Emory’s 11th Annual

Green Networking Night

GUEST DIRECTORY
Thursday, November 8, 2018

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Tips for Making the Most of GREEN NETWORKING NIGHT Thursday, November 8, 2018

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 game plan 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 code (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 getting to know the “Green” professional you are meeting before asking them about opportunities. If you want to form connections that are authentic, it starts by valuing people - 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 should I introduce myself? Smile and make eye contact. Offer a firm handshake. Share your name and a few things your listener might like to know about you, such as: your hometown, major, or year in school. Next, mention a part of their role that resonates with your interests and values. From there, you could say what has influenced you in a similar direction.

7. I’ve introduced myself. What next? Listening is one of the best ways to engage. Questions might relate 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. Walk over and thank them for coming to Emory - by starting a conversation, you may be 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 - simply: 1) thank the person you’re speaking to; 2) if you’d like to follow up after the event, it is always a good idea to ask for their business card and state your interest in following up; 3) offer a firm handshake and a smile, then 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 at least 24 hours in advance.
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**NOTE:** Guests were asked to select their top THREE areas above - yet many have experience that overlaps into additional categories. Be sure to review guest BIOs inside the directory to identify additional guests in your categories of interest!
Dr. Hilary King (17G) is an applied anthropologist and sustainable food advocate who completed her doctoral degree in Cultural Anthropology at Emory University. Hilary is the Sustainable Development Postdoctoral Fellow, teaching courses in the Emory Masters’ in Development Practice, a two-year professional degree program that prepares students for careers in the international development and humanitarian fields.

A native Oregonian who settled in Atlanta in 2010, Dr. King’s academic and applied work examines how social relationships shape economic interactions, particularly around food. Within food systems, she has held roles as a researcher, waitress, business adviser and chief of farmer relations. Since 2001, she has worked with farmers and food businesses across Latin America and East Africa, testing out ways for farmers to earn more money and for consumers to get to know more about what they eat. Before coming to Emory, Hilary worked in the fair trade and direct trade coffee industries, running her own company and advising cooperatives. She wants to know how people connect to one another in an increasingly globalized world and how these connections affect our understanding of responsibility within our global community. Her work has been supported by a Thomas J. Watson and a Fulbright Fellowship.

Dr. King also serves as Director of Special Projects at Community Farmers Markets (CFM), an umbrella organization that uses markets, education and financial incentives to increase food access. She is one of the organizers of the Fresh MARTA Markets, fresh produce markets operating in five MARTA stations since 2015. She also makes a darn good latte and handmade tortillas.

KELSEY ALEXANDER (18C) 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, accomplishing this through services ranging from LEED project management, to commissioning and retro-commissioning, to LEED Accredited Professional training. Kelsey assists property management teams with LEED certification projects nationwide for new construction and existing building certifications. She also conducts feasibility studies and oversees internal sustainability reporting. She graduated from Emory in 2018 with a BS in Environmental Sciences and a minor in Sustainability.

KAYLA ALTLAND is the Friends of the Park Associate with Park Pride, working with community groups in DeKalb County to build great parks. Park Pride provides leadership and services to help diverse communities across Atlanta take a smarter, more active role in their parks to promote active lifestyles, strong neighborhoods, a robust economy, and a healthy environment. Our programs build capacity of communities to enhance quality of life through greenspace advocacy, volunteerism, and capital improvements. Currently, Kayla is serving on a steering committee hosted by the DeKalb County Board of Health to plan the first Park Prescription program in DeKalb County, encouraging people to spend time exercising and being active in the local parks for physical and mental well being. In the past, Kayla worked for various museums and the National Park Service developing public programs for all ages focused on connecting history with art and nature. She also managed an NPS internship program for high school and college students. Also attending: Tina Arnold, Director of Community Building (not pictured).

GABE ANDRLE (17C) is a Bird Keeper at Zoo Atlanta, after serving as a seasonal keeper in the Herpetology department immediately after graduating from Emory. He came to Atlanta from the Chicagoland area to study Environmental Sciences at Emory. With a passion for nature conservation and environmental education, he got involved with a variety of activities and organizations on and off campus. He worked in the Gillespie Global Health and Biodiversity Conservation Lab both domestically and abroad while serving as an executive board member in the Pre-Vet Club and Undergraduate Sustainability Group. Gabe also served as a teaching assistant for the Ecology of the Tropics field course in Peru. Off campus, he started working part-time as an interpretive ranger at Fernbank Museum of Natural History, where he continues to work, today. He also volunteered as a researcher at Zoo Atlanta and started volunteering at the Amphibian Foundation. While he was open to many different possibilities after graduation, getting in touch with old connections and making some new ones through networking led him to his new role!

FRANCES APPENTENG (16OX, 18C) is an Operations and Compliance Coordinator at Call2Recycle, Inc. Founded in 1994 by a group of battery manufacturers, Call2Recycle, Inc. is the first household battery recycling program in the U.S. and Canada. Frances drives process efficiency efforts internally and at recycling operations partners and also ensures that vendors have appropriate certifications and safety programs. She graduated from Emory in May 2018 with a bachelor’s in Human Health and Sociology, which has been helpful in understanding the impact of batteries and emerging technologies on the lives of individuals and the environment.

ETHAN ARBISER (17C) is an Energy Management Analyst at Yardi, where he gathers and provides energy consumption data to commercial property managers in order to implement sustainable, efficient solutions. Though Yardi is a software company, they are now emphasizing many sustainability services to clients, and Ethan is spearheading the Atlanta office’s internal sustainability group, helping to expand Yardi’s sustainability focus beyond energy and utilities. After graduating from Emory in 2017 with a degree in Environmental Sciences and Jewish Studies, Ethan was hired as both a Teacher and Sustainability Coordinator at The Weber School, where he had the wonderful opportunity of teaching Jewish history to high schoolers while implementing various sustainable practices at the campus, including a large energy conservation project. While at Emory, Ethan interned at an Israeli renewable energy startup called Eco Wave Power, in Tel Aviv – an internship he credits for sparking his initial interest in energy through technology and entrepreneurship.
Carden Barkley is the Membership and Service Manager for the Georgia Conservancy, a statewide, member-supported conservation organization whose work aids in land conservation, environmental advocacy, coastal protection, sustainable growth and outdoor stewardship, all while recognizing the connection between the environment, the economy and our quality of life. Carden focuses on individual-based fundraising campaigns and membership acquisition, but also assists with outreach and communication, helps organize service projects for corporate partners, and aids in general fundraising efforts. He can tell you what it’s like to work in development and fundraising for a nonprofit, and also would be happy to help connect students with staff from other units. Carden is personally interested in environmental policy and marine conservation and is planning to pursue a related master’s degree in the near future. He began working for the Georgia Conservancy as their advocacy intern as an undergraduate at University of Georgia, where he graduated with a BS in Environmental Geography and a minor in Environmental Law in 2017.

Jay Bassett is an Engineer with the U.S. EPA and served as adviser and authority for EPA’s Sustainable Materials Management (SSM) program, where he provides advice on national program development, planning, and implementation. He established and led EPA Region 4’s Solid Waste and SMM vision and programs for the eight southeastern states. He is a charter member of the EPA’s leadership cadre that has transformed EPA’s RCRA program to meet the 2020 vision and 2009 “Road Ahead” principles through promoting efforts to manage materials and products on a life-cycle basis. He has been with EPA since 1992 managing Superfund cleanups, building multi-agency partnerships for DoD’s BRAC program, the Chemical Weapons Demil program, leading the EPA’s DoE’s Legacy Cleanup program. Jay is a graduate of Georgia Tech and accepted a commission in the United States Navy. He served on active duty in 2006, as deputy assistant chief of staff for engineers and led planning and execution of the Marine Expeditionary Force engineering operations in Al Anbar (West Iraq) for basing, facilities, construction and environment. Jay retired from the Navy with the rank of Commander and is currently a civically engaged resident of Gwinnett communities.

Will Bryan serves as the Built Environment Associate for the Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA), where he does research and data analysis to support SEEA’s Built Environment portfolio. Prior to joining SEEA in 2018, Will taught at Georgia State University and conducted independent research as a postdoctoral fellow at Emory University. He earned a BA from Furman University, and an MA and PhD from Penn State. He is the author of a peer-reviewed book about conservation policy in the South, which is based on his award-winning Ph.D. dissertation, entitled The Price of Permanence: Nature and Business in the New South, published in 2018 by the University of Georgia Press.

Christie Bryant is an Arborist for Gunnison Tree Specialist, where she runs the Tree Health Care division. She is basically a tree doctor, diagnosing and treating them and actually writing prescriptions to keep them alive during construction. She determines whether trees need to come down or not, and as such she has to make hard decisions. Christie also plans and estimates the removal of the trees and works with Gunnison’s clients on their expectations of removal. She began her career as a landscaper while she was earning her AAS degree in Environmental Horticulture at NMTCC, now Chattahoochee Tech. Christie is the Vice President of the Georgia Arborist Association, where she will become its first female president in 2019. She was also trained as a Horticultural Therapist so she tends to put a human spin on trees that seem to make people “get” them a little better. While it is not always easy being a woman in a very manly world, she loves her job and career, even on bad days.

Max Burch (13OX, 15C) is a GIS Technician at Arcadis, an international environmental, engineering, and infrastructure consultancy. He has been involved in variety of projects, including stormwater compliance, roadway asset inspection, and NEPA documentation. His main role involves building GIS maps of GDOT stormwater systems and monitoring these systems for illicit discharges, both in the field and via desktop spatial data analysis. After getting a BS in Environmental Sciences from Emory, Max began working as an environmental compliance biologist for a bridge demolition project over the Flint River where he performed site impact assessment and habitat monitoring, ensuring compliance with federal and state laws regarding protected species. Max enjoys road biking, mountain biking, hiking, and hanging out with friends in his free time.

Kevin Burke is the Principal Landscape Architect for Atlanta BeltLine Inc., after serving as Senior Landscape Architect from early 2009-2016. He has 36 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. Recently, he was the Construction Manager for the 3-mile Westside Trail and has assisted on the 1.5-mile extension of the widely popular Eastside Trail. He is currently leading the design for Enota Park in SW Atlanta and Boulevard Crossing Park in SE Atlanta. 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. Kevin has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Utah State University.

Britni Burkhardsmeyer (17PH) is the Project & Impact Manager at Food Well Alliance, a nonprofit working to strengthen community farms and gardens to create thriving communities that value local, healthy food. She connects people, ideas, leadership, and capitol. Britni joined the organization in September 2017 and now assists with organization-wide strategic planning, coordination, measurements, and evaluation of goals, activities, and programmatic outcomes. She manages data and metrics tracking for grant, capacity building and education programs and manages and tracks workflows and activities of staff, consultants, volunteers and interns, and partners as required for successful project and program execution. Previously, Britni worked as Program Coordinator on the Emergency Healthy and Nutrition team at Save the Children in Washington, D.C. She holds a Master’s in Public Health from Emory’s Rollins School of Public Health with a concentration in global nutrition.
**Dr. Matt Cox** is the co-founder and CEO of **The Greenlink Group**, a clean energy technology and consulting firm based in Atlanta specializing in applying artificial intelligence to energy systems to improve planning and policy decisions. Matt is an energy and climate policy expert with master’s and doctoral degrees in public policy. He has authored more than 60 publications in energy policy, renewable energy, energy efficiency, economic development and job creation, the social and environmental impacts of energy use, and water policy. His research has helped to craft and inform evidence-based energy policy and design at the local, state, national, and international levels, with policy recommendations adopted by several cities and states, the U.S. government, and 12 other nations.

**Natalie Dionne** is a Program Coordinator in the **Department of Environmental Health at Rollins School of Public Health**. She has a degree from Ithaca College in Culture and Communication and spent time working in farmers markets across Atlanta, on an apple orchard in Maine and conducting research while living with a pastoral nomadic tribe in India. She has found a role at Rollins that allows her to stay close to her passions surrounding environmental sustainability, while utilizing her communication skills to handle external communications, student recruitment and the development of community partnerships. Given her strong interest in environmental justice and sustainable agriculture, Natalie was immediately drawn to the work taking place in the Department of Environmental Health, where faculty and student research ranges from air pollution, epidemiology, climate change and more. Talk to her about the five different degree programs the Department offers: a 5-year BS/MPH in Environmental Studies and Environmental Health; MPH in Environmental Health; MPH in Global Environmental Health; MSPH in Environmental Health and Epidemiology; and, a PhD in Environmental Health Sciences.

**Andrew Doetsch (17C)** is Southface’s Program Assistant for Commercial Resource Efficiency on the Regenerative Places and Spaces Team, where he supports the organization’s leadership, direction, and technical expertise. The LEED Administration and Consulting Team works on a government, library, teaching, retail, restaurant, and medical building types in the areas of new construction, major renovation, and interior fit-out. Andrew has been developing web-based cartographic tools to streamline green building certification and has earned his LEED Green Associate certification. Accreditations include: LEED Green Associate; EarthCraft House Builder; DET Verification Training. Andrew graduated from Emory University where he studied Environmental Sciences. As a student, he served as a Peer Health Partner, giving a weekly lecture to a class of twenty-first-year students and was a Senior Captain for varsity baseball. He worked for Intelligent Systems and Engineering Services during his senior year, receiving training in building sciences and performed facility condition assessments. In high school Andrew was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, earning the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Nema Etheridge** is the Marketing Director for **Café Campesino**, a fair trade, organic coffee company and certified B Corp headquartered in Americus, GA. She began working there in 2009, and during her tenure, has led the company’s sales efforts, opened and operated its flagship coffee house, and organized several events, including Café Campesino’s recent 20th anniversary celebration. Nema manages outreach, branding and communications for each of the company’s revenue centers, which include two roasteries (Café Campesino in Americus and Sweetwater Organic Coffee in Gainesville, FL), a coffee house and restaurant in Americus, and a specialty coffee training center. She also runs the company’s digital media presence including three e-commerce platforms. She is a member of the Atlanta chapter of Les Dames d’Escoffier and serves on Cooperative Coffee’s Cooperative Impact Committee, which works to improve sustainability initiatives across the specialty coffee supply chain. Nema holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from McGill University and a Master of Public Administration from Georgia State University.

**Bobby Farmer (05C)** is the Grants & Relationship Manager at **Food Well Alliance**, a local nonprofit that works to strengthen community farms and gardens to create thriving communities that value local, healthy food. He joined the organization in August 2016, and in his current role, helps facilitate Food Well Alliance’s grant making program that, since 2015, has granted $3 million to Metro Atlanta’s urban farmers, nonprofits, community gardens, schools and others working to strengthen the communities of Fulton, Dekalb, Clayton, Cobb, and Gwinnett counties by growing food in community. Bobby graduated from Emory in 2005 with a bachelor’s in Economics and later earned his Master’s in Public Administration (Nonprofit Management) from Georgia State University. His prior work experience spans both business and nonprofit sectors, with previous positions at Delta Air Lines and the International Rescue Committee.

**Jennifer Fundora (18C)** is an Associate at the **Center for Transportation and the Environment**, a nonprofit whose mission is to develop and commercialize clean, efficient, and sustainable transportation and energy technologies that improve the health of our climate and communities. CTE primarily works on vehicle electrification for public transit buses, as well as zero-emission technologies in the medium- and heavy-duty space, collaborating with federal, state, and local governments, fleets, and vehicle technology manufacturers in doing so. Jennifer develops content through blogs, press releases, and CTE’s website. She also supports the Development Director in creating CTE’s Annual Report and putting on the annual International Zero Emission Bus Conference, bringing folks from the public transportation industry together to talk about the future of fleet electrification. She holds a bachelor’s in Environmental Sciences and International Studies from Emory, where she served as Co-President of the Emory Climate Organization and was a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow alongside her mentor, Dr. Eri Saikawa.

**Mindy Goldstein** is Director of the **Turner Environmental Law Clinic** and Director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program at Emory Law School, where she also teaches classes in environmental law and environmental advocacy. She has represented clients in complex environmental litigation before judicial and administrative tribunals; in legislative and policy matters at the local, state, and federal levels; and, in land use and real estate transactions. Her work focuses on matters related to sustainable energy and climate change, land use and conservation, sustainable agriculture, protection of water resources, and access to information. Mindy has successfully litigated cases before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and various district courts and has testified before several federal agencies. Her representations have been covered by National Public Radio, The Economist, and The New York Times. Professor Goldstein earned a B.S. in Biology with a minor in Chemistry with honors from UNC-Chapel Hill, and later received a JD from the University of Maryland, magna cum laude, concentrating in Environmental Law.
JULIE HAIRSTON is the president of GigaWord Communications, which since formed in 2013, provides a broad range of services essential to successful business communications. GigaWord specializes in sustainable products, companies and initiatives and offers award-winning expertise at reasonable rates to power your message. Before forming GigaWord, she served as a senior account executive with A. Brown-Olmstead Associates. During her 30-year journalism career, Julie 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. She serves as the Communications Director for the Georgia Solar Energy Association and served six years as Secretary on its Board of Directors. Her board service at GA Solar ended in July 2018. 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.

TRAVYS HARPER is the Youth Tree Team Supervisor at Trees Atlanta, a nationally-recognized nonprofit citizens’ group that protects and improves Atlanta’s urban forest by planting, conserving, and educating. Travys oversees a 7-week work readiness program preparing high school students for green careers and is also involved with the Urban Forestry Crew that plants ball and burlap trees along the beltline and other spaces around Atlanta. His chief interests are architecture, landscape, sustainable design, and he is able to incorporate both roles into one another while pulling strengths from each department to aid in his teaching and education efforts. The Urban Forestry Crew planted over 1000 trees on Beltline Arboretum Westside Trail; you’ll find Travys’s recent plantings along the Westside Beltline trail from Washington Park to Metropolitan Parkway. He holds a degree in Environmental Design from Auburn University.

RAVEN HINSON (18G) is a Research Associate at Barna Group, a leading research organization focused on the intersection of faith and culture. In 2018, Raven graduated from the Laney Graduate School with a Master in Development Practice and a concentration in Program Evaluation. As a student, she worked for CARE and the Institute for Developing Nations. Her first practicum experience was as part of an Emory Global Health Institute team doing AIDS Research, and in her second practicum, worked for the Atlanta Regional Commission in the Transportation department. Raven is currently a member of the Atlanta area Evaluation Association and spends time outside of work doing freelance evaluation work for various nonprofits and for-profits, such as Civic Dinners and New American Pathways.

CASEY HOOD is the manager of the Decatur Farmers Market. This is part of the broader umbrella organization Community Farmers Markets, whose mission is to develop a local food infrastructure for long term sustainability and meaningful community impact. Casey’s role consists of market coordination, farmer/vendor relations, and community outreach education that supports the organization’s purpose: to preserve, root, and grow a diverse local food culture by maintaining an authentic space for all people to share community, fair food, and healthy lifestyles while providing a sustainable living for producers who steward the earth. Her favorite program is the Georgia Fresh for Less program that matches all EBT/SNAP dollars to help increase access to fresh, healthy, local food. Casey found her path into managing the farmers market through work as farmer and as a teacher. She holds a bachelors in Environmental Studies and International/Intercultural Studies from Pitzer College in California.

AMY HOU (15OX, 17C) is a Marketing Associate at Urjanet, a startup in Atlanta whose mission is to provide the world with easy access to utility data for commercial functions in corporate sustainability, energy efficiency, and solar sales. Amy manages content at Urjanet, including copywriting, the blog, social media, and advertising campaigns. She studied Environmental Sciences and Economics while at Emory and enjoys combining these disciplines for a company that helps its customers to save on costs, as well as reduce their carbon footprint. Amy also serves as the professional development chair for the Emory Alumni Environmental Network.

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.

BRADY HUMMEL is a communications consultant in Atlanta working with HL Strategy, a marketing and communications consultancy specializing in sustainable development. Brady’s specialty is podcasting and just launched the first season of This is Community, a podcast series by Purpose Built Communities on breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty and creating communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. In addition, he is also working with Southface on leveraging The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design at Georgia Tech to spread regenerative design across the Southeast; as well as the Georgia Forestry Foundation to help promote working forests in classrooms across Georgia. Brady joined HL Strategy after graduating cum laude with a B.A. in Economics from Dickinson College in 2017. He interned at the college’s Center for Sustainability Education, where he used data analysis to help inform Dickinson’s sustainability planning and built the College’s Sustainability Dashboard, an interactive platform highlighting the College’s sustainability data.

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MAGGIE KELLEY is the Emerging Leader Fellow at Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (SEEA), a nonprofit that works with policy makers and implementors, utilities, technologies, and communities to increase energy efficiency across the Southeast. She helps to connect emerging leaders in the energy and sustainability fields with SEEA’s work and programs in three Work Areas (Policy, Built Environment, and Transportation). She helps develop programs for low-income populations, create models for local engagement in the Southeast, and engage stakeholders in creating and establishing energy efficiency advocates across SEEA’s 11-state region. Previously, Maggie interned for the City of Brookhaven through the Atlanta Regional Commission’s Sustainable Connections Internship Program, where she conducted a sustainability audit of Brookhaven’s energy and environmental sustainability processes. When the internship ended in 2017, she came on board part-time to implement sustainability programs in Brookhaven and to manage the first phase of the Peachtree Creek Greenway. Maggie graduated from Georgia Tech with a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy with a concentration in Environmental and Energy Policy, earning minor certificates in Sustainable Cities and Leadership in Fisheries and Wildlife, with an Aquatic Sciences emphasis.

MELISSA KENEELY is a Contract Field Biologist at CCR Environmental Inc., a natural resource consulting company. Previously, she worked as a Seasonal Aquatic Biologist Technician for the Nongame Aquatic Biologists at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Melissa has participated in a variety of aquatics projects including protected species surveys and biomonitoring surveys (fish, water quality, habitat assessments). This work involves traveling around the state of Georgia spending a lot of time out in the field. These roles have required that she is knowledgeable of state and federal sampling protocols for different types of surveys, that she knows how to identify different fish and mussel species, and that she understands basic ecological concepts. Melissa graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife, with an Aquatic Sciences emphasis.

ALISSA KINGSLEY is an architect and 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. She is the Project Architect for the Kendeda Building for Sustainable and Innovative Design at Georgia Tech, which is pursuing Living Building Challenge Certification, the most rigorous performance standard to date.

SARA KUHN (16C) is an Ecologist with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). There, she surveys proposed transportation project sites for protected species, waters and wetlands, and works to avoid ecological impacts. This involves coordination with state and federal partners at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as other GDOT offices and the private sector. Sara and her colleagues are committed to developing sustainable and innovative infrastructure while protecting Georgia’s natural areas. Her background is in native plant communities, having worked previously as a horticulturist for the Smithsonian Gardens and the Atlanta Botanical Garden. She holds BA in Environmental Science and International Studies with a concentration in environment for all. Shelby holds a degree in Business Sustainability from Arizona State University (Virtual Campus), and has spent time working in sustainability communities in New York City, Florida, and Michigan.

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KEVIN LANZA (11C) is a PhD candidate at the Georgia Institute of Technology’s School of City & Regional Planning. There, he works as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Urban Climate Lab, examining the urban heat island and its public health implications. The research group partners with cities with rapid urban warming to develop heat management plans based on feasible cooling strategies (e.g., tree planting and changing the reflectivity of building materials). We show how these strategies reduce temperatures and subsequent heat-related deaths at the neighborhood scale. Kevin’s dissertation investigates how summer heat affects physical activity levels in Atlanta, Detroit, and Phoenix. He has taught a master’s course on urban environmental planning and design and an undergraduate course on Sustainable Urban Development. He wrote a journal article on the effect of climate on the historical ranges of 200 tree species in 20 cities. In January 2019, Kevin will begin a post-doctoral fellowship at the Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living of the University of Texas, where he will investigate how the environment influences physical activity of children. Kevin has a BS in Environmental Studies from Emory (2011), a Master’s in City & Regional Planning from Georgia Tech (2015), and is a LEED Accredited Professional.
Samantha Lenard is the Director of Sustainability for Cherry Street Energy, a solar power company based in Atlanta that focuses on providing an accessible model to renewable energy by offering clients Power Purchase Agreements. Samantha focuses on the environmental and social impact of the business and works to partner with local communities and organizations in order to bring renewable energy to under-served communities. Previously, she was the Community Partnerships Manager for Bon Appétit Management Company at Emory University, working with chefs, farmers, and local producers to source local and sustainable food to serve at Emory Dining locations while also reducing food waste. Previously, Samantha completed a Masters in Environmental and Sustainability Management at Harvard University Extension School, specializing in corporate responsibility strategy. During this time, she worked with CERES (Coalition for Environmentally Responsible Economies) corporate division doing sector benchmarking and performance analysis of fortune 500 companies’ sustainability practices. She holds a BA in Sociology with a minor in Environmental Studies from Brandeis University.

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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 co-founded Atlanta’s Lifecycle Building Center of which he is a Past Board Chair. He is currently working as a leader for the Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design at Georgia Tech, a project in the pursuit of a full certification of the Living Building Challenge. Jimmy has a Civil Engineering degree from Georgia Tech, where he serves on the External Advisory Board for the College of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Rafaela Moura is a senior sustainability advisor for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 where she contributes to the agency’s mission of protecting the environment and public health. She is interested in sustainability initiatives in the area of infrastructure, community revitalization, discharge and emission’s management, incentives, flood mitigation, capacity building and international development. The Office of Community Revitalization has technical assistance programs that students may enjoy participating in, so feel free to ask her about them. Previously, Rafaela worked as an environmental consultant worldwide. She has a master’s in public policy from Duke University.

Dr. Priscilla Oliver is a Life Scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Atlanta. She is the STEM Program Manager, Regional Coordinator for the Prescription Drug Take Back Program, and President Elect of the National Environmental Health Association. Dr. Oliver is a member on the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council, National Council on Diversity in Environmental Health, and the Georgia Association of the Society of Public Administrators. Her work includes years of experience inspecting municipal and industrial facilities, servicing on the faculty with the Morehouse School of Medicine, Kennesaw State University, and Troy University, an EPA Leadership Fellow, and a Legislative Fellow of the Health and Environment Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives. She is the President of the American Federation of Governmental Employees (AFGE) Local 534, with scientists, engineers, attorneys, and accountants of EPA. Dr. Oliver holds a B.S. Degree in Biology from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She received the Master of Public Administration and Ph.D. Degrees in Educational and Health Administration from Georgia State University (GSU), where she is a lifetime alumnus. She is a Golden Life Member of the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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Peggy Ratcliffe drew the inspiration for founding Live Thrive Atlanta from her experience as a caregiver throughout her mother’s long-term illness. During that period she created a website, LivingGreenPages as a local resource to improve personal and environmental health. To promote the website she organized several recycle collections for non-curbside items and found that many Atlanta residents were pursuing opportunities to preserve their health and community environment. The success led her to organize the first household hazardous waste collection for the City of Atlanta in September 2010. That December LiveThrive expanded from a blog to a nonprofit, whose mission was to more actively provide events and education that promoted a healthy environment, and it has since received numerous accolades for its work. In 2015, Live Thrive opened the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (ChARM), where Peggy has been helping residents and staff at the site every day that it is open to the public. When not operating the baler or paint mixer, Peggy has been working tirelessly to increase visibility through partnerships, funding, operational sustainability and its impact. Peggy was born and raised in Atlanta and received her BS in Education at Georgia State University. Also attending: Sabina Kasumova, Outreach Coordinator (not pictured).
Shannon Ridley is a Brownfield Coordinator for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division who has worked in environmental protection and remediation for over 25 years in both public and private sectors. Currently, she feels that the economic impacts of brownfield reuse and redevelopment throughout the State need to be better understood. Upon graduating from the University of Michigan’s School of Engineering, Shannon began her career as an environmental consultant for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IV in support of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Since 2001, she has served as an environmental engineer with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, first in the Hazardous Waste Management Program and later in the Georgia Brownfield Program, where as an engineer, she oversaw the investigation and cleanup of over two hundred brownfield properties. She has also had the privilege of assisting and educating communities, nonprofits, and local governments throughout Georgia on the reuse and redevelopment of brownfields. She now manages the Georgia Brownfield Program, including its technical and regulatory requirements, while still meeting the needs of the development community. The Program received the 2017 Atlanta Metro Chamber’s E3 Award in the Built Environment category.

Nick Riker is the Communications and Development Strategist for Global Growers, a nonprofit that helps Dekalb County’s refugee and immigrant population to use their agricultural expertise to grow food for themselves and their community. Nick is responsible for most of the organization’s outward-facing communication, ranging from social media to newsletters to graphic design for print materials. He also assists with planning and production of fundraising events and coordinating volunteers. Currently, he is working on a new set of informational signs for their community garden in Clarkston, GA. Previously, Nick worked for Cochon555, a food-and-wine event series promoting Heritage breed pork, and the Good Food Foundation, which runs the Good Food Awards and other programs to support small, sustainable food crafters. He graduated in 2012 with a degree in Visual Art from Bowdoin College in Maine.

Scott Sadler is Founder and President 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 first 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 Member of the Green Chamber of the South.

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Carl Seville, principal in SK Collaborative, LLC, is a consultant and educator on sustainability to the residential construction industry. His firm consults on and certifies single family, multifamily, and light commercial buildings, and communities under all major green building programs throughout the U.S. He is a HERS rater and holds the LEED AP Homes and Green Rater designations. 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. He was a co-author of 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 lives in a LEED and EarthCraft Platinum, and National Green Building Standard Emerald new home, and SK Collaborative’s offices are in an EarthCraft Platinum renovated building.

Joey Shea (13C) is taking on a new role at Interface, the world’s largest designer and maker of carpet tile. Joey brings his perspective on community engagement, local partnership, and corporate sustainability as the Manager of Interface’s Customer Experience team. His focus is connecting Interface to the Atlanta environmental movement and providing Interface customers with an inspiring look at the history and future of the company’s world-class commitment to carbon positive production and closed loop manufacturing. Joey began his environmental career in Atlanta at Southface in fundraising and community partnership, after graduating from Emory in 2013 with a bachelor’s in Interdisciplinary Studies and Sociology with an additional focus in sustainability studies.

Akiya Simms is the Sustainability and Resilience Project Planner for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. As a high-performance business administration professional, she currently specializes in Enterprise Sustainability and Risk Management for airport programs and projects. These include the material formulation of contract risk analysis data encompassing corporate management systems development phases. She is a steward of business intelligence support and value-added stakeholder service via secure data proficiency and coordination, including lean process analysis methodologies for high-level efficiency, capital appreciation, and holistic corporate cost center performance improvement. She is a positive and astute participant in public transportation research, public-private partnerships, and industry-academy exchange, amid emerging technologies, diversification, and regulatory framework change.
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TAYLOR Spicer (15G) is the Programs Manager for Emory’s Office of Sustainability Initiatives, where she supports and enhances student engagement with sustainability lifestyles and careers on campus and beyond. She runs the office’s intern program and oversees WaterHub student tour guides, the Sustainability and Social Justice Incentives Fund program, and runs the weekly campus Farmers Market. She also works closely with Emory Dining to increase community education about the University’s efforts to source more food locally and sustainably. Previously as OSI’s intern, Taylor ran a behavior change program in residence halls while she was completing her Master’s in Development Practice at Emory. She has conducted research in a variety of areas, including: 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 has served on Atlanta Regional Commission’s Millennial Advisory Board and now serves on the Executive Committee of the Generation Green Board for the Georgia Conservancy.

ELIZA Stevenson (she, her) currently works for the Sierra Club Georgia Chapter as the Sierra Student Coalition Organizer and Clean Energy for All Fellow. One of the oldest and most influential grassroots environmental advocacy organizations in the U.S., the Sierra Club is engaged in everything from conservation to political organizing, from outdoor skills development to working on climate and energy initiatives. Right now, our Georgia Chapter is largely focused on assisting Atlanta and other Georgia cities in putting into action a plan to transition to 100 percent clean energy by 2035. This plan, which was passed by the city this year, is the most comprehensive of its kind in the country and involves many small and large-scale efforts, including at the university level. Eliza has degrees in Environmental Studies and Psychology from Guilford College in NC, attended the International Sustainable Development Studies Institute, and has worked for the National Park Service at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. She particularly enjoys working with bright and motivated students to support their local sustainability efforts.

Meggie Stewart (18C) is a Service Member of FoodCorps, a division of AmeriCorps that connects kids to healthy food in schools by providing hands-on lessons, advocating for healthy school meals, and creating a schoolwide culture of health. Her post is with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), a refugee resettlement agency where Meggie is working with elementary school students who are new to the U.S., teaching them how to grow an organic garden and cook the foods they help produce. She is currently organizing a “climate club” for these students to generate ideas and accomplish projects that will lessen the carbon footprint of their school. Prior to graduating from Emory with a degree in Environmental Sciences and building an army of mini climate warriors, Meggie held internships at Emory’s Office of Sustainability Initiatives, Global Growers, and Atlanta Food & Farm. She plans to do more environmental advocacy work in the future!

William “Bill” Strang is President of Operations and eCommerce for TOTO USA. As such, he is responsible for all operations in North America, including technical support, logistics, environmental sustainability and management of two major manufacturing plants in Morrow and Lakewood, GA, and two major assembly and warehousing facilities in Fairburn, GA, and Ontario, CA. Under Bill’s leadership, TOTO has received awards for SS Lean Manufacturing Implementation, the US EPA’s Green Energy Leadership Award, the US EPA’s Water Efficiency Leadership Award, and many more. Bill was recognized by the Atlanta Business Journal with its Most Admired CEO award. TOTO USA has developed secondary uses and recycling channels for the traditional waste streams which are upcycled as raw material for other manufacturers, such as rejected china use to manufacture of new floor tile. TOTO also powers all operations in its Morrow, GA, factory using 100% solar energy. For its leadership in green energy use, TOTO USA was recently honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with its Excellence in Green Power Use Award.

Shane Totten is Director at Southface and leads the Education and Research team, composed of engineers, architects, trainers, 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 provides education and training resources for Southface’s programs and workforce development efforts. They also research market leading solutions for creating healthy, affordable buildings that give more than they take. Shane is interested in the consequences of the intersection of the built environment, the natural environment, and the human experience. Ask him about evidence-based design theories, embodied carbon, or performance coaching. He has practiced architecture for more than 25 years, been active in the nonprofit community and has taught in higher education. An avid cyclist (road and mountain), he has a Master of Architecture with substantial work in urban planning and public administration.

Mason Towe is the Education Specialist for Athens-Clarke County Recycling Division, responsible for waste reduction education and outreach programs. After previously serving the program as a college intern, he now oversees the student internship program! The ACC Solid Waste Department is always striving for new waste reduction programs, and Mason is currently spearheading efforts in the realms of creative reuse, source reduction, and strategic policy. His role also includes event planning; tours of the recycling, compost and landfill operations; management of public information through social media and coordination with traditional media; and, graphic design. He also works directly with the local K-12 schools and colleges, sharing information with students through assemblies, class visits, and school career and science fairs. Beyond direct job responsibilities, Mason is a member of the interdepartmental Innovation Ambassadors program within ACC Unified Government. He graduated from University of Georgia in 2016 with dual degrees in Economics and Sociology, a minor in environmental law, and interdisciplinary certificates in sustainability and environmental ethics.

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Camilla Warren works in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Southeast Region Office in Atlanta as the Brownfields Revitalization Project Manager, where she has formed partnerships with Emory University, GA State University, GA Tech, Auburn, Tuskegee, and many communities to revitalize brownfield sites and communities. With over 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 Birmingham/Jefferson County, AL 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, environmental, and economic development professionals in developing sustainable community revitalization options for NW Atlanta, home of the new Mercedes Benz stadium. Camilla holds a BS in Forest Hydrology at the University of Georgia Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and an MS in Environmental Systems Engineering at Clemson University.

Keith Weisinger is a criminal attorney for the U.S. EPA who investigates and prosecutes the most egregious environmental offenders. Our Nation’s environmental laws include criminal provisions that address knowing and negligent environmental violations. These violations include discharging pollutants into water bodies without a permit, bypassing required pollution control devices, and various other knowing or negligent criminal acts. Criminal enforcement brings to bear the possibility of incarceration and monetary fines that are EPA’s strongest sanctions. Frequently, individuals and companies that commit environmental crimes often commit additional violations of the U.S. Criminal Code (Title 18), such as conspiracy, obstruction of justice, mail and wire fraud. When these offenses are associated with alleged environmental crimes, EPA investigates and assists in the prosecution of such matters by the Department of Justice.

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