

Sept. 29th, 2017

## Center for ENVS & MEM Newsletter

### Event of the Week *28th Headwaters Conference*



FREE conference, **October 6th-8th** here at Western, calls for participants to listen to and speak with diverse voices about the lands in which they live. This year's theme "Science, Story and Justice" explores how language creates both justice and injustice as it unfolds the diverse ways of knowing that help us understand the world. Friday night's keynote address will be given by Robin Kimmerer, pictured on the left, who speaks both as botanist and a native woman who learned plants through the stories of her ancestors and the inquisitive explorations of childhood. At this year's Headwaters, we will jumble story and science in provocative, unsettling ways, with the aim to inspire new uses for both in our lives as active citizens of the world. Friday's keynote address will be followed by presentations, performances, and panels on Saturday and closing discussions on Sunday. Saturday night will feature a panel discussion about "Wild Justice," with Devon Pena, and Michael Howard. Click [here](#) to register or find out more about this great weekend event!

### *Western's MEM Alumni and Current Students*

- \* Share your project, share potential projects, ask questions and make connections! Have awesome job opportunities posted or share your post-graduation journey here! We are all here to help each other. Make sure you follow us on [Facebook](#).

### *MEM Housing Options*

- \* To any MEM student who is still looking for a place to live, please post your available apartments/housing in the Gunnison Valley to the MEM Student Housing Exchange Facebook page for new incoming MEM students. A good place to check is also the Gunnison Market Place group or the Gunnison Shopper.

### *Events and Items of Interest*

- \* Double Shot will be hosting a **Hurricane Recovery Fundraiser for Puerto Rico TODAY** from **5pm-7pm**. Join for drinks, a silent auction, solidarity for Puerto Rico, and a great view of the Homecoming Parade. Western MEM student Ian Gonzalez-Basco and Jack Burchmore will be traveling to PR next week to deliver emergency supplies and assist his fellow Puerto Ricans in a massive recovery effort. We need all hands on deck!

- \* Go [here](#) to support **Ian Gonzalez-Basco and Jack Burchmore's relief trip to Puerto Rico by making a donation.** Western MEM students Lucy Flores and Ian are from Puerto Rico, and Western stands by them. Hurricane relief is now a form of climate adaptation.
- \* Looking for a master's project involving water or recreation? Need a job next year? **TAP-IN: Play & Protect, A West Slope Water Forum, October 4th, 3-6pm** in Grand Junction is a pitch event, where organizations with a need with present their problems to a community of entrepreneurs, innovators, and students who might be able to help them. You can learn more about this great event [here](#). Please let Dr. Armstrong know if you are interested, she can connect you with other students who are attending.
- \* There will be a **Colorado Outdoor Industry Leadership Summit (COILS), Thursday, October 5th and Friday, October 6th** in Grand Junction. CEOs, government officials, executive directors, entrepreneurs, students and leaders across the state will gather to develop an initiative for a flourishing recreation-based economy in Colorado. The day-and-a-half event involves networking and expert discussions with the goal to catalyze action. Free registration and learn more [here](#).
- \* **Campus Sustainability Month** is here at Western! There will be exciting events all month long, starting out with the OG Harvest Party as stated below and to the right!
- \* The Organics Guild will be having their **Annual Harvest Party on THIS Sunday, October 1st from 6pm-8pm.** It will be at the Chipeta garden right here on campus. This will be a kid-friendly event with fun music, games, and homemade meals made with food from the garden! It's **FREE** if you bring your own plate/utensils for a zero waste event, otherwise it's \$5 if you don't! The food will be friendly for most dietary needs.
- \* To follow that, there will be a **Bike/Walk to School Day on Thursday, Oct. 12th**, a showing of **"How to Let Go of the World and Love Things Climate Can't Change" Thursday, Oct. 19th from 7-9pm** at the UC, and a **Spooktacular Costume Party** in the UC Ballroom **Thursday, Oct. 26th from 7-9pm.** More info can be found [here](#) on the LEAD Sustainability Facebook page. All events are **FREE**.

LEAD SUSTAINABILITY AT WESTERN PRESENTS...

# Campus Sustainability Month

The entire month of October.

Sunday, Oct. 1, 6-8pm  
**Kick off with Organics Guild Harvest Party**  
 \$5, or FREE if you bring your own bowl!  
 Chipeta Garden

Thursday, Oct. 12, All Day  
**Bike/Walk to School Day**  
 Events outside of the University Center

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7-9pm  
**Film: How to Let Go of the World and Love the Things Climate Can't Change**  
 Movie Night at the University Center

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7-9pm  
**Spooktacular Costume Party!**  
 University Center South Ballroom

More information on Campus Sustainability Month can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/WSCUCS/>.  
 Your name will be submitted into a PRIZE DRAWING for each event you participate in. Names will be drawn at Spooktacular! Find out more at the Kick Off party and to pick up your ticket to Sustainability Month.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE.








- \* Stroll down Main Street of beautiful, historic, Gunnison from **5 – 8 pm on October 6th** to visit unique galleries featuring a wide variety of art, artists and live music. From professional galleries to co-ops and our non-profit community Arts Center, Gunnison's **First Friday Art Walk** has it all! More info about the event can be found [here](#).
- \* The Coldharbour Institute and Western's Center for Environment and Sustainability offer the first-ever **Headwaters for Kids Camp**. From **9am to 4pm on Saturday, October 7th**, kids will experience environmental education at the Coldharbour Ranch, located 7 miles east of Gunnison. At the end of the day, they will share with us what they learned during Headwaters. Contact [Melanie Armstrong](#) for more information and to register your kids today!
- \* The 46th annual **ASES National Solar Conference** is coming up **October 9th-12th** in Denver, CO. What began as an idea to bring the industry's brightest together to drive progress and re-imagine the energy economy of the future, continues today as a unique blending of science, business, policy, and industry. Register at this [link](#) for the conference today.
- \* The 3rd Annual **Headwaters Poetry Festival** will be at the Gunnison Arts Center **Friday, October 13th-Sunday, October 15th**. The festival features many of the strongest poets and writers from around the western slope and beyond, presenting readings, lectures, seminars and discussions. Come see what promises to be one of the most lively literary events in the region this year. Check the GAC [website](#) for updated event details.
- \* Join 2,000 other higher education sustainability professionals in San Antonio, TX from **October 15th -18th** for the **2017 AASHE Conference & Expo: Stronger in Solidarity**. Attendees will come together to discuss how the campus sustainability community can break down walls, build bridges and continue to make progress toward a healthy and equitable future for all. [Register](#) now!



Photos by Hiro Hayashi of the 3+2 Launch party in the Chipeta Garden last week

\* A **National Environmental Policy Act Course** will be offered from **November 2-3rd** consists of approximately 12.5 hours of continuing education, including 1 hour of ethics. You must let them know, at least 45 days in advance of the conference, the states or organizations for which you will need credit (see registration form). Credit hours for states will vary and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules. Register [here](#) for the class.

\* Mountain Roots Food Project and the Master of Environmental Management Program at Western Colorado University welcome applicants for our 2017-18 **Community Program Development Fellowship**. This is a one-year award that provides a student the opportunity to engage in community-based research and more. See attachment for additional details!

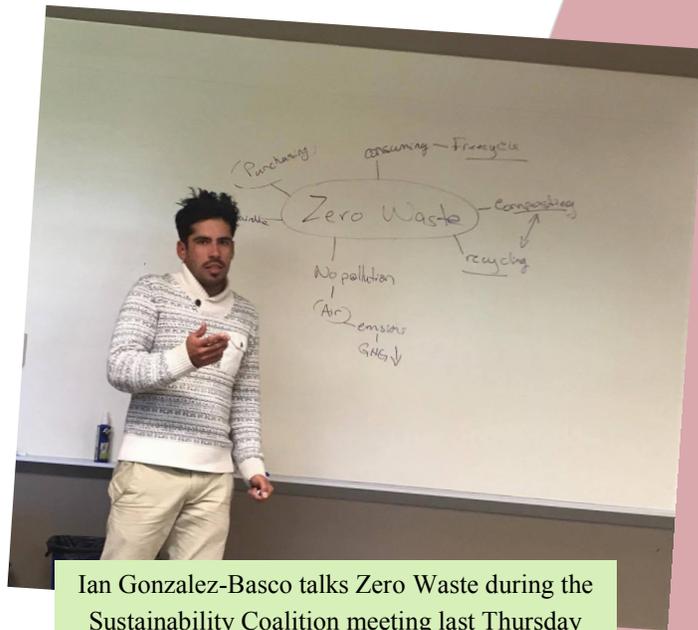
\* There will be a **ROE 510, one-credit "Leadership at the Edge" course** being offered for **November 3rd, 4th, and 5th and December 2nd, and 3rd**. Leadership at the Edge is a course for those who want to understand this road less travelled, what leaders do (and teams need) to perform in the face of difficult challenges that are volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA). To register for the course or learn more about it, go [here](#) or find more on attachment!

\* The **Quivira Conference** will be **November 15th-17th** this year in Albuquerque, NM. Quivira's outstanding speakers and attendees contribute expertise in ranching, farming, conservation, community, and all things soil, which is the key to it all. Every attendee brings something unique to the table, and each departs with inspiration, new connections, and broader perspectives. You can get the early bird rate **before Oct. 1st!** More info and to register can be found [here](#).

\* Ecosystem Field Studies will be having a winter-break, 3-credit, **field science course**: "Ecosystem Field Studies". This is an opportunity to gain valuable career skills in hands-on scientific field research with a diverse and exciting group of college students for a marine and coastal learning experience of a lifetime! This course will take place at the Caribbean coral reef of Mexico from **December 27th to January 16th**. Go [here](#) to register for the course.

\* Pryce Hadley, a second-year MEM student, is **looking for an undergrad volunteer research assistant** to join him in a study of city/county open space park ranger practices for addressing emerging land management challenges - from human-wildlife conflict to homelessness. The ideal candidate for this position has sufficient time to participate in site visits 4-5 hours from Gunnison. Contact [pryce.hadley@western.edu](mailto:pryce.hadley@western.edu) for more info or refer to attachment.

\* On-campus **Freecycle**, located in the basement of UTE Hall will be open **Monday & Wednesday 12-1pm and Monday-Thursday 4-6pm**, during the semester. Please feel free to come and take what you need, as well as to drop off what you don't. Volunteers are also needed to help run Freecycle so stop on by to find out more about it!



Ian Gonzalez-Basco talks Zero Waste during the Sustainability Coalition meeting last Thursday

- \* Kalu Yala is seeking students who are passionate about solving social and environmental issues through the discovery and application of scalable solutions and products for their **study abroad program**. If you'd like to find out more information about this program, visit their website [here!](#)
- \* **One Heart Source** is currently accepting applications for their 2018 Experiential Learning Programs in Cape Town, South Africa. They are offering a variety of **2, and 4-week volunteer programs and internships next summer**. As an OHS Volunteer/Intern you will gain international experience for graduate school and employment, develop skills in international communication, mentorship and community outreach, and more. Apply [here](#) for their 2018 application.
- \* **Dr. John Hausdoerffer** was **on a Wyoming public radio show**, Think WY, last week. You may listen on SoundCloud [here](#) as he discusses "What is the future of wilderness?"

### *Current Job Openings*

- \* An **Assistant Professor for Environmental Studies** Position application is open at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine until **TOMORROW, September 30th**. Check [here](#) for more info on the position! Candidates must have a doctoral degree.
- \* A **Environmental Resources Planner** position is open for the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission in Madison, WI. The Environmental Resources Planner performs independently to provide support in preparing water resource management plans and more. Check it out [here](#) before the application **deadline on October 6th!**
- \* **Conservation Colorado** is currently looking for a **Deputy Director** who will be based in Denver. This position is responsible for providing effective and inspiring leadership inside and outside of Conservation Colorado while managing the day to day goals of the organization and more. The deadline to apply is **October 9th**. If interested, please refer to the attachment for more details.
- \* A **Communications Manager** position just opened for the Water Council in Milwaukee, WI. One of the responsibilities include writing and administering a high volume of effective marketing copy for all email marketing campaigns including newsletters, special announcements and event invitations; design in MailChimp; track/report on results. Application **deadline is October 20th**, check out the position [here!](#)
- \* A **Ecosystem Restoration Scientist** position has opened up for The Nature Conservancy in Franklin Grove, IL. One of the tasks includes being the on-site lead for providing technical and scientific support for habitat management and restoration at Nachusa Grasslands, a 4,000-acre landscape of native and restored prairies, savannas, streams and wetlands in north-central Illinois. Apply **before October, 20th** [here](#).

- \* There is an **Environmental Manager** position that has just opened up for Recology in San Francisco, CA. One duty includes overseeing daily operations of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF), including mobile collection from homes and neighborhood drop off sites, and Waste Acceptance Control Program (WACP) solid waste loadchecking program. More info can be found about this position, that is open until filled, [here](#).
- \* There is a position announcement for a **Community Organizer, for United for A New Economy (UNE)** at DenverMetro, CO. As a community organizer with United for a New Economy, you will have the responsibility of organizing and working with neighborhood members to fight to keep our neighborhoods affordable, strengthen our schools, bring better jobs to our communities, and more. Deadline to apply is **October 22nd**. For more info, refer to attachment.
- \* The Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport is hiring a **Transportation Security Officer**. This employee will provide security and protection of air travelers, airports and aircraft in a courteous and professional manner and more. Apply for this position [here](#) by **October 31st**.

To find more available jobs currently listed, visit the ASU [Sustainability Digest](#) web page!



Photos above taken by Hannah England from last weekend up in CB of yellow foliage and Vinotok