2022 SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE
Schedule of Events, AM

9AM-10AM | Grand Forum Central | Opening Keynote

Speaker: Chad King, Executive Director of Sustainability

In 2007, DU made a commitment to sustainability and we have enhanced that commitment over the years. Join this session to understand where we stand today in our sustainability efforts. Recent successes and upcoming challenges will be shared, as we look to our goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2030. As always, we will frame this work in terms of justice, with the contextualization of rapid changes within the city and state.

Grand Forum North

10AM-11AM | Climate Justice in the Curriculum

Join us for a stimulating conversation about climate justice with faculty members from several disciplines across DU. We will discuss the different ways in which climate justice is defined and taught across the curriculum, and how each panelist incorporates these principles into their personal work.

**Panelists: Lisa Reyes Mason, Professor of Social Work;
Michael Kerwin, Director of Environmental Science Program;
Sarah Schindler, Professor of Law;
Wyatt Sassman, Professor of Law**

Moderator: Sarah Bexell, Professor of Social Work

11AM-12PM | Mental Health in a Changing Climate

It's not all in your head! All this talk about climate change can take a toll on our mental health. This panel will address the eco-anxiety and ecological grief that can occur as psychological responses to direct and indirect exposure to climate change, environmental toxins, and environmental injustices. We will also explore practices that individuals and communities can use to safeguard their mental health. *This discussion may include readings and media around identity-based discrimination, self-harm and suicide. It may be traumatizing or difficult to engage with this content.*

**Panelists: Joe Brown, Professor of Film and Media Studies;
Katelynn DeLavan; Mental Health Program Coordinator;
Colleen Cummings Melton, PhD student in Social Work**

Moderator: Doni Clemmons, MBA Student at DU

Grand Forum South

10AM-11AM | Carbon Neutrality at DU: Going for Zero

Speaker: Chad King, Executive Director of Sustainability

Chancellor Haefner has set the ambitious goal of reaching carbon neutrality by 2030. Join this active workshop to hear how planning efforts are progressing and provide your input into the process. This session will have you moving around, sharing ideas, and adding your voice to the planning process.

11AM-12PM | DU Alumni in Sustainability

Join us in welcoming these amazing alumni back to the DU campus to discuss their career paths, their experiences at DU, and how they connected their work in college to their work now. All of these students were involved in sustainability at DU as students, and they have brought this experience to their careers in unique and interesting ways. Come hear their stories, get their advice, and see how DU helps people to become sustainability leaders in the community.

**Panelists: Andy Reger, PA Consulting;
Nathan Sirrett, My Green Lab;
Lily Gross, University of Denver Hillel;
Kyle Sundman, Pivot Energy;
Tay Dunklee, Denver Office of Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency**

Moderator: Emily Schosid, Sustainability Coordinator

12PM-1PM | Grand Forum Central | Networking Lunch

After a full morning of learning and engaging, join us for a fully vegetarian lunch featuring local and sustainable ingredients.

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Grand Forum North

1PM-2PM | Student Experiences in Sustainable Curricula

The University of Denver offers a wide variety of ways to study sustainability both as an undergraduate student and, increasingly so, as a graduate student at many of our graduate schools. Join current graduate students who are studying sustainability from vastly different academic perspectives to hear about their experiences, find out what classes are their favorites, and offer advice to undergraduates who might be considering graduate work in sustainability.

Panelists: Kristin Mitchell, Korbel School of International Studies;
Leah McCord, Graduate School of Social Work;
Jenna Wyatt, University College;
Corey Martz, College of Natural Science and Mathematics, Geography Department

Moderator: Emily Schosid, Sustainability Coordinator

2-3PM | Biodiversity: What is it & Why Should it Matter?

Speaker: Julie Morris

What kinds of trees, bugs, and plants do we have on campus? Have you ever been curious about the diversity of species right here at DU? Join Professor Julie Morris and colleagues to talk about this critical ecological concept, and find out how we can increase the number of animal, plant, and other species we can support on campus. You will have the opportunity to give your feedback and help us come up with a new vision for the landscape and grounds at DU to support a more biodiverse and healthier environment.

Grand Forum South

1:30PM-2:30PM | Sustainable Policy in Colorado

What is the broader context of sustainability in the city of Denver? The state of Colorado? As we students, faculty, and staff work to make our university more sustainable and equitable, it is important to zoom out and align our efforts with those who are making big changes in our larger community. We will hear insider opinions from Denver city council members, Colorado state legislators, and others about the fight for climate action and how we can play a part in the grander scheme of creating a brighter future for all Coloradoans.

Panelists: Faith Winter, Colorado State Senator;
Kendra Black, Denver City Council;
Paul Kashmann, Denver City Council;
and others to be announced!

Moderator: Halle Brown, Master of Public Policy Student

2:30-4PM | DU Grand Challenges: Urban Sustainability

How can DU students, faculty, and staff collaborate effectively with diverse community members to advance equitable and ecologically sustainable outcomes in the Denver Region? Representatives from the DU Grand Challenges (DUGC) Urban Sustainability Cohort will explore this question, sharing insights drawn from their leadership of key initiatives, each intended to cultivate reciprocal community-university, multi-sector partnerships that contribute to a unifying result: "The Denver region supports just, inclusive and thriving communities where people and nature flourish."

Panelists: Cara DiEnno, PhD, Executive Director of CCESL;
Meghan McCarrol, Doctoral Student;
Jessica Villena Sanchez, Doctoral Student;
Susan Daggett, Professor of Law;
Jenna Wyatt, Master's Student;

Moderator: Elizabeth Walsh, DUGC Program Manager

2:30-4PM | Grand Forum Central | Student Rapid Fire Presentations

Hear about some of the amazing work our students have been doing at DU to advance sustainability on campus and beyond! These presentations are Pecha Kucha-style, which means that they are fast-paced, lighthearted, and fun. Hear about projects ranging from the DU Thrift Store and Food Pantry to information on how we can learn about fast fashion from archaeology and increase composting for off campus students and staff.

Happy hour and student group networking to follow on the Community Commons Fourth Story Bar

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