

2022 VIRTUAL GREEN NETWORKING SERIES



JOIN US THURSDAY, MARCH 3, AT 3 PM ET FOR THE CLIMATE ACTION & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PANEL FEATURING:



Shan Arora (96C, 99L), *Director, Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design, Georgia Tech:*

Shan Arora is the Director of The Kendeda Building for Innovative Sustainable Design, which is a multi-disciplinary, non-departmental education building on the Georgia Institute of Technology's Atlanta campus. It is the first building in Georgia, and only the 28th in the world to earn Living Building Challenge certification - the world's most ambitious and holistic green building achievement. It is a regenerative building, rather than being less bad than conventional buildings. The Kendeda Building proved over a 12-month performance period that it gives back more energy and water than it consumes. Arora's role is to promote the building, and the regenerative building ethos, as a way to create a better built environment. To advance this mission, Arora relies on his experience in renewable and clean energy advocacy, as well as his understanding of regional politics, business development, sustainability, and (surprisingly) international tax. Prior to this role, he was at Southface Institute for 8 years, and prior to that, Deloitte Tax. Arora received his BA and JD from Emory and is a licensed US customs broker.

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Nell Fry, *Director of Sustainability, Sodexo:*

Sodexo's priority in addressing its environmental impact is reducing waste and creating circular systems with a goal to eliminate avoidable waste by 2025. In her role, Fry is responsible for supporting 13,000 Sodexo sites in North America as they work to reach this goal. Sodexo is a signatory of the United Nations Sustainable Development goal 12.3, and the USDA, EPA and FDA

Champions 2030 both targeting a reduction of food loss and waste by 50% by 2030. Fry is responsible for deploying technology, delivering training and developing tools that help Sodexo sites measure impact and reduce waste in alignment with the EPA Food Waste Hierarchy. She is leading the largest deployment of food waste measurement technology in North America by any food service company in history and uses the data from this technology to drive system wide change. Fry is passionate about collaborating with internal and external partners to develop innovative approaches to addressing the global food waste crisis across the value chain.

Fry has a BS in Management from Georgia Institute of Technology, started her career as a campus sustainability coordinator and later joined EY where she supported the sustainability missions of Fortune 500 companies.

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Shannon Ridley, *Program Manager I, Brownfield Unit Coordinator, Georgia Environmental Protection Division (GA EPD)*:

Shannon Ridley has worked in environmental protection and remediation for over fifteen years, both in the public and private sectors. Upon graduating from the University of Michigan's School of Engineering, Ridley began her career as an environmental consultant for the US Environmental Protection Agency Region IV

in support of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Since 2001, she has served as an environmental engineer with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, first in the Hazardous Waste Management Program and later in the Georgia Brownfield Program. As an engineer in the Brownfield Program, Ridley oversaw the investigation and cleanup of over two hundred brownfield properties. She has also had the privilege of assisting and educating communities, non-profits, and local governments throughout the State of Georgia on the reuse and redevelopment of brownfields.

Currently, she manages the Georgia Brownfield Program. As Brownfield Coordinator, she manages the technical and regulatory requirements of the Program while still meeting the needs of the development community. The Georgia Brownfield Program was the 2017 recipient of the Atlanta Metro Chamber's E3 Award in the Built Environment category. Currently, the economic Impacts of brownfield reuse and redevelopment throughout the State needs to be better understood.

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Keith Weisinger, *Attorney, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):*

As a criminal attorney for the U.S. EPA, Weisinger investigates and prosecutes the most egregious environmental offenders. The U.S.'s environmental laws include criminal provisions that address knowing and negligent environmental violations. These violations include discharging pollutants into water bodies without a permit, bypassing required pollution control devices, and various other knowing environmental criminal acts. Criminal enforcement

brings to bear the possibility of incarceration and monetary fines that are EPA's strongest sanctions. Frequently, individuals and companies that commit environmental crimes often commit additional violations of the U.S. Criminal Code (Title 18), such as conspiracy, obstruction of justice, mail and wire fraud. When these offenses are associated with alleged environmental crimes, EPA investigates and assists in the prosecution of such matters by the Department of Justice.

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DON'T MISS THE OTHER PANELS IN THE 2022 EMORY GREEN NETWORKING SERIES:

- **Monday, February 28, at 7 pm/4 pm PT:
Public Health & Conservation**
- **Thursday, March 3, at 12 pm ET/ 9 am PT:
Environmental Justice & Social Equity**



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