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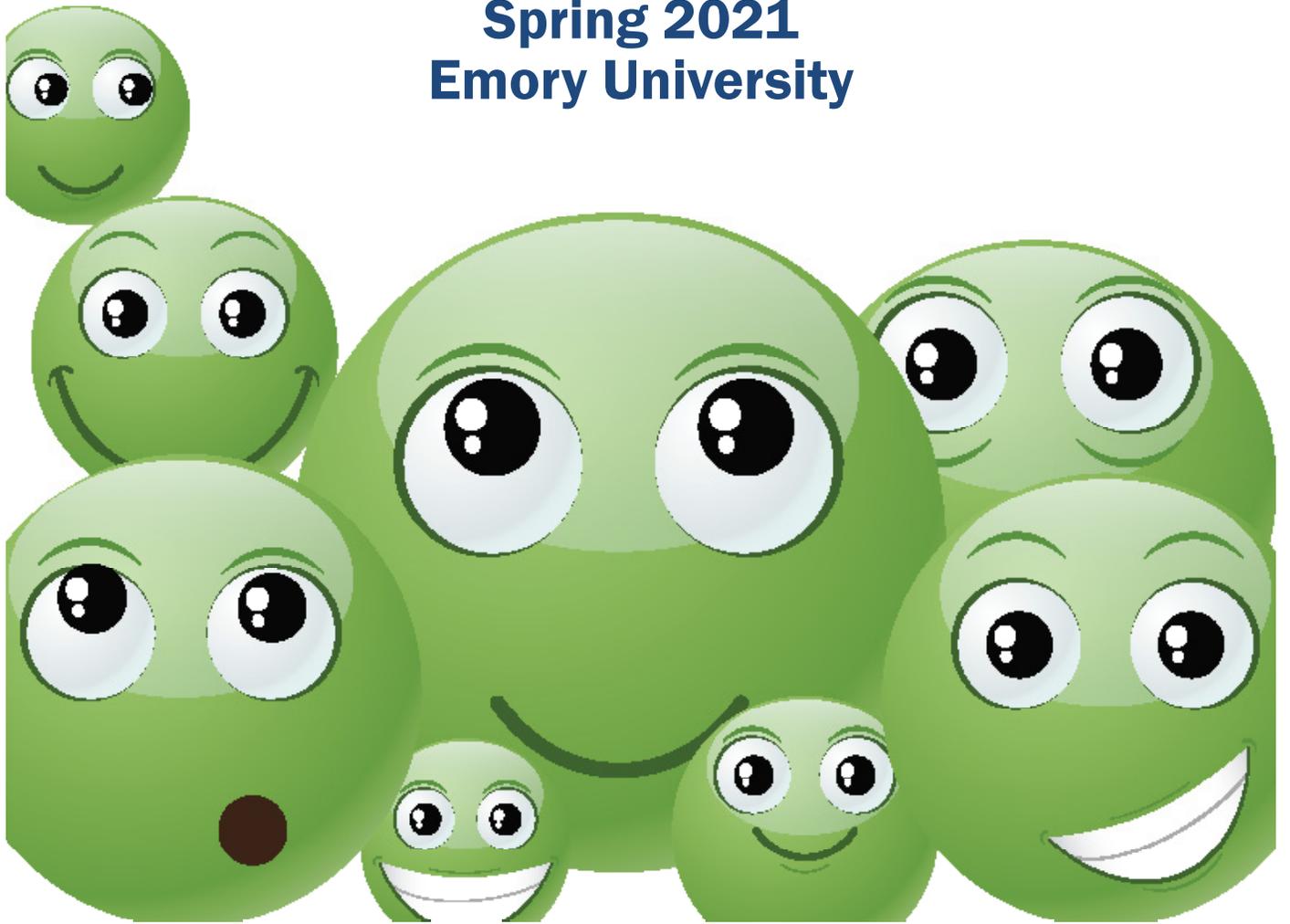
Adventures in



Green Networking

GUEST DIRECTORY

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WELCOME TO ADVENTURES IN GREEN NETWORKING!

Glad you're here!

This year we took our annual Green Networking Night to the virtual realm and kept the streak alive - 13 years and running! This much-loved event celebrates alumni and friends working in all sorts of career paths related to environment and sustainability, both here in Atlanta, and - thanks to this year's online format - from around the globe.

Students from across all majors and disciplines can build new connections simply through conversation and hearing what folks have to share in the way of stories about the rewards and challenges of their work. Whether you're exploring the green sector for the first time or have already been plotting a course to a "green" career - you're in the right place.

This adventure wouldn't be possible without community. In this directory, you'll discover people who have been a part of this event for many years, as well as those here for the first time! **EMORY'S OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES** has been a key connection point for many of our friends and alumni and does too many wonderful things to name here. Thank you especially to *Taylor Spicer* for wearing many hats to coordinate this event for so many years! And a shout out goes to *Mae Bowen* and *Amy Hou* of the **EMORY ALUMNI ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK**, who were busy tracking down and inviting out-of-state alumni, some of whom hadn't been able to attend since their days as a student! Several answered our call and are eager to give back. Students, if you haven't yet joined EAEN - you should. Talk to Mae and Amy!

Our friends at the **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES** are such incredible supporters, not to mention faculty from across the arts and sciences, business, Emory Law and the Turner Environmental Law Clinic, Master of Development Practice program, Candler School of Theology, Oxford College, and the **ROLLINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH's** Gangarosa Department of Environmental Health. And finally, **THE CAREER CENTER** and Green Career Cluster play a key role in coordinating the event and are a great year-round resource to students and professionals alike.

Networking is not terribly complicated. It starts from the desire to meet some interesting people, continues by maintaining those connections over time, and ultimately helps introduce us to the mentors who root for us and offer guidance along the way. Some see networking as a transaction: the people we meet should give us access to opportunities, right? Well...

Conversations, *more* than a resume, lead us to one another. As they say: "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Being open to sharing stories and lived experiences, we find the right people - the ones who share our values, our subject matter interests - who are motivated to find solutions to the complex problems we face in this modern climate crisis.

Enjoy your conversations, and don't forget to keep in touch. You may find yourself attending someday as a young professional!



PART 1: CAREER PANELS

PANEL 1

Careers in Policy, Government & Public Health

Thursday, February 25 - 7-8:30pm EST Link: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/97437884316>



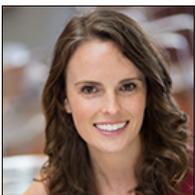
SHELBY BUSO is the Chief Sustainability Officer within the [Mayor's Office of One Atlanta](#), overseeing a team tasked with addressing the energy burden for Atlanta's residents, implementing the Clean Energy Plan, assessing waste diversion innovation, and increasing food access for vulnerable populations. Prior to working for the City, Shelby was the Director of U.S. Green Building Council in Georgia, managing state-wide initiatives while working regionally on key account management, advocacy, technical support, marketing, and market development. Locally, she worked for Central Atlanta Progress as the Director of Sustainability and Midtown Alliance, as well as The Clean Air Campaign. Shelby holds a Master of Environmental Law and Policy, along with a JD from Vermont Law School, and was a Judicial Law Clerk for the U.S. Federal District Court of Puerto Rico. She completed her undergraduate work in Anthropology, Environmental Studies, and Spanish from Wake Forest University. She is a part of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL) Class of 2019, is a former member of the Georgia Sierra Club's Executive Committee, and recently served on the Board of Directors for the Community Farmers Markets of Atlanta. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Clean Energy/Solar; Environmental Policy/Government; Waste/Recycling.



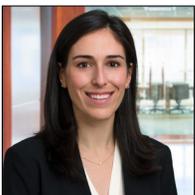
KATY CLARKE (00OX, 02C) is a Senior Clean Energy Advisor in the [U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Energy Resources](#). As a diplomat, she builds relationships in industry, NGOs, and U.S and foreign governments to influence clean energy policy and technology advancements in over 40 countries including Germany, Japan, and South Africa. In this role, Katy has represented the U.S. as a negotiator, delegate, and speaker at fora including the UNFCCC, G-20, and International Energy Agency. She recently received a Secretary of State award for leading Asia EDGE, a ten-agency, 30-country, and \$140 million initiative to advance energy in the Indo-Pacific. Katy previously served as a clean energy officer at the U.S. Embassy Berlin during the German energy transformation. Prior to this role, Katy managed utility focused projects as a contractor for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Katy began her career working on policy and resolving contractual disputes with toxic waste site redevelopment. She attributes her career path to the excellent professors at Oxford College and Emory University, where she earned a BS in Environmental Studies. Katy also has a master's in Public Administration from Virginia Tech. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Clean Energy/Solar; Environmental Policy / Government; International Development.



JIMMY DILLS (03C, 07PH) is a Senior Research & Health Integration Associate at the [Georgia Health Policy Center](#), working to improve public health by advancing a health-in-all-policies perspective of decision making. He has expertise in systems thinking, health impact assessment, and healthy community design. Jimmy has provided training, mentoring, and technical assistance on a variety of HIA projects across the country and also works on several projects dealing with Maternal and Child Health. Before coming to GHPC, he facilitated intersectoral collaboration at a local health department in Nashville and worked as a Research Fellow in the CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity. Jimmy belongs to the Society of Practitioners of Health Impact Assessment (SOPHIA) Steering Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Healthy Homes Coalition. He previously taught an environmental health course called "Public Health and the Built Environment" at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH), offered jointly with Georgia Tech's School of City and Regional Planning. Jimmy holds an MPH in Environmental and Occupational Health from RSPH and a BS in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology from Emory, as well as a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Louisville. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Environmental Policy/Government; Public Health/Environmental Health; Urban Planning & Smart Growth.



EMILY HENNESSEE (10C, FORMERLY CUMBIE-DRAKE) is a Policy Associate at [The Good Food Institute](#) in Washington, DC, where she works on legislative and regulatory efforts to level the playing field for alternative proteins in the U.S. and beyond. Prior to joining GFI, she worked on sustainable food efforts at Georgia Organics as the Farm-to-School Director and as Director of Programs. Previously, Emily was the Sustainability Programs Coordinator at Emory's Office of Sustainability Initiatives. She holds a bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology from Emory and an MPH with a concentration in Food Systems from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Emily is currently on the Steering Committee for the American Public Health Association's Center for Climate, Health, and Equity and is a Farm Foundation Young Agri-Food Leader. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Advocacy; Agriculture/Sustainable Food; Public Health/Environmental Health.



SARAH KRAME (12C) is an Associate Attorney at [Sierra Club](#) and focuses on mitigating climate change through grid decarbonization, building electrification, and transportation electrification in the New England region. The Sierra Club is a grassroots environmental organization with approximately 800,000 members in all 50 states, with a mission to promote responsible use of earth's ecosystems and resources and to protect and restore quality of natural and human environments. Prior to joining Sierra Club, Sarah was a litigation associate at Willkie Farr & Gallagher in New York, where she worked on complex civil litigation and internal investigations. Sarah received her JD from New York University School of Law and her BA in Environmental Studies from Emory University. In law school, Sarah interned with the Natural Resources Defense Council, the New York Attorney General Environmental Law Bureau, and the New York City Law Department Environmental Law Division. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Climate Solutions; Environmental Law; Environmental Policy / Government.

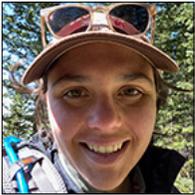
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Careers in Conservation, Food & Agriculture, and Urban Planning

Saturday, February 27 - 10-11:30am EST [Link: https://emory.zoom.us/j/96431087892](https://emory.zoom.us/j/96431087892)



BILL GREEN is the Executive Director of [The Common Market Southeast](#), a nonprofit food distribution organization whose mission is to bring good fresh food grown by small to mid-sized family-owned farms to local communities. The Common Market works primarily through anchor institutions such as schools, universities, hospitals and community organizations to reach the maximum number of people while creating improved access to local food. During the COVID crisis, Bill and his team have supported over 40 local farms and obtained multiple federal and local contracts to provide emergency food relief to approximately 45 Atlanta area organizations. Previously, Bill worked at The Kroger Co. for 18 years in various roles including Legal Counsel, Store Manager, District Manager and Vice President of Operations. Bill has also practiced civil litigation and general corporate law. He is a graduate of Howard University where he obtained his bachelor's degree in business management and the University of Kentucky where he received his JD. Bill also serves on the board of the Automotive Training Center, helping young people overcome difficult backgrounds to gain a career in automotive repair. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Agriculture/Sustainable Food](#); [Corporate Sustainability](#); [Facilities Management](#).



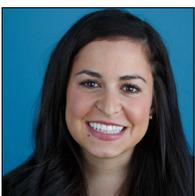
MORI HENSLEY ('16C, '17G) is the Director of Planning, Education, and Restoration for the [Santa Fe \(NM\) Watershed Association \(SFWA\)](#), and is the Land & Water Coordinator at the Quivira Coalition, also in Santa Fe, New Mexico. SFWA's mission is to help restore the health and vibrancy of the Santa Fe River watershed and strengthen the connection between people and land. Quivira works with environmentalists and ranchers at the 'radical center' to holistically restore landscapes throughout New Mexico and the Western U.S. In her hometown of Santa Fe, she explores natural resource management and 'place-based ecocultural stewardship', working on a wide range of projects – from water rights, aquifer recharge, and educational programming to tree plantings, trash cleanups, and wetlands action plans. Mori is the first graduate of the Emory Department of Environmental Science's 4+1 BS/MS program, where she studied livestock depredation by snow leopards in Ladakh, India under Dr. John Wegner and the Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust. After graduation, Mori returned to India with a Fulbright-Nehru student research grant to explore the social and interdisciplinary sides of wildlife conservation through the lens of Tibetan Buddhist imagery. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Air/Water Quality](#); [Environmental Education](#); [Resource Management](#).



JULIANNA JOSS (17C) is a Program Manager at [Profugo](#), a grass-roots nonprofit in Wayanad, rural South India. Profugo's mission is to empower and improve the quality of life for nearly a thousand marginal farmers through sustainable development. Julianna wears many hats each day - ranging from community outreach, field visits, content writing, event planning, research, conducting trainings, building partnerships, providing strategic direction, and occasionally providing comedy as the sole foreigner on the team. A current project is helping to promote organic farming as a livelihood against a harsh backdrop of climate change and hostile central government policies for small-scale farmers. Other current projects involve natural resource management through biogas, youth development, and skill development and alternate income generation. Gender equity and community empowerment underpin everything about Profugo's mission. Julianna joined Profugo after receiving her MSc in Sustainable Development at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland through the Bobby Jones Scholarship. Her dissertation was about the importance of community-based partnership for sustainable development, and she enjoys putting this into practice. Also passionate about immigrant rights, she considers it fortunate to work with Emory's undocumented community. She has a bachelor's in Political Science and Dance and Movement Studies from Emory. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Agriculture/Sustainable Food](#); [Community Building/Outreach](#); [International Development](#).



SARA KUHN (16C) is an Ecologist with the [Georgia Department of Transportation \(GDOT\)](#), where she surveys proposed transportation project sites for protected species, waters and wetlands, and works to avoid ecological impacts. This involves coordination with state and federal partners at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, as well as other GDOT offices and the private sector. Sara and her colleagues are committed to developing sustainable and innovative infrastructure while protecting Georgia's natural areas. Her background is in native plant communities, having worked previously as a horticulturist for the Smithsonian Gardens and Atlanta Botanical Gardens. She holds BA in Environmental Sciences and International Studies with a concentration in environmental policy from Emory. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Ecological Fieldwork](#); [Environmental Policy/Government](#); [Transportation](#).



ARIELLA SELA (14C) is a Sustainability Advisor for [Pure Strategies](#), where she conducts life cycle assessment analyses and develops greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories for science-based targets and other related GHG accounting efforts for their clients. She supports corporate sustainability strategy, sustainable packaging, and regenerative agriculture projects. Previously, she was a Sustainability Analyst for CRI, developing strategy, content, goals, and key performance indicators for the sustainability reports of Fortune 500 clients. Prior to that, she worked for Novelis, the world's leading aluminum recycler, on sustainability and environmental reporting, as well as supplier sustainability. Ariella has an MS from Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy in Agriculture, Food & Environment, and an MPH from Tufts University Medical School. In grad school, she worked on a coffee farmer climate risk assessment at Root Capital and on sustainable packaging at Stonyfield Organic. She has a BS in Environmental Sciences, with a concentration in Sustainability Management and a minor in Spanish from Emory. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Agriculture/Sustainable Food](#); [Corporate Sustainability](#); [Environmental Consulting](#).

Careers in Corporate Sustainability, Environmental Consulting, and Clean Tech

Saturday, February 27 - Noon-1:30pm EST *Link: <https://emory.zoom.us/j/92778605552>*



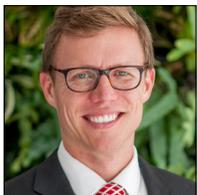
BRENDA CHEW (12C) is the Director of Research & Industry Strategy at the [Smart Electric Power Alliance \(SEPA\)](#), a 501c(3) nonprofit where she and her team focus on helping utilities and the electric power industry as a whole work cohesively to reach a carbon-free energy system by 2050. Brenda typically focuses on harnessing the growing number of flexible customer resources along the energy grid (e.g., smart home devices, electric vehicle charging). After graduating from Emory in 2012 with a joint bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences and Economics, Brenda earned her MSc in Sustainable Development at the University of St. Andrews through the Bobby Jones Scholarship. Since then, she has lived in Washington, DC, building a career in the clean energy sector. Before coming to SEPA, Brenda worked as a consultant on Utility of the Future and grid modernization efforts at ICF. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Clean Energy/Solar](#); [Corporate Sustainability](#); [Environmental Consulting](#).



ARTHUR CLARKE is the Director of Sustainability at [HMTX Industries](#), a \$700m global manufacturer of building materials. There, he is responsible for strategizing and implementing the company's sustainability initiatives, largely achieved through his groundbreaking work on Declare, HPDs, Living Product Challenge, and JUST – a standard administered by the International Living Future Institute (ILFI) that gauges the depth and effectiveness of a company's policies and programs that relate to social justice and equity. HMTX Industries was the first manufacturer in the world to achieve a JUST 2.0 label, and Arthur's team are collaborating through 2021 and beyond on STIQ (Sustainability, Transparency, Innovation, and Quality) alongside HMTX's People & Culture team to improve JUST scores. HMTX will also be working with ILFI to launch a third-party verification pilot for JUST, starting with its primary factories in China. In his spare time, Arthur volunteers to progress the goals of industry collaboratives such as Living Product 50 (LP50) and mindful MATERIALS (mM). In the latter, Arthur serves as chair of the Portal Working Group and as a member of the Content Working Group, Operations Team, and the Managers Team. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Advocacy](#); [Corporate Sustainability](#).



LIRELLE GARDERE (18C) is a Sustainability Strategy & Disclosure Consultant with [Environmental Resource Management \(ERM\)](#), a global consultancy that works with clients from diverse sectors to aid them in understanding and managing their environmental, health, safety, risk and social impacts. As consultant, Lirelle conducts benchmarking and research on clients, industries, and market trends. She also analyzes client documentation to identify improvement opportunities, synthesizes research findings into key themes, and interprets information to develop conclusions and draft recommendations for client deliverables. After graduating from Emory in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Sciences, she got a job a few months later working as a Sustainability Analyst with Birla Carbon, managing sustainability data and helping to work on annual reports, CDP< GRI< etc. In 2019, she began studies at Arizona State to earn her master's in Sustainability Leadership, which she will complete in May 2021. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Corporate Sustainability](#); [Environmental Consulting](#); [Resource Management](#).



NICOLAI LUNDY (09C) is the Director of Partnerships and Market Outreach for [Sustainability Accounting Standards Board \(SASB\)](#). Nicolai identifies opportunities for sustainability professionals, financial reporting professionals, and investment analysts to benefit from SASB's research on financially material ESG factors across 77 industries. SASB standardizes the measurement of sustainability topics that impact company value – for instance, safety-related defects for automobile companies, data security for software companies, and water scarcity for agricultural companies. In his role, he oversees SASB's education, membership, and licensing programs, as well as outreach to investors and civil society. He also led the development of the Fundamentals of Sustainability Accounting (SASB's credentialing program). Nicolai graduated from Emory in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Corporate Sustainability](#); [Finance/Investment/Accounting](#); [Sustainable Investment](#).



DANA CLARE REDDEN is Founder and CEO of [Solar Stewards](#), a third-party solar program she founded in 2016 that directly connects corporate social responsibility initiatives with impact capital for the development of solar projects at universities, affordable and senior housing, places of worship, and nonprofits. Celebrating more than a decade in the solar industry, Dana is a passionate solar professional dedicated to the development of distributed generation solar globally. From growing up in a small rust-belt town in western Pennsylvania, her perspective was shaped by observing the environmental impacts of fossil fuels, particularly in disenfranchised communities that house the most vulnerable. In 2012, recognizing a need for greater resources and environmental justice, she founded Solar Concierge – a consultancy dedicated to helping communities and businesses go solar. She now resides in Atlanta, where she continues to work at the intersection of climate action, environmental justice, and social entrepreneurship for communities worldwide. Dana holds a B.S. from Drexel University as well as an Executive MBA from IE Business School and Brown University. **CONCENTRATIONS:** [Clean Energy/Solar](#); [Corporate Sustainability](#); [Entrepreneurship/Social Enterprise](#).

REACHING OUT TO GREEN ALUMNI & FRIENDS

The next section of this Guest Directory lists additional alumni and friends you may wish to connect with in the weeks and months ahead. These friendly folks have already agreed to have you reach out and connect and will respond as they are able to do so.

As part of this event, we suggest two ways for connecting, outlined below:

OPTION 1: SCHEDULED, ONE-ON-ONE CONVERATIONS IN MARCH 2021

On the pages that follow, some of our guests have a 😊 by their name. These people have volunteered specific dates and hours in the month of March when they will set aside time for 15-minute conversations with Emory students who sign up, using the form below.

REVISION: The link we originally provided below no longer works, due to a server crash and subsequent corruption to our online form. Instead of the link below, we'll email you a conversation request PDF form, which can be requested from Paul Bredderman at pbredde@emory.edu.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/EmoryGreenChats> (<----link does not work)

Sign ups with the above PDF form will close at 8:30am EST on Tuesday morning, March 2nd.

At that time, our planning team will match students with *at least one* of their professional preferences. If space allows, we will match you with more than one of your choices!

NOTE: *It is your responsibility to block times you are requesting on your calendar as you fill out the request form. Please reserve these time slots on your calendar until 5pm on Thursday 3/4, when you'll receive an email letting you know which professional(s) and time slot(s) have been approved. Unfortunately, we will not be able to schedule you in a new time slot once matching is complete.*

OPTION 2: REACH OUT ON YOUR OWN BY EMAIL

Some of our guests (without the above icon) were unable to schedule one-on-one conversations in March, and instead have invited students to reach out to them later throughout the year at their designated email, which has been provided in the bottom right corner of their bio.

The Career Center is an excellent resource to help you draft an outreach email to request an informational interview ("career chat") with one of our guests. You can schedule an individual appointment on Zoom by logging in to the Handshake database at: <https://emory.joinhandshake.com>, by locating the Career Center tab, and then creating a new appointment within the Environmental and Sustainability (Green) Cluster. Paul Bredderman is the Green Cluster advisor and can help you plan for a conversation and come up with the questions you may want to ask, as well as assist you with search strategy or graduate school planning.

Don't have time for a Zoom meeting with The Career Center? We've provided a model outreach email on the following page to help you get started!

SAMPLE NETWORKING REQUEST

Below are some guiding points when requesting time to speak with a friendly green professional in the weeks or months ahead. If an email address has been provided, you can reach out to them directly through their Inbox, ensuring the message is received.

GREETING

Dear Mr./Ms. Last Name,

FIRST PARAGRAPH: WHO YOU ARE, WHY YOU WANT TO CONNECT

- Express enthusiasm for finding them in the Guest Directory
- State your awareness of who they are (by title and place of work), then suggest 1-2 things about their background you find interesting (use the bio in this directory and/or a LinkedIn profile to do some initial research)
- Share what has influenced you to explore their career path (a favorite class, influential or encouraging people, and life events all qualify as interesting tidbits).
- What 1-2 activities/experiences have already helped to move you in this direction?

SECOND PARAGRAPH: REQUESTING A CONVERSATION

- State that you are trying to make some important decisions about your career direction after graduation
- Hearing their perspectives about what they find rewarding about their work, along with what steps they have taken to get where they are would be extremely beneficial.
- Would they be willing to schedule some time when you both could talk by Zoom or by phone? (Though tempting to use email to gather this same information, the medium is far less personable and unlikely to be as successful for bonding).
- You may think it polite to suggest whatever time they are able to meet. **SECRET TIP:** it's actually more helpful if you lead by proposing a few potential days/times, or a range of dates beginning **AT LEAST** one week from today. A busy professional can then check their calendar for availability and get back to you quickly. This saves at least one step in a back-and-forth exchange of emails!

CLOSING

- Reiterate your enthusiasm and thank them for considering your request. Provide both a phone number and email address where they can reach you to follow up.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME

GREEN ALUMNI & FRIENDS



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☺ **KELSEY ALEXANDER (18C)** is a Sustainability Consultant at [Sustainable Investment Group \(SIG\)](#), an environmental consulting firm whose mission is to improve the built environment. SIG provides services ranging from LEED project management, to commissioning and retro-commissioning, to LEED Accredited Professional training in order to help clients accomplish their goals. Kelsey assists property management teams with LEED certification projects nationwide for new construction, existing building certifications, and Fitwel. She also provides support to her project team's ESG reporting through quarterly reporting, GRESB, GRI, and CDP. She graduated from Emory with a degree in Environmental Sciences in 2018. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Environmental Consulting, LEED Building/Construction, Corporate Sustainability.

☺ **LA ALLEN** is the Equity and Workforce Development Program Manager at [The Nature Conservancy](#). An educator for 12 years prior, she now has spent more than five years managing TNC's internship programs in Georgia, including secondary and post-secondary opportunities. She is honored to be a facilitator for several Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion workshops offered by The Nature Conservancy and finds joy in working with her colleagues to learn from each other in this way. When she doesn't have a facilitator hat on, she's managing all things volunteer for Georgia, including organizing work parties, large-scale volunteer events and office/field volunteers to help The Nature Conservancy meet its mission of conserving the lands and waters upon which all life depends. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Community Building/Outreach; Conservation/Wildlife; Environmental Education.

☺ **SHANNON ANDERSON (19C)** is an Environmental Analyst with the [Missouri Department of Natural Resources](#) in the Compliance and Enforcement Section of the Water Protection Program. Her main responsibilities include researching and compiling information about violations of water laws by facilities across the state and writing legal orders to help correct these violations and protect water resources. Previously, she served as an Education Specialist with Montana State Parks AmeriCorps, where she created and led programs for the public about a range of environmental topics, including virtual and in-person Junior Ranger events. She loves bats and eco-conscious crafting. Shannon graduated from Emory in 2019 and studied Biology and Environmental Sciences. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Air/Water Quality; Compliance/Permitting; Environmental Education.

☺ **GABE ANDRLE (17C)** works as Habitat Program Manager at [Georgia Audubon](#). By managing habitat restoration efforts through site selection, invasive species removal, and restoring native vegetation, he helps build places where birds and people thrive. He works part-time as an Interpretive Ranger at Fernbank Museum of Natural History where he assists with outdoor education programming and forest management. Previously, he worked in the bird and herpetology departments of Zoo Atlanta. He came to Atlanta from the Chicagoland area to study Environmental Sciences at Emory. With a passion for nature conservation and environmental education, he has accumulated an array of experiences both domestically and abroad. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Conservation/Wildlife; Environmental Education; Ecological Fieldwork/Research.

ETHAN ARBISER (17C) is an Environmental Data Analyst at [Cox Enterprises](#), a company that has committed to Zero Waste to Landfill by 2024 and carbon neutrality by 2034. There, he assists sustainability, waste, and energy conservation teams with data management for various initiatives, in addition to assisting with carbon reporting for Cox's Corporate Social Responsibility report. Previously, Ethan began his professional career teaching history and environmental studies at an Atlanta high school, helping to establish new school-wide sustainability initiatives as well. From there, he transitioned to working for a real estate software company with a growing sustainability services branch, assisting commercial and residential real estate clients with energy compliance and disclosure through data collection and analytics. Ethan is passionate about green building practices, energy management, waste diversion, and wellness. He is currently a member of Livable Buckhead's Sustainability Committee, as well as a member of the Atlanta Mayor's Sustainability Ambassador Leadership Program. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Clean Energy/Solar; Facilities Management; Waste/Recycling. elarbiser@gmail.com

☺ **LAILA ATALLA (16C)** is an Environmental Scientist and Economist who develops tools to guide investments in housing and transportation. Her work is organized around addressing California's parallel housing and climate challenges while supporting a just transition to a low-carbon economy. In her current role with the [California Air Resources Board](#), Laila provides technical expertise to implement programs that mitigate climate change, promote inclusive economic development, and advance environmental justice. Recent projects include modeling greenhouse gas emission reductions associated with affordable housing developments, estimating the economic benefits of investments in transit and active transportation, and assessing the extent to which State investment programs support equity. After studying Environmental Sciences and Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Emory, she attended the University of St. Andrews as a Bobby Jones Scholar, earning an MSc in Sustainable Development and Environmental Economics. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Air/Water Quality; Climate Solutions; Environmental Policy/Government.

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☺ **BRANDON BEDFORD MPP (11C)** is a policy professional with more than 7 years of experience working in research, analysis, and project management across sectors in Atlanta and the Greater Washington, DC area. He currently serves as the Research and Policy Manager for [Montgomery County \(Maryland\) Economic Development Corporation](#). After earning a BA in Environmental Studies in 2011 from Emory, he found a post-graduate internship with the National Park Service’s Southeast Headquarters in Atlanta. He then found a job working in the sustainability division of an international events marketing firm called ignition (now Havas Sports and Entertainment), where his focus was sustainability technical assistance for client programs, as well as communications/operations consulting for Coca-Cola Global. In 2016, Brandon obtained a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Maryland College Park, where he focused primarily on environmental and urban policy. Since, he has worked in several roles in local government in Montgomery County – the second-largest local government in the Greater Washington, DC-Baltimore region. Projects of note include the Procurement Innovation Program, the Thingstite Internet of Things Living Test Bed, the Montgomery County Food Security Plan, and Montgomery County’s Amazon HQ2 Bid. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Urban Planning/Smart Growth; Economic Development; Corporate Sustainability.

☺ **ZOLA BERGER-SCHMITZ (19C)** is a sustainability analyst at [American Honda Motor Company](#), where she helps advise senior leaders on low-carbon strategy and helps drive climate resilience and green finance initiatives in North America. She is also engaged in research alongside Dr. Richard Perkins at the London School of Economics surrounding the corporate net-zero emissions landscape. Prior to her current roles, Zola worked in the public sector in the office of former Senator Kamala Harris and interned for the Mayor’s Office of Resilience in Atlanta. Zola has been an environmental activist for more than a decade, lobbying to ban plastic bags in her home state of California and testifying in front of the Georgia Public Service Commission to advocate for the inclusion of more solar energy in Georgia’s Integrated Resource Plan. She graduated from Emory University in 2019 summa cum laude, having double-majored in Political Science and Music. In addition, Zola holds an MSc in environmental policy and regulation from the London School of Economics and Political Science. **CONCENTRATIONS:** Advocacy; Corporate Sustainability/Social Responsibility; Environmental Policy/Government.

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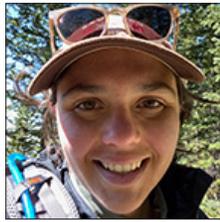
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Emory, I was fresh on my way to transitioning out from advertising,” she says. “The MDP Program shaped my historical understanding of the various theories and approaches applied by the development sector - which I carry with me every day, professionally and personally.”
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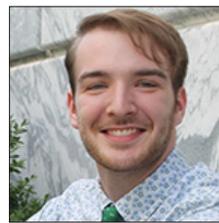
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Conservation/Wildlife	Allen; Andrle; Cafritz; Landberg; Ligon; Vickery; Withers
Corporate Sustainability/ Social Responsibility	Alexander; Bedford; Berger-Schmitz; Charania; Chew; Clarke; Creech; Cutshall; Dunne; Gardere; Green; Lundy; Redden; Sela
Economic Development	Bedford; Bradshaw; King; Maisel
Entrepreneurship/ Social Enterprise	Maisel; Redden; Schwartz; Uribe
Environmental Consulting	Arbiser; Burch; Chew; Dunne; Fundora; Gardere; Sela
Environmental Education	Allen; Anderson; Andrle; Cafritz; Dionne; Hensley; Kaufman; Landberg; Spicer
Ecological Fieldwork/ Research	Andrle; Kuhn; Landberg; Ligon; Tingler; Vickery; Withers
Environmental Law	Bowen; Choksi-Chugh; Howett; Krame; O'Day; Yap
Event Planning/ Fundraising	Cutshall; Elliott
Environmental Policy/ Government	Atalla; Berger-Schmitz; Bowen; Bradshaw; Buso; Choksi-Chugh; Clarke (Levitt); Dills; Jackson; Jih; Krame; Kuhn; Mitchell; Nifong; O'Day Weisinger; Schwartz; Stern; Withers; Zampino; Zern
Facilities Management	Arbiser; Green; Kaufman
Finance/Investment	Lundy; Schramek; Smith
International Dvlpmt	Clarke (Levitt); Gutierrez Rivera; Joss; King; Smith
LEED Bldg & Construction	Alexander; Creech; Dunne
Public Health/ Environmental Health	Dills; Dionne; Gooch; Hennessee; Howett; Lanza; Mitchell; Tingler; Usher; Zern
Resource Management	Gardere; Hensley; Vickery
Sales/Technology	Appenteng; Burkhardtsmeier; Dionne; Doetsch; Farmer; Hood; Lanza; Oliver; Seville; Usher
Sustainable Investment	Howett; Lundy; Sadler
Transportation	Burch; Fundora; Kuhn; O'Day Weisinger
Urban Planning Smart Growth	Bedford; Creech; Dills; Eccles; Gutierrez Rivera; Jackson; Lanza; Tingler
Waste/Recycling	Arbiser; Buso; Kaufman; Nifong