

Biography for Marian Brown

Marian Brown, special assistant to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provides primary College staff support for the pursuit of the range of campus-wide sustainability activities, including developing academic-operational project opportunities, promoting sustainability education events, and on-going documentation of the progress of the sustainability initiative.

Brown organized the 2004 regional Sustainability Summit for educational, corporate, and political leaders which attracted over 200 national and international attendees, and serves as institutional liaison to and treasurer for Sustainable Tompkins, the regional sustainable development network that Ithaca College helped to launch, which provides sustainability education and environmental awareness programming. Brown provides logistical support for the Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival, one of only seven such content-specific film festivals in North America.

Brown serves on the steering committee of the college's Resource and Environmental Management Program, which implements campus environmental educational efforts and develops and maintains recycling, conservation, and energy and waste reduction programs. Brown sits on the Sustainability Subcommittee of the Planning and Priorities Committee, which has been charged by the President to review the College's Institutional Plan for opportunities to coordinate institutional goals with campus sustainability efforts.

She serves on the campus' Sustainable Transportation Committee, sits on a regional alternative transportation committee, and is on the steering committee of Ithaca Carshare. She is Academic Affairs liaison to the Center for Natural Sciences Sustainability Group that develops academic programming, research projects, and community outreach related to building-wide modeling of sustainability actions, and to the Natural Lands Committee, an advisory body stewarding and maintaining the educational value and ecosystem services of the college's natural areas, supporting co-curricular activities, and guiding compatible economic and recreational development.

Brown. is college liaison to the Tompkins Renewable Energy Educational Alliance (TREEA) that seeks to raise awareness and encourage uptake of renewable energy technology within the Tompkins County region. She consults on the continued development of the Finger Lakes Buy Green website to support regional "green" purchasing, developed in conjunction with Sustainable Tompkins and the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division.