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Ways to Celebrate Black History Month



1. Support Black-owned businesses.
2. Learn about noteworthy Black figures and their contributions.
3. Donate to charities that support anti-racism, equity, and equality.
4. Read The New York Times "1619" Project.
5. Purchase, read, and share books by Black authors.
6. Virtually visit museums that center Black history and culture.
7. Watch TV or films by Black creators.
8. Attend Black History Month events.
9. Listen to, learn about, and share music created by Black artists.
10. Watch Black history documentaries.
11. Participate in events hosted by TAMU's Black History Month Committee

MEET OUR TEAM



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MEET OUR SPRING 2023 INTERNS



(L to R) Adia Kshatriya, Natalie Shirley, Evelyn Gomez, Phuong Anh Pham, Isabella DeTone, Emma Clift, Leili Mostoufi, Josh Fourie



2023 TRACS SUMMIT
ATM TEXAS A&M
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TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE OURSELVES

Texas A&M University's Office of Sustainability is excited to announce that it will be hosting the Texas Regional Alliance for Campus Sustainability's (TRACS) 9th Annual Summit!

The TRACS Annual Summit is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to share best practices, discover innovative ideas, develop new connections, and experience diverse perspectives, all in the interest of supporting sustainability.

Join us April 3-4, 2023, as students, staff, and faculty from universities and colleges across Texas will gather, discuss, and learn from each other.

Registration is officially open!

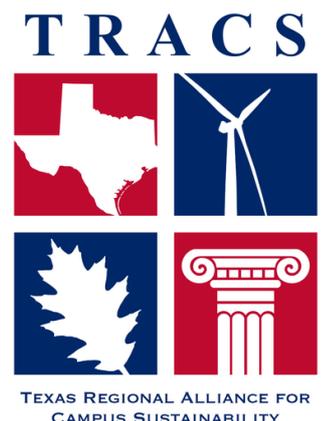
Visit texascampussustainability.com to get more information about the registration process, the current schedule of events, pricing, and more!

We are currently accepting Abstract Proposals for four Educational Sessions types:

- Round Table Discussions (25 minute)
- Educational Session (25 minute)
- Educational/Interactive Session (50 minute)
- Student Poster Session

Abstract proposals close February 10, 2023.

Student Poster Session Proposals close March 10, 2023.



February Events

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- 1 - Stand Up: Overview Training*
- 2 - Ringer Library Gardening Series: Loving Your Roses*
World Wetlands Day
Black History Month Kick-Off*
- 4 - Aggie Eco-Reps Campus Clean Up | 10 a.m. | Meet in front of SSB
- 6 - Twin City Mission Domestic Violence Services: Professional Development Workshop*
- 7 - Sync Through the Years*
- 9 - Pride Late Night*
West African Film Festival*
A Legacy Revitalized: The Resistance of the Harlem Renaissance*
- 15 - Von's Vision*
Black History Month Speaker Event*
Professional-ish *
- 16 - African American Quiz Bowl*
- 17 - Family Feud: Black History Month Edition and Trivia Night*
- 18 - In the Dirt with Master Gardeners - EarthKind Roses*
Aggie Eco-Reps Campus Clean Up | 10 a.m. | Meet in front of SSB
- 20 - World Day of Social Justice
Making Strides in STEM*
- 21 - A Table Talk Discussion About Black Resistance*
International Mother Language Day
- 23 - Cultural Leadership Festival
MSC L.T. Jordan Institute Rudder Forum Event | 6:00 p.m.
Black History Month Maroon Table Talk*
Aggie Eco-Reps Profit Share | Sweet Eugene's | 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- 24 - Healing the Father Wound*
Black Trailblazers: Notable Aggies in the Ivory *
- 26 - Green Dot Bystander Intervention: Full Training for Students*
- 27 - International Polar Bear Day
- 28 - Black History Month Book Club *
The Resistance at Texas A&M: Our Black History *

*Link for event is in email

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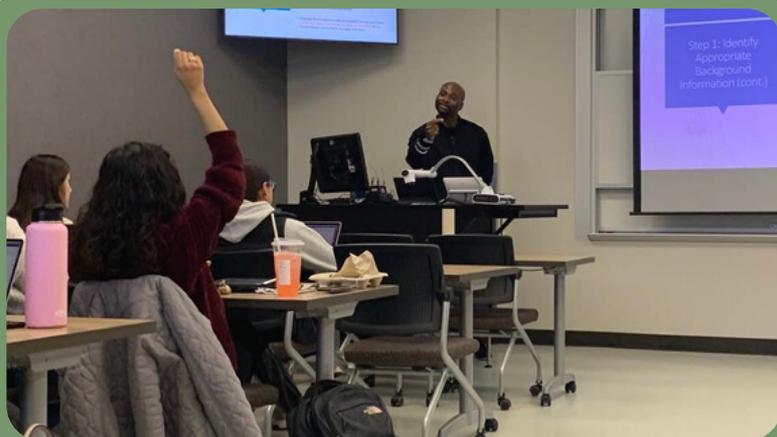
INNOVATION PARTNERS CERTIFIED AS AN ADVOCATE LEVEL SUSTAINABLE OFFICE IN DECEMBER 2022

It is the mission of Innovation Partners to partner with and educate Texas A&M University faculty and staff on translating laboratory innovations to the marketplace. They work to promote an innovative and entrepreneurial culture, encouraging and welcoming the advancement of university-industry partnerships to expand commercialization opportunities, further research development, and ultimately impact the lives of people locally, nationally, and globally.



Dr. Ledric Sherman
Associate Professor
Department of Health Behavior

My overarching career goal is to develop interventions, both digital and hands-on, for men of all ethnic groups that will not only increase their knowledge and self-confidence regarding illness management, but how they can better utilize their surrounding environments and support systems to better manage chronic illnesses such as type 2 diabetes.



What has surprised you most?

What has surprised me the most is that so many men, and people in general, who are living with and managing chronic illnesses believe in health repair instead of health maintenance. Some people arrive at the ER with a condition that often could have been prevented through routine checkups. In my work, I have tried to highlight how helpful preventive care is and can be for anyone, but it first starts internally with the individual wanting to pursue it.

Why is sustainability research important?

I personally feel that it is imperative to discover, and navigate, a transition to a sustainable future means that research into sustainability has growing importance. Academic research into any number of subjects is valuable, of course, in order to increase the store of human knowledge. Undertaking research into sustainability to satisfy curiosity, generate new insights, and expand what we know about the dilemmas we face is intrinsically sensible and useful. Sustainability research has importance greater than a thirst for knowledge, however progressing sustainability is vital to a safe and secure future.

Which SDG's does your work identify with most?

Goal 3; Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. My work has focused on eliminating health disparities among a variety of populations so goal three best aligns with my work.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



FAIR TRADE

PRODUCT FEATURE



LAKE CHAMPLAIN CHOCOLATES is dedicated to continuous improvement – which means increasing transparency in its supply chain and being committed to purchasing non-GMO, organic, and Fair Trade ingredients whenever possible.

Making great-tasting chocolate is hard work. At Lake Champlain Chocolates, they believe that everyone in this process should be treated and compensated fairly and that their actions should positively impact local and global communities.

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sustainability tip

Celebrate Valentine's Day Sustainably!

Valentine's Day is the second largest card-giving holiday after Christmas, with over one billion cards given on the holiday. Giving chocolate is normalized on the holiday, but most of that chocolate is unethically sourced. Add the other throwaway gifts, like balloons, stuffed animals, and decorations, and Valentine's Day can be quite difficult on the environment. But it doesn't have to be!

- Buy Fair Trade Chocolate
- Buy a long lasting present
- Buy jewelry made responsibly and sustainably
- Buy recyclable cards or make your own
- Gift a living plant
- Gift baked goods
- Give an intangible gift - cook their favorite meal, write a poem, etc.!

