

THE Eco Mosquito

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS AND EVENTS AT HLC AND BEYOND

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This holiday season, take a moment to think about those in need and what you can do to help.

DID YOU KNOW?

HSPH has 14 offices that have committed to reducing their energy consumption and waste production through the Green Office program? Their simple commitments such as turning off personal computers, office copiers and personal printers every night save their departments over \$500 a year in energy costs and have reduced their energy usage by roughly 548kwh/year. For more information on the Green Office program visit www.green.harvard.edu/programs/green-offices or email: ecoop@hsph.harvard.edu.



Spotlight on Elaine Strunk



This month, the Eco Mosquito interviewed Elaine Strunk, a senior member of Harvard's Office for Sustainability (OFS).

What is your background?

Environmental policy. Prior to joining OFS I taught environmental education to Boston inner-city youth and was the Sustainability Manager for the Saunders Hotel Group. My love of the outdoors has been a driving force behind my career in sustainability.

What is your position and what do you do at OFS?

I am a Senior Sustainability Manager and have been with OFS for 4 years. My focus is University-wide engagement. My primary project over the last year was Harvard's first Sustainability Plan which launched this fall. This plan sets University-wide goals, standards, and commitments in five key areas. I also work closely with student environmental leaders and Green Teams as well as run the sustainability reward & recognition (Green Carpet Awards and Green Harvard Hero), Student Grants, and Green Office programs. We have over 2,400 Green Office participants and are set to launch a new version in December – stay tuned!

What do you enjoy most about working at Harvard's OFS?

I most enjoy the ability to engage with passionate and highly motivated students, staff, and faculty. I think Harvard has a really important role to play in sustainability and feel lucky to be at institution with such strong executive leadership and commitment to moving the needle on sustainability.

What's the best "green thing" you've done?

Make sustainability a key priority in my life and incorporate it into my daily choices and habits.

Landmark Green Team

The new HSPH/HMS Landmark Green Team was founded in August 2014 and is co-chaired by Nicole Bellisle and Kim Riek. The Landmark Center is a multi-use building with multiple organizations as tenants, including three stories of Harvard departments. Mirroring the subcommittee structure of EcoOpportunity, the Landmark Green Team seeks to make improvements to the Landmark Center's sustainability efforts. Their mission is to build a green-minded community across HSPH and HMS departments at the Landmark Center. As co-chair Nicole Bellisle noted "we're already seeing evidence of an increased sense of community through our events and we hope to continue to be a resource for getting green ideas off the ground."



In October, Dr. Joseph Allen kicked off Landmark's first seminar in a new series sponsored by the Landmark Green Team and the Center for Health and the Global Environment. The common area on the 4th Floor West was transformed into a seminar space, thanks to its portable cushioned seats and high top tables. Ice cream from Emack & Bolio's was served, as the Landmark Harvard community took a break from their work to come and learn about "Better Exposure Science." The next seminar speaker will be Gary Adamkiewicz, he will present during a week-long sustainability fair in February 2015. Stay tuned for details.

GREEN TIPSTER

This Holiday season, take the Season of (No) lights pledge on our website: www.hsph.harvard.edu/ecoopportunity/nolights. This year both lab and office members can take some easy steps to reduce the burden on our resources by shutting down unnecessary equipment during the Winter recess.



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DON'T MISS THIS!

HSPH Lighting Fair: Wednesday December 10th 11:00am-2pm FXB Atrium. Buy low-cost LED lights and other energy saving devices from TechniArt. Please visit the EcoOpportunity page (<http://hsph.me/a9>) to pre-order online.

HMS Lighting Fair: Friday December 12th 11:00am-2pm HMS Courtyard Café. Go to the EcoOpportunity page (<http://hsph.me/a9>) to pre-order online.

EcoOp Meeting: Thursday December 18th @ 11:00am, HSPH, Kresge 907. Bring your own drink, snacks will be provided by the Green Dining Subcommittee.

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