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CAIRNS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Happy Monday!

We hope you all had a wonderful weekend! Check out The Faces of NSOE to learn more about an NSOE faculty member or mentor every week. The goal of the features is to also help connect you all with professionals in the environmental field. If the research or current work of the featured individual interests you, don't hesitate to reach out to them!

Updates on the September Cohort Meeting:

Our first meeting will be at **7pm on Thursday, September 23!** We will be meeting in the Grainger Hall Reading Room. To get to the Reading Room, enter Grainger Hall through the Circuit Drive entrance (via the bridge onto the 2nd floor of the building). Nicki and I will be in the building to open the doors for you if they are locked. Once you enter the building, immediately take a left and you will see the reading room on your right.

You will all receive a Outlook Calendar Invite about the meeting as well. Please RSVP to the invite with your availability to attend. Reach out to meilin.chan@duke.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Updates on Mentors:

Nicki and I will be virtually meeting with all the mentors for training this Friday. After training and our September meeting, we will connect you with your individual mentors!



Global Environmental Justice Series: Agriculture



Join us on
Zoom, Sep.
19th @ 12
pm EST!



Meet John Paul Jose

Kerala-born John Paul Jose's journey with environmental activism began when he joined a protest against the Yettinahole project around five years ago. Later, in 2018, John set out to discover what steps India's politicians were taking to address the climate crisis, as one of the Fridays For Future youth leaders in India. Now 22, he is still a passionate activist, criticising climate action (and the lack of it) from an Indian viewpoint, and especially how global warming affects India's forests and ecosystems. Since spring of 2021, John has been a member of the Generation Climate Hub through the New York Times as well as served as a Youth Ambassador for the High Seas Alliance.

Message from Global Environmental Justice House:

Are you interested in environmental, climate, and food justice? Do you want to learn about movements around the world? Register for the Global EJ Speaker Series by scanning the QR code (above) or visiting tinyurl.com/EJLectures.

Join us next Sunday for our first discussion with guest speaker John Paul Jose who will present about justice in agriculture, particularly the youth movement in India. See you there!



FACULTY FEATURE



Who: Dr. Elizabeth Shapiro

Position: Associate Professor of the Practice of Environmental Policy and Management, [Director of the Community Engagement Core, Duke Superfund Research Center Engagement](#) and the [Faculty Director for Engaged Scholarship at Duke University](#).

What drew you to your field?

I studied biology and environmental science as an undergraduate and was a serious natural science nerd. When I served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador after college (1994-98), I saw and experienced in a very personal, grounded way how much environmental issues are, at their roots, social: it is people who are the primary cause of these problems and are also the only ones who can fix them. I ended-up doing a lot of work after my service with communities in Latin America and the United States intended to facilitate social and environmental change, but I was often left with more questions than

etc.. So, eight years after I graduated, I returned to school to get my Masters and then my PhD as an environmental social scientist. Now I am a serious social scientist nerd.

Do you have suggestions for undergraduate students interested in pursuing the field you are in?

If you are interested in learning about how to work at the community level for social and environmental change there are a lot of opportunities to learn how to do so while you are at Duke: by taking a [Service Learning course](#); participating in the [DukeEngage program](#); or even just finding a way through Duke Civic Engagement to [volunteer with community-based organizations in our area](#).

Are you open to undergraduate students reaching out to you about your academic work/research?

Absolutely! You can sign-up for my office hours at calendly.com/liz-officehours and I'd be happy to talk to you.



Need a break from your schoolwork? Check out these sustainability and environment related movies/tv shows/book/podcasts!

- **Ologies** (Podcast - find on any platform you listen to podcasts)
- **Dancing with the Birds** (Movie - on Netflix)
- **The Overstory by Richard Powers** (eBook and physical book - through Duke Library)
- **No One is Too Small to Make a Difference by Greta Thunberg** (Audiobook - through Duke Library)

Cohort Bulletin

What is the cohort up to?

Use this space to share your weekly triumphs, promote your student organization events, or anything that you would like to share with the cohort! Just send Meilin an email (meilin.chan@duke.edu) with what you'd like to share.



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