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Creating a Sustainable World -- Voices of Key Practitioners: The Spring 2016 Sustainability Expert Practitioner Lecture Series

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Each spring, the Masters in Sustainability Studies (MASS) program at Ramapo College sponsors a lecture series to showcase a diverse array of sustainability practitioners who demonstrate how sustainability can be achieved. The lectures are free and open to the college community and the general public. Unless noted, all lectures are held in Friends Hall from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Here is the schedule for Spring 2016:

March 2 **HOW I CREATED THE GREENEST CAMPUS IN SUNY**

Tracy Hall, Director of Facilities, SUNY Sullivan

The right administrator in the right place makes all the difference. Hall describes how he enacted a pioneering vision of a sustainable campus with amazing success, overcoming obstacles, to create the greenest campus in the SUNY system.

Note: This program is located in the Alumni Lounges

March 9 **MURRAY BOOKCHIN'S SOCIAL ECOLOGY AS A PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABLE CHANGE**

Janet Biehl, author and editor

The author of *Ecology or Catastrophe, the Life of Murray Bookchin*, will discuss Bookchin's important contribution as the founder of social ecology and as a social theorist concerned with the kinds of social transformations that are necessary to achieve sustainability. Murray Bookchin taught at Ramapo during its formative years.

March 23

WHY KICK-ASS COMPANIES EMBRACE THE NEW SUSTAINABILITY IMPERATIVE!

Bob Willard, author and speaker

Willard left IBM's Senior Management to become a fulltime advocate for "the sustainability advantage." His books include *The Next Sustainability Wave*, *The New Sustainability Advantage* and *The Sustainability Champions*. He also has designed a business benchmark system called Future-Fit.

April 6

THE FUTURE OF FOOD IS THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY: THE FUTURE OF COMMUNITY IS THE FUTURE OF FOOD

Leigh Merinoff, food grower, entrepreneur, community builder

A leader in her work on food and community, Leigh grows food using the models of agroforestry, bee keeping, permaculture and biodynamics. She has mastered the production and marketing of high quality value-added products. She has long been active with Heifer International, visiting many of their project sites around the world. Leigh has applied Heifer's approach to creating rural community, experimenting first in New Jersey and more recently in Vermont, where she has explored closely the relationship between local food and community with inspiring implications.

April 20

WOMEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF CLIMATE PROTECTION

Tracy Mann, Project Director, Climate Wise Women

Women across the globe have stepped to the front in the battle for a future free of the ravages of climate change. Tracy Mann is a key leader in this effort. Tracy is the head of Climate Wise Women, a group of global community leaders dedicated to creating a public platform to support women's leadership on climate change. The approach of the organization is to unite inspiring climate leaders from across the globe to promote the stories of how their home communities are being impacted by climate change. The result has been powerful and personal narratives from the front lines.

APRIL 23

THE POST-PARIS CLIMATE AGENDA

With leading climate activists and organizations

This Saturday conference brings together local and global activists to discuss how the Paris Climate Agreement can be implemented, moving from promise to concrete action. The event is designed to guide and energize the region to take an active role on this meta-sustainability issue.

Off campus attendees need to get a parking permit at the security booth at the north entrance to campus upon arrival. For more information, please contact Professor Michael R. Edelstein at medelste@ramapo.edu