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Wednesday, December 9

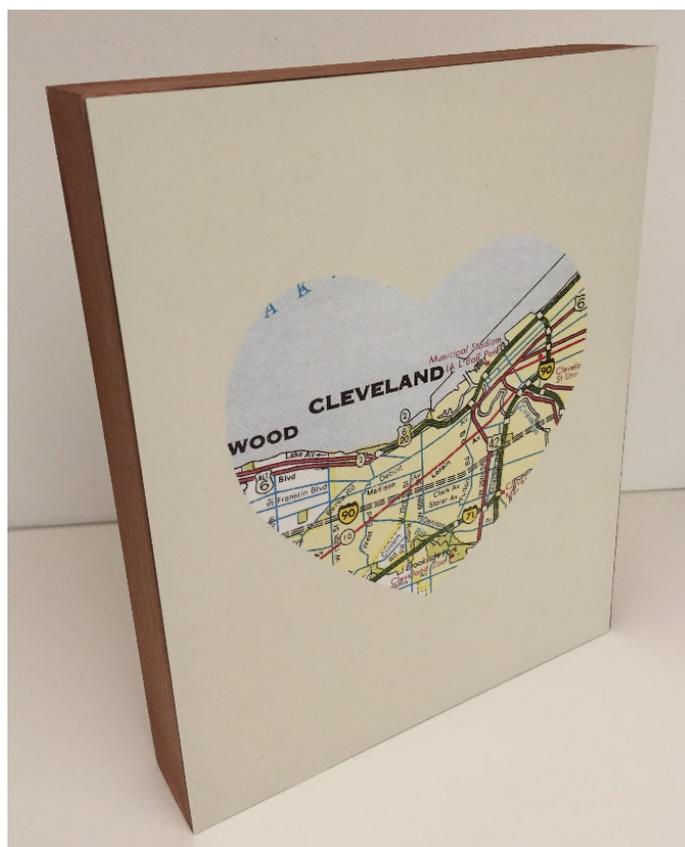
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Rustbelt Reclamation, Cleveland

[Recycled Card Ornaments](#)

Saturday, December 12

10:30 am - noon



Big Green Event & Award Winners

Congratulations to the award winners

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[Winter Solstice Concert Series](#)

Monday, Tuesday December 21, 22
6:00pm and 7:15pm each day
Cleveland Museum of Natural History

[Green Bag Lunch: Residential Solar](#)

Wednesday, January 13
Noon - 1:00pm
Senior Classroom, Tink

[Doan Brook Winter Tree ID Hike with Dr. Ted Auch](#)

Saturday, January 23
To be announced

[The Year of Sustainable Transportation Kickoff](#)

Friday, January 29
11:00 am to 2:00pm
Cleveland City Hall

Bike Sharing in Cleveland

CycleHop-SoBi has been selected to be the preferred bike sharing group in Cleveland. A downtown bike sharing system is expected to be put in place by summer 2016. Learn more at [Bike Cleveland's' press release](#).



Over 50 people gathered for the Big Green Event on November 17 to celebrate sustainability on campus. We had nearly 20 lightning round presentations by groups or individuals working on sustainability initiatives and gave awards to champions. This year's awards went to a student research team Matt Patton and Kelly Hacker, to Dr. Peter McCall from the Environmental Studies program and to staff member Kathleen Dowdell. Read more about our award winners and their great accomplishments on [our blog](#).



We Need Your Green Bag Lunch Opinion

We've held several Green Bag Lunches Fall semester and are planning more. But we need your opinion on potential topics, ideal time of day, location on campus, etc. Please take our super short survey [here](#).



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Green Holiday Tips

Make your holiday season more Earth friendly this year with three, easy tips from one of our Sustainability Ambassadors.

- Choose real trees (compost or burn for firewood later)
- Upcycle maps and news print or choose reusable options when wrapping
- DIY unique ornaments out of broken items

Read more on our [blog](#).



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About Us

The **Office for Sustainability** is dedicated to creating sustainable change on campus by reducing greenhouse gas emissions,

Green Bag Lunch: Residential Solar

Curious about about solar for your house?

Join us for our next installment of our Green Bag Lunch Series to explore solar for your home. The event will take place on January 13, 12-1:00 pm in the Senior Classroom at the Tink. This session's panel discussion on residential solar will include two CWRU community members who will share their experiences with solar on their homes and a representative from the City of Cleveland will discuss a regional turnkey program to incentivize and increase residential solar installations in Northeast Ohio. Coffee and desserts will be provided. RSVP [here](#).



Sustainability Ambassadors Deployed

This semester, we hired 12 students to be our hands and feet on campus. They are providing short presentations to their peers about our climate action plan, making videos, creating bulletin boards to educate their fellow res hall dwellers, and initiating cool new programs like jeans recycling (see below).

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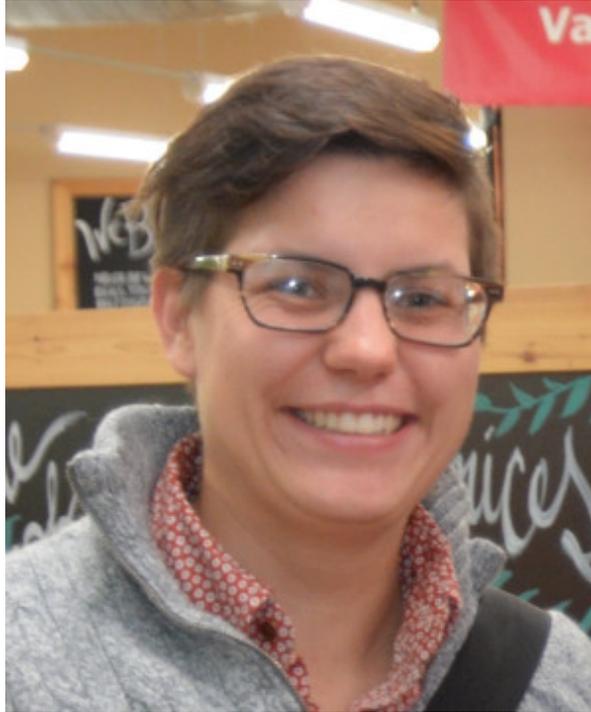
improving energy efficiency,
promoting local food, recycling,
and sustainable purchasing, as
well as advocating for individual
and institutional behavior change.

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**Recycle Your Jeans**

A few of our recently established Sustainability Ambassadors are working together to collect jeans for recycling. If you have a pair of worn out or ill fitting jeans, drop them off at the Fowler Center in the Peter B. Lewis Building, Suite 110 through Winter break. The denim will be sent to [Blue Jeans Go Green](#) where they will be recycled into home insulation for families in need.

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Sustainability Fellow Hired

Erika Duniak has been chosen to serve as the Office for Sustainability's Graduate Student Fellow. She will be researching new sustainability office programs, helping to benchmark and communicate our efforts as well as assisting in managing the student Sustainability Ambassadors program. Originally from West Chester, Erika obtained her BA from the University of Dayton with a double-major in International Studies (with a concentration in Global Environmental Sustainability) and German and minored in Sustainability, Energy, and the Environment. She is a second year CWRU law student and is President and Founder of the Food Law and Policy Society.

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Time to Eat In, China in the Tink

The [food court at the Tinkham Veale University Center](#) now has a plates and silverware option for those dining in. Previously, only to-go cartons and containers were available, which ultimately went to the landfill. The [Bon Appétit Management Company](#), CWRU's catering service, has proven to be a great partner in furthering campus sustainability efforts, from increasing local food purchases to composting pre-consumer food scraps in their kitchens. Jim O'Brien, Bon Appetit's Resident District Manager states. "I thought that [offering a china option] was the right thing to do in a new setting that reflects environmental and construction standards over and above the norm. Why shouldn't Bon Appetit participate in that vision by offering a convenience that more closely resembles a nicely prepared and presented meal/entrée that is not eaten out of a box?"

The Tink is a US Green Building Council Certified Gold building and so the china option is an additional green operations story that will help the CWRU community head towards zero waste.

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Majora Carter ThinkForum

Thanks to all who attended events surrounding urban revitalizationist Majora Carter's ThinkForum event December 1. The Office for Sustainability was an event sponsor. Fortunately, we spent a lot of time with this community organizer and influencer while she was in Cleveland. Her Sustainable South Bronx project, energy and enthusiasm for changing our world is infectious. [Learn more about Majora](#) from the Kelvin Smith Library.

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