Recognizing Outreach Leadership
We wish to recognize and celebrate ESF faculty and partnering professionals who lead and actively collaborate on a diverse range of outreach programs and projects. Because of their expertise and contributions, we and our partners are able to expand our reach and have positive impacts in our local, regional and national communities. Please visit again soon as this page is updated and expanded.

Please take a moment to view some of their profiles

Photovoltaic Installer Courses
Mark your calendar for the 2010 SUNY SPARE (Solar Power As Renewable Energy):

4-day Basic Photovoltaic Installer Courses in Syracuse, NY

- February 8 – 11: Register Now
- April 12 - 16
- May 10 - 13
- September 13 - 16 (tentative)

If you complete this basic course, you can meet a requirement for certification through NABCEP as a PV installer.

For details on certification, please visit www.nabcep.org.

2-day Advanced Photovoltaic Installer Courses in Syracuse, NY

- June 23 - 24
- October 27 - 28

SAGE in the news
SAGE (sustainability and green entrepreneurship) Project engages students’ entrepreneurial spirit with their love of “green”. Led by SUNY-ESF, this program is undertaken in collaboration with the Metropolitan Development Association of Syracuse and Central New York, Inc., with support from CNY Works and the NYS Department of Labor.

Read more

Free Webinar with ESF faculty
Have you made plans for summer 2010? Coming soon: A free informational Webinar with ESF faculty who will lead summer 2010 courses and programs for high school students and teachers.

Don’t miss your chance to see Sarah Susanka!
This year’s Green Building Conference Keynote speaker, SARAH SUSANKA is bestselling author, architect and cultural visionary. At no time in recent history have so many been interested in building better rather than bigger. The economic crisis has awoken in people the need for more energy efficient and sustainable structures to live in. Since her first book, The Not So Big House, came out in 1998, Sarah Susanka has been helping readers understand how they can make their own homes sustainable through right-sizing and sustainable construction practices. Now she extends that message beyond the house to how we create community and how we inhabit our lives. Not So Big may be about making our homes and our lives a bit smaller, but it is in fact a very big idea - one that's perfectly tailored to today's challenging conditions. This is an opportunity you won't want to miss!

Information and Registration
Outreach Spotlight: Your Town

Your Town: The Citizens’ Institute on Rural Design, led by Richard Hawks (Chair & Professor, Landscape Architecture, SUNY-ESF) is a leadership initiative funded by the National Endowment for the Arts that responds to the design needs of small towns and rural areas. It is coordinated by the Department of Landscape Architecture at State University of New York Syracuse in partnership with preservation consultant Shelley Mastran.

Your Town: The Citizens’ Institute on Rural Design addresses a range of critical problems that rural communities face. In some cases, the main concerns are heavy out-migration and loss of employment opportunities; in others, rapid growth from suburban sprawl, location of new facilities, or influx of retirees. These problems affect the vitality of the community, its design, and its sense of place. Your Town: The Citizens’ Institute on Rural Design addresses these issues of community integrity and character through the process of design in a two-and-a-half-day participatory workshop.

More Information on Your Town

Are you ready for the Challenge?
ESF Outreach is looking for 100 volunteers to judge middle school science projects on campus at the Environmental Challenge (9:00am-1:00pm, Thursday March 18). Judging is easy and fun, and at the event you’ll receive training, breakfast, and lunch. The encouragement and interest shown by volunteer judges is an essential part of the Environmental Challenge experience. The Challenge is a science fair and career exploration opportunity designed especially for all Syracuse City School District 7th and 8th grade students. Over 400 student participants are expected!

For questions and to sign up contact Terhi Majanen at thmajanen@esf.edu or (315-470-4871).

More Information on the Environmental Challenge

Dave Eichorn, guest speaker for Teacher Professional Development Day
Legendary meteorologist Dave Eichorn will be the guest speaker for the February 3rd ESF in the High School Teacher Professional Development Seminar. Mr. Eichorn, who is beginning graduate studies at SUNY ESF this spring, will do two sessions with participating teachers. The first session will focus on climate change, including recent research that Mr. Eichorn has done. The second session will address Mr. Eichorn’s experiences taking as ESF Online course as an adult learner. Dave Eichorn has been a major supporter of the ESF-SCSD Environmental Challenge over the years and ESF Outreach is excited about this new opportunity to work with him.

More Information on ESF in the High School

Online courses at ESF
We invite you to take a course at ESF this semester! We have many on-campus late afternoon and evening classes to fit your schedule OR try our ONLINE courses (http://www.esf.edu/esfonline/). Whether you are a high school or college student, an educator or other working professional, or someone in transition, online courses offer extra flexibility in continuing your education and earning college credits.

More Information

SUNY-ESF Outreach Calendar: What’s happening February – March
Monday - Thursday, February 8 - 11, 2010

- SPARE Basic Photovoltaic Installer Course
  Instructed by Dr. Gay Canough (Owner, ETM Solar Works) and Dr. Neal Abrams (ESF Assistant Professor, Chemical Education and Inorganic Chemistry), SPARE Basic is a 4-day course covering the basics on how to site, design and install photovoltaic systems. This Basic PV course is a board-recognized training program through NABCEP. Held at Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY.
  Sponsor: ESF Outreach | Contact: BrandiLee Schafran, 315-470-4898 | Website: http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/spare/2009/overview.htm
Thursday, March 11, 2010

- **8th Annual Green Building Conference**
  The 8th Annual Green Building Conference, led by **Dr. Bob Meyer** (Faculty Lead, ESF Construction Management and Wood Products Engineering) will continue its tradition of being your go-to conference for accurate, green information. The Annual Green Building Conference Mission is to promote, educate and support green building design, construction and processes. SUNY-ESF partners with the U.S. Green Building Council New York Upstate Chapter to host the Annual Green Building conference at the Oncenter Complex. Featured speaker, **SARAH SUSANKA**, Bestselling author, architect and cultural visionary.
  Held at the Oncenter Complex, 800 S. State Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 .
  **Sponsor:** SUNY-ESF and U.S. Green Building Council New York Upstate Chapter  
  **Contact:** Maureen Wakefield, 315-470-6888  
  **Website:** [http://www.esf.edu/greenbuilding/](http://www.esf.edu/greenbuilding/)

Monday, March 15, 2010

- **Visual Impact Assessment workshop (VIA)**
  Led by **Dr. Rick Smardon** (Professor and Coordinator, ESF Undergraduate Studies, Environmental Studies). Topics include VIA field as it pertains to transportation projects; landscape inventory with special reference to state/local significant historic & cultural landscape features; advances in visibility analyses, basic concepts & new technology; scoping problem-Route 17 upgrade to interstate standards; scoping for landscape context & significance, sensitive receptors; viewshed and simulation viewpoints; next steps - simulation to assessment to mitigation; and visualization support. Held at the DOT facility in Albany, NY.
  **Sponsor:** Department of Transportation, PSWP University at Albany  
  **Contact:** Maureen Wakefield, 315-470-6888  
  **Ongoing through Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

Thursday, March 18, 2010

- **ESF SCSD Environmental Challenge**
  The Environmental Challenge is a science fair and career exploration opportunity designed especially for all Syracuse City School District seventh and eighth grade students. The event is co-sponsored by the ESF Graduate Student Association and the Faculty Governance Committee on Outreach and Public Service. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact ESF Outreach. 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Marshall Hall, Alumni Lounge, and Moon Library.
  **Sponsor:** ESF Outreach  
  **Contact:** R. Beal, 315-470-4867/6817  
  **Website:** [http://www.esf.edu/outreach/k12/sciencefair/2010/](http://www.esf.edu/outreach/k12/sciencefair/2010/)

Monday, March 22, 2010

- **Central New York Biotechnology Symposium 2010 – Cultivating Economic Growth**
  Led by **Dr. John Fieschko** (Program Chair and Executive Director CNY Biotechnology Research Center ), the Central New York Biotechnology Symposium  2010 – Cultivating Economic Growth will bring together the region’s most promising and innovative biotechnology companies involved in biofuels, biopharmaceuticals, human diagnostics and agricultural biotechnology. The purpose of the symposium is for regional universities such as SUNY-ESF, Syracuse University, Cornell University, SUNY Upstate Medical University and others to showcase their entrepreneurial efforts in creating biotech based companies and to develop synergies between those start-up companies. Held at the Drumlins Country Club, 800 Nottingham Road, Syracuse, NY 13224 .
  **Sponsor:** SUNY-ESF  
  **Contact:** Maureen Wakefield, 315-470-6888  
  **Website:** [http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2010/biotechnology/default.htm](http://www.esf.edu/outreach/pd/2010/biotechnology/default.htm)
For a complete listing of SUNY-ESF Outreach events, please visit our calendar at http://www.esf.edu/outreach/calendar.asp

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