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**Make Change. Win $$!**

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

Present your solution at the **Changemaker Challenge** (March 2019)

At least $5000 will be awarded!

Increase your chances of winning by attending one or more problem-solving workshops to learn skills for tackling 21st-century wicked problems!

**Workshop Dates**

- Thursday, Oct. 4 6-7:30 pm, Maybank 105
- Tuesday, Oct. 30 6-7:30 pm, Maybank 105
- Thursday, Nov. 8 6-7:30 pm, Maybank 105
- Wednesday, Oct. 17 6-7:30 pm., SSC 201
- Monday, Oct 22 1:45-3:30 pm, SSC 409
- Monday, Nov. 12 1:45-3:30 pm, SSC 409

**More information:**

- Sustain.cofc.edu
- Or contact
- Dr. David Hansen at HansenD@cofc.edu

Register at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_chlqEoeK5OVsYRWWLqDJJ7i0rYBroa56CdnVfSrEIA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_chlqEoeK5OVsYRWWLqDJJ7i0rYBroa56CdnVfSrEIA/edit?usp=sharing)

**New Library Art Exhibit**

Inspired by The Hate U Give

In keeping with the SLI’s social justice and fair distribution theme for this academic year, the SLI art exhibit will feature art from SLI Student Expression of the Year winner Meghan Smith, along with student art inspired by the CollegeReads! book The Hate U Give, beginning Oct. 4.

Visit the exhibit on the second floor of Addlestone Library and use the notecards at the exhibit to record your thoughts/responses to the art. Then drop your card into the box with your name and email to be entered to win SLI swag!

By Zoe Keller ('22) See more student art at sustain.cofc.edu

**Director’s Note...**

We have an exciting semester full of events sponsored by SLI and cosponsored with our colleagues from all across campus. So far, we have hosted the 2nd Annual SustainFest, with awesome guest speaker Majora Carter, along with the first Meatless Monday event, featuring local community advocate Omar Muhammad of LMAC—held at Marty’s Place on campus with free desserts from Gnome Café! Look out for the next MM event, scheduled for Oct. 15!

October promises to be even more busy, with Changemaker Challenge workshops taking place throughout the semester, our new campus sustainability App going online, and our second sustainability career bootcamp with the CofC Career Center (Oct. 11). Stay tuned for regular updates at sustain.cofc.edu.

—SLI Director Todd LeVasseur

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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This Is Nothing New.

The current administration is not the first to focus on the removal of illegal immigrants. Although illegal immigration is an issue that needs to be resolved, supporters of this administration have propagated a negative dialogue by painting all Mexicans as rapists, criminals, and unfit inhabitants. This rhetoric creates citizens who act out on stereotypes rather than fact, and a scary world for us to live in.

However, the problem can be resolved... Read more!

Sustainability Literacy Scholars Program: Equipping CofC Students to Solve 21st-Century Problems

The Sustainability Literacy Scholars Program is now enrolling CofC freshmen and sophomores! The SLSP gives students opportunities to work one on one with faculty or community mentors on sustainability projects and become advocates for sustainability through education, empowerment and expression.

Through volunteering, projects, and coursework, students will gain experience, knowledge and confidence to be leaders in promoting sustainability in all forms.

What the program promises:
• increasing sustainability literacy through coursework, volunteer experiences, and leadership events
• engaging in real-world sustainability literacy focused experience
• cultivating leadership skills, as well as critical and creative thinking
• building systems thinking competencies and the understanding of how these relate to resiliency
• inspiring commitment and involvement in the College of Charleston becoming a sustainability literate community.
• Creating a portfolio of your work to show potential grad schools or employers.

Please check sustain.cofc.edu for full information and requirements.
Bumping Travis Scott from the sub's in his Audi A4, Ray Bans sloppily shoved on his face, and a water bottle in hand to chase away the hangover from the night before, Cameron Costlow drove up to meet me on the Pitt Street side of Ad- dlestone Library. After parking in the lot, we headed to Brown Dog Deli for some grub. After we both ordered, I offered to buy Cam's food for him – giving him a taste of his own medicine.

Though he maintains the look of a bedraggled and sleep-deprived college kid, Cameron is a small-time philanthropist and an unknowing social justice warrior. Since his freshman year in 2015, Cameron has been buying meals for homeless people he meets downtown. He buys them food, eats it with them, and has a conversation. It's really simple stuff. The strangest part, however, is that only two or three people even know about Cam's philanthropic tendencies.

"I just don't feel like I need to go around telling people what I do or what I've done. I don't want people to think I'm just looking for attention or praise or anything like that," he says.

In a world where most people would cut off their own pinky toe for their fifteen minutes of fame, Cam likes to stay out of the spotlight. When I asked if he thought he was a hero, he shied away but grinned. "I'm just doing what I can. If I can help someone eat for just one night instead of buying a six pack for myself, then I'm all for it."

Cameron grew up in upstate South Carolina, but much of his music taste in hip-hop comes from more urban, undeveloped areas like Compton and Houston, hence his empathy and desire to help people with less fortunate circumstances. Rap and hip-hop oftentimes portray realities of the world that black people live in – gang violence, police brutality, and systemic racial oppression – topics your average twenty-one-year-old white kid would hardly be familiar with.

Cameron admits that growing up an upper middle-class white kid can sometimes hinder your vision of the world. "You're almost blind to injustices unless they're shoved in your face or you go actively looking for them. You have to doubt everything... just because you thought something was true or the right way of doing something doesn't mean it is. The world is way more complex than any of us – including me, of course – even knows. It's not black and white. So... just help people, if you can."

To further pick Cam’s mind, I asked him if this means that maybe he should be broadcasting his actions to others, so they could follow his lead.

"I think it's just something people have to learn on their own. Yeah, they can see me helping people or hear about it, but if they're just helping people to make themselves feel better, then they're doing it for the wrong reasons. I do this because I know that these people need help and that I can help them. It's as simple as that. It's like supply and demand. I don't do it for retweets or to get on the news; just to help someone and show them that there's at least one person left who doesn't treat them like garbage."

So, what's next for this kind-hearted young philanthropist? Can we hope to see him heading a non-profit organization that eliminates world hunger in twenty years? Or organizing food banquets for all the homeless in Charleston?

"Those are good ideas," he said, stifling a humble blush. "But nah, I’m not sure. If I could make a life out of helping people and getting others to help people, I’d be all over that. Right now, though, I need to focus on paying my wa- ter bill that’s due in a week."

Half a sandwich in hand as we walked out of Brown Dog Deli, Cameron still looks like a normal dude. A totally unsuspecting and selfless guy who feeds strangers out of his own pocket, and then goes home to a leftover sandwich and an unpaid utility bill. #

Maybe the line should be “Treat others as they would like to be treated...”
Faculty Resources

Propose a sustainability focused (SF) or sustainability related (SR) course: support the QEP and earn a stipend!

The QEP’s SLOs might be very similar to some you currently use. Why not get your SF or SR course on the books? All you have to do is:
1. use this form to propose a course: http://sustain.cofc.edu/content/resources/proposal-for-courses.pdf
2. Include one or more QEP SLOs in your syllabus
3. Assess outcomes for those SLOs with an assignment or exam question(s)

Deadline for 2019-20 courses (theme is sustainable agriculture) is in October! Contact Steven Jaume for more information.

Points of Interest 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 21st century problems, please remember:

1. A call for year 3 courses (CofC Sustains/Solves theme: food and agriculture) will be coming out in October.
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.

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 March 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—something you’re already focused on—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. Please see the proposed format here: 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.

The first inaugural Sturcken Oratorical competition will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13.

This speech competition will feature 7 students delivering ideas about how to improve CofC campus! Students, faculty and staff welcome! Please come and encourage your students to come—support our students who are taking advantage of the opportunity to speak truth to power!

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"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
SustainFest 2018!

Don’t miss these Upcoming SLI Events!

**Being me at CofC**: 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.

**Changemaker Challenge Workshops**: Get help developing your problem/solution for the Changemaker Challenge in a small group setting with social entrepreneurship professor David Hansen. Dates throughout the fall and early spring. Contact Dr. Hansen at hansend@cofc.edu.

**Man2Man Series**: Topics vary month to month; intended to create a dialogue around the social identity of masculinity in supporting a positive and healthy campus climate. While the series is focused on masculinity and other gender identities, women are a part of this conversation, as they are integrated at every level on this campus.

Topics include: Healthy vs Harmful Masculinity - 10.1 What is "Rape Culture" from the male perspective? - 11.12 Declining Male Numbers on Campus - 12.3

**Career Center Bootcamp**: Alumni panel to discuss sustainability jobs and give resume help! Oct. 11, 5-7 pm, Tate 315.

**The Power of Words**: Workshop about the power language has to discriminate, “other” and create out groups. Keynote speaker Dr. Ana Celia Zentella. All students, faculty and staff welcome Reception to follow. Oct 25 5-7 pm Rita 101.

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**Imagine a Day Without Water**

Join us on Cougar mall Oct. 10 between 10 and 2 pm.

Learn about volunteer opportunities on and off campus related to water quality and quantity.

Get swag from organizations that focus on water and sustainability, including Water Mission, the SC Aquarium, The SC Coastal Conservation League, the CofC Student Government, the CofC Water Club, SLI, and OOS.

Come say Hi and tell your water story!