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# SLI's Annual Kickoff



Students, faculty and staff—Come outside to the Cistern Yard for food, friends, and fun with keynote speaker renowned social entrepreneur [Majora Carter](#) and tunes by DJ Collective Disparity! Food by Aramark and King of Pops (cash/card) and exhibits by student clubs and organizations.

More info: [Sustain.cofc.edu](http://Sustain.cofc.edu)

## Addlestone Art—Free for All!

### Two art spaces draw attention in CofC library

**First floor:** Check out the library Rotunda now through September 21 for the exhibition of “WOKE: Rattling Bones, Conversations, Sacred Rites and Holy Places,” featuring documentary photos by renowned photographer Leonard Freed, taken during the Civil Rights era on Johns Island. Curated by Ade Ofunniyin, CofC adjunct professor of anthropology. See more at <http://today.cofc.edu/2018/04/13/anthropology-gullah-society>.

**Second floor:** the SLI art exhibit now featuring winners from the SLI student art competition.

Dates...

## From the Director

Welcome to the SLI's newsletter, where you can see how our campus is transforming the world to be more sustainable in all three areas of the triple bottom line: social, economic, environmental.

Get info you can use about events and classes and how people here are having fun and making a difference!

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The Sustainability Literacy Institute (SLI) is the physical, pedagogical, virtual and institutional hub for sustainability literacy efforts at CofC. The purpose of SLI is to foster positive social, economic and environmental change by way of a sustainably literate campus community.

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## The 2018 CollegeReads! Book for CofC

[The Hate U Give](#),  
by Angie Thomas

Get it!  
Read it!  
Change your viewpoint!



## Social Justice Reads—Students' choice

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption,  
by Bryan Stevenson

Freedom is a Constant Struggle, by Angela Davis

Gang Leader for a Day: A Rogue Sociologist  
Takes to the Streets, by Sudhir Venkatesh

The American way of eating: Undercover at  
Walmart, Applebee's, Farm Fields and the dinner  
table. by Tracie McMillan

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Cul-  
ture in Crisis, by J.D Vance

## Sustainability in the Classroom

You can find [sustainability related and sustainability focused courses](#) that relate to one or more parts of the triple bottom line of sustainability in almost all disciplines at the College of Charleston.

Remember that sustainability as defined by our [Quality Enhancement Plan](#) is economic, social and environmental—so many angles from which to think about sustainable living!

Many of these courses count as gen eds. All count toward the [Sustainability Scholars](#) Certificate. Check this out! →

## SF COURSE SPOTLIGHT

By Kimbermarie Faircloth

If you are looking for a course, minor, or major to elevate your studies and really connect you with real-world issues and topics, take Introduction to Environmental and Sustainability Studies (ENVT 200).

This class helps to connect all the pieces of information gained in other departments; everything in our society, the whole world really, is connected. Environmental and Sustainability Studies helps to show how these connections work and introduces you to a new way of thinking about the world, regardless of what academic discipline you are in.

The way it honed my perception of systems and communities was by emphasizing how deep the connections go among us, our economy, society, and the rest of the natural world.

This realization can help us prepare for the future, be it in graduate school or careers, because it can help us be systems thinkers, and create more efficient solutions, resilient communities and stronger national infrastructures. Sustainability can be good for everyone.

I encourage fellow students and friends to take this class because it is interesting, it is personal in that it involves our very own actions and opinions on many of the subjects, and it really does connect to a broader horizon of thinking.

### What do you think?

Social justice, in my opinion, is more than just an even distribution of resources and wealth and privileges in a society as some scholarly definitions might suggest. —Ashlyn Lariche

In my philosophy of law class last semester, I learned about the concept of "justice by fairness" by John Rawls. Basically, he proposes that justice is composed of equal basic rights as well as equal opportunity for education and employment, which I completely agree with. —Sidney Siniard

### Let us know!

What is social justice to you?

What is the most pressing social justice issue facing the world today?

What is the most pressing social justice issue on Campus?

SLI on Instagram and Facebook::

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## Whooo Speaks for Youuuu?

**Sawyer Martin** : As a woman, I am tired of women not being in equal positions of power in the world. If more women were given equal voice in government the world would be a safer place. More women should run for public office. [Read more!](#)

**Kristen Grealy**: We are busy, so it can be difficult to think about things like "saving the environment." We go to Starbucks and purchase our daily coffees in plastic cups with plastic straws, often with the sole concern of getting to our next class on time. Many may be under the impression that recycling those items is enough of an effort, but the real answer is to reduce the objects we acquire in the first place. [Read More!](#)

# Who do you know?

By Caroline McNamara

**Shefali Emmanuel**, CofC Student, CEO of Tech Startup and Only 19 Years Young ...

When we first met in CofC's ICAT accelerator room to be temporary partners during the first week of the Fall 2017 semester, immediately I noticed Shefali's aura of intensity and professionalism unlike anyone else in the room. She sat down at a desk chair like every other student, but she multitasked with prestige and was ever-focused on her many goals.


She is a computer science major and minor in data science, yet she maintains the bubbly personality of a social butterfly, quite different from the classic stereotype of an introverted technology wiz. Shefali is a rising junior at the College of Charleston, born and raised in Mount Pleasant, SC.


Thanks to her acceptance into CofC's prestigious ICAT program and undying charisma, she is now co-founder and CEO of a socially sustainable technology company. Her company, anonymiT [an-on-nim-it-TEE], is a smart software that seeks to eliminate discrimination from all stages in various workplace hiring processes. Developed for the purpose of anonymous hiring and born in ICAT, anonymiT has granted her and her co-founders the opportunity to pitch their company's idea at the United Nations Global Compact Week this September.

The main goal of her startup is to improve the hiring process for individuals who have previously experienced prejudice during their search for employment.

I ask Shefali to explain the inspiration behind her anonymous-hiring company anonymiT, to which she responds with a frustrating personal tale of inspiration. When Shefali was only fifteen years old, she applied for an internship at a technology company with high hopes of getting hired. During an interview for the position, however, the first thing the recruiter said to her was, "Wow. I didn't realize you were a girl". Needless to say, Shefali did not get the internship and was left feeling upset and confused.


**Have a great idea, too?  
Enter it in the  
Changemaker  
Challenge!**

**Sustainability is...** 

 CofC students working together to solve real-world social justice problems

Be a part of the Sustainability Literacy Institute's

## Changemaker Challenge

 2018

<p>*Participate in problem solving workshops!</p> <p>*Meet others who like to get things done!</p> <p>*Compete for a share of \$5000!</p>	<p>*Enhance your portfolio!</p> <p>*Network with others to solve interdisciplinary problems!</p> <p>*Form a team or enter solo!</p>	<p>#collegesolves</p> <p>Not sure? Contact Dr. David Hansen at <a href="mailto:hansend@cofc.edu">hansend@cofc.edu</a></p>
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Put your ideas, passion and energy to work! More info: [sustain.cofc.edu](http://sustain.cofc.edu)

## SLI Upcoming Events! [Sustain.cofc.edu](http://Sustain.cofc.edu) for more info!

A Free-enterprise solution to climate change: a forum with former Congressman Bob Inglis  
Monday, Aug. 27 in the Wells Fargo Auditorium 4:00 pm. FREE

A Labor Day Event: **Gendered** labor and inequalities in pay; the importance and need for female leadership in the job place; and valuing women's work. Sept. 3. 3 to 5 pm. Alumni Center (School of Ed) FREE

2018-19 Consuela Francis Emerging Scholar Lecture: Bodyminds Reimagined: (Dis) ability, Race, and Gender in Black Women's Speculative Fiction, by Dr. Sami Schalk. Sept. 10. 6:00. pm Addlestone 227. FREE

Jeffrey Robinson, ACLU Deputy Legal Director and Director of Trone Center for Justice and Equality. Mr. Robinson will speak about our shared racial history, and address ways we can come together as a nation.  
Sept. 20. 6:00 pm. Burke H.S. Auditorium, 244 President's Street, Charleston. FREE

Being me at CofC: welcoming and affirming our LGBTQ+ students. A gathering for LGBTQ+ students and allies to learn about campus and community resources and support; learn about courses to take; hear from a panel of LGBTQ students, alumni, faculty and staff. Oct. 2. 5:30-7:30 pm. ECTR 116. FREE

# Faculty Resources

Propose a [sustainability focused \(SF\) or sustainability related \(SR\) course](#): support the QEP and earn a stipend! <http://sustain.cofc.edu/courses-and-projects/index.php>

The [QEP's SLOs](#) might be very similar to some you currently use. Why not get your SF or SR course on the books?

1. use this form to propose a course: <http://sustain.cofc.edu/content/resources/proposal-for-courses.pdf>
2. Include one or more SLI SLOs in your syllabus
3. Assess outcomes

"In the end we will conserve **only** what we love; we will love **only** what we understand; and we will understand **only** what we are taught." Baba Dioum, 1968

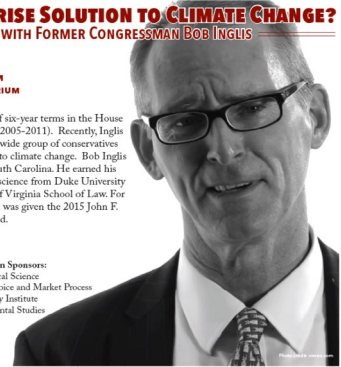
## A FREE ENTERPRISE SOLUTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE? A FORUM WITH FORMER CONGRESSMAN BOB INGLIS

MONDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup> AT 4PM  
IN THE WELLS FARGO AUDITORIUM

Bob Inglis (R-SC) served a pair of six-year terms in the House of Representatives (1993-1999 & 2005-2011). Recently, Inglis founded RepublicEn.org, a nationwide group of conservatives seeking a free-enterprise solution to climate change. Bob Inglis grew up in the Lowcountry of South Carolina. He earned his undergraduate degree in political science from Duke University and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. For his work on climate change, Inglis was given the 2015 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.



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The SLI is promoting more than 15 events this semester—please consider assigning them or making them extra credit. Information on them can be found on our [Events tab](#) on the SLI website.

# Points of Interest [sustain.cofc.edu](http://sustain.cofc.edu)

In terms of nuts and bolts for how this QEP can support your teaching and student interactions at the interface of the TBL and 21<sup>st</sup> century problems, please remember:

1. A call for year 3 courses (CofC Sustains/Solves theme: food and agriculture) will be coming out in September.
2. A call for spring 2019 SLI minigrants will be coming out in September.
3. A call for student/faculty research (up to \$3,000 funded) for summer 2019 will be coming out in September.
4. A faculty certificate in sustainability literacy will be offered beginning either this fall or next spring—we will update you as that becomes known.
5. Steve Jaume is going to arrange a monthly sustainability literacy reading/discussion group. Please let him know if you're interested in participating in that.
6. We are looking for sustainability literacy scholars mentors to oversee the portfolio of a scholar—please contact Barry Steifel if you're interested or want more information.

For more information contact Steve Jaume .

**SustainFest**—Please consider asking your classes to attend [SustainFest](#) on August 30th at 6pm in the Cistern Yard (4<sup>th</sup> floor ballroom as rain back-up spot). This event features [Majora Carter](#) and will be an engaging way to help kick-off the discussions in your respective classes.

**Changemaker Challenge**—The SLI's annual innovation forum, called Changemaker Challenge this year, will be accepting proposals and offering problem-solving workshops at various times and days throughout the fall. The final competition will be held in April 2019. For more information, Contact Dave Hansen.

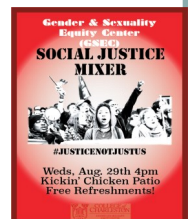
The SLI is soliciting 1 to 2 page “reports” or “problem descriptions” on pressing social justice and fair distribution issues. Faculty can submit these based on ongoing research or assign them in class for students to generate. These problem descriptions will be posted on the SLI website and may be offered as problems for students to address in the Changemaker Challenge. Ideally, these would be produced and submitted by mid-October.

[Proposed format.](#)

**Donella Meadows, *Thinking in Systems***—Addlestone will soon have digital access to this classic on systems thinking. It may be worth assigning some chapters of it in your respective classes.

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Free refreshments! All faculty are invited to The Gender and Sexuality Equity Center's Social Justice Mixer—Aug. 29, 4 pm at Kickin' Chicken.



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