## 2023 UMACS Conference Schedule

**September 22 - 23, 2023, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD**

### Friday - September 22, 2023

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| 11:00AM - 2:00PM | Conference Registration and Optional Activities  
• Poster and Exhibit Hall Presenters: Please set up in the MUC Ballroom.  
• Visit the Oscar Howe Legacy Across Four Generation Art Exhibit, John A. Day Gallery  
• Visit the Exhibit Hall, 1st and 2nd floor  
• 11:00-1:00 Registered to go on a hike? Meet at the registration table by 11:00.  
• 1:00-2:00 If you registered for the:  
  ○ Plant-based Cooking Demonstration and Food Sampling, hosted by Sodexo,  
    *Meet at the Muenster University Center Ballroom*  
  ○ Registered to go on USD Sustainability Campus Tour with Mark Sweeney?  
    *Meet outside at the east entrance of the Muenster University Center* | Muenster University Center (MUC) |
| 2:15 PM - 3:15PM | Facilitated Community-Building Sessions:  
• Faculty, Staff, Sponsors and Community Partners  
• Undergraduate Students  
• Graduate Students | Delzell Ed. Center - RM110  
Freedom Forum  
Neuharth Media Center  
MUC 216 |
| 3:30PM - 5:00PM | Welcome and Keynote  
• Opening Song and Prayer Sungmanitu Oyate H’oka (Coyote Nation Singers)  
• Welcome to the University of South Dakota  
President Shiela Gestring, University of South Dakota  
• Megan Red Shirt-Shaw, “Native Nations, Land Relations and Higher Education”  
Director of Native Student Services, University of South Dakota | Aalfs Auditorium Room 139, Slagle Hall |
| 5:00PM - 5:30PM | Break |  |
| 5:30PM - 6:30PM | Dinner & Re(cognition) Awards Ceremony | MUC Ballroom |
| 6:30PM - 6:45PM | Break |  |
| 6:45PM - 8:00PM | Optional Gatherings:  
• Student Visioning Session, facilitated by Megan Voorhees, UMACS  
• Informal Gathering for Faculty, Staff, Sponsors and Community Partners | Freedom Forum Conference Room  
Neuharth Media Center  
Old Lumber Company 15 Court Street |
| 8:00PM - 10:00PM |  
• Spirit Mound Star Gazing  
Oleksandra "Sasha" Lukina and Dr. James Tracy, Telescopers  
• UMACS Sustainability Lounge: Sustainability Board Games & Open Mike at Vermillion’s All Ages Lounge- share music, art, poetry, stories and fun! | Meet at Spirit Mound at 8:30PM  
AV Lounge 4 West Main Street |

*Taking Action Today: Voices, Resources, & Partnerships for Change*
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| 6:45AM - 8:45AM | **Birdwatching (Must have pre-registered)**  
Leaders: David Swanson, Gary Small, and Jan Small | Meet outside - East side of Muenster University Center                     |
| 9:00AM - 9:50AM | **Breakout Sessions**                                                    | Beacom Hall                                                              |
| 10:00AM - 10:50AM | **Breakout Sessions**                                                   | Beacom Hall                                                              |
| 11:00AM - 11:50AM | **Breakout Sessions**                                                   | Beacom Hall                                                              |
| 12:00PM - 1:00PM | **Lunch with Ice Cream Sundae Bar hosted by Undeniably Dairy**  
Exhibit Hall: Posters, Tables & Book Signing with Heidi Roop  
Art Creation: What Inspires You to Take Action?  
Visit the Oscar Howe Legacy Across Four Generation Art Exhibit, John A. Day Gallery (open 12pm-4pm) | Muenster University Center Ballroom                                     |
| 1:00PM - 1:50PM | **Breakout Sessions**                                                   | Beacom Hall                                                              |
| 2:00PM - 3:00PM | **Conference Closing:**  
• Keynote: Heidi Roop, “Climate Impacts to Action: Starting and Sustaining Your Climate Solutions Journey”  
  Director of the University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership & author of *The Climate Action Handbook: A Visual Guide to 100 Climate Solutions for Everyone*  
• Group Photo | Beacom Auditorium Room 139, Beacom Hall |

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## Stories of Sustainable Agriculture—What’s Working

### Dairy Sustainability Story
Annelies Seffrrood, Owner, Foggy Valley Farms, Inc.

### Growing a Local Food Movement in South Dakota
Kristine Lang, Assistant Professor, Agronomy, Horticulture & Plant Science: Extension Specialist-Consumer Horticulture - South Dakota State

### Waste Not, Want Not: Reducing Food Waste

Food waste has massive implications for the environment. How can campuses reduce food waste while addressing food insecurity, minimizing costs, and improving eating habits? We will share how we conducted food waste audits, planned for behavior change, and partnered with our communities to positively affect our campus and local communities. We hope audience members will also share the strategies they have tried—whether they have worked or not!

**PRESENTERS**
- Anna Moore, Sustainability Support Specialist - Sodexo
- Margaret Sessions, Social Work and Global Health, 2024 - Luther College
- Owen Maztek, Environmental Science 2025 - Luther College

**FACILITATOR**
- Jon Jensen, Sustainability Director - Luther College

## Campus Community Partnerships for Action

### Campus’ Contribution to Circularity in Cities: The Circularity Assessment Protocol
Jenna Jambeck, Professor of Environmental Engineering - University of Georgia

### The Morris Model: A Community Partnership for Action
Troy Goodnough, Sustainability Director - University of Minnesota Morris

### The Community Resilience Building Process: A Model for Campus-Community Climate Adaptation Planning
Troy Goodnough, Sustainability Director - University of Minnesota Morris

### How to Rewild Your Campus

This interactive session will cover how you, as a student, staff, or faculty member of a campus, can start a movement for organic land care and rewilding on your campus. Participants will learn the difference between conventional, pesticide-intensive campus management (how most college campuses are managed), integrated pest management, organic land care, and rewilding. Participants will also learn how to make institutional policy change, build strong, working relationships with groundskeepers, educate and activate their communities, and recruit a base of passionate people. Rewild Your Campus was founded by students and encourages students to attend the session!

**PRESENTERS**
- Mackenzie Feldman, Director - Re:wild Your Campus
- Sheina Crystal, Director of Communications and Campaigns - Re:wild Your Campus

**PRESENTERS**
- Troy Goodnough, Sustainability Director - University of Minnesota Morris

## Modeling Holistic Sustainability – Reflections on the 15th Anniversary of BSU’s adoption of the Wellness Model for Sustainability

Attend this session to learn about the unique sustainability model created by students and staff in the Bemidji State University (BSU) Sustainability Office in 2008. Traditional sustainability work seemed overly focused on recycling and efficient lighting and other facilities-focused efforts. This new model was greatly influenced by Anishinaabe culture—recognizing we are partners in a community with our more-than-human relatives. This way of thinking about humans’ roles and responsibilities as members of an interconnected community of life has greatly shaped sustainability work at BSU for the past 15 years.

**PRESENTERS**
- Erika Bailey-Johnson, Sustainability Director - Bemidji State University
- Rose Moore, Student Environmental Studies, BA 2024 - Bemidji State University

## If You Build It... Using Lego Serious Play to Envision the World We Want

Climate change is Serious Business often served with a healthy dose of doom and gloom. It might sound counter-intuitive to be playful in a time of crisis, but letting go of serious seriousness from time to time can actually help us envision and work toward the outcome we all want: a cleaner, safer, healthier, and more just world. In this workshop, we’ll use LEGOs as a playful medium to think through what this world might look like if we get climate right. Need a boost of positivity and inspiration? This session is for you!

**PRESENTER**
- Casey Meehan, Director of Sustainability & Resilience - Western Technical College
### Turning a "Wild" Idea Into Action: Rewilding Your Campus

**Beacom Hall 128**

**10:10-10:50 AM**

**Facilitator:** Mackenzie Feldman, Director - Re:Wild Your Campus

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**The Ashton Prairie Living Laboratory: A Living Classroom and Lab**

Stratis Giannakouros, Director, Office of Sustainability and Environment - University of Iowa

**Re-Wild Certification: What we Learned**

Eric O’Brien, University Sustainability Director - University of Northern Iowa

### Amplifying Sustainability in Higher Education by Fostering Organizational Behavior Change

**Beacom Hall 245**

**10:10-10:50 AM**

**Presenters:**
- Elise L Amel, Professor of Psychology - University of St. Thomas
- Christie M. Manning, Macalester College Faculty, Ph.D - Macalester College

**Tools to motivate sustainable change often focus on individual, private-sphere behavior (e.g., recycling, biking, vegetarianism). Individual action, however, is simply no match for the massive infrastructures underlying our environmental crises. We will make more progress, faster, by addressing organizational influences on individuals' behavior. This session will provide tools for changing your Higher Education Institution's approach to sustainability. We will describe how aligning structures and processes with organizational culture is crucial and can be leveraged for guiding mass behavioral change. Specifically, we will address the psychology behind transformational leadership, participation in strategic visioning, and alignment, goal setting, transparency, and accountability.**

### From Principles to Action: A Pathway for Embedding Equity

**Beacom Hall 244**

**10:10-10:50 AM**

**Presenters:**
- Cami Sockow, Climate Programs Midwest Regional Manager - Second Nature
- Katherine Mac-Holmes, DEIAJ Associate, Second Nature

In 2022, Second Nature staff created 10 Brave Space Principles to help guide discussion to allow staff to feel safe to share in team meetings. But what do these principles mean in action? How can we embody these principles to change how we show up with each other and therefore how we show up in the work? Enter our Brave Space Principles Actioning Lab. Join us to learn more about the Action Lab, lessons learned, and walk away with the beginnings of your own Brave Space Principles Action Lab. Second Nature is a nonprofit organization that is committed to accelerating climate action through, and within Higher Education.

### Earth Day/Month: Engaging the Campus and Community

**Beacom Hall 302**

**10:10-10:50 AM**

**Facilitator:** Casey Meehan, Director of Sustainability & Resilience - Western Technical College

**Earth Day: Building on Campus Sustainability Programs to Engage the Larger Community**

Samantha O'Kelley, Greening Vermillion Board Member - Greening Vermillion

**Earth Month at Central Community College**

Benjamin Newton, Environmental Sustainability Director - Central Community College

Kazia Marquez, Sustainability Professional Staff - Central Community College

**The Green Goose Chase: Building Sustainability Engagement through a Community-Wide Scavenger Hunt**

Casey Meehan, Director of Sustainability & Resilience - Western Technical College

Interfaith Earth Day Engagement

Julie Loveland Swanstrom, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion-Augustana University

### From Textiles to Shower Caddies: What Should We Do With All the Stuff?

**Beacom Hall 129**

**10:10-10:50 AM**

**Facilitator:** Rachel Schauer, Program Manager, Office of Sustainability Initiatives - University of St. Thomas

**BSU's FreeStore and "Donate Don't Dumpster" Campaign**

Rose Moore, Student, Environmental Studies BA, 2024 - Bemidji State University

Jordan Lutz, Sustainability Project Manager - Bemidji State University

**Luther College Move Out Initiative**

Mara Anderson-Skelly, Student, Environmental Studies BA, 2025 - Luther College

Avery Wragge, Student, Environmental Studies BA, 2025 - Luther College

**Tommies Closet and Trash Talking: Reuse and Waste Reduction Education Through Student Leadership**

Rachel Schauer, Program Manager, Office of Sustainability Initiatives - University of St. Thomas

**Taking Action to Empower the Future Workforce: Launching a College Career Closet**

Lori Costello, Assistant Professor, Department of Media & Journalism - University of South Dakota
Campus Recycling: What Works? What Doesn’t?

Keys to Success of Campus Recycling Programs
- Mark Sweeney, Professor of Sustainability and Environment, University of South Dakota
- Chinonso Nwanevu, Graduate Student, Sustainability Studies MS, 2023- University of South Dakota

Auditing for Success: Waste Diversion through Organics Recycling
- Jordan Lutz, Sustainability Project Manager, Bemidji State University
- Elise Monson, Student, Environmental Studies and Political Science BA, 2023- Bemidji State University

STARS: Strategies for Tracking 68 Credits

STARS is an important tool for measuring and tracking sustainability initiatives on campus, but with 68 credits to collect and verify data for it can be a daunting task for our busy sustainability offices. This session will share the format we used, timelines, and lessons learned. The workshop will then transition into a group brainstorming collaboration about how to use STARS to move your campus forward on sustainability initiatives.

From Sustainability Across the Curriculum to Engaged Citizenship

Developing an Interdisciplinary Introduction to Sustainability Course
- Victoria Downey, Geography Faculty-Anoka-Ramsey Community College

Global Change from Midwest Action: From Classroom to Community in Nebraska
- Brent E. Adrian, Instructor of Communication, Central Community College, Grand Island Nebraska

Regenerative Game Studio: Playing For the Future
- Aaron Hanson, Energy Program Specialist, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Incorporating Sustainability Concepts in Public Health Courses
- Shelby Hintze Jepperson, Assistant Professor of Practice, Ph.D. Health Sciences 2025, University of South Dakota

Transition from a “checkbox” Core to Centering Engaged Citizenship
- Jim Zaffiro, Professor of Political Science, Central College

Integrating Humanities into Environmental Studies Programs
- Julie Loveland Swanstrom, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Augustana University

Student-Led Action: Campus as a Living Laboratory

Student Group Stories: Inspiring Change Through Student Action
- Isabel Villalobos Alvarado, Student, Environmental Sciences, Policy, and Management BS, 2024, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Beyond the Bin: “Trash” at Macalester on the Path to Zero-Waste
- Oliver Matus-Bond, Student, Geography and Environmental Studies 2026, Macalester College
- Abby White, Student, Environmental Studies and Studio Art 2026, Macalester College

Three Sister Planting and the Lessons it Provides
- Jenna Hawkes, Student, Environmental Studies, Macalester College

How Blending Indigenous Narratives with Western Science Allows Sustainability to Thrive
- Amalia Galvan, Student, Environmental Science and Native American and Indigenous Studies BA, 2024- University of Minnesota-Morris

Decarbonization: What Are We Learning?

New Insights Into Achieving Thermal Carbon Neutrality and Storing Power
- Troy Goodnough, Sustainability Director, University of Minnesota-Morris
- Bryan Herrmann, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities, University of Minnesota-Morris

Using SIMAP to Carbon Footprint the Campus and Community
- Troy Goodnough, Sustainability Director, University of Minnesota-Morris

Carleton Geothermal Heat Pump: 2 Years In
- Rob Hanson, Manager of Campus Energy, Carleton College
### Sustainability Initiatives Across the Campus

**Creating A Sustainability Learning Living Community**  
Remington Foust, Student, English and Environment Sustainability and Geography BA 2026, University of Minnesota-Duluth

**Improving Campus Sustainability Through Green Recognition of Offices and Workspaces**  
Rachel Krouse, GROW and Education Coordinator with UWSP Office of Sustainability, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

**Creating a UN SDG themed Walking Tour of Western Technical College’s Campus**  
Casey Meehan, Director of Sustainability and Resilience, Western Technical College

**Building Community through Bike Accessibility**  
Luna Johnston, Student, Geography, American Studies and Environmental Studies 2025, Macalester College

**FACILITATOR**  
Casey Meehan, Director of Sustainability and Resilience, Western Technical College

### Cultivating Diverse Sustainability Leaders: Sharing Ideas, Making Plans for Action

This workshop will provide space for participants to share their ideas and questions about diversifying sustainability work and amplifying diverse voices at their campuses. We will explore actions taken by campuses to diversify their campus sustainability work, including the Morris Intercultural Sustainability Leaders program. Participants will then work to articulate some concrete plans or project steps towards taking action upon return to their own campuses. And, we will explore the purposes, goals, and intentions underpinning these efforts-- and expected outcomes.

**PRESENTERS**  
Troy Goodnough, Sustainability Director, University of Minnesota-Morris  
Clement Loo, Student Success Coordinator and Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota-Morris  
Paisley Sierra, ISLE Coordinator, University of Minnesota-Morris  
Paisley Sierra, University of Minnesota-Morris, Student, Environmental Science and Native American and Indigenous Studies BA, 2024

### Meet the Midwest Climate Collaborative - Connecting Campuses to Government, Industry, and Community

The Midwest Climate Collaborative is a young network of leaders from higher education, governments, nonprofits, and businesses working to achieve a carbon neutral, climate resilient, interconnected Midwest region. Our panel will share how the network is strengthening partnerships, developing climate leaders, and building capacity for accelerated climate action in the region. We’ll feature the Educator Community of Practice, the Student Sustainability Conference and Summit, the Climate Resource Network, and collaborative funding opportunities as examples of our work. All of these resources are available to members and non-members. We will also engage session participants in identifying gaps and opportunities for greater collaboration, with an eye towards overcoming barriers in funding, communication, and resources.

**PRESENTERS**  
Heather Navarro, Director, Midwest Climate Collaborative  
Sarah Fortner, Director of Sustainability, Carleton College

### Leveraging Psychology to Enhance Sustainable Behavior

This workshop will approach issues of global natural resource management and environmental justice through a psychological lens. Psychological research suggests that humans can move toward a sustainable society by creating conditions that motivate environmentally responsible behavior and help people surmount cognitive limits, create new situational drivers, and foster motivation. We will apply psychological lessons to real-world sustainability case studies at the individual level as well as at the community and collective level. The workshop will also emphasize the central importance of justice, equity, and anti-racism, often overlooked in environmental initiatives.

**PRESENTERS**  
Christie Manning, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Macalester College  
Elise Amel, Professor of Psychology, University of St. Thomas

### Interdisciplinary and Experiential Learning through Authentic Partnerships

**PANELISTS**  
Aaron Hanson, Energy Program Specialist, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Mary Hanneman, Sustainability Education Co-Program Director, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Adhvaith Sridhar, Student, Biochemistry 2026, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Simon Alexander, Student, Supply Chain and Operations Management 2024, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
Fatima Tufail, Graduate Student, International, Development Education PhD candidate 2024, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

**FACILITATOR**  
Mary Hanneman, Sustainability Education Co-Program Director, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
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**Integrating Early Season Living Mulches as a Replacement for Plastic Mulch in Vegetable Production**

**PRESENTER**
Alexis Barnes, Graduate Student, Plant Science MS 2024, South Dakota State University

**COLLABORATORS**
Kristine Lang, Assistant Professor, South Dakota State University
Rhonda Burrows, Professor, South Dakota State University

**Addressing the Sustainability Concerns of Fashion Returns with Exoflo**

**PRESENTERS**
Chinonso Nwanevu, Graduate Student, Sustainability Studies MS 2024, University of South Dakota
Chinyere Nwaoko, Graduate Student, Business Analytics MS 2024, University of South Dakota
Okechukwu Ndubuisi, Graduate Student, Computer Science MS 2024, University of South Dakota

**What's Up Under a Soil Tarp?**

**PRESENTER**
Hannah Voye, Graduate Student, Plant Science M.S. 2024, South Dakota State University

**COLLABORATORS**
Kristine Lang, Assistant Professor, South Dakota State University
Rhonda Burrows, Professor, South Dakota State University

**Life Cycle Assessment of Diets and Dietary Scenarios in the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Area**

**PRESENTER**
Jacinda Maassen, University of South Dakota

**Applying For Bike Friendly University: The Ups, Downs, and Roundabouts**

**PRESENTER**
Sergio Romero, Graduate Student, Educational Sustainability Ed. D., University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

**Reducing Contamination Rates through "Paper Education"**

**PRESENTER**
Valentyna Stopul, Graduate Student, Geography MS 2024, South Dakota State University

**Perceptions of Cultured Meat, Plant-Based Meat, and Conventional Meat with the Upper Missouri River Basin**

**PRESENTER**
Chase Stehly, Graduate Student, Sustainability MS Fall 2023, Sustainability PhD Spring 2026, South Dakota State University

**Art in Sustainability: Luminous Egg Tempera Paints**

**PRESENTERS**
Kazia Marquez, Environmental Sustainability Staff, Central Community College
Hannah Jenkins, Environmental Sustainability Staff, Central Community College

**Mapping the UN Sustainable Development Goals at UW–Madison**

**PRESENTERS**
Audrey Stanton, Graduate student: Environment and Resources, PhD, and **Cathy Middlecamp**, Professor Emerita, University of Wisconsin–Madison,

**MacShare Summer CSA**

**PRESENTERS**
Em Aiydarus, Environmental Studies BA 2025, Macalester College & MacShare
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