

Sustainability at Earlham College

Sustainability is a focus at Earlham in the curriculum, co-curriculum, and operations of the institution. The Integrated Program in Sustainability helps faculty members connect and engage students with sustainability through several pathways. One focus of the IP in Sustainability is to serve as a clearinghouse for connecting students from all disciplines to sustainability related internships. Faculty members are encouraged to integrate sustainability pedagogy and practice into their life at the college. The Integrated Program in Sustainability staff welcome faculty members to meet anytime to discuss sustainability opportunities at Earlham.

Some of the programs relevant to faculty members offered through the Integrated Program include:

Richmond Sustainable Communities Initiative: Each semester, courses from across the curriculum are matched with applied sustainability research and projects for the City of Richmond that are identified by City stakeholders. Sustainability is broadly defined as efforts to improve social, environmental, and economic well being in the community. Students engage in semester-long experiential academic work towards a sustainability goal or project in close collaboration with professionals in the City of Richmond. Teaching faculty members interested in having their courses participate in the program are welcome to meet with Jamey Pavey at any time to discuss possibilities.

SEED Grants: The Integrated Program offers mini-grants for faculty to integrate sustainability into their courses and research. Grants can fund experiential elements of courses, professional development, conference travel and more. Interested faculty should be in touch with Jamey Pavey to apply.

Green Office Program: Students in the Student Sustainability Corps offer sustainability audits of campus offices to anyone wishing to assess their office sustainability practices. A student liaison assists you with the audit, helps build office goals, and can work with you to achieve a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum Green Office rating. The audit covers typical office resource areas such as energy, waste, supplies, and kitchen use. To join the program, contact Lisa Butch.

August Wilderness: Each year, faculty members serve as leaders on a pre-orientation program for incoming students called August Wilderness. The program takes small groups of incoming students, upper class student leaders, and faculty leaders on a two week wilderness experience to either the Uinta Mountains for backpacking or to Wabakimi Provincial Park for canoeing. Faculty leaders need not have wilderness tripping experience to participate as leaders, interested faculty are encouraged to meet with Alexia Springer at any time to discuss the opportunity.

Recycling, Composting, Biking, Free Store and more: The Sustainability Office is happy to help faculty engage with operational sustainability initiatives on campus. Recycling and composting information is posted throughout campus at bin locations. The campus Free Store, a space for free exchange and re-use of goods, is open to all and is located in the basement of Runyan Center. Basic information on these initiatives is on our website: earlham.edu/sustainability. Questions can be directed to Lisa Butch.

Miller Farm: The campus farm program is moving and rebuilding this year near to campus. Faculty members interested in engaging with sustainable agriculture through their courses or recreationally are invited to express their interest to Jamey Pavey. In future years the Miller Farm program will offer student internships, an outdoor learning lab, and vegetable production to serve the campus dining hall.

Sustainability Events Series: Each year, the Integrated Program in Sustainability hosts an events series bringing scholars, artists, and films to campus around a year-long sustainability theme. The 2014-15 theme will be Place and Sustainability. Events are advertised around campus as well as on the Sustainability Office newsletter and facebook pages. All events are open to the campus. Event suggestions and partnership ideas are always welcome.

We hope you'll be in touch if you are interested in being involved in sustainability at Earlham.

Find us: We are located in the Center for Integrated Learning on the first floor of the Landrum Bolling Center

Contact us:

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- Richmond Sustainable Communities Initiative
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- Miller Farm and Sustainable Agriculture Programming
- Faculty Sustainability Grants
- Sustainability internship for students

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- Student Sustainability Corps
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Alexia is the contact point for:

- August Wilderness
- Outdoor recreation rentals and courses
- Outdoor equipment for field trips and research