

# Environment and Technology Division Newsletter

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As spring turns towards summer, I hope you are all enjoying some good weather. Preparations are underway for our annual meetings in San Francisco. These meetings promise to be enlightening, full of our usual passion, and a great experience for all. Please set some time aside to attend some of the sessions which our division has sponsored or co-sponsored. These are listed below for your ease. Thank you to all the session organizers for their hard work, as well as the presenters.

As I pass off the torch during these meetings, I would like to thank you all for your support and enthusiasm while I have been division chair. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve this division and look forward to continuing to participate under the leadership of Daina Harvey.

Meanwhile, check out the sessions below. There is also a call for mentors below. Please take a look and see if you are in a position to engage in this program - a program which greatly enhances the experience of graduate students at the SSSP meetings and which provides ways for them to grow as scholars and as participants in our research communities.

Please send any announcements, member news, and blurbs to [ljvandenscott@u.nortwestern.edu](mailto:ljvandenscott@u.nortwestern.edu) for inclusion in the next newsletter.



*Sessions Sponsored and Co-Sponsored by the E&T Division*

Note: all events are from the preliminary schedule and subject to change. Please be sure to consult the final program.

Friday, August 15, 8:30am  
Thematic Session  
**Environmental Privilege:  
Consumption, Waste, and Inequality**  
Room: Foothill H

Friday, August 15, 12:30pm  
**Urban Environmental Issues**  
Room: Foothill J

Friday, August 15, 2:30pm  
Co-Sponsored with Disabilities Section  
**Person-Environment Interaction: The  
Role of Innovative Technology**  
Room: Foothill J

Friday, August 15, 4:30-6:10  
**Division Meeting**, Club Room

Friday, August 15, 6:30-7:30  
Sponsored **Reception**, Mission  
Grille-Hotel Restaurant

Saturday, August 16, 12:30pm  
Co-Sponsored with Community  
Research and Development  
**Community Spaces and Food Justice I**  
Room: Foothill A

Saturday, August 16, 2:30  
Co-Sponsored with Community  
Research and Development  
**Community Spaces and Food Justice II**  
Room: Foothill A

Sunday, August 17, 8:30am  
Critical Dialogue: Co-Sponsored with  
Teaching Social Problems  
**Introducing Environmental Issues to  
the Classroom**  
Room: Pacific I

Sunday, August 17, 10:30am  
**Persistence and Change in  
Environmental Issues: 40 Years of the  
Environment and Technology Division**  
Room: Pacific E

Sunday, August 17, 12:30pm  
Co-Sponsored with Global and Health,  
Health Policy, and Health Services  
Global Perspectives  
**Sustainability, Ecological Justice, and  
Globalization**  
Room: Pacific E

Sunday, August 17, 2:30pm  
Co-Sponsored with Institutional  
Ethnography  
**Technology and Its Impact on the  
Everyday: Institutional Management of  
Risk**  
Room: Pacific E

Sunday, August 17, 4:30pm  
Co-Sponsored with Family  
**Social Consequences of Technological  
Change**  
Room: Pacific E

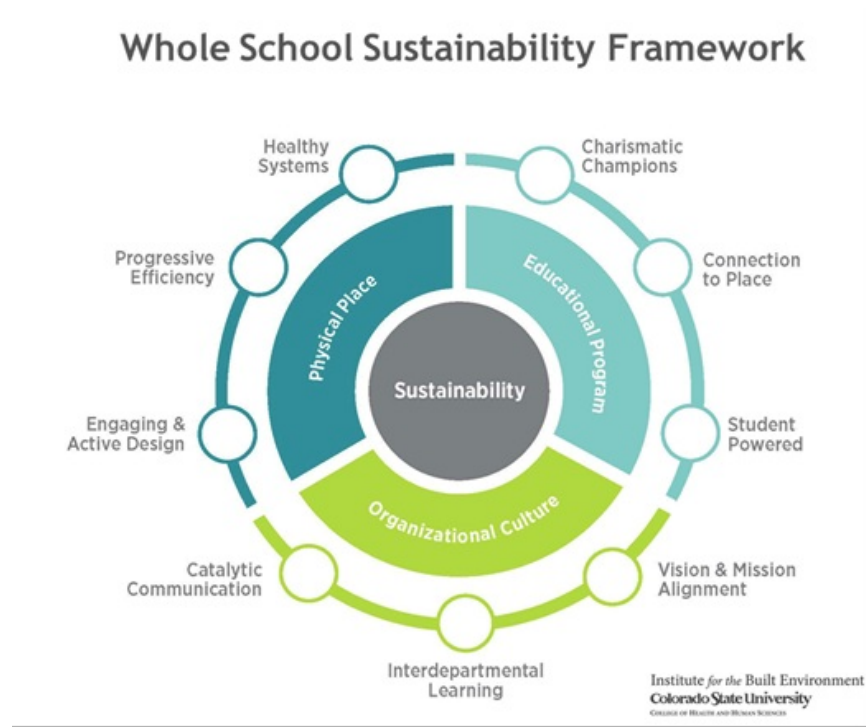
## Announcements:

### **New Publications**

**Barr S, Cross JE and Dunbar B.** (2014) *The Whole-School Sustainability Framework*. Washington, D.C.: Center for Green Schools at USGBC.

In collaboration with the Center for Green Schools, Dr. Jeni Cross (Sociology, Colorado State University) and colleagues have published *The Whole-School Sustainability Framework*. It was released at the Green Schools National Conference in March and is intended to be a complement to the Green Ribbon Schools criteria and a resource to guide schools in setting the cultural conditions needed to support sustainability efforts.

Based on years of research by the Institute for the Built Environment, *The Whole-School Sustainability Framework* illustrates how whole-school sustainability requires districts to not only change practices and policies but also culture, and this framework helps school leaders and community advocates to focus in on those necessary cultural shifts.



[http://centerforgreenschools.org/Libraries/Publications/Whole-School\\_Sustainability\\_Framework.sflb.ashx](http://centerforgreenschools.org/Libraries/Publications/Whole-School_Sustainability_Framework.sflb.ashx)

*Call for Participants: Advancing Groundwater Restoration Through Qualitative Analysis:  
What Practitioners and Stakeholders Care About and Why*

Doing research on groundwater contamination, or have in the past? Interested in sharing your experiences as a sociologist studying the interplay between communities, individuals, regulators, and scientists? Advancing groundwater restoration through qualitative analysis: What practitioners I am a Co-PI on a NSF INSPIRE grant entitled: Advancing Groundwater Restoration Through Qualitative Analysis: What Practitioners and Stakeholders Care About and Why. I am looking to interview Environmental Sociologists who have worked in the area of groundwater contamination and/or remediation. I'd like to interview during the SSSP/ASA meetings this August in person, or set up an interview by phone.

Please share with colleagues and contact me if you are interested in sharing your ideas for this project.

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*Meeting Mentor Program: Call for Mentors!*

Your help is needed. As you know, SSSP offers a Meeting Mentor Program designed to facilitate interaction between new members or graduate students and meeting veterans at the Annual Meeting. Mentors provide valuable knowledge about the SSSP and Annual Meeting activities as well as insight into their own experiences as scholar activists. It is recommended that pairs communicate prior to or early in the meeting, so mentees can get the most out of this program. Although this mentoring program is not designed to be a long-term commitment, the conversations and connections made through the program have lasting effects for both mentors and mentees.

We have received a high response from students and new members seeking mentors. Unfortunately, we have a low response from members volunteering to serve in this role.

We know you are very busy at the meeting and have little spare time. But if you are willing to spend a few minutes speaking with a student or newcomer, making them feel welcome, and offering suggestions for making the most of our conference, that would be great. Please take a few minutes and complete the online meeting mentor program application form no later **June 30** at <http://sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageId/1092>.

Online pre-registration ends on July 15. Visit <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/926/fuseaction/ssspconf.portal> to register online, if you haven't already. Thanks in advance.