

SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH and PRACTICE SEMINAR



Join us every Wednesday at lunchtime – in person or via Zoom – to learn how WCU scholars, staff, and students explore and apply principles of environmental, social, and economic sustainability in their research and practice.

Cookies and coffee provided each week!

**Wednesdays from 12:00 to 12:50 pm in person
(255 A/B Sykes Student Union) and via Zoom**

<https://wcupa.zoom.us/j/96216616525>, meeting ID: 962 1661 6525, passcode: 225804

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

Dr. Chiwoneso Beverley Tinago

Public Health Sciences

Healthy Youth for a Sustainable Future: The Role of Sustainability in Adolescent Health and Well-Being

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

dr. tonya thames-taylor, *History, African American Studies,*

Dr. Tia Malkin-Fontecchio, *History, Director of Latin American & Latinx Studies, and McKenzie Kemble, Communication Studies '27*

Reimagining Banana Day... a political, economic, colonial, and environmental review of banana cultivation

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

Dr. Jenny Uehling, *Biology, and*

Chloe Campbell, *Early Grades Prep, PreK-4 '28*

Bird-building collisions at WCU:
Risks and opportunities for action

OCTOBER 7, 2026

Reagan Smiley, *Geography & Planning, and*

Dr. Carlos A. Morales-Ramírez, *Geography & Planning*

X Marks the Spot! Using Maps to Balance Ecotourism and Whale Shark Habitats

OCTOBER 14, 2026

John Day

Artist

My relationship to wilderness through art, with a concern about sustainability

OCTOBER 21, 2026

Kristopher Benedict

Art+Design

Ruins in Reverse: Landscape Painting, Time, and the Galleria at Crystal Run

OCTOBER 28, 2026

Dr. Natalya Khimich

Accounting

The impact of hedge funds activism on Corporate Social Responsibility

NOVEMBER 4, 2026

Leslie Davidson

Executive Director and Co-Founder, PA Fibershed

Rachel Higgins

Co-Founder, PA Fibershed

Do you know who grows your clothes?

NOVEMBER 11, 2026

David Roth

WCU Geoscience '20, Energy & Sustainability Program Manager, US Venture

Corporate Sustainability: Building a Financial Case to Lower GHG Emissions

NOVEMBER 18, 2026

Dr. Cheryl Wanko

English

An Autobiographical Journey in Residential Renewable Energy in Which All Works Out Well in the End. So Far.

DECEMBER 2, 2026

Tiffany Kennedy

WCU Nutrition & Dietetics '19, Farm Education Coordinator, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Addressing Food Insecurity through the PHS Community Farm & Food as Medicine Program