

We're happy to present the **May 2013 issue** of NWF's Young Professionals Listserv. Please use this listserv to share your own initiatives, pose questions and network by simply emailing [youngprofessionals@lists.nationalwildlife.org](mailto:youngprofessionals@lists.nationalwildlife.org).

Also, don't forget to check out NWF's alumni/young professionals' networks on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

*Mark Owens  
2005 Campus Ecology Fellow  
University of Florida*

#### **Project:**

Mark implemented a pilot energy savings program at the University of Florida in campus fraternity and sorority houses aiming for a 5-10 percent reduction in energy usage by installing more energy efficient bulbs and reinvesting savings into local environmental and social programs. In 2006, UF's president was the first to sign the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. UF has also published a carbon action plan and set a goal of carbon neutrality by 2025. Following Mark's Fellowship, Greek's Going Green (<http://ufgreeksgoinggreen.wordpress.com>) began. This student organization encourages Greek houses to install compact fluorescent light bulbs in the next 7 to 10 years.

#### **What Mark's doing now:**

Mark is finishing a PhD in Political Science at the University of Georgia. His dissertation focuses on measuring how bicameralism can lead to more moderate policy outcomes. The specific focus of this project is to understand how the rules of chamber debate in both chambers of the U.S. Congress has evolved differently and what affect that has had on achieving bicameral agreements on appropriation legislation. Prior to returning to graduate school Mark worked in Washington D.C. as an intern for the National Wildlife Federation before working as a staffer for a congressional caucus.

#### **Mark on his Fellowship:**

*The Fellowship gave me practice in how to raise an important issue outside of my profession of interest with the legitimacy and support of a group like NWF. The Campus Ecology Program creates a network to make a difference outside of my primary focuses of politics and becoming a professor. The Fellowship was an opportunity that encouraged me to become more involved in promoting policies that would help protect habitats and ensure we had a better environment. Also, I have a much stronger appreciation for enjoying the outdoors and making sure that I, personally, place a more importance on investing in energy efficient appliances.*

What are YOU up to? We love to hear all of the exciting and inspiring things NWF alumni are investing their time in. Let us know ([cochranc@nwf.org](mailto:cochranc@nwf.org)) and you could be featured in the "Alumni Spotlight."

## ***JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES***

### ***Apply to be a Climate Reality Leadership Corp Member!***

The members of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps, are front-line agents for change. The Climate Reality Leadership Corps is made up of Climate Leaders from around the world who educate people about climate change and how we can solve it, using a multimedia presentation and their own leadership skills to serve as climate leaders in their communities. Climate Leaders build local networks of climate activists who work in their own communities and countries to demand solutions.

[More Information](#)

### ***Merrell Pack Activation Grant***

Do you have an idea that will increase participation in active outdoor recreation and create meaningful connections to the natural world? If so, Merrell and Outdoor Nation have an opportunity for you -- The Pack Project Activation Grant Program!

Merrell and Outdoor Nation recognize that sometimes the smallest awards can make the largest differences. For this reason, **the Pack Project Activation Grant Program will be awarding a total of \$25,000 in 2013 to a minimum of 10 projects** designed to give young individuals between the ages of 18 and 28 or 501c3 non-profit organizations the resources and funding needed to bring their innovation and active ideas to life.

[More Information](#)

### ***Community Green Lead, US Green Building Council Washington, DC***

USGBC is seeking a talented and enthusiastic professional with an interest and experience working in the community college sector to create career pathways for a green economy. The position will oversee the Center for Green Schools' efforts to engage community college staff, faculty and students in green building education and training opportunities. The Community Green Lead will be responsible for proactively increasing engagement of under-represented populations within USGBC and Center for Green Schools' higher education programs and networks.

[More Information](#)

## ***TAKE ACTION***

### ***Defend Black Bears' Wetlands***

Threatened Louisiana black bears live in wetlands along the Mississippi River, but their remaining habitats along the river have repeatedly come under risk of destruction by harmful and unnecessary U.S. Army Corps of Engineers construction projects.

Now, the very environmental protections that have allowed us to defend the bears' habitat are at risk of being undermined.

The U.S. Senate will soon vote on a water resources bill that would allow the U.S. Corps to steamroll environmental reviews when pushing for large scale structural projects – even though they typically cause significant harm to the environment.

[Send a message to your U.S. senators](#) urging them to pass a Water Resources Development Act that helps protect wildlife.

## **IN THE NEWS**

### *Enter the National Wildlife® 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Photo Contest!*

The *National Wildlife® 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Photo Contest* is now officially open for entries and we welcome your help in promoting it to the public. Photographers of all levels of experience can submit images in seven categories. There also is a separate Youth category for teens ages 13-17.

This year's Grand Prize is an expense-paid trip for two to photograph polar bears in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, provided by one of the contest's sponsors. All entrants also are eligible to participate in the People's Choice Award, selected by visitors to the contest's website.

The competition runs through July 15, 2013. Entrants may submit 10 photographs per \$20 entry fee, or 15 images if the entry fee is paid by May 15. The fee is tax deductible and includes a one-year NWF membership. The competition is not open to NWF employees.

**For more details, visit [www.nwf.org/photocontest](http://www.nwf.org/photocontest).**

## **EVENTS**

### *I'm Here, What's Next: Building a Sustainable Career*

*EcoCareer Conference hosted by DC EcoWomen*

*May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

*Washington, DC*

Join [DC EcoWomen](#) as we build skills to help women navigate challenges we face in our careers and our personal lives. I'm Here, What's Next? Building a Sustainable Career will have multiple sessions for career skill building, turning your passion into a profession, and strategies for your personal development – it will be a full day of learning how to take that next step. DC EcoWomen is a non-profit for women, run by women.

#### **More Information:**

Learn more about the conference, and purchase your ticket by visiting <http://dc.ecowomen.org/conference>. Workshops are filling up quickly. Buy your ticket today to take advantage of the early bird rate of \$40!

### *Clean Water Works: 4th Annual Choose Clean Water Conference*

*June 4-5, 2013*

*Baltimore, MD*

Join local watershed organizations, clean water advocates, and government officials from across the Chesapeake region's six states and District of Columbia for panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities to learn about the latest clean water solutions at the local, state and federal levels.

## [More Information](#)

### *Global Power Shift*

*June 10 – 17, 2013*

*Istanbul, Turkey*

Global Power Shift was initiated and is being led by 350.org, a youth-led network co-founded by environmental writer Bill McKibben. We are teaming up with a wide range of friends and allies (listed below) from across the international youth climate movement and climate movement more broadly to prepare for the global kickoff event in Istanbul, Turkey in June 2013, and also to spark rolling national Power Shift events and new campaign mobilizations around the world throughout 2013.

Global Power Shift will begin with an international climate leaders summit of mostly young people in Istanbul, Turkey June 10-17, 2013. The week-long summit will be a chance for us to refine skills, create personal bonds and community, share a global vision for change, and strategize how to organize different actions and similar summits back home. In the months that follow, in country after country we will organize national or regional summits.

To learn more and apply for phase I in Istanbul, click [HERE](#).

### *2013 Outdoor Nation Summits*

For the fourth year in a row, Outdoor Nation will host Summits so that you - the Millennial generation - can fight the growing divide between young people and nature and inspire more Americans to get outdoors and active. Join other outdoor enthusiasts and champions, solve the most pressing outdoor issues and commit to taking action - together.

#### **Signature Summits**

[Raleigh/Durham Summit](#): June 29-30

[Chicago Summit](#): July 13-14

[Seattle Summit](#): July 20-21

#### **ON-Its (Outdoor Nation Intensive Trainings)**

[Boston Summit](#): September 14-15

[Austin Summit](#): October 5-6

[Los Angeles Summit](#): October 19-20

## ***MORE JOBS/OPPORTUNITIES***

### *Communications Coordinator, Office of Sustainability and Facilities Management University of Maryland*

The coordinator's primary focus will be in support of sustainability campaigns sponsored by the Office of Sustainability and Facilities Management (e.g. Recycling and Solid Waste Unit and Energy Office) as well as other departments collaborating on campus-wide sustainability initiatives. The Coordinator will develop a communications strategy for the Office of Sustainability, publicizing activities internally and externally; manage the university's sustainability website ([www.sustainability.umd.edu](http://www.sustainability.umd.edu)) and social networking sites; and assist with campus sustainability programming.

**The full posting can be found here:**

<https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/17238>

### *Coordinator for Sustainability, Housing and Dining Services University of Colorado at Boulder*

This position provides leadership, planning, management and administrative oversight to the University of Colorado Boulder (CU) Housing & Dining Services (HDS) sustainability education and programmatic efforts for an undergraduate community of over 6,400 students in the residence halls. The coordinator will work closely to coordinate with dining services, housing facilities, residence life, and the CU environmental center to help create opportunities for increased student awareness of and behavior change around sustainability in a holistic approach of people, planet, and profit (the triple bottom line) practices with emphasis on reducing waste and resource/energy consumption. This position also works closely with resident advisors, the residence hall association, and the national residence hall honorary to further support sustainability change efforts in the residence halls and the broader campus.

[More Information](#)

*Sustainability Manager, Colorado College  
Colorado Springs, CO*

Develop, promote, and administer the many sustainability plans, initiatives, and deliverables associated with on-campus and external activities

[More Information](#)

*Alternative Transportation Manager, Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, CO*

Colorado State University Parking and Transportation Services (PTS) Department is seeking an experienced and talented Alternative Transportation Manager that can assist in the development and ongoing operation of a new alternative transportation program at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

This new manager level position will report to the Director of PTS. The position is responsible for planning, developing, marketing, and implementing alternative transportation projects, programs, and policies in order to promote alternate modes of transportation, improve access to transit and enhance connectivity between and throughout the Colorado State University Fort Collins campuses. Alternative Transportation Programs will include, but is not exclusive to: pedestrian, bicycle, car pool, and shuttle transit and infrastructure.

[More Information](#)

*Director, Sustainability Institute, Willamette University  
Salem, OR*

Willamette University is pleased to announce an open position for Director of the University's newly created Sustainability Institute. Under the supervision of the Sustainability Executive Committee (SEC), chaired by the dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the Sustainability Institute Director will have primary responsibility for coordinating administrative, academic and communications efforts related to Zena Forest and Farm and the university's other ongoing programmatic commitments to sustainability.

[More Information](#)

*Professor of Design for Sustainability, Savannah College of Art and Design  
Savannah, GA*

SCAD seeks educators who are highly motivated, proactive individuals eager to be a driving part of future developments of the Design for Sustainability program. Design for sustainability infuses social science methodologies into design disciplines. Through in-depth analysis of environmental, social and economic factors, students learn to create innovative design solutions to individual, local and global challenges. Help students prepare for careers in this cutting-edge and socially responsible field as a full-time professor teaching undergraduate and graduate level classes.

## [More Information](#)

### *Coordinator, University Recycling and Solid Waste University of Maryland*

Would you like to be responsible for contributing to the success of one of the nation's premier public research universities? Would you like to help us continue to be one of the nation's greenest and most attractive campuses? Do you have a commitment to protecting the environment through recycling? Then this position on the leadership team for the university's sustainability and campus greening initiatives is for you. With nearly 1,300 acres in the Washington, DC/metro area, the **Coordinator, University Recycling & Solid Waste** develops and manages the sustainability, recycling and solid waste programs at UMCP. This position coordinates with other campus agencies to evaluate existing recycling and waste management policies and practices and implements programmatic and operational procedures to improve campus awareness of and participation in recycling.

## [More Information](#)

### *Community Garden Coordinator (VISTA position) University of Maryland*

The Community Garden Coordinator, with a coalition of community partners, will facilitate the creation of an intergenerational training ground for small-scale, intensive, sustainable agriculture. Working with a dynamic team of project leaders, the VISTA will transform an abandoned parcel of land into a garden bursting with nutritious vegetables grown by refugee families, middle school students, and other neighborhood residents.

## [More Information](#)

### *Graduate Assistantship for Renewable Systems Education University of Arkansas*

The Department of Agricultural and Extension Education at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, will offer a Master's level graduate assistantship for renewable systems education.

## [More Information](#)

**Look for the next Young Professionals Listserv issue coming in June 2013.**

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