

SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH and PRACTICE SEMINAR



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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**

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FEBRUARY 4, 2026

Dr. Casey R. Schmitt

Interdisciplinary Studies and Exploratory Studies
Tuko Pamoja: Climate Perspectives from East Africa and Fulbright-Hays

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Nadine Boukhari

M.S. Industrial/Organizational Psychology '27
Lisa Smart
Post-Landfill Action Network

Return on Investment Analysis of Reusable To-Go Containers

FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Dr. Ellie Brown

Psychology

Can Environmental Chaos Get "Under the Skin" to Influence Child Development? Implications for Policy and Practice

MARCH 4, 2026

Kristopher Benedict

Art + Design

Landscape Painting and Contemporary Landscapes

MARCH 18, 2026

Bruce Brockman

Vice President of Operations, Goodwill Keystone Area

The 4 P's of Sustainability: Prosperity, Planet, People, Perpetuity

MARCH 25, 2026

Paige Jones, M.Ed. School Counseling '27, Ariel Whaley, M.S. Geography '26, Lea Rubenstein, B.M. Music Education, '27
North Campus Bird Walk
(Meet in Sykes Lobby, no Zoom for this seminar)

APRIL 1, 2026

Dr. Devin Arne

Music Theory, History, and Composition
Silvana Cardell
Creator of TERRA: Bodies + Territories
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APRIL 8, 2026

Dr. Carlos A. Morales-Ramírez

Geography and Planning
Protecting Gentle Giants: Sustainability Challenges in Whale Shark Ecotourism

APRIL 15, 2026

Dr. Amir Golmohamadi

Nutrition
Organic and Non-Organic Foods, Pesticide Residue, and Sustainability

APRIL 22, 2026

Dr. Margaret Hudgings and Molly Hanford

West Chester Green Team
West Chester Porchfest and Sustainability

APRIL 29, 2026

Daniel Spracklin

Founder and CEO, SoMax
Transforming Waste into Resources: An introduction to Hydrothermal Carbonization
(For this date only, meet in Sykes 210)