

## Get The Scoop!

We have very exciting events planned, so make sure you scroll down to get involved. Additionally, get to know our staff and some other events on campus that address critical societal issues in the areas of energy, health, and the environment.

## Schiller Team Member Spotlight



### Meet Greg!

Greg is the Director of Finance and Operations for the Institute. Despite his title and often being referred to as the budget man, he's very happy that a large part of his role is strategic planning and

interacting with BC's amazing students, faculty, and staff.

It feels like fate that Greg works at the Institute as he met its namesake, Phil Schiller, in 2015 while visiting Apple's headquarters as part of TechTrek West. That program still stands out as the most impactful experience of completing his MBA at Boston College. One final fun fact about his role is that Greg was the Institute's first employee.

Greg is an avid sports fan and loves to travel. He combined these passions in a quest to see all 30 Major League Baseball ballparks, which he completed in Miami in 2023. Baseball is his favorite sport and he writes an annual baseball preview that he'd be happy to share if you're interested. He also loves to play tennis and recommends attending the US Open - the grounds pass is the best bang for your buck ticket in sports. His next travel adventure is trying to visit all 63 National Parks and he'll surely fit in more sporting events along the way, such as a trip last year that combined Joshua Tree with the Indian Wells tennis tournament.

Lastly, Greg is the proud father of a seven month old son. He doesn't post pictures online, but is happy to show anyone who stops by his office. Greg grew up outside of Philadelphia, so he's already working on strategies to make sure his son roots for Philly teams and isn't swayed by living in Boston.



**Meet our team!**

## What Are Schiller Students Up To?

Yongfa You is a postdoctoral researcher working with our core faculty member, Hanqin Tian. Yongfa is interested in agroecology, Earth and environmental science, with practical skills such as process-based numerical modeling, remote sensing, artificial intelligence, and geospatial

analysis, to address real-world challenges in agroecosystems. His research focuses on quantifying and predicting the impacts of natural environmental changes and human activities on crop production and greenhouse gas emissions.



We are so excited to announce that he recently received a tenure-track assistant professor offer at Virginia Tech! If you are interested in his research, interests, or just want to get to know him, check out the Q&A we did with him below!

**Q&A With Dr. Yongfa You**

**We Want to Hear From You**

Did you know you can respond to this email? We check our inbox frequently and would love to hear your thoughts about The Scoop, fun opportunities you've had relating to environment, health, and energy, and more!

**If you let us know, we might feature you in the next edition!**

## Green Week



We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting various activities as part of EcoPledge's **Green Week, April 22 to April 25!**

There will be a series of art and sustainability workshops in collaboration with the BC Writing Center, Studio Art, and Arts Festival. Additionally, there will be a meet and greet with our Schiller Student Board at the tabling event on Friday April

25.

Be sure to come say hi and grab Schiller Institute and The Scoop stickers and see below for details about the events!

### Poetry and Environment Workshop

**On Tuesday, April 22 from 3pm-6pm**, the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society, in collaboration with the BC Writing Center, will be hosting a poetry and environment workshop led by our poet laureate, Jesse Julian. It will highlight the interdisciplinary and complementary nature of art, poetry, and the environment.

This event will take place **between Fulton Hall and 245 Beacon Street, next to the St. Ignatius statue**. Rain location is the Schiller Institute Convening Space (245 Beacon Rm 501).

[Register Here](#)

### Votive Making Workshop

**On Thursday, April 24 from 12:15-1:30 in Devlin Room 413**, in conjunction with Green Week and the Arts Festival, Studio Art Professor Sheila Gallagher will host a votives making workshop and performed lecture with Philosophy Professor Richard Kearney.

Everyone is encouraged to create art objects that represent our desire for connection, recovery, and co-creation. No experience necessary. All materials will be provided.

[Register Here](#)

## Nature-Inspired Sketching Workshop

**On Thursday, April 24 from 1pm - 2:30pm**, in collaboration with the Boston College Studio Art Department, will be hosting a Nature-Inspired Sketching Workshop. This event will be led by Professor Hartmut Austen from the Art Department. **Registration is mandatory**, so please register to ensure there is enough space.

Supplies will be provided to you.

The event will take place at **Pine Hill Preserve** (details to follow).

[Register Here](#)

## Our Poet Laureate

“Calafia” is a haiku series inspired by our poetry workshop happening this Earth Day! On April 22nd from 3–6 PM, the Schiller Institute and the Writing Center will host this collaboration in celebration of Green Week. I decided to answer both of our upcoming prompts, which addresses personal climate stories and emotion-evoking images. I capture the influence of Calafia beach on my climate story, in which I highlight the dangers of human impact on the environment. I invite all those interested in sharing their climate stories to participate in this upcoming workshop!

**-- Jesse Julian**

# Calafia

a climate story in haikus  
*dedicated to the Green Week Workshop*

Jesse Julian

I.  
i've ridden a life  
of many waves, the journeys  
in high school, i'll tell.

II.  
we roamed beaches and  
hills of gold, wandered far, but  
always here at home.

III.  
i saw carved names in  
Calafia cliffs, stories  
of trespassers past.



IV.  
i felt the moment  
California changed, warm days  
now fiery hell.



V.  
burnt brush, bronze air,  
the dream is a dog, tail tucked,  
pages smeared with smoke.



VI.  
they trashed the trails with  
once-lit cigs, "CAUTION" tape blocks  
gold dandelions.

VII.  
i've written my life  
in ocean waves, the tale i  
keep chasing to tell.

## Upcoming Schiller Institute Events

### Schiller Research Symposia

Want to learn more about ongoing faculty research? Join us to see recipients of Schiller Institute seed grants showcase their work related to energy, environment, and health! **This afternoon we will kick off our series of three research symposia at 2pm in the Schiller Institute Convening Space (Room 501 in 245 Beacon).**



# SCHILLER RESEARCH SYMPOSIA

A series of three research symposia featuring work supported by the Schiller Institute Grants for Exploratory Collaborative Scholarship (SI-GECS) and grants for Research in Targeted and Emerging Areas (SI-RITEA) programs.

All events are held in the Schiller Institute Convening Space (Room 501 in 245 Beacon). Please register for as many events as you'd like by scanning this QR code.



TUE April 8

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

## A DUAL SYMPOSIUM: RESEARCH FROM THE SOCIAL AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES

Addressing Social issues through Cross-sector Partnership: Co-Designing a Youth Leadership Initiative with the Chelsea Children's Cabinet (*Becca Lowenhaupt*)

The Feasibility and Acceptability of Pre- to Post-Migration Research with Venezuelan Migrant Parents (*Chris Salas-Wright*)

Children's third-party intervention across urban and rural contexts in the Global South (*Katie McAuliffe*)

Understanding Just Transition in Bangladesh: Does Shift to Improved Brick Kilns lead to Well-being of Brick Workers? (*Praveen Kumar*)

Wind uncertainty and capacity planning during the energy transition (*Rich Sweeney*)

## ADVANCES IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH: DISPATCHES FROM THE LABORATORY AND THE FIELD

Environmental History of the Lower Neponset River (*Conevery Bolton Valencius*)

Partnering with Boston Public Schools to Inspire the Next Generation of Geoscientists Through the Stories of the Earth (*Ethan Baxter*)

Impact of the Stabilized Criegee Intermediates Chemistry on Tropospheric Formic Acid Distribution (*Lucas Bao*)

Developing Aptamers to Create a Platform for Rapid, Multiplexed, Sensing of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in Water (*Michelle Meyer*)

A strategic partnership: Creating a Collaboratory for Environmental Science (*Mike Barnett*)

Leveraging Video-based Social Networking Platforms to Disseminate Research on Energy, the Natural Environment, and Health: Evaluations of Practice (*Betty Lai*)

WED April 16

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

## FOCUS ON AFRICA: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR AFRICAN YOUTH AND CLIMATE-IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Ceramic Water Filters for Household Water Purification in Limited-Resource Settings (*Ali Salifu*)

Promoting Community Climate Resilience and Wellbeing in Northern Kenya through Peace Education (*Annex Hira*)

Exploring the effect of personal air pollutant exposure on children's development of tuberculosis and post-TB lung disease in rural South Africa (*Britney van de Water*)

Examining the Impact of Prolonged Droughts and Erratic Rainfall Events on the Health and Well-being of Youths (15-24 years) in Uganda (*William Byansi*)

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

[Learn About Schiller Institute Grants for Faculty](#)

**Want to Win Some Honey?**

# The Honey Raffle Is Back



Want to enter the raffle for a jar of honey made by the Fulton Hall Beehive? Post this on your Instagram story, screenshot it, and email it to [sustainability@bc.edu](mailto:sustainability@bc.edu) by **April 28.**

This year's campus partners for the Eagles Sustainability Competition are hosting another honey raffle this semester. Post to your Instagram and let the Office of Sustainability know by **April 28th** for a chance to win some honey made by the Fulton Hall beehive!

## Recent Event Recap



"On Sunday, March 30, 2025, MakeBC hosted its annual Make-a-Thon, co-sponsored by the Schiller Institute, the Boston College Arts Council, and the BC Developmental Technologies (DevTech) Research Group.

Over 24 hours, students were challenged to develop a physical, creative object in response to one of three tracks: Art, DevTech, and Sustainability.

This year, I had the privilege of judging for the first time, alongside returning judge Erik Sjostrom, to represent the Schiller Institute. It was rewarding to witness the full range of students' creativity, dedication, and problem-solving on display. The top three overall teams were awarded 3D printers, while each track's sponsor also recognized standout projects with additional prizes.

What struck me most was how each project—regardless of its track—reflected the Schiller Institute's ethos of interdisciplinary problem-solving. While many participants came from Human-Centered Engineering, there were also students from Math, Physics, Studio Art, and Computer Science. Their academic diversity

mirrored their approaches, with many integrating engineering, design, and personal experience into thoughtful, tangible outcomes."

-- Dominique

[Read More About Dominique's Experience](#)

## Upcoming Campus Events

### Gathering Tides Event

Climate Justice at Boston College presents

# GATHERING TIDES:

A CONVERSATION WITH DR. MEHANA VAUGHAN  
ON INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE IN  
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM



Assistant Professor at Dept. of Natural Resources and  
Environmental Management University of Hawaii and Manoa

**APRIL 8 | 7PM - 8PM | GASSON 205**

Questions? Email [ternynck@bc.edu](mailto:ternynck@bc.edu)

Climate Justice at Boston College is excited to host Dr. Mehana Vaughan, a professor at the University of Hawaii, to give a virtual educational talk on Indigenous communities and environmental

activism. Join us at **Gasson Hall, Room 205 on April 8th from 7PM-8PM** to learn more about community engagement and collaboration, natural resource management, and native stewardship in the context of climate justice! All are welcome!

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## **The Public Philosophy Initiative**

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Michaila Peters, COP29 delegate to Baku, founded the Public Philosophy Initiative and is running the third part of her three-part workshop series, **"Shifting the Global Paradigm: The Role of Philosophical Pedagogy in Climate Justice."**

Join us **Wednesday, April 9th, 12-1:30PM, Boston College, Stokes 228N and online** to discuss how philosophers could play a uniquely important role in motivating the political will to advance climate justice efforts.

Lunch will be provided!

THE PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY INITIATIVE PRESENTS

# SHIFTING THE GLOBAL PARADIGM: THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHICAL PEDAGOGY IN CLIMATE JUSTICE



with **Michaila Peters**

founder and Director, Public Philosophy Initiative  
VIC Delegate to UN COP29 Meeting  
founder, MAP Chapter and Sustainable Philosophers at BC  
for more info visit our website at [publicphilosophyinitiative.org](http://publicphilosophyinitiative.org)

Wednesday, April 10  
12:00-1:30PM  
Stokes North 228N

LUNCH PROVIDED

[Read About The Public Philosophy Initiative](#)

[Register Here](#)

**Partners in Health Strides in Solidarity  
5K**








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SOLIDARITY  
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*Injustice has a cure!*

Donations will contribute to PIH's battle towards ending tuberculosis, such as improving treatment, establishing mobile clinics, and focusing on community-based care.

**INFORMATION**

- 📞 Saturday, April 12 at 11am
- 📍 Clemente Field (Back Bay Fens)
- 🌐 \$10 Registration Fee (recommended but not required)



For more info about PIH's impact and mission, visit [www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org)  
Email us at [bcpihengage@gmail.com](mailto:bcpihengage@gmail.com)

Partners in Health (PIH) is an international nonprofit that advocates for the right to health for all. They work with community partners to build sustainable healthcare systems and provide equitable treatments. On **April 12th at 11am at Clemente Field (Back Bay Fens)**, they will be hosting a 5k run! All the money they raise in this fundraiser will go directly to their initiatives. Join us and don't forget to register!

[Register Here](#)

**LEAPS Sustainability Conference**

**SUSTAINABILITY**



# LEAPS

## CONFERENCE 2025

**TAKING LEAPS TOGETHER: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPLORATION OF TEXTILE WASTE AND SOLUTIONS**



**Registration is now open and free of charge!**

For inquiries, please contact the event organizers at [leaps@makefashionclean.org](mailto:leaps@makefashionclean.org) or visit our website at [LEAPS.AftermathLearningLab.com](https://LEAPS.AftermathLearningLab.com).

LEAPS Conference 2025 aims to bring together policymakers, fashion industry leaders, textile recyclers, researchers, educators, students, and community members to exchange knowledge on research and innovations in global textile waste.

Presenter



<https://forms.gle/9yU8-82rs4Ll3gdyD9>

Audience



<https://forms.gle/vbPNa8JE6zStuPr5>

**9am- 2pm EST | April 24**

Virtual on Zoom, considering hybrid at BC campus if people are interested.







Join us on **April 24th, 9AM - 2PM on Zoom** to discuss research and innovations in global textile waste!

This conference grew out of research conducted with the support of Schiller Institute seed grant funding and addresses textile pollution, a form of environmental racism, that severely impacts countries in the Global South. Awareness of its public health implications remains low, despite over 34 billion pounds of textile waste generated annually in the U.S. There is a gap in understanding how individuals, especially youth, can take meaningful political and community action to address this issue and bring about local and systemic change.



Additionally, if you would be interested in being a presenter, please contact [leaps@makefashionclean.org](mailto:leaps@makefashionclean.org)

Thanks for being a part of our Schiller Institute family and we hope to see you in two weeks when The Scoop comes out again! Make sure to send The Scoop to your friends and family, so they can be part of our community as well.

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