricGreen, a national nonprofit transforming and revitalizing communities through education and charitable activities that integrate sustainable design and heritage conservation practices. Veronica Shingleton has over 14 years of public policy and advocacy experience on the state and federal level. Prior to starting her consulting firm, Harmonizing Strategies, she served as a Policy Advisor on Energy & Environment to former Governor Bev Perdue. She worked at the NC Conservation Network for over 5 years as a Climate & Energy Campaign Coordinator. Veronica began her career at the NC Coalition Against Sexual Assault as an Education Coordinator, developing public policy initiatives and training advocates to lobby.

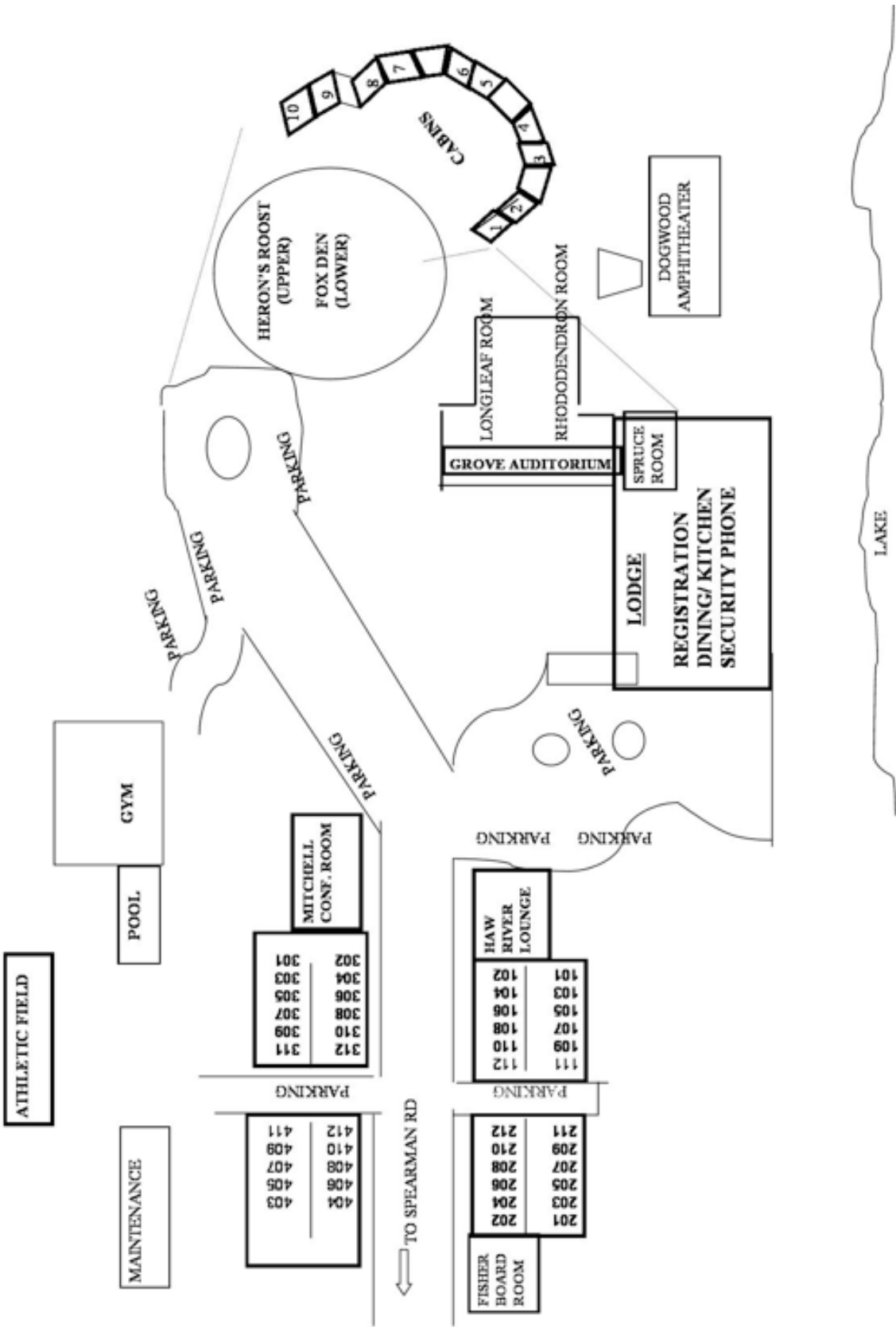
Building Successful Campus and Community Partnerships

Strong campus community partnerships can help address critical community needs, provide learning opportunities for youth, and help build stronger relationships between the campus and community members and institutions. This presentation will display model programs for fostering relationships between youth, adults, and diverse environmental organizations in the surrounding community. The session will provide case studies of a variety of models for engagement such as service learning programs, internships and volunteer programs. Participants will leave with new tools to draw from as they work on developing or strengthening programs in their own campus communities.

Presenter: Eriqah Foreman Williams is a proud native of Newark, NJ, and a departmental honors graduate of Spelman College with a bachelor's degree in Comparative Women's Studies. In her position of Southeast Campus Field Coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation's Campus Ecology Program, Eriqah works to strengthen local and regional networks of campuses committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by organizing networking opportunities and educational events. Her main personal and professional passion is to provide resources and in depth student environmental leadership development to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, like her beloved alma mater, in an effort to advance minority presence in this movement.

REIMAGINE							
FRIDAY	Welcome Ceremony & Opening Session (Heron's Roost)						
7-10PM	Fire Circle						
10PM-12AM	Fire Circle						
ROOMS	Rhododendron	Longleaf	Mitchell	Heron's Roost	Fox Den	Haw River Lounge	Fisher Board Room
SATURDAY	REFORM, RESIST & RECREATE						
9-10:45AM BREAKOUT GROUPS	Food	Green Jobs / Economy	Health	Energy	Water	Transportation	Housing / Land Use
11AM-12PM	Interconnection of 7 Issue Areas (Heron's Roost)						
1-1:45PM	Community & Organizational Information Fair (Gym)						
1:45-3PM ADVOCACY & ORGANIZING	Students Uniting for a Just & Sustainable Food System	Powermapping: Engaging Allies & Opponents	Advocacy Through Compassion	Advancing Systems Change From the Ground Up	Citizen Action on Climate: Effective Lobbying	Talking About Climate: Communication Strategies	Successful Campus & Community Partnerships
3:15-4:45PM OUTER RESILIENCE	Community Planning Game: Creating Sustainable Cities --- Emergency Preparedness*	High Functioning Co-operative Development --- Home Food Preservation*	Community Solar	Composting Indoors & Out --- Urban Agriculture --- Green Jobs Success	The Food Activist	Regenerative Design	Enviroscope: Know Your Watershed Solarama
5-6:30PM INNER RESILIENCE	Food Justice: Privilege & Oppression in the Food System --- Self Care in Hard Times*	Indigenous Re-membering & Resilience --- I Built My House on a Volcano: How to Sustain Ourselves*	Jamming for Liberation	Theater of the Oppressed	Ancestral Healing & Reconciliation	The Compass: A Transformative Leadership Tool for Climate Justice	Peer Support to Work for Climate Justice Joy in the Journey: Kundalini Yoga for Keeping it Together
7:30-8:30PM	Open Space: Self-organized sessions by participants						
8:30-10PM	Open Mic (Heron's Roost)						
10PM-12AM	Dance Party (Fox Den) and Film Showings (Rhododendron)						
SUNDAY	BRINGING THE SUMMIT HOME: BUILDING RESILIENCE						
9AM-12PM	Resilience Hubs by Region and Closing Ceremony (Heron's Roost)						

*These sessions will take place in the lounge outside of either Rhododendron or Longleaf



ATHLETIC FIELD

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GYM

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MITCHELL
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FISHER
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HAW
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LODGE
REGISTRATION
DINING/ KITCHEN
SECURITY PHONE

SPRUCE
ROOM

GROVE AUDITORIUM

LONGLEAF ROOM

RHODODENDRON ROOM

DOGWOOD
AMPHITHEATER

HERON'S ROOST
(UPPER)
FOX DEN
(LOWER)

CABINS

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OUTER RESILIENCE

WORKSHOP TRACK TWO | SATURDAY, 3:15-4:45PM

WATER

Enviroscape Presentation Know Your Watershed

The enviroscape presentation will demonstrate how pollutants enter our waterways, affecting water quality. Participants will learn the major types of pollutants run off, as well as the difference between point and non-point source pollutants.

Presenters: Jennifer Doucette & Jessica Stitt work for Cape Fear River Watch, an environmental non-profit dedicated to improving the water quality of the Lower Cape Fear River Basin through action, advocacy, and education.

ECONOMY/GREEN JOBS

Community Capacity Building for Green Jobs Success

This workshop will discuss setting up a connective, collaborative skill-set development and exchange infrastructure that uses the arts, environmental education and social enterprise to increase opportunity, provide direction for youth, bring greater value to elders (community coaches).

Presenter: DeWayne Barton is a native of Asheville and a Gulf War Veteran. He is the co-founder of Asheville Green Opportunities, a job training program designed to prepare Asheville area youth and adults for "green-collar" careers, helping to create a culture of sustainability that's inclusive and just. His mixed-media, found-art installations have been featured at Duke University, Smithsonian Institute's Museum of African American History and Culture, Upstairs Gallery, Asheville's Fringe Festival, and August Wilson Museum as part of Afrilachian Artist Project.

High Functioning Cooperative Development

In this workshop, we'll explore the real world aspects of cooperative business development as well as some background and present day understanding of the cooperative movement.

Presenters: Ed Whitfield and Thomas Beckett. Ed Whitfield has been in the struggle for decades and is a leader regionally and nationally in the cooperative movement. He represents Fund For Democratic Communities (F4DC) in Greensboro and also serves on numerous boards including the Highlander Center and the Southern Grassroots Economies Project. Thomas Beckett is the Director of Carolina Common Enterprise, a new cooperative development center to serve individuals, businesses, and local government, in the state of North Carolina and eventually throughout the Southeast.

ENERGY

Community Solar in North Carolina How to make it happen in North Carolina

The workshop will begin with a broad flash of diverse community solar activities happening around the country. Then, we will discuss the specific barriers and opportunities --from advocacy to innovative business models to contentious DIY installations--to bring community solar to North Carolina in some form.

Presenter: Ethan Case was born and raised in Statesboro, GA and has spent most of his adult life in North Carolina. He first participated in climate-focused work when he volunteered with the India Youth Climate Network in New Delhi, India. When he returned to the US, he attended two United Nations Climate negotiations with the youth-led, volunteer-run nonprofit SustainUS. He works as an energy policy analyst at the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center on DSIRE, the Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency. He is also the Coordinator of the North Carolina Business Council, a statewide network of businesses advocating for sustainable economic development.

Solarama **Everyday Uses for Solar Energy**

From solar ovens to a solar thermal heater that can warm a whole room in your house, this workshop is a hands-on exploration of how solar energy offers affordable and easy solutions to energy challenges. Come have fun with the sun!

Presenter: Daniel Bossut has been a sustainable energy aficionado since the 90s, with knowledge of photovoltaic (NABCEP certified), solar water heaters and other solar applications as well as general sustainability strategies such as biodiesel, aquaponics and composting. Daniel is also an Argentine tango instructor, and French to English translator/interpreter.

FOOD

The Food Activist: Thought and Behavior Strategic Doing in an Age of Certain Uncertainty

Justice has many forms. The particular justice being diced up in the section “The Food Activist: Thought and Behavior. Strategic Doing in an Age of Certain Uncertainty” is based on action in spite of the facts. We all know injustice exists, it’s just a matter of what strategy do we employ to level the bar so everyone eats well. Nutrient density for all will be our mantra after this session.

Presenter: Maurice Small is an independent consultant with 25 years of experience in urban/ rural food systems development, youth entrepreneurship training, and soil creation. His love for natural process and growth nurtures his strong desire to build community as he teaches and cultivates regional visions for sustainable agriculture, healthy lifestyles in underserved communities & urban/ rural collaboration between growers and vendors.

Home Food Preservation 101

This workshop will provide an overview of home food preservation. It is not intended to be a full how-to, but it will provide attendees with the basics of drying, freezing, and canning. You will learn all about safe canning practices, and will receive recipes and instructions for strawberry jam, pickled jalapenos and canned green beans. Bring your enthusiasm and questions!

Presenter: Anne Wolfley grew up in a family that

always gardened. She now has 3 separate plots for vegetables. She started preserving 5 & 1/2 years ago, and has expanded from some jams to pressure canning, freezing and drying. When she’s not obsessing about her garden, she is working for Duke University and volunteering with NC WARN, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, and the Southern Anti-Racism Network.

Challenges and Opportunities in Urban Agriculture

In this workshop we’ll explore the personal and collective experience of Angier Avenue Neighborhood Farm, a 1/2 acre formerly vacant lot in East Durham that engages the surrounding community while remaining a ‘break even’ business operation. Participants will leave with a clearer understanding of urban agriculture’s relation to the food system and the role of asset based community development and cooperatives in this work.

Presenters: Nick Allen & Keith Shaljian. Keith Shaljian is a co-founder of Bountiful Backyards, a worker-owned cooperative based in Durham that specializes in the design, installation, and maintenance of edible landscapes. He’s an active participant in the cooperative movement in NC and the Southeast region. He lives in East Durham with his wife Kate and 2 year old son Aster. Nick Allen is a garden manager at Angier Avenue Neighborhood Farm, an urban farm cooperative based in East Durham. He is one of the founding members at Angier and is a key strategist for the growth and expansion of the farm. On weekdays Nick is the Community Engagement Coordinator for Neighborhood Improvement Services in Durham.

Composting Indoors and Out

This workshop will teach the basics of composting indoors using worms, and outdoors using a variety of containers and recipes. The instructor will also teach how to harvest compost and worms from an existing wormbin, making a new wormbin in the process to give away to one lucky workshop participant! Anyone can compost anywhere, from a tiny apartment, to a large community garden. Learn how to get started and avoid pitfalls to make your own gorgeous compost.

Presenter: Muriel Williman has 20 years experience in environmental education, and is a leader in the solid waste field, focused on recycling, composting, reuse and other waste diversion strategies. She has taught hundreds of composting classes, diverted hundreds

of tons of waste from local events, and has helped countless organizations and individuals to improve their waste reduction strategies.

HOUSING/LAND USE & PLANNING

Regenerative Design Practical Learning to Create The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know Is Possible

Beyond the ‘battle’ against fracking, pipelines, coal & other damaging practices, what else is possible to create the world we want to live in? How can people from every walk of life make a real and practical difference in their own backyards, neighborhoods, cities & rural spaces? How can we learn to design the long-term resilience we dream of? Come join in this inspiring conversation hear about what’s happening in the Permaculture movement and opportunities for very real life learning. Natural building practices will be highlighted.

Presenter: Janell Kapoor is a global mover n’ shaker, radical systems designer, regenerative leadership and learning catalyst, and longtime mud mama. She is the founding director of Kleiwerks International, Asheville Institute, Whole Earth Summit, and the Permaculture School. As a practical visionary, Janell has worked with people from over 52 countries to inspire on-the-ground, community-designed permaculture and natural building initiatives. Janell resides in Asheville, NC where she lives on a one-acre crack-house turned eco-urban demonstration and education hub.

Community Planning Game Creating Sustainable Cities

What makes a livable place? How can we design our homes and cities to be more sustainable and more accessible? Here’s your opportunity to design a new town and explore the links between land use, transportation, energy use and climate change.

Presenter: David Salvesen, PhD, is an educator for the Center for Sustainable Community Design at UNC-Chapel Hill’s Institute for the Environment.

HEALTH

Emergency Preparedness = Community Resilience

Based on traditional congregational “caring circles” which foster a dynamic caring culture to support community members when they are in need, this workshop aims to engage communities for emergency preparation and response work, emphasizing the benefits of building sustainable relationships at the local and regional levels. A goal is to connect local “caring circles” with communities in different geographical regions. For example, a community located in the central part of the state would partner with a sister community at the coast. If there were ever a need to evacuate, coastal residents would know exactly where their families and pets would find safe and affordable refuge within a caring community of shared values. Mapping exercises to better understand the diverse nature of communities will be central to this work.

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INNER RESILIENCE

WORKSHOP TRACK THREE | SATURDAY, 5-6:30PM

Indigenous Re-Membering & Resilience

Drawing on the strength and resilience of Indigenous communities that have survived centuries of colonialism, this workshop guides participants to define for themselves how to begin the process of healing our bodies, lands and spirits in order to grow individual and collective strength. We come from the understanding that we already have the answers to our own healing in our blood memories, place memories, and cultural stories, but we have to develop practices of deep listening in order to Re-Member that knowledge.

Presenter: Vivette L. Jeffries-Logan (Kanahabnen Tabunitckia translation Morning Star) is an enrolled member of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (OBSN); the Indigenous people of Orange and Alamance Counties in North Carolina. She served as an elected member of the Tribal Council and is Founding Director of the OBSN Tribal Health Circle, a Committee responsible for all aspects of Community Health. The Health Circle honors the Indigenous belief that health is a balance of the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of one's being and one's community. Vivette is also a trainer with Dismantling Racism Works (dRworks) a collaborative of trainers and organizers who have been facilitating Dismantling Racism work for many years. She founded Bi'wa Consulting, her independent Leadership and Equity consulting business that incorporates an equity lens and analysis with servant leadership principles, restorative justice, accountability to communities and culturally appropriate program development.

Joy in the Journey Kundalini Yoga & Meditation for Keeping It Together

This workshop will introduce participants to the elements of a Kundalini yoga and meditation practice. Kundalini yoga is a transformational technology that works on all systems of the body and strengthens and trains the mind so that we can access the depth, resilience and power of our Spirit. Elements of the practice include breath work, exercises, postures, meditation, chanting, and relaxation. Kundalini yoga is a great antidote to chronic stress and burnout. Appropriate for all levels

of experience/abilities. Wear clothes that you can move freely in and bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Presenter: Keval Kaur Khalsa, M.A., is a Professional Kundalini Yoga Trainer, North Carolina Regional Coordinator for Y.O.G.A. for Youth, and Associate Professor of the Practice in Dance & Theater Studies and Service-Learning Faculty Fellow at Duke University. Keval Kaur trains Kundalini yoga teachers and Y.O.G.A. for Youth teachers, has taught yoga on three continents, and will offer a Level I Kundalini yoga teacher training in Durham in 2015.

Food Justice Privilege & Oppression in the Food System

Reflect on our own identities and experiences of privilege and oppression, and ways of understanding these experiences. Dig into how oppression operates in the food system and how our student groups and campaigns can work to address and dismantle systems of racism, sexism, heterosexism, xenophobia, ageism, etc.

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The Compass A Transformative Leadership Tool For Climate Justice

In this interactive workshop, participants will apply The Compass for Transformative Leadership to their own lives and Climate Justice work—a model that has been used successfully by frontline climate justice coalitions in the Bay Area and metro regions across the United States. Following “The Work That Reconnects” (Joanna

Macy), the Compass equips Climate Justice leaders with proven tools for organizing and advocacy success while demonstrating how the global breakdown of economy, environment and equity is also an unparalleled opportunity for a reimagining of our purpose on the planet. Bring journal and a spirit of adventure.

Presenter: M. Paloma Pavel, PhD., M.Div., is an author, ecopsychologist, and visiting faculty at the UC Davis Center for Regional Change. She is currently launching a global climate justice and community resilience project with the 20th anniversary edition of *Random Kindness and Senseless Acts of Beauty*, featuring artist Mayumi Oda and a foreword by Desmond Tutu. Recent publications include *Breakthrough Communities, Sustainability and Justice in the Next American Metropolis* (MIT Press) and *Climate Justice: Frontline Stories from Groundbreaking Coalitions in California*.

Theatre of the Oppressed Inner Resilience

Based on Augusto Boal's Theatre of the Oppressed. To him, theatre is the act of practicing for everyday life. Through which, we build strength and resilience for our inner sanctum. Furthermore, we learn ways to deal with our oppressions and realize the abundance of options around us even when we feel there are none. Specifically, I will be demonstrating and we all will be engaging in activities that help us prepare for the challenges of social and climate change. We will increase our inner fortitude and expand our understanding of one another and the world around us using our minds, bodies, and hearts. Come with an open mind (required), wear comfortable clothing for we will be moving, and be ready to remove shoes.

Presenter: Elijah Demont Brunson is from a humble beginning in Sumter, SC. A place we call "the country" where the "countrifolk" reside. June 2009, I graduated from High school with my IB diploma in hand venturing towards Duke for my degree. During my years at Duke I transformed from the small town child to an eclectic man. I began to see how being a part of organizations and groups can help and hinder progress. I needed to help others directly and talk with them. So, I decided to pursue psychology. It was this course in which I learned of Boalian techniques and Image theatre. Through my coursework at Duke, I learned to love people and hope to serve them in ways that allow them to change themselves and concurrently learning to change myself as well.

Let Nature be Your Guide Model, Mentor and Muse

Did you ever think how useful it would be to have an operating manual for living sustainably on our planet? Actually, there is one and it is beautifully demonstrated by our 'biological elders', the other species and the ecosystems we share our home the Earth with. In this experiential session, we will access the wisdom of the natural world to help us learn how to become resilient in the face of climate change, and develop into agents of regeneration. You will be introduced to the concepts of Biophilia and Biomimicry that show us that the key to surviving and thriving is emulating Nature's successful strategies from 3.8 billion years of research & development. Bring a journal and wear clothes that will allow you to be outside for all or part of the workshop.

Presenter: Jane Norton is an educator, coach and resourceer- connecting people to nature's wisdom, their own and to the resources they need to live regenerative, healthy and prosperous lives. As Executive Director of non-profit Eartheal, she engages youth and adults in learning from the natural world at the Eartheal outdoor classroom and trails, and manages the Our Community Green website - a Triangle hub for green / sustainable resources and stories. Jane also teaches a design course at Durham Tech and offers life and career coaching.

Note: This workshop is being held from 1:45-3PM during the Advocacy & Organizing track to allow time to be outdoors during daylight.

Peer Support to Deal with the Emotional Stress of Working for Climate Justice

The dangers caused by global warming and climate injustice can cause strong emotional reactions in all of us, especially those of us who choose to focus on these crises every day. Sometimes we can get discouraged, angry or afraid for ourselves and our loved ones. These feelings can cause us to burn out, communicate too urgently or otherwise be less effective in our work. This workshop will teach you to use the tools of peer support to help yourself and others deal with these feelings and become more effective. After attending this workshop, you will be able to set up your own local, phone and internet-based Peer Support Groups and Listening Turns.

Presenter: Dr. Jim Driscoll co-founded Peace Action and USAction. For the last three years, he has focused exclusively on climate justice, setting up peer support

and eliminating racism projects locally in AZ, DC and MD and nationally for Citizens Climate Lobby and the Great March for Climate Action.

Ancestral Healing and Reconciliation

We will come together with our ancestors and one another to explore their roles in our lives and learn how to work with them to address the effects of institutional racism and white supremacy. Come with an open heart and be open to documenting and being documented (taking notes, photos, drawing, recording videos, etc).

Presenter: Ekua Adisa is a healing artist, writer, and cultural organizer who has been working around creating the new world for over a decade. She lives to linger at life's intersections and help others integrate the varying paths as they meet. Ekua can be found rocking mics, facilitating workshops on a varied range of topics, creating healing safe spaces, providing bodywork, and being a channel for folks to receive guidance from their ancestors.

I Built My House on a Volcano How to Sustain Ourselves while Transforming the World

As we pursue our dreams of a sustainable world, how do we sustain ourselves? What happens when finding our purpose feels as though we've built our home on top of a volcano? Join author, philosopher, and community activist Joe Cole to discuss his new book, *I Built My House on a Volcano/Mi casa en el volcán*, a bilingual picture book for all ages and a parable about what happens when we follow our dreams and find more difficulties than we imagined. Bring a journal and pen.

Presenter: Joe Cole is a writer, philosopher, and educator based in Chapel Hill, NC. He has a Ph.D. in Philosophy and is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Guilford College in Greensboro, NC. Joe works as a facilitator and consultant for communities, non-profits, and collaborative groups.

Self-Care in Hard Times

Self-Care is a vital skill in the deep change work required for climate justice. We will explore the fundamental basis for self-care within a net of mutuality, and learn exercises that can help build inner-resiliency. Bring a journal or notebook and a pen.

Presenter: Sarah M. Vekasi, M.Div. founded and directs the Eco-Chaplaincy Initiative out of Black Mountain, NC, which provides secular and spiritual support for social & environmental justice activists and organizers. As a Buddhist-trained Chaplain, and a direct-action activist, Sarah created Eco-Chaplaincy to address the need for internal support structures within communities of change. Sarah brings a lot of life experience into organizing spaces, and The Eco-Chaplaincy Initiative primarily works within the movement to end mountaintop removal throughout Central Appalachia, as well as with activists in North Carolina.

Jamming for Liberation Free-style Percussion

Join this jam session to free your mind from worry and renew your playful spirit. We will make a joyful noise by learning to listen to each other and express ourselves in new ways.

Presenter: Connie Leeper grew up on the land in rural NC and now lives in Durham. She is the Organizing Director at NC WARN. She combines justice organizing with cultural work—community theater, music, storytelling, collage, journaling, percussion and gourd art—as vital tools for democratic movement building. She uses percussion improvisation as a process to uplift and rejuvenate.