



**Ecological Sustainability Education (ESE)  
Program/Sustainability Coordinator  
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# **Ecological Sustainability Education (ESE) Program/Sustainability Coordinator 2007-09 Report**

## **Introduction**

The Ecological Sustainability Education (ESE or “easy”) Program at Berea College originated as a two-year program supported by one-time funds from foundations as well as contributions from individuals. As part of the ESE program, Berea College received funding in Fall 2005 from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund for a two-year, full-time Sustainability Coordinator position to provide the necessary level of institutional support for furthering the College’s sustainability initiatives. Through collaborative administration and minimal expenditures, the ESE program has been implemented in such a manner that there are still significant and sufficient funds to continue ESE programming beyond the designated two years of funding. As a result, the President and Provost collaboratively funded this full-time position until the end of the 2008-09 academic year.

In January 2008, the Berea College Foundations office worked with the Sustainability Coordinator to report on ESE Program activities for its official follow-up to the duPont Fund. That report, which covered the first year-and-a-half of the program, served as the interim annual report for 2007-08. This “annual” report therefore captures most of the activities undertaken in the last two academic years from 2007-09.

## **Annotated List of ESE Projects/Activities**

The following list of projects and activities is broken down into the following categories:

- Presentations/Workshops
- Events
- Resources
- Publicity/Outreach
- Consultations
- Regular Meetings
- Campus Visits
- Ongoing Projects/Programs
- Student Labor
- Miscellaneous Related Activities

Each section includes a summary of the particular project/activity, and in some cases, a more detailed description of features. Relevant appendices are also included to provide additional information about some activities.

## Presentations/Workshops

Over the course of the 2006-09 Sustainability Coordinator position, I have given at least 40 formal workshops/presentations at conferences or other professional settings as well as several other informal presentations and consultations at staff meetings, academic classes, etc.

Berea College hosted the first CCPS conference in April 2006, and my primary role in planning this conference was to coordinate the local food dinner in collaboration with conference coordinators and local food groups. The second CCPS annual conference was hosted by Eastern Kentucky University in April 2007, and I served on the conference planning committee composed of faculty and staff from various Kentucky colleges and universities. I also worked with the Sustainability Coordinator at Western Kentucky University, which hosted the 2009 CCPS conference, to coordinate a "Climate Change and Water Film Festival" co-sponsored by Berea College. I also led a "Filmmaking and Community Activism Workshop" and participated in two other presentations at the CCPS conference. (See Appendix 1: Climate Change and Water Film Festival Poster, Appendix 2: Filmmaking and Activism Abstract, Appendix 3: Filmmaking and Activism Workshop, Appendix 4: Energy and Empowerment Presentation, and Appendix 5: Going Green-BC Slides.)

Formal conference presentations during 2007-09 include the Appalachian Studies Association, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), and Campus-Community Partnerships for Sustainability (CCPS). I was also invited to participate in a national webcast panel on "Greening Education Facilities" hosted by *Building Design + Construction*. I also offered a series of "Green Event Planning" workshops in collaboration with Sodexo Sustainability Coordinator, Cait McClanahan. Most of these were open to the campus community, but we also offered the workshop as part of the Networking Luncheon series that serves the local community of non-profit organizations. (See Appendix 6: Green Event Planning Presentation and Appendix 7: Green Event Planning Booklet.)

Following is a detailed list of presentations and workshops given during 2007-09.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
June 22, 2007	ROW Discovery Fair (Sustainability Tabling)
July 6, 2007	ROW Discovery Fair (Sustainability Tabling)
August 23, 2007	Sustainability Session for RA Training
August 26, 2007	Recipes for Success Scavenger Hunt Host for Freshman Orientation
August 27, 2007	Presentation about Berea's Sustainability Efforts to Berea Kiwanis Club
September 29, 2007	"Farm to School Lunch Programs-Make It Happen" Panelist at Healthy Food, Local Farms Conference (Louisville)
October 4, 2007	Ecovillage Thursday Lunch Presentation on Berea's Sustainability Efforts
October 12, 2007	Presentation about Berea's Sustainability Efforts to Berea Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution
November 1, 2007	Identity and Diversity in Appalachian Symposium Facilitator at Berea College Convocation
November 5-6, 2007	Poster Presentation about Berea's Local Food Initiative at Sodexo Client Symposium at Hilton Head
November 11, 2007	"Enduring Hills...or Not?" presentation to Presbyterian Church of Danville

February 25, 2008	Co-organizer, co-presenter, and co-facilitator for Energy and Empowerment Gathering
February 28, 2008	"Greening Education Facilities" panelist for Building Design+Construction Webcast
March 11, 2008	Sustainability Presentation to BC College Relations Staff
July 21, 2008	Green Event Planning Workshop at Berea College
November 9-11, 2008	Poster presentation "A Tale of Two Sustainability Coordinators: Two Models at One College," AASHE Conference
October 4, 2008	Kentucky Solar Tour Open House Host
October 20, 2008	Green Event Planning Workshop for Student Organizations
March 11, 2009	Green Event Planning Workshop for Networking Luncheon
March 19, 2009	Ecovillage Thursday Lunch Presentation on Berea's Sustainability Efforts
March 27-29, 2009	"Sustainability on Appalachian Campuses" Panelist at Appalachian Studies Conference
April 16, 2009	"Kentucky Colleges' and Universities' Sustainability Efforts: Successes and Challenges" Panelist at Energizing Kentucky Conference
April 25, 2009	"Energy & Empowerment: A Community-Campus Collaboration in Madison County, Kentucky" co-presenter at Campus Community Partnership for Sustainability (CCPS) Conference at Western Kentucky University (WKU)
April 25, 2009	"Going Green in a Big Way" Panelist at CCPS Conference at WKU
April 25, 2009	"Filmmaking and Community Activism" workshop at CCPS Conference at WKU
April 26, 2009	Co-coordinator of the Climate Change and Water Film Festival for the CCPS Conference at WKU
May 8, 2009	Co-organizer, co-presenter, and co-facilitator for Energy and Empowerment Gathering

## Professional Development

I also participated in several professional development workshops and other leadership networking opportunities.

Date	Description
August 8-15, 2007	Berea College Appalachian Tour
September 5, 2007	Sustainability Coordinator Pre-Conference Workshop at Greening of the Campus Conference (Ball State University)
September 6-8, 2007	Greening of the Campus Conference at Ball State University
October 12, 2007	CELTS Community-Based Research Workshop
November 5-6, 2007	Sodexo Client Symposium
March 28-30, 2008	Appalachian Studies Conference
April 29, 2008	Administrative Professionals Day
June 3-4, 2008	Energizing Kentucky Conference
September 9-12, 2008	Brushy Fork Annual Institute Digital Storytelling Session

September 18-19, 2008	Energizing Kentucky Conference
October 7, 2008	Campus Ecology Climate Summit (Warren Wilson College)
November 6-7, 2008	Sodexo Client Symposium
November 9, 2008	Sustainability Officers Workshop at AASHE Conference
November 11, 2008	ACUPCC Implementation Liaison Meeting at AASHE Conference
February 26, 2009	Labor Program Evaluation Training Session
March 11, 2009	"Become a Carbon Zero Hero" Webinar
April 15-16, 2009	Energizing Kentucky Conference
April 16-18, 2009	Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Department Food Summit
April 20-21, 2009	duPont Fund Energy Efficiency Conference

## **Events**

### **Earth Month Events**

Every year, I coordinate programming to celebrate Earth Day (April 22) or "Earth Month" throughout the month of April. However, I primarily help compile and publicize all sustainability-related programming coordinated by different offices and departments across campus. In 2008, Earth Day coincided with the College's annual Labor Day celebration, so I worked with the Labor Program to coordinate around the theme of sustainability and to provide logistical guidance for "greening" the event. In 2009, I coordinated a couple of key events with student assistance, such as the "Recycle your Energy" Acupuncture Event (April 15) in collaboration with Berea Community Acupuncture/Waysmeet and the Pedal Power event (May 1) in collaboration with Dr. Brad Christensen and several other campus partners. (See Appendix 8: Earth Month Events 2009. Also see the "Pedal Power" section on p. 5 for additional information about that event.)

### **Focus the Nation**

Berea College participated in the inaugural year of the Focus the Nation national climate change teach-in. With the help of student labor assistants and a committee of student volunteers, I organized a campus-wide event on January 30, 2008 (the national teach-in date occurred during Short Term break). Approximately 100 students, staff, and faculty participated in the event, which included various educational and interactive components, including tabling for sustainability-related campus programs, video screenings, a local food lunch, a mock climate change summit, and eco-door prizes. (See Appendix 9: Focus the Nation Poster, Appendix 10: Focus the Nation Agenda and Resources, Appendix 11: Eco-Door Prize Email (Students), Appendix 12: Eco-Door Prize Email (Faculty/Staff), Appendix 13: Eco-Door Prize Tags, Appendix 14: Focus the Nation Follow-up Email).

### **Fossil Fools**

I collaborated with Deborah Thompson, Program Coordinator in the Appalachian Center, to coordinate the Fossil Fools events on campus during April 14 – 18, 2008 as part of Berea's annual Earth Month celebration. This week-long artist residency included a set of installations and performances about the past and future of fossil fuels and energy resources. Composer Brian Harnetty, filmmaker Tom Hansell, and performance artist Kristen Baumliar came to Berea for the entire week to produce a sound installation, dance

workshops, filming and film workshops, presentations of student video work, and other events, which provided a forum for conversation around energy issues. The purpose of the residency was to foster dialogue through interactive and accessible art forms as well as to inspire the audience to take ownership of the message and carry it with them into their daily lives. I participated in a series of planning meetings throughout the year, helped Public Relations coordinate the student film workshop, produced the program for the culminating public event, provided budget support for refreshments, and helped with set-up and breakdown of the main event. (See Appendix 15: Fossil Fools Program.)

### **Pedal Power**

As part of the 2009 Earth Month activities, I coordinated an event on May 1 that highlighted different examples of “pedal power” on campus. After its inaugural year, Focus the Nation split into two separate organizing entities with different events. The Pedal Power event served as an informal follow-up to that campus-wide event as neither of the schedules for the two national events matched well with Berea’s calendar. Pedal Power comprised an afternoon series of events, including educational demonstrations and displays and other interactive activities. This event featured Brad Christensen’s “velomobile” research project, which I also supported with a Sustainability Mini-Grant in Fall 2008. (See Appendix 16: Pedal Power Email and Appendix 17: Pedal Power Poster.)

### **Witness for Peace Program**

The Campus Christian Center (CCC) hosts an annual “Witness for Peace” lecture. Michelle Tooley requested my collaboration for the 2007 Southeast tour of Alba María Cuesta Arias, an Afro-Columbian organizer and human rights activist. I again collaborated with the CCC to host the lecture by providing budget support toward the speaker’s honorarium, creating a color flyer for the lecture, and sending email publicity to both the campus and broader communities. (See Appendix 18: Witness for Peace Flyer.)

## **Resources**

### **Resource Library**

Over the course of the ESE Program, I have purchased or collected complimentary books, periodicals, and other media related to sustainability. In an effort to preserve this information for use by the campus community, I contacted relevant departments to place materials in their areas. The majority of these items were sent to the Ecovillage Coordinator to house in the Commons House office. Other materials were forwarded to the SENS Program and the Vice President for Business and Administration.

### **Office Supply Exchange**

The Office Supply Exchange (OSE) began with the wish-list of office supplies that I shared with the campus community upon creation of the Sustainability Coordinator position. Since that time, the OSE expanded into an entire cubicle of supplies serving students, faculty, staff, and an occasional local non-profit organization. This valuable campus service has been adopted for ongoing operation by the Learning Center in Draper Hall. One of my student assistants who has helped manage the OSE has a labor position in the Learning Center next year and will help with the transition of the program. She has helped develop a protocol for OSE operation, and she and another labor assistant have helped relocate and organize the supplies in their new location. (See Appendix 19: OSE Protocol and Appendix 20: OSE Poster.)

## Sustainability Directory

At the beginning of the ESE Program, I compiled a “Guide to Sustainability at Berea College” in order to provide basic information about Berea’s sustainability initiatives and contact information to serve various constituents both on and off campus. With the help of ESE Assistant Program Coordinator Dana Amick, this document was updated annually and posted to the ESE resource documents webpage. This directory is now posted on the contact page of the new sustainability portal (see the “Sustainability Portal” section on p. 7 and Appendix 21: Guide to Sustainability).

### **Publicity/Outreach**

The Sustainability Coordinator has also collaborated with Public Relations to develop more comprehensive high-quality graphic brochures for both the Ecovillage and sustainability initiatives in general. The Ecovillage brochure was completed and published, and the sustainability brochure design and content were put on hold amidst the recent economic crisis.

Two issues of the *Berea College Magazine* focused specifically on sustainability themes: “Sustainability and Appalachia” (Summer 2006) and “Sustainable Living” (Winter 2008).

In addition to the targeted outreach efforts of the ESE office and Public Relations, several articles about sustainability at Berea College have been written by third parties for state, national, and online publications.

- “The Green Campus,” *Newsweek*, August 20-27, 2007
- “2007 Green College Report,” *KIWI Magazine*
- “Most Conscious Crib” (Berea College Ecovillage), *Current Magazine*, October 2007
- “Top 10 Cool Schools that Get It,” *Sierra Magazine*, November/December 2007
- “Ecovillages Provide College Students with Experiential Learning,” *The Greentree Gazette*, March/April 2009
- “The Food Fight for Zero Waste,” *The Greentree Gazette*, May/June 2009
- “Conservation Culture at Berea’s Ecovillage,” *Kentucky Living Magazine*, February 2009
- “Growing Kentucky’s Rural Economies” (featuring Berea student Nathan Hall’s biodiesel project), *Kentucky Living Magazine*, January 2009
- “Berea College Struggles to Define the Role of Campus Carbon Sinks in Emissions Reporting,” NWF Campus Ecology *ClimateEdu Newsletter*, October 28, 2008
- “Nine Great Places You’ve Never Heard Of,” *Mother Earth News*, August/September 2008
- “The Greenest Colleges in the U.S.” *Plenty Magazine*, April 2008
- “Ten of the Greenest Colleges in America,” *The Daily Green*, April 2008
- “Student Affairs Goes Green: Building a Sustainable Future,” *Leadership Exchange*, Summer 2007
- Campus Sustainability Report Card (2007, 2008, 2009), Sustainable Endowment Institute, <http://www.greenreportcard.org/>

I also submitted a nomination of Berea College ecological renovations for the International Sustainable Campus Network Construction Award (<http://www.international-sustainable-campus-network.org/index.php?id=91>). While Berea was not selected as the ultimate winner, Berea was honored with the worthy achievement of placing among the top five finalists. (See Appendix 22: ISCN Nomination Application and Appendix 23: ISCN Nomination Slideshow.)

I also updated the list of compiled sustainability-related awards (see Appendix 24: List of Sustainability Awards).

## Sustainability Portal Website

The initial ESE Program website has well-served the purpose of compiling information about Berea's various sustainability initiatives thus far; however, with the conclusion of this program, the sustainability portal will be the essential gateway for information about campus sustainability. The purpose of the website ([www.berea.edu/sustainability](http://www.berea.edu/sustainability)) is to provide a single entry point for compiling sustainability-related information, as well as a central contact page with relevant departments and contact information to help direct inquiries.

The design of the sustainability homepage was based on the colorful graphic layout of the Labor Program homepage. The individual pages are divided into a menu based on the following topical outline:

<b>Sustainability Home</b>
<b>About</b>
<b>Academics</b>
Sustainability & Environmental Studies (SENS) Program
Other Opportunities/Resources
<b>Assessment Measures</b>
<b>Campus Culture</b>
Labor Program
Residential Life
Student-Led Efforts
<b>Ecological Renovations</b>
Boone Tavern
Central Plant
Draper Hall
Ecovillage
Lincoln Hall
Residence Halls
<b>Governance</b>
Campus Environmental Policy Committee
Governance Documents
<b>Operations</b>
Alternative Energy
Environmental Health & Safety
Composting
Green Cleaning
Green Purchasing
Local Food Initiative
Office Supply Exchange
Printing Services
Recycling
Transportation
<b>Resource Documents</b>
<b>Web Resources</b>
<b>Contact Us</b>

The portal pages are designed to provide a general introduction to a particular sustainability-related program or activity and are not intended to replace existing pages but rather link to them for more detailed information. Also, to ensure that the accuracy of information on the website, I sent a link to the test-page for the sustainability portal and requested feedback from relevant people and programs for corrections/updates to erroneous information and additions of omitted information.

## **Consultations**

Throughout the duration of the ESE Program, I have consulted with literally hundreds of people, both on- and off-campus constituents, on various sustainability-related issues. I interact with many different people across campus departments, programs, and offices to help them maximize their areas of expertise by connecting them with relevant resources to do their jobs well. As the primary point person for campus sustainability, I receive frequent forwarded requests for information from the SENS Program, President's Office, and Public Relations. These range from academic and media inquiries to official surveys/questionnaires for national sustainability ranking.

During 2007-09, I worked with the planning committees for Mountain Day and Labor Day to make these campus-wide events more sustainable. I have also met with the Campus Environmental Policy Committee (CEPC) as requested to consult on various issues, including a commuting survey, the GHG inventory, and updating the Ecological Indicators. I have participated in RFP processes for the Facilities Management director and green cleaning supplies vendor, a third-party assessment of Food Service, and search processes for the Compton Chair in Ecological Design and the Ecovillage Coordinator.

I have also engaged in regular resource-sharing with various off-campus constituents, and I have participated in several targeted networking opportunities with sustainability coordinators at other institutions. I have also served on the AASHE Advisory Council for the past two years and served on the AASHE sustainability award selection committee in 2007. I have also been interviewed on several occasions for research projects as well as various publications.

## **Regular Meetings**

I have served on a number of committees at the College and in the community over the past two years. Following is a list of these committees with dates of service and brief descriptions of my participation.

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dates of Service</b>	<b>Description</b>
Berea College Service-Learning Advisory Committee	2007-2009	Member of Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service (CELTS) group of service-learning faculty, staff, and local community partners
Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board	2007-2009	Berea College representative responsible for attending quarterly meetings on behalf of the College community regarding the ongoing chemical weapons destruction program at the Bluegrass Army Depot
Berea College General Faculty Assembly	2007-2009	Faculty secretary
Berea College Staff Forum	Spring 2008	Member of informal consultation group of

Advisory Committee		staff for occasional consultation with Staff Forum Co-Chairs regarding monthly agendas and meetings
AASHE Advisory Council	2008-2009	Group of sustainability professionals responsible for providing programmatic advice and support to the staff and governance board of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
Berea College Wellness Committee	2008-2009	Member of informal consultation group of staff, students, and faculty regarding wellness programming and assessments for the Berea College community
Berea College Energy and Empowerment Program Planning Committee	2008-2009	Member of planning group for the three-year, grant funded "Energy and Empowerment" community-based research project administered by CELTS

### **Campus Visits**

Throughout my time as Sustainability Coordinator from 2006-2009, I organized or was included in at least 30 (and personally led at least 26) tours of ecological renovations for more than 100 higher education administrators, regional architects, other professionals, alumni, funders, and students of various ages. During 2007-09, I continued to arrange and offer tours for various groups (see table below); however during 2008-09, there were fewer tours because I was primarily focused the GHG inventory and transitioning through the end of the position.

<b>Audience/Guests</b>	<b>Tour Date</b>	<b>Description of On-Campus Visit</b>
Chris Mayda	June 11, 2007	Green Steps tour for Eastern Michigan University faculty member ( <a href="http://sustainablemu.blogspot.com/2007/09/sustainability-at-berea-college.html">http://sustainablemu.blogspot.com/2007/09/sustainability-at-berea-college.html</a> )
Camp Carnegie "Green Architecture" Class	July 11, 2007	Green Steps tour for middle school students from Lexington
Jessie Ball duPont Fund	September 20, 2007	Ecovillage Tour/Meeting with Sharon Greene (Senior Program Officer), Mark Constantine (Senior Fellow), and Blythe Duckworth (Fellow)
Anne Ray Trust	October 30, 2007	Ecovillage Tour for Christine Morse (President and CEO) and Ruth Bowman (Vice President for Programs and Evaluation)
Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative	November 17, 2007	Presentation session and Green Steps tour for high school teachers
Rose-Hulman Institute	December 7, 2007	Sustainability Tour/Meeting with Tuesday Strong (Director of Facilities Services) and Pete Mobley (Director of Maintenance Services)
ConsultWebs	December 12, 2007	Campus Tour for Dale Tincher (Founder)
John Summersett	February 1, 2008	Green Steps Tour for University of Kentucky faculty member
Berea College	February 18, 2008	Green Steps Tour for SOS-II members

Subcommittee on Sustainability-II		
Berea College Admissions & Visitors Center	March 6, 2008	Green Steps Tours (Lincoln and Draper Halls) for Admissions & Visitors Center tour guides
Berea College Foundations Office	March 10, 2008	Ecovillage Tour with Foundations staff
Aiken University High School	May 20, 2008	Green Steps Tour (Lincoln and Draper Halls, Ecovillage) with AUHS faculty and students from Cincinnati
Ferrum College	March 2, 2009	Green Steps Tour (Greenhouses, Lincoln, Ecovillage) with faculty, staff, and students

## **Ongoing Projects/Programs**

### **ACUPCC Implementation**

President Shinn's participation in the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) made Berea College an early signatory of this national higher education movement. This project includes three primary components that were delegated to me: (1) a two-month preliminary report (in collaboration with Executive Assistant to the President, Ben Boggs), (2) an institutional greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory (in collaboration with Energy Manager, Diane Zekind) and (3) a climate action plan. I worked with Ben Boggs to complete the extension application for the maximum four-month extension beyond the College's original deadline for the GHG inventory on September 15, 2008 which resulted in a new deadline of January 15, 2009. In spite of the scope of the inventory and a limited timeframe to conduct it, we were able to complete it with the full and timely cooperation of numerous campus programs that provided essential data. My final contributions to the ACUPCC effort have included a) a letter in defense of our forest sequestration process and results, b) a letter from President Shinn (in collaboration with Ben Boggs) to request an extension on the CAP deadline (originally September 15, 2009), c) a comprehensive summary describing the GHG inventory information-gathering process and results with recommendations for future improvements, and d) a set of preliminary CAP recommendations for consideration of the President and other relevant administrators. (See Appendix 25: GHG Inventory Process & Results, Appendix 26: Preliminary Climate Action Plan Recommendations, and Appendix 27: AC Report Slides, for more information about the overall methodologies and outcomes of this extensive project.)

### **Green Building Signage**

I worked with Linda Kuhlmann, Graphic Designer in Printing Services, to design and complete educational building signage for Lincoln and Draper Halls. This project included communication and coordination with the President, VP for Business & Administration, Provost, Project Manager, as well as the Graphic Designer. In addition to the graphic and informational elements of the signage, the project entailed logistical details such as selecting and purchasing, and installing frames for the signage in suitable locations in the buildings. (See Appendix 28: Lincoln Signage and Appendix 29: Draper Signage.)

## **Local Food Initiative**

The Local Food Initiative met infrequently during 2007-09 while additional implementation collaborations continued between relevant departments and programs. Following is a list of example accomplishments that occurred during this time.

- In Fall 2007, the Berea College Sustainability Coordinator and Sodexo General Manager for Berea Dining Services also participated in a third-party assessment of the food service operation and contract.
- As a result of the consultant's report and recommendations in Spring 2008, Sodexo entered into a new partnership with Berea College, which includes a new formal sustainability clause and more flexible insurance and invoicing processes for local farmers/vendors.
- Both Sustainability Coordinators collaborated on another local food exhibit and demonstration at the 2007 Sodexo Client Symposium.
- In January 2008, the Sodexo Sustainability Coordinator worked with the BC Coordinator to provide a local food lunch as part of the campus-wide Focus the Nation event.
- In Spring 2008, Dining Services partnered with the Facilities Management grounds crew to secure a sustainability mini-grant to construct and plant an educational herb garden near the kitchen that is maintained and utilized by student workers and kitchen staff.
- In July 2008 and March 2009, both the campus and dining Sustainability Coordinators co-sponsored a Green Event Planning workshop for campus offices and programs, which featured a presentation component on Sustainable Dining, a local food lunch, and modeling of other green event practices.
- In Fall 2008, a student-initiated collaboration (including LFI, Oxfam, and other student groups) worked with LFI on a series of awareness raising events at Berea College in conjunction with the national Real Food Now! month of action.
- In collaboration with the student-led Real Food Challenge activities, the Sustainability Coordinator updated the 2005 Local Food survey and readministered it to the campus community (see Appendix 30: Local Food Survey Results 2008).
- In November 2008, the Sodexo and campus Sustainability Coordinators collaborated to create a poster presentation at the AASHE Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. (See Appendix 31: AASHE Poster.)
- In Spring 2009, the ANR Department hosted a campus-wide Food Summit "to better understand the environmental, economic, and cultural importance of food and agriculture, discuss the values and challenges of a more localized food system, and explore opportunities for Berea."

Because of my ongoing involvement in the Local Food Initiative since its founding in 2004, I shared a reflection for consideration of LFI members about whether and how the group might continue into the future.

## **Research Mini-Grants**

As budget administrator for the ESE Program, I coordinated the Sustainability Research Mini-Grant program, which provided financial support for research related to the practice or teaching of sustainability at Berea College. A total of nine mini-grants were awarded for the duration of the ESE Program: a biodiesel project; a biogas project; an ethanol project; a pilot bike for the Agriculture labor program; edible landscaping project near Food Service, installation of faucet aerators in residence halls; a laboratory water conservation project; an electric-pedal vehicle research project; and another edible landscaping project near the Agriculture building. Fall 2009 was the last semester that sustainability mini-grant projects were funded. The last edible landscaping project was not implemented until Spring 2009

semester. Some of the other proposals were for quality sustainability-related projects that were well organized and demonstrated proactive initiative on behalf of the proposal initiators; thus, in some cases, the ESE Program was able to provide budget support for relevant projects with other designated program funds.

### **Student Labor**

Student assistants to the Sustainability Coordinator comprise the basic support staff for the ESE program, and their contributions are invaluable. I was extremely fortunate to have substantial continuity in student labor during 2007-09 because both primary student assistants and one secondary labor student worked for me throughout both academic years. One student assistant was able to provide such dependable and consistently high quality support that I created a new position description to adequately describe and compensate the level of work she actually accomplished. Following is a list of ESE labor students, their titles, whether they were primary (at least 10-hours) or secondary (0-5 hours) labor students, and primary projects they were involved in.

<b>Student</b>	<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Labor Status</b>	<b>Projects</b>
Dana Amick	Program Assistant Coordinator	Primary (2007-08, 2008-09, Summer '09)	OSE, filing, reporting, budget, campus resources, programming, labor schedules/payroll
LaQuita Mason	Program Assistant	Primary (2007-08, 2008-09, Summer '09)	OSE, filing, campus resources
Nellie Spencer	Program Assistant	Secondary (Fall '07)	Focus the Nation, with 10X10 and other student groups
Anna Jorayeva	Program Assistant	Secondary (2007-08, 2008-09)	Focus the Nation, energy monitoring, residence hall Green Team liaison, Recyclemania
Katya Peremanova	Program Assistant	Secondary (Spring '08)	Focus the Nation, other climate change programming
Lamar Farr	Program Assistant	10-hour (Summer '07)	OSE, resources
Steven Dodd	Program Assistant	10-hour (Summer '08)	OSE, resources

### **Miscellaneous Related Activities**

#### **Academics and Activists Book Chapter**

In Fall 2004, I was asked to write a chapter for an upcoming anthology entitled, *Academics and Activists: Confronting Ecological and Community Crisis in Appalachia*. In September 2008, I submitted my final revision of my chapter on, "Sustainability in Berea, Kentucky: College and Community Perspectives." The editors of the book are planning to submit the final collection of chapters to the University of Kentucky Press by mid-July 2009.

#### **Budget Support for Miscellaneous Program Needs**

As Sustainability Coordinator, I have been responsible for administering the ESE budget and coordinating with people from various areas across campus to document expenditures in an accurate and timely way. As budget administrator, I have funded discretionary project/program needs as they arise on a case-by-case basis or to enhance/support existing programming and collaborations.

<b>ESE Program Component</b>	<b>Budget Support</b>	<b>Program Collaborator</b>
Campus Programs & Community Outreach	Witness for Peace flyers and honorarium	Campus Christian Center
	Group registration for students to attend Power Shift 2007 Conference	HEAL
	Accommodations and honorarium for CDL staff development presenter Hilary Jane Siegfredsen (Sulica Fund)	Child Development Laboratory
	Co-Sponsorship of Fossil Fools event	Appalachian Center
	Magazine racks for CPO Recycling Center and Draper Lounge	CPO & Draper Building manager
	Motor Pool car to AASHE 2009 Conference for Ecovillage Coordinator and Energy & Empowerment VISTA	Ecovillage and CELTS
	Berea College sponsorship of 'Climate Change & Water Film Festival' at CCPS conference	Western Kentucky University/Charter for Human Responsibilities
Communications and Publicity	Co-sponsorship of Mountain Top Removal posters in Bruce Building	Appalachian Center
	Sponsorship of recycling "how-to" posters	Residential Life Collegium
	Sponsorship of World Health Day Brochures	Debbi Brock's BUS 315 Management Class
	Co-sponsorship of V-Day posters and programs	Residential Life Collegium
	Co-sponsorship of Take Back the Night posters	Residential Life Collegium
	Sponsorship of Berea College's Entry in Bluegrass Green Directory	Public Relations
	Co-sponsorship of Energy and Empowerment Climate Change post cards and publicity	CELTS
	Sponsorship of acupuncture event for Earth Month	Community Acupuncture Berea
Teaching and Learning Resources	Sponsorship of replacement marine batteries for student-built electric car	Petros Katsioloudis
	Sponsorship of sculpture materials for student group project	Jason Coomes' SENS 100 Class (Fall '08)
	Co-sponsorship of outdoor recycling bins (collaboration with Recycling Program & student MADE project for SENS100 class)	Jason Coomes' SENS 100 Class (Fall '08)
	Resource library materials for adventure tourism research project	Peter Hackbert (EPG)

### **Filmmaking and Community Activism Course**

In January Short Term 2009, I had the opportunity to teach another academic course that was cross-listed in Appalachian Studies and Peace and Social Justice Studies. I designed a syllabus for "Acting the Part: Filmmaking and Community Activism" and also acquired approval for the course to meet either the Active Learning Experience or the Arts Perspective requirements for the General Education Program. This hands-on course engaged students in the production of a digital story/video about a particular issue that they identified with and wanted to educate others about and also included a field trip to

Appalshop in Whitesburg, Kentucky. (See Appendix 32: Filmmaking and Community Activism Syllabus.)

### List-serves

I have belonged to (and in a couple of cases managed) more than 30 local, regional, and national list-serves that provide an ongoing networking forum for sharing information and practical advice related to sustainability. Some of these focus specifically on sustainability in higher education, and others focus on more general environmental issues and/or tips for sustainable living. I have frequently forwarded issue-specific information from these list-serves to relevant campus individuals and departments. I also manage several local sustainability-related list-serves through which I also publicize Berea College activities to the broader public.

In an effort to maintain networking to helpful resources, I sent a campus-wide email listing the following table of the primary list-serves that I belonged to, with brief summaries about their topics/scopes and links to more information, and invited members of the campus community to subscribe directly to relevant list-serves depending on their time, interest, and the value of previous “FYI” forwards.

List-serve	Topic	Scope
Appalnet	Appalachian Studies	Regional
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Bulletin	Sustainability in higher education (ranging broadly across buildings, climate, co-curricular education, curriculum, dining, diversity, energy, planning, research, transportation, waste/recycling, resource downloads, jobs & internships, events, etc.	National
BCLFI	Berea College Local Food Initiative, sustainable dining in higher education	Local
The Campus Green	Sustainability in higher education	National
Campus Ecology	Sustainability in higher education, action alerts	National
ClimateEdu (Campus Ecology)	Green campus news	National
Daily Yonder	Rural and/or Appalachian issues	National/Regional
Endangered Earth	Wildlife/natural resources news and action alerts	National
<i>Energy &amp; Empowerment</i>	Energy-related issues, projects, and organizations in Madison County	Local
E! Environmental Magazine	General environmental issues	National
Environmental News Service	General environmental issues	National/Global
The Green Life (Sierra Club)	“Daily tips for living well and doing good”	National
Green Office News	Tips for workplace sustainability	National
Green Schools	Sustainability in higher education	National

The Greentree Gazette	Sustainability in higher education	National
Ideal Bite	Daily eco-living tips	National
Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance SNIPS	Environmental policies and issues in Kentucky	Regional
Kentucky Energy Watch	Energy prices/trends in Kentucky	Regional
Madison County Greenways & Trails	Bike/pedestrian advocacy in Madison County	Local
<i>MERJ Market</i>	Sustainable agriculture/community development	Local
Mountain Forum	Global mountain network	National/Global
Organic Consumers Association	Sustainable food/agriculture	National
Origo	Business and social innovation, including sustainability	National
Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)	"Efficient and restorative use of resources"	National
Routes of Change (Kellogg)	Food systems and rural development	
Rural People, Rural Policy (Kellogg)	Food systems and rural development	National
Sierra Club Insider	Sustainability/environmental news/projects	National
Society for College and University Planning (SCUP)	Strategic/facilities planning (including sustainability issues)	National
<i>SustainNetwork</i>	Sustainability-related events/information	Local/Regional

*(List-serves that I manage are noted in italics.)*

## Service-Learning

I have enjoyed an ongoing and strong collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service (CELTS), especially in the area of service-learning. As noted in the section on "Regular Meetings" (p. 8), I have served on two committees related to service-learning and community engagement. I also participated in a Community-Based Research Workshop as well as the Just Connections gathering hosted at Berea College on March 20, 2008. As a board member of the Madison County Action Team, I also helped coordinate a summer labor position at MERJ for a Bonner Scholar in 2007. My January Short Term class on "Filmmaking and Community Activism" was not technically a service-learning course, but it met the requirement for the College's Active Learning Experience (ALE). (See the previous "Filmmaking and Community Activism" section for more details about this academic course.)

## Sustainability in the Curriculum

Although I do not have primary responsibility for an academic program, I taught an academic class, continued to support student-led sustainability course projects, and continued to collect relevant information about the academic program during 2007-09. For example, I updated the list of sustainability-related courses to post on the new portal (see Appendix 33: Sustainability Courses).

As noted in the section on “Filmmaking and Community Activism” (p. 13), I taught an academic course that included films focusing on social and environmental justice issues. In addition, Ashley Cochrane, Service-Learning Coordinator, helped me update “A Sampling of Service-Learning Projects Focused on Sustainability,” which she helped me compile two years earlier (see Appendix 34: Sampling of Sustainability Service-Learning).

I consulted with professors and students about ideas for projects and content that would be useful for specific academic courses, the overall goals of the ESE program, and the College as a whole. The “Budget Support” section on p. 13 includes several examples of academic program support in the “Teaching and Learning” category. Other examples include one-on-one interactions with students, such as being interviewed by students whose focus group was exploring issues related to sustainability, alternative energy, and ecology during the summer 2009 EPG Program.

### **Fond Farewells**

It has been a genuine pleasure and privilege to serve my alma mater in the role of Sustainability Coordinator over the past three-and-a-half years. I know that I have learned and gained as much as I have contributed and am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to participate in Berea College’s institutional and cultural commitment to sustainability.

I have been inspired but not surprised by the campus community’s willingness to engage in the necessary thinking and action required to create a more sustainable campus. The general receptiveness, cooperation, and collaboration of the campus community regarding the Sustainability Coordinator Position and the Ecological Sustainability Education (ESE) Program has been very positive. I have enjoyed interacting with many different people across campus departments, programs, and offices, and I have found ongoing collaborations and resource-sharing an especially rewarding aspect of my work. I truly believe that people engage with interest and commitment when they feel that their perspectives are valuable and that they are welcome partners in campus-wide sustainability efforts.

As an alumna and long-time employee, I am confident that Berea will continue and strengthen its educational and operational sustainability efforts beyond its already monumental achievements. I truly feel blessed to have served as the Berea College Sustainability Coordinator over the course of the original two-year grant-funded period as well as the extended position contract through the end of the 2008-09 academic year.