

2019 Annual Conference Sustainability in Higher Education in Canada

organized by The Canadian College & University Environmental Network (CCUEN)
and the Canadian Alliance of College & University Sustainability Professionals (CUSP)

Preliminary program (subject to change)

[Peter Lougheed College](#)

University of Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta ~ May 14-15, 2019

(field trips on May 13 and 16)

The theme of this year's conference is how "inclusion", as set out in Agenda 2030 and the UN SDGs, is being realized in the academy and how might it be enhanced.

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 Coffee
8:30 Welcome & Ice Breaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keynote Listener introduction
9:00 – 10:30 Session 1: Collaboration/Partnership This session will discuss examples of, and opportunities for, partnerships and collaborations among universities, colleges and the community in general to enhance capabilities and achieve sustainable development goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shaun Watmough (Trent University), Chair Ryan Sisson (Trent University) Kathryn Aitken (Yukon College) Amanda Smits (Brock University)
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 12:15 Session 2: The Sustainable Campus This panel will discuss how they are working to reduce the environmental impact of their campus operations, including successes and lessons learned, specifically regarding waste management, energy management and greenhouse gas emissions, sustainable procurement, and using our campuses as a living lab. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leila Fanaeian (University of Alberta), Chair Kareina D'Sousa (Dalhousie University) Shannon Leblanc (University of Alberta) Jessie Kawsny (University of Alberta) University of Calgary
12:15 – 13:30 Lunch
13:30 – 15:00 Session 3: Experiential Learning Experiential learning, particularly those involving engagement with communities outside the academy, offers opportunities for inclusion beyond the traditional curriculum. How are these being realized; how might they be enhanced? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Mushkat (Dalhousie University), Chair Rick Baydack (University of Manitoba) Cheryl Schreader (Capilano University) Sarah St. Clair Skett (University of Calgary) Brandee Diner (Vanier College)
15:00 – 15:15 Break
15:15 – 16:45 Session 4: Keynote Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ingrid Leman Stefanovic (Simon Fraser University) - "<i>Perception is Reality: How Values Affect Sustainability in Canadian Academia</i>" See details below.
18:30 Conference dinner Upper Crust Café (details to follow)

Wednesday, May 15

8:00 Coffee
8:30 Welcome
9:00 – 10:30 Session 5: Indigenization of Curricula and Campuses This panel will discuss indigenization of post-secondary environmental and sustainability curricula and programming, and the ways in which environmental educators and campus sustainability professionals can support reconciliation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn Aitken (Yukon College), Chair • Jacqueline Ottmann (University of Saskatchewan) • Jennifer Ward (University of Alberta) • Cassandra Ivany (Yukon College) • Yogendra Chaudhry (ECO Canada)
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 11:45 Session 6: Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of thoughts from keynote listener • Summarize the outcomes of the conference and discuss next steps for organizing SHECA 2020
12:00– 13:00 Lunch
13:00 – 15:30 Network Specific Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUSP, CCUEN, and regional networks to have their own AGMs and activities details of which will be forthcoming from the respective networks.

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Ingrid Leman Stefanovic, Simon Fraser University

Perception is Reality: How Values affect Sustainability in Canadian Academia

Achieving sustainability demands more than technical solutions. Social, cultural, economic, technological, political and personal assumptions and values often frame discussions of sustainability, both within society at large but also in academic institutions. This presentation provides examples of how perceptions and judgment calls can shape conflicting interpretations of sustainability choices at universities and colleges. How educational institutions can best position themselves to move the sustainability agenda forward in light of implicit value systems will be discussed.

Field trips / tours (Monday, May 13, and Thursday, May 16)

MONDAY, MAY 13

Sustainability Campus Tour - 3 to 4pm (Meet in front of the Administration Building)

Led by the Office of the Registrar

Welcome to the University of Alberta! Learn about the university's commitment to sustainability and the many green initiatives on campus with this 60-minute outdoor walking tour. You will visit award-winning green buildings, valuable student services and uncover hidden infrastructure.

Jane's Walk - ~4:00 pm (Exact meeting location and other details TBA)

Led by Dr. Kevin Jones, University of Alberta

Edmonton's story is of a city which is being perpetually made and remade. Driven by development and evolving trends in urban design, there has been little room to find inspiration in the past, or to ask how heritage and culture might provide inspiration for the future. Amidst another cycle of urban renewal, the city is again undergoing a significant transition, perhaps nowhere more evident than in Old Strathcona and along its historic prairie main street. Touring Whyte Avenue we will collectively explore how heritage and culture inform how we experience both tangible and intangible elements of its heritage. We will consider the Avenue as a home for a diverse range of communities and place narratives. And, we will learn about current development in the area and consider how heritage and culture might support successful place-making and communities into the future.

Green Building Tour- 4:15 to 5:30pm (Meet inside the east doors of the DICE building)

Led by Behn Jang (Utilities) and Keith Hollands (Planning, Project and Delivery)

Did you know UAlberta has more than 40 green certified buildings? On this tour you will learn about the green building features of the Donadeo Innovation Centre for Engineering (DICE), certified LEED Gold, and the Centennial Centre for Interdisciplinary Science (CCIS), certified LEED Silver.

<https://arcs.is/1yWLXH>

THURSDAY, MAY 16

District Energy System Tour – 9:00 to 10:00am (Meet at the District Energy System Interpretive Centre in the Cooling Plant on Campus)

Led by Laurel Roblin (Utilities)

UAlberta owns and operates the largest district energy system in Canada. Register for this tour and learn more about how 1.5 million square meters of building space is cooled and heated through Edmonton's hot summers and freezing winters.

Note: Closed-toed shoes and full-length pants are mandatory on this tour. Other protective gear will be provided.

Tour of Future Energy System Labs - 10:30 to 11:30am (Meeting location TBD)

Led by Kenneth Tam (Future Energy Systems)

Future Energy Systems develops the energy technologies of the near future, examines their integration into current infrastructure, and considers their social, economic, and environmental impacts. This tour will take you to some of their labs exploring solutions for challenges presented by current energy systems.

<https://www.futureenergysystems.ca/>

Registration details

To register for the conference, visit: <https://www.ccuen-rccue.ca/en/2019-conference>. Early bird registration is \$235 for the conference until April 17 (after which registration will be \$255). This fee includes tours / field trips which require separate registration due to limits on numbers that can be accommodated. Field trip details and registration information will be announced shortly. Registration for CCUEN and CUSP network activities on May 15 is free for CCUEN members, \$50 for non-members, and \$35 for CUSP members. There is an additional fee (\$50) for the conference dinner at [Upper Crust Café](#) on May 14. A variety of accommodation options which meet sustainability goals supported by the SHECA 2019 Planning Committee are offered (be sure to mention the conference when booking).

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