Emory’s 2021 Adventures in Green Networking

Policy, Government, and Public Health Panel – Thursday, February 25th, from 7-8:30 pm EST; RSVP required

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 USGBC 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 J.D. from Vermont Law School and was a Judicial Law Clerk for the United States 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 Bachelor of Science 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. His areas of expertise are systems thinking, health impact assessment, and healthy community design. He 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, Jimmy facilitated intersectoral collaboration at a local health department in Nashville and worked as a Research Fellow at the CDC in the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity. Jimmy is a member of 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 B.S. 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, D.C., 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 University’s Office of Sustainability Initiatives. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Cultural Anthropology from Emory University and an M.P.H. 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 J.D. from New York University School of Law and her B.A. 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.