

Building Sustainability into International Education

LEADERSHIP, STRATEGIES, AND CONTROVERSIES

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An aerial photograph of a braided river system, likely in Iceland, showing multiple channels of water and sandbars winding through a valley. The background features rolling mountains under a cloudy sky. A dark blue semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing white text.

International Education Week (IEW)

A VEHICLE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Background on IEW at University of Richmond

- Since 2017 IEW has been a campus-wide initiative at UR
- Focus is on a country or region of importance to our community
- The Office of Sustainability runs a competitive "Ecochallenge" for hundreds of participants each year
- In 2023, IEW drew scholars and activists from countries of engagement around the topic of local-global sustainability



*Danish Ambassador to the U.S.
bikes around campus during IEW 2017*

MONDAY
NOVEMBER

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ACTIVITY

BODYPUMP classes
(1 hour each, 30
participants max): 8 a.m., 12
& 4:15 p.m.

Sign-up now!

COOKING

Demonstration Kitchen:
Proper Pie
10 a.m. Wellbeing Center

Sign up now!

SEMINAR

“Cryptic inbreeding and
population structure in
New Zealand’s rarest kiwi
(Apteryx spp.)”

Kristina Ramstad

12 - 1 p.m. Gottwald
Auditorium

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER

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TALK

“Education Diplomacy”

Amy Rutherford

2 p.m. International
Commons

PANEL

“Conserving and Restoring
Biodiversity: From James
River Sturgeon to New
Zealand Kiwi”

Matthew Balazik

Kristina Ramstad

Philip Seddon

4:30 p.m. THC 305

FILM

“Hunt for the
Wilderpeople” (dir. Taika
Waititi)

Intro & discussion with **Teri**

Higgins

7 p.m. Ukrop Auditorium

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER

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PRESENTATION

“From Ecosanctuaries to
Predator-free: Engaging
local communities in
biodiversity restoration in
Aotearoa”

Philip Seddon, University
of Otago

2 p.m. International Center
Commons

FAIR

Aotearoa New Zealand,
featuring more than a
dozen stations with
connections to New
Zealand

4:30 - 6 p.m. Alice Haynes
Room, THC

DINNER

Kiwiana Recipes

5 - 8 p.m. HDC

THURSDAY
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**LUNCH DISCUSSION (video
archive)**

“Attempting to Improve
Outcomes for Incarcerated
People: A New Zealand
Experiment”

Lauren-Brooke Eisen,
Pulitzer Center for Crisis
Reporting

12 p.m. Law School, Room
114

**PRESENTATION (video
archive)**

“Māori Ancestors in Nature
and Law: Legal personality
of the environment in
Aotearoa New Zealand”

Jacinta Ruru, University of
Otago

Chief Anne Richardson

David Wilkins

4 p.m. International
Commons

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER

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RECEPTION

New Zealand “Tēnā koutou”

Lunch

(by invitation only)

IEW and UR's Ecochallenge

- Started in 2017 with a focus on Denmark as a leader in sustainability
- Draws in student, faculty and staff participants
- We learn, commit to change behaviors, and document collective impact as a community
- Daily info on lessons and challenges we can take from the featured country / region
- See more at ur.ecochallenge.org



2023 collective impact

2023: a summit on sustainability for IEW

- “Braided Knowledges for a Sustainable Future: Rivers, Indigenous Communities, Justice”
- Led by faculty from Geography, Biology and Leadership
- Focused on local-global sustainability topics from previous IEW countries / regions and the Richmond community
- Attendance across events totaled nearly 750, with an additional 2,000 at themed dinner



IE Week Daily Programming Calendar

MONDAY
NOVEMBER

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IEW Opening Plenary

9 & 10:30 a.m. INTC Commons
"Water is Life" by Daniel Wildcat and "I am the River, the River is me" by Jacinta Ruru; brief panel and audience discussion

Zoom link

Tucker Boatwright Festival Keynote

4:30 p.m. Humanities Commons
Address by **Kiara Vigil**

Consider This

6 p.m. Chaplaincy Dinner
(by invitation only)



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Virtual Gallery Talk & Breakfast

8:15 a.m. INTC Gallery
"Fragile Interconnectedness: Greenland & the Amazon"

Plenary Session

9 a.m. INTC Commons
Addresses by Wewito Piyäko & Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown

Zoom link

Discussion Roundtables

- 10:30 a.m. INTC
- Community Climate Adaptation
 - Indigenous Leaders as Defenders of the Environment
 - Community Science & Collaborative Learning

FILM: Headwaters Down

Screening & Discussion
7 p.m. INTC Commons

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Discussion Roundtables

- 9 a.m. INTC
- Building Sustainability into Education
 - Technology & Storytelling
 - Gender Equity & Sustainability Leadership

Coffee & Maps

10:15 a.m. Spatial Analysis Lab (3rd floor INTC)

GIS Day Plenary Session

10:45 a.m. INTC Commons
"Empowering Mapping and Justice"
addresses by Steve DeRoy; the
**Transboundary Commission of the Juruá/
Yurúa River**
Zoom link

IEW Local-Global Sustainability Fair

3:30-5:30 p.m. Alice Haynes Room, THC

International Dinner

4:30-8 p.m. Heilman Dining Center
"Hyper-local sourcing, global cuisine"

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IEW Summation

9 a.m. INTC Commons
60-second videos by UR's Green Spiders Abroad

Summit summation address by David Orr

Zoom link

iNaturalist Bioblitz

4 p.m. Eco-Corridor