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Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions



Coronavirus/COVID-19 update

At the Mitchell Center we have transitioned to working remotely as much as possible so that we can continue our efforts toward finding sustainability solutions, while also protecting public health.

University of Maine classes resumed on March 25, online, and faculty and researchers continue to move forward with their work to the greatest extent possible. To learn more about the University of Maine's response to the coronavirus pandemic, visit <https://umaine.edu/coronavirus/>

For those who'd like to learn more about our efforts to create a sustainable future, we have many resources available on the Mitchell Center website, from recordings of past Sustainability Talks and Mitchell Lectures on Sustainability to information on the many projects in which Mitchell Center students, researchers, faculty, and stakeholders are engaged. See links below.

We wish you and your family safety and well-being during these challenging times.

News & Events: April 2, 2020

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Food waste is a major challenge for many Maine businesses

Helping Maine Businesses Find Food Waste Solutions

On November 18, 2019, the Maine Food Producers Leadership Council (MFPLC) held its first work session, led by faculty and students involved in the Mitchell Center project, [“Food Waste Management: Empowering Maine Businesses Toward Sustainability.”](#)

This project builds on work begun in 2015 by the [Materials Management Team](#), which brought together a large, diverse group of stakeholders to explore how to help Maine meet its solid waste management and recycling goals and create a more

Lee notes, “Maine is an exciting place to find solutions for global food system challenges like food waste. We have a nationally recognized food scene and yet our relatively small size and resourceful Maine culture means that our food system leaders are more able and willing to work together to find and implement best practice solutions to increase profits, strengthen communities and sustain our natural resources. We truly believe that Maine can be the ‘lab’ to successfully develop these winning triple-bottom-line solutions and then share with others.”

[Read more](#) about this project and the students involved.

sustainable system. The group identified the reduction of food waste, the diversion of organic wastes from landfills, and links between food waste and food insecurity as the highest priorities.

Susanne Lee, Executive-in-Residence at the Maine Business School at UMaine, leads the current project, advising several UMaine undergraduate students and collaborating with other members of the Materials Management Team.



Maine WRRI Competitive Grants Program Awards

The following three awards for the 2020 Maine Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI) Competitive Grants program have been announced:

"Data-driven support for adaptive pollution-based closure decisions in shellfish growing areas of Maine"

Team Leader: [Sam Roy](#), Research Assistant Professor, Mitchell Center and School of Earth & Climate Sciences, UMaine.

"Farms and Rivers for the Future: Advancing Partnerships in the Meduxnekeag Watershed"

Team Leader: [Bridie McGreavy](#), Mitchell Center

Faculty Fellow and Assistant Professor, Dept. of
Communication and Journalism, UMaine.

*"20 Years of River Restoration in Maine: Using
Socio-Economics and Benefit Transfer to Inform
Decision-Making on Dam Removals"*

Team Leader: [Lynne Lewis](#), Elmer W. Campbell
Professor of Economics, Bates College.

More information on these projects will be
available shortly.

Sustainability Events and Resources

Events scheduled for the remainder of the spring
2020 semester have been cancelled. We will try
to reschedule these events at later dates, and will
keep you updated.

On the Mitchell Center website you can find
recordings of past Sustainability Talks and
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- Visit [our Vimeo page](#) to see all our videos
on demand
- See past [Sustainability Talks](#)
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Here are links to the two most recent
Sustainability Talks:

[Tick, Talk: Integrating Research to Address Ticks and Lyme Disease](#)

Carly Sponarski, UMaine

[Shifting Paradigms to Manage for Change in Acadia National Park: Our Approach and Where We Need Your Help](#)

Abraham Miller-Rushing, Acadia National Park



Mitchell Center Shorts

Daigneault's research analyzes how Maine forests and farms can help mitigate greenhouse gases

Mitchell Center Faculty Fellow [Adam Daigneault](#) is featured in a recent [article by UMaine News](#) on his research exploring how Maine's working forests and farms can help to offset greenhouse gas emissions. The project, "An Integrated Approach to Quantifying the GHG Mitigation Potential of Natural Climate Solutions from Maine's Working Lands," is funded by a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to the U.S. Climate Alliance. Daigneault is also the team leader on a related research project sponsored by the Mitchell Center, ["Assessing the Climate Mitigation Potential of Maine Agriculture."](#)

Bridie McGreavy promoted to Associate Professor

[UMaine News reported](#) on March 19 that Mitchell Center Faculty Fellow [Bridie McGreavy](#) is one of 29 faculty members from UMaine and the

University of Maine Machias (UMM) who were recently promoted and/or granted tenure. McGreavy became Associate Professor with Tenure in the Department of Communication and Journalism at UMaine. Faculty members are nominated for promotion or tenure by UMaine President Joan Ferrini-Mundy and approved by the University of Maine System Board of Trustees. Ferrini-Mundy notes, "These 29 faculty members exemplify the outstanding teaching, research and public engagement that are critical to the missions of UMaine and UMM."

McGreavy, Hillyer moderate panel at Shellfish Focus Day, March 5

Mitchell Center Faculty Fellow [Bridie McGreavy](#) and doctoral student [Gabby Hillyer](#) moderated a panel at the Maine Fishermen's Forum's [Shellfish Focus Day](#) on March 5 in Rockland. The panel, "Interdisciplinary Approaches to Shellfish Conservation and Improving Water Quality," included shellfish managers from several towns who shared their successes, challenges, and knowledge gained. McGreavy and Hillyer are researchers on the Mitchell Center's [Strengthening Coastal Economies](#) project which was launched in January 2017 as part of the Diana Davis Spencer Partnership for a Sustainable Maine.

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