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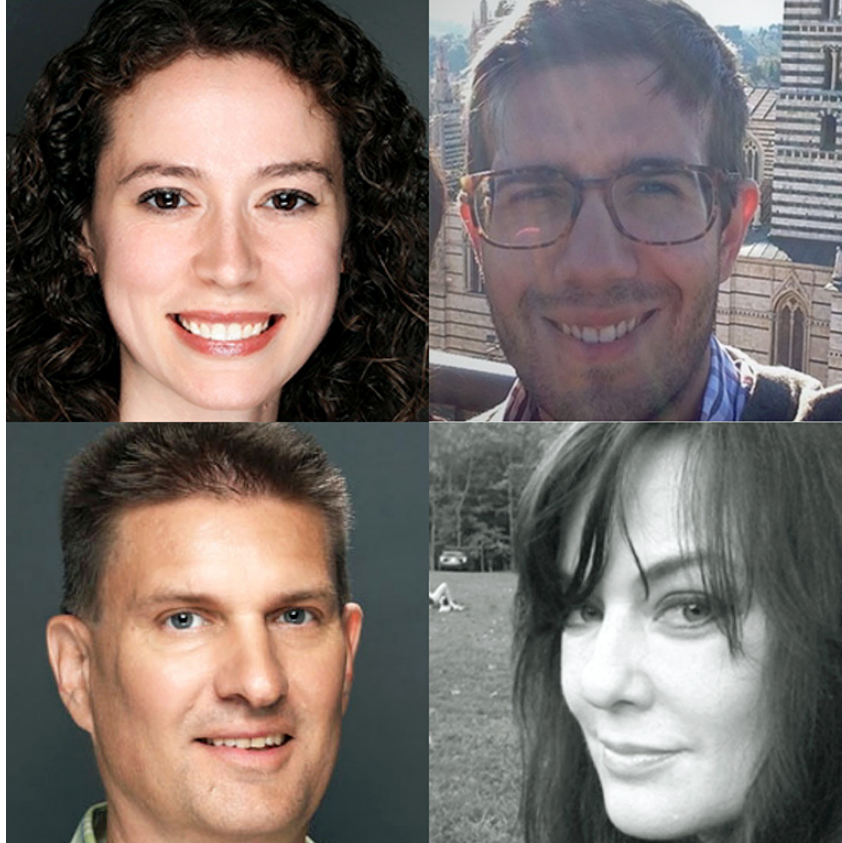
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HSI names 4 UD faculty as part-time directors for main initiatives in new strategic plan

The University of Dayton's Hanley Sustainability Institute designated four accomplished leaders to direct the four key areas of HSI's new strategic plan.

Faculty members Erin Gibbemeyer, Zach Piso, Andrew Chiasson and Glenna Jennings (left to right top and left to right bottom in photo) will work part-time with HSI and each lead an identified initiative and its associated goals. HSI Executive Director Ben McCall recently announced the appointments.

Gibbemeyer, a lecturer in chemical and materials engineering, will direct the Developing Leaders for a Just Future effort.

"I am looking forward to collaborating with departments and offices around the University to find opportunities for all students to learn sustainability concepts that are so vital to the challenges our students will find in their careers," Gibbemeyer said. "I believe there are also connections to be made with student clubs and groups on campus to better integrate sustainability into UD student life."

Gibbemeyer will oversee goals that include expanding sustainability education to the entire student body, fostering student leadership and advocacy and integrating sustainability into students' life experience.

“It’s exciting that HSI has launched these new director roles to allow for a significant push towards greater sustainability learning and research on UD campus and throughout the Dayton community,” Gibbemeyer said.

Piso, an assistant professor in philosophy and HSI faculty affiliate, will direct the Facilitating Impactful Research effort.

“I’m honored to serve as the inaugural director of Facilitating Impactful Research, and looking forward to collaborating with HSI, a team whose growth with the addition of these new director roles speaks to UD’s commitment to sustainability,” Piso said. “What excites me about our vision for research is how it focuses on synergies between our scholarly expertise, our partnerships with local and regional community organizations, and our dedication to offering robust research experience to our students.”

Piso will oversee goals that include catalyzing meaningful research partnerships and supporting and promoting sustainability research.

“It’s always been collaboration that has energized my own work,” Piso said. “I’m looking forward to supporting the sorts of intentional collaborations that can generate a just and sustainable future.”

Chiasson, an associate professor in mechanical and aerospace engineering and the assistant director of the Industrial Assessment Center, will direct the Catalyzing Institutional Transformation effort.

“Having been involved in sustainability for a long time now, I’m excited that UD is taking concrete steps toward enabling HSI’s strategic plan,” Chiasson said. “A famous quote said something like, ‘The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.’”

Chiasson will oversee goals that include facilitating campus sustainability planning and coordination and inspiring and enabling sustainability efforts across campus.

“Big change does not happen overnight, so as the inaugural part-time director for Catalyzing Institutional Transformation, my goal is to elevate and expand campus sustainability efforts already happening across UD, and assist in enabling UD’s carbon neutrality goals and climate action initiatives,” Chiasson said.

Jennings, an associate professor of art and design, will direct the Engaging Communities Beyond Campus effort.

“Our campus is surrounded by communities with incredible assets and insights,” Jennings said. “Working inclusively with a broad and diverse range of community partners is essential as we work towards a more just, equitable and sustainable future.”

Jennings will oversee goals that include supporting sustainability planning and tracking beyond UD, becoming a community sustainability resource and hub and facilitating campus-community climate resilience efforts.

“My specific focus as a socially-engaged artist and educator has been working with local and regional partners around food justice and food sovereignty,” Jennings said. “Through this position, I look forward to connecting with new and existing partners across further issues, disciplines and neighborhoods.”

This is **SUSTAINABILITY SPOTLIGHT**. We highlight news related to the Hanley Sustainability Institute, the Sustainability Program and sustainability on the University of Dayton campus. This newsletter is usually published electronically on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, excluding holiday weeks.



Clean Energy Speaker Series: Katie Van Horn speaks Oct. 14 about clean energy messages

UD alumna Katie Van Horn will offer her perspectives on reaching people with a clean energy message from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 [via Zoom](#). Her Clean Energy Speaker Series discussion addresses why it has been at times so difficult and why it has especially not reached diverse populations. She will offer ways to reach all people, regardless of politics, race, and socioeconomic status. She will share examples of how the clean energy messaging and programs have been designed successfully to reach the unreachable.

Van Horn is a member of ICF's Flexible Load Management team where she helps utilities develop pilot programs that leverage customer-sited clean energy technologies to provide services to the grid, lower customer costs and incentivize clean energy deployment.

A firm believer in customer-centered program development, Van Horn works to create clean energy solutions that integrate seamlessly into the lives of electric power customers and communities. Prior to this role, Van Horn worked in the company's Distributed Grid Strategy group where she helped utilities and government agencies create strategy around grid decarbonization.

Mann Chair Presents A VIRTUAL Panel Discussion on CLIMATE CHANGE ATTRIBUTIONS

Part of the Global Climate Change Week



Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Time: 5:00 – 6:30 PM EST
Zoom direct link: <https://udayton.zoom.us/j/85798093721>
Zoom ID: 857-9809-3721 **Password:** 138055



Dr. Hillary Boudet Oregon State Univ Dr. Jessica McCarty Miami Univ Ms. Meg Maloney City of Dayton Dr. Sisi Meng Notre Dame Dr. Kevin Reed Stony Brook Univ Dr. U. Haritashya Univ of Dayton

Discussion Topics

- || Increasing Hurricane
- || Increasing Wildfire
- || Climate Modeling
- || Climate Economics
- || Public Policies
- || Leadership
- || Adaptation
- || Sustainable Development

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Climate change attributions chat Oct. 20 as part of Global Climate Change Week

The University of Dayton Mann Chair in the Natural Sciences Dr. Umesh Haritashya invites interested parties to attend a panel discussion on the occasion of [Global Climate Change Week](#). The discussion will be focused on [climate change attributions](#) (especially as it relates to recent intensity in hurricanes and wildfires), recent [IPCC report](#) that has been referred to as 'code red for humanity,' public discourse on climate change, climate economics, etc. Haritashya will also celebrate and discuss climate modeling since this year's [Nobel prize](#) in Physics has been awarded to early development in global climate models.

The virtual panel and discussion will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link. The Zoom Meeting ID is 857-9809-3721 and the password is 138055.

Panelists: Haritashya; Dr. Hillary Boudet, Oregon State University; Dr. Jessica McCarty, Miami University; Ms. Meg Maloney, City of Dayton; Dr. Sisi Meng, Notre Dame; Dr. Kevin Reed, Stony Brook University.



HSI seeks another student team leader

Interested students can apply via [Handshake](#).

LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHER SUSTAINABILITY-MINDED PROS?

Help build the wider community of professionals working in sustainability or those planning such a career. Consider joining HSI's LinkedIn page to keep up with news, share ideas or make that next contact for a project, internship or initiative.

[Request to join](#).

Upcoming events

- **Oct. 14: "Reaching People and Businesses with Clean Energy: Katie Van Horn:" 6:30-7:30 p.m.:** The Clean Energy Series features a UD graduate. [Zoom link](#). **SEE STORY ABOVE**
- **Oct. 15, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5: MEEC field trips:** Interested students can enjoy a beautiful autumn afternoon at the 150-acre Mount St. John/Marianist Environmental Education Center (MEEC) 5 miles east of campus and learn about MEEC's ecological restoration and spirituality work, and have a guided hike led by MEEC staff through the 62-acre Mount St. John Marianist Nature Preserve native ecosystems of woodlands, prairie, pond and meadow. Participants also will engage in mutual service, collecting native prairie seeds that will be used in future plantings. Vans will depart from Humanities/Alumni/Kettering labs pickup area. Dress in long pants, shirts with sleeves, socks and closed-toes good walking shoes. Bring your own re-usable water bottle. For more information and to reserve your seat (by 5 p.m. Thursday the week of the trip), email ljablonski1@udayton.edu with MEEC & date and the chosen date in the subject line. Please include your cell phone number.
- **Oct. 16: Yellow Springs Sustainability Field Trip:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: Join the SEE ILLC field trip bus to Yellow Springs. The trip will feature a guided hike of the Glen Helen Nature Preserve led by Geology Prof. Al McGrew and UD grads, a tour and discussion of strawbale homes, solar panels and other energy-saving initiatives with Sustainability Prof. Bob Brecha, time on your own to explore the village of Yellow Springs and relax at Young's Dairy (putt-putt, corn maze, goats & great ice cream and pumpkins). Bus and lunch provided free. The bus departs Stuart Residence Hall at 9 am and returns by 5 pm. RSVP via email with "Yellow Springs" in the subject line to ljablonski1@udayton.edu by 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 to guarantee your seat.
- **Oct. 20: Climate attributions discussion:** 5-6:30 p.m. **SEE STORY ABOVE**

- **Oct. 21: PIVOT conference with FREE REGISTRATION:** Co-hosted by HSI, HEAPY and Dayton Regional Green, this year's event is at Sinclair Community College. [Click here](#) for details. After clicking the green ticket button, a list of tickets will appear. At the top left, above the list of tickets, click the Enter Promo Code (in blue text). Please email hsi@udayton.edu to request the promo code.
- **Dec. 2-4: 2021 Social Practice of Human Rights conference:** Speakers in the hybrid event will discuss the perils and potential the pandemic has created for human rights advocacy. Watch for more information in later newsletters about the conference. [Click here](#) for more info and to register.
- **Tell us about your event:** If you have a sustainability-related event, please email details to hsi@udayton.edu.



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