



June 2013

Dear SCORAI,

We hope June's newsletter finds you well and out enjoying the transition from spring to summer. We are now just around the corner from the annual SCORAI conference and look forward to seeing (in person) those of you who will attend. In addition to information about upcoming events and some new publications, we encourage you to explore the MacArthur Foundation's course on "the circular economy" (which begins in a little over a week), as well as some exciting new opportunities with the Lancaster Environment Centre. See descriptions for both below!

Enjoy,  
Kate & Debbie & Maurie

### Only One Week Until the SCORAI Conference at Clark University!

We are now REALLY in the final countdown for the SCORAI Conference at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts on June 12-14. Under the theme "The Future of Consumerism and Well-Being in a World of Ecological Constraints," the event will include more than 100 presentations by scholars working in the field of sustainable consumption and several policy briefings by national and international experts. Please visit the [SCORAI website](#) for further details.

The conference will also include keynote presentations by [John Fullerton](#) (founder of the Capital Institute), [Sheldon Garon](#) (Professor of History and East Asian Studies at Princeton University and author of *Beyond Our Means: Why America Spends While the World Saves*), and [Carol Graham](#) (Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Professor at the University of Maryland, and author of *The Pursuit of Happiness: An Economy of Well-Being and Happiness Around the World: The Paradox of Happy Peasants and Miserable Millionaires*). In addition, the event will feature a plenary dialogue with Juliet Schor and John de Graaf on Time, Self-Provisioning, and Happiness. Other invited

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speakers include Bob Massie (President of the New Economics Institute).

The program also includes two exciting pre-conference workshops. The first of these participatory sessions is organized by Richard Wilk and focuses on "Doing Something Now? Tactics for Attacking Consumerism." The second session is entitled "Systems Thinking: Framework and Methods for Working Smarter Not Harder" and will be led by Vanessa Timmer.

The conference schedule will include a business meeting where there will be a discussion of the future of SCORAI. Participation and broad engagement in this session is actively encouraged!

## **New (Free) Online Course: The Circular Economy**

The Ellen MacArthur Foundation works with education and business to accelerate the transition to a circular economy--that is, an economy designed to be restorative and in which materials flow to either reenter the biosphere safely or to circulate at high quality without entering the biosphere. The Foundation is offering a free online course about "The Circular Economy," which runs from 10 June to 5 July 2013.

To find out more and sign up, click [here](#).

## **Job Opportunities**

Lectureships in Sustainability: **Lancaster Environment Centre**

Salary: £32,267 to £44,607

Closing Date: Thursday 20 June 2013

Interview Date: Thursday 11 July 2013

Reference: A716

Lancaster Environment Centre is making a major investment in Sustainability Science by creating up to four Lectureships with an emphasis on social and inter-disciplinary science. Ideal candidates will apply social science approaches to sustainability research in a way that addresses the interactions between natural and social systems and identifies pathways to meeting human needs and dignity whilst conserving the planet's life-support systems. We welcome candidates whose research promotes the design of institutions, policies and practices that support sustainable development and links knowledge with actions. In particular, we seek exceptional early-career researchers who address grand challenges of global environmental change, including: climate change mitigation and adaptation; governance of social-ecological systems; vulnerability and resilience; sustainable development and poverty alleviation; food security; demography, migration and consumption; urban development; land-use change and biodiversity loss; and the sustainable management of natural

resources. We seek future research leaders from across the social and economic sciences, including both quantitative and qualitative approaches, working at local to global scales. Lancaster Environment Centre offers a unique platform for developing sustainability research. Our large world-class community has established strengths in inter-disciplinary global change research. Applicants will be welcomed into relevant inter-disciplinary research themes, but we are also interested in talented individuals demonstrating leadership in their own area of research. You will contribute to undergraduate teaching in Human Geography and other LEC programmes such as Ecology and Conservation and Environmental Science. You will also help develop a distinctive and internationally-leading post-graduate programme to advance education and training in Sustainability

The interviews will take place 11 and 12 July 2013  
Further details can be found [here](#).

## **Anti-Consumption and Consumer Well being**

The 5th ICAR symposium will be hosted by Kiel University on July 4-5, 2014. The theme is 'Anti-consumption and Consumer well being' and, as a result, they have secured a special issue in the Journal of Consumer Affairs. The [call for papers](#) and additional details can be found on the ICAR [website](#).

## **Upcoming Conferences & Workshops**

The final Multinational Knowledge Brokerage Events as part of the [RESPONDER project](#) will be:

- **Sustainable Housing** in Barcelona (ES) June 6-7th 2013

**ECEEE 2013 Summer Study** will be held June 3-8, 2013 at Belambra, Presqu'île de Giens, Toulon/Hyères, France. More information is available on their [website](#).

**Preserving the planet, protecting the poor and promoting prosperity - a role for Millennium Consumption Goals** - Manchester, 19 June 2013. A public lecture with Professor Mohan Munasinghe.

**The 19<sup>th</sup> International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference "Just Transitions: a global perspective"** will be July 1-3, 2013 near Cape Town, South Africa. The Global Research Forum on Sustainable Consumption and Production aims to organize a session on SPC in Africa. For the call for papers visit their [website](#).

**"Capitalist Crises, Critique of Growth and the Perspectives for a Post-Growth Society"** will be the title of the next

European Sociological Association conference to be held in Turin, August 28-31, 2013.

**The Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption** at the **10th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology** in Magdeburg, Germany. The Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption invites the submission of contributions for symposia on sustainability and consumption at the 10th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology, which will be held September 22-25 2013 in Magdeburg, Germany. The theme is "the role of the individual in the transformation of energy systems". Read more at this [link](#).

**The Canadian Society for Ecological Economics Conference** (CANSEE) is holding its biennial conference at York University, Toronto, November 1st & 2nd 2013. The theme for the conference is **Sustaining the Commons: Ideas and Actions for a Green Economy**. If you are considering submitting a proposal please, visit the [call for proposals page](#), as late submissions will be reviewed. The draft program & early registration for the conference to be released in the coming weeks. Already confirmed speakers include:

- **Brian Czech** - President, Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy
- **Jon Erickson** - Professor of Ecological Economics and the Interim Dean of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont
- **Tim Jackson** - Professor of Sustainable Development at the University of Surrey and Director of the ESRC Research Group on Lifestyles, Values and Environment (RESOLVE)
- **Andrea Levy** - Independent scholar, journalist and editor
- **Peter Love** - President of the Energy Services Association of Canada
- **Patricia E. (Ellie) Perkins** - Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University
- **William Rees** - Ecologist, Ecological Economist, Professor Emeritus and former Director of the University of British Columbia's School of Community and Regional Planning
- **Alan J. Richardson** - Odette Research Chair and Professor of Accounting at the Odette School of Business, University of Windsor
- **Peter Victor** - Author of *Managing without Growth: Slower by Design, not Disaster*; Professor in Environmental Studies at York University
- **Bob Willard** - Leading expert on quantifying and selling the business value of corporate sustainability strategies
- Please visit [the website](#) for more information. CANSEE members get a discount on the conference as well as a range of other benefits, so please consider joining

CANSEE. We hope to see you there in November!

-Edward Crummey (President, CANSEE); Jason Dion (VP Communications, CANSEE); Andreas Link (VP Programs, CANSEE); Michael Barkusky (Treasurer, CANSEE); Lisa Nagy (VP Education, CANSEE)

## Publications of Interest

Gowdy, John, and Lisi Krall. "[Agriculture as a Major Evolutionary Transition to Human Ultrasociality](#)." Journal of Bioeconomics (2013)

## New SCORAI Affiliates

A warm welcome to the following new SCORAI affiliates:

Anton Auer	Cynthia Morinville
Ian Barns	David Nemerson
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