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Join us Friday, August 30th from 10am - 12pm in Manor House for a conversation with CEP alumni/ae on environmental policy careers and life in the professional realm. Members of the CEP community are encouraged to attend.

CHRISTINE DeBOER, MS/MAT '08

Executive Director, Wallkill Valley Land Trust

As the Executive Director for the Wallkill Valley Land Trust for almost four years, Christie DeBoer has led the organization in restoring the historic trestle in Rosendale, a \$1.5 million campaign as part of the extension of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. She also facilitates conservation easements with willing landowners in southern Ulster County, and oversees the 1600 acres currently in easement with WVLT, as well as administers all of the daily operations for the organization. Christie was awarded a dual masters degree from Bard College (MS in Environmental Policy and a MA in Teaching). Her previous positions include: East Hudson Regional Representative for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and a Zookeeper for Bear Mountain State Park. In her free time, Christie has spearheaded a new not-for-profit organization focused on developing a dog park in Ulster County.

VANESSA ARCARA, MS '11

Executive Assistant to Bill McKibben, 350.org

Vanessa joined 350.org as Bill McKibben's executive assistant in June 2013, having previously served as the manager of special projects at Slow Food USA and the manager of food and events at The High Line. Outside of work, Vanessa is an active member of the policy committee of Food Systems NYC and is leading the charge on a compendium of local food policy recommendations within the five boroughs. She currently advises the NYU Sustainability Task Force, and is a founding member of an alternative economics collaborative, Solidarity NYC. When she's not dreaming up new projects, she's usually standing over the stove or

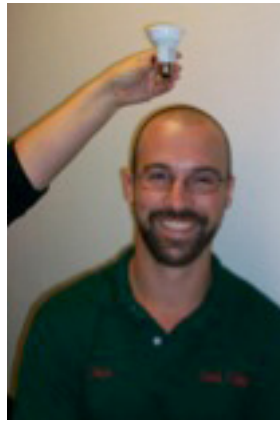
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her window garden in Brooklyn. Vanessa holds a B.S. in media, culture and communications from New York University and an M.S. in environmental policy from Bard College, where her thesis explored the intersection between millennial values and the American food system.

DANIEL J. SMITH, MS '12

Energy Efficiency Coordinator, Office of Sustainability, Bard College

Hired by Bard College in 2010, Dan is tasked with developing and implementing energy-saving measures on campus, from lighting retrofits and HVAC upgrades to solar projects, and assisting with new construction projects. He has helped coordinate almost \$1,000,000 in projects, securing \$500,000 in government and utility incentives and an estimated \$180,000 in annual energy savings. Dan also helps to promote institutional sustainability at Bard, including developing policies for “green” purchasing and new construction, and participates on the Sustainability Council as Chair for Operations. Dan has a B.A. in mathematics with a computer science concentration from the State University of New York at New Paltz. Prior to enrolling at Bard CEP, he was assistant brewer and production manager at a commercial microbrewery located in Kingston, NY. His master’s thesis work focused on residential energy modeling software and behavioral barriers to homeowner adoption of energy-saving retrofits.

JESSICA LeCLAIR, MS '12

Environmental Analyst, Office of Climate Change and Innovation, Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Jessica LeClair is completing her first year as an Environmental Analyst for the State of Connecticut. Working in the Office of Climate Change and Innovation she has had the opportunity to work on many exciting initiatives, like the State’s first Comprehensive Energy Strategy, the updated Renewable Portfolio Standard, the revamped Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), and on the upcoming federal climate regulations from EPA as they might relate to CT. She is excited to see how state and federal climate policy’s will interact in the coming months, and is encouraged by the recent uptick of climate change dialogue at multiple levels of state engagement.



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