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**International Lens Film  
Screening: Wasteland –  
September 4**

Join the Center for Latin American Studies in Sarratt Cinema from 7:30pm – 9:00pm as they screen *Wasteland*. *Wasteland* follows artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. While there, he photographs the "catadores"-pickers of recyclable materials. Click [here](#) for details.

**USGBC Nashville Chapter  
Tours the College Halls at  
Kissam – September 6**

Join the Nashville Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) from 3:30pm – 4:30pm for a sneak peak tour of Vanderbilt's own College Halls at Kissam! The cost of this event is

The return of students to campus and FOOTBALL...Anchor Down because it must be September! This fall, you will continue to see recycling at each home football game, and we are happy to announce the new and improved VU Athletics Sustainability Competition! You can find out below how to win prizes for recycling and how to become the "Greenest Group on Campus". Last year's winners, the Pathology, Microbiology, and Immunology department, had a ball at their catered tailgate and award presentation at the Vandy vs. UTK game (which I seem to remember we WON!) There are many other events happening on campus including the beginning of the Earth and Environmental Science Seminar Series and the continuation of the VU Farmers' Market. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook page](#). Have a sustainable September everyone!

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\$6 for USGBC Nashville members and \$12 for non-members. Please note that you must bring your own hardhat, safety goggles and safety vest, wear closed toe shoes, and parking is limited to nearby garage structures, so carpooling or walking is preferred. RSVP [here!](#)

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### **Climate Change as Hydro-social Change: Rethinking Water Crises in the Global South – September 6**

On Friday, September 6 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm in Stevenson Center 6740, Dr. Farhana Sultana, Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, will give a lecture entitled “Climate Change as Hydro-social Change: Rethinking Water Crises in the Global South”. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department, VIEE, and the Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies. Click [here](#) for more details.

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### **VU Farmers’ Market – September 5, 12, 19, 26**

VU Farmer’s Market is every Thursday on the Medical Center Plaza from 3pm – 6pm until October 24. Read more [here](#).

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### **Vanderbilt Home Football Games – Austin Peay on September 7; UAB on September 28**

Vanderbilt has continued our partnership with Waste Management this year to support the university’s environmental initiatives throughout campus, and Commodore fans can

## **Vandy Athletics Sustainability Competition**

All Vanderbilt groups, teams, departments, and campus organizations are invited to compete to be the “Greenest Group on Campus”. To enter, a group captain, leader or representative must complete the competition survey, available



[here](#). Deadline for entry is September 27. A winner will be announced at the EPA Recycling Game Day Challenge on October 19, Vandy vs. Georgia game. The winning group will receive a private VIP Tailgate for 25 people for the Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky football game on November 16. The VIP event includes:

- Private Tent location with walking distance to Vanderbilt Stadium;
- 25 Game Tickets;
- Tables, Linens, and Chairs;
- Catered Buffet Style Meal;
- Drink Station; and
- Game Programs.

The winning group will also be recognized in an on-field presentation during the game. Register for your chance to win [here](#).

## **Become an Eco-Dore Student Volunteer**

Are you a Vanderbilt student living on campus and want to improve Vanderbilt’s environmental sustainability



while improving your leadership and facilitation skills? The Sustainability and Environmental Management Office (SEMO) and the Dean of Students office are recruiting Eco-Dores – students who serve as volunteer environmental mentors for their fellow students. Eco-Dores will participate in one educational event each month to improve their knowledge about a sustainable topic, such as energy conservation or recycling, and then brainstorm actions that they will implement in their own residence halls. Food will be provided! Eco-Dores are expected to commit about 5 service hours each month.

For more information and to volunteer to be an Eco-Dore, please fill out an application on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VandyEcoDores> or our AnchorLink site

help protect the environment by recycling items at each home football game. At each game, one lucky Commodore fan will get caught "green handed" recycling during tailgating and will win a premium souvenir. So show your Vanderbilt pride, anchor down and tackle recycling!

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### **Volunteer for Biker and Pedestrian Count – September 10**

The Nashville Metro Planning Organization is looking for volunteers to count bikers and walkers at sites around town on Tuesday, September 10. This exercise is done every two years to help the city plan bike and pedestrian infrastructure. Please contact Leslie Meehan at [Leslie.Meehan@nashville.gov](mailto:Leslie.Meehan@nashville.gov) to sign up.

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### **Fall Farm Dinner – September 15**

Join Community Food Advocates on September 15 from 5pm – 9pm at Buffalo Valley Farm, 7556 Buffalo Road, Nashville, TN 37221 for a Fall Farm Dinner and Festivities. Read more and order tickets [here](#).

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### **Nashville Green Drinks – September 18**

On Wednesday, April 18 at 6 pm, participate in Nashville Green Drinks, an organic, casual, self-organized meet up of like-minded professionals with a focus on sustainability. Nashville Green Drinks will take place at Village Pub (1308 McGavock Pike).

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### **Vanderbilt EES Seminar Series:**

<http://anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu/organization/eco-dores> (you must log in with your VUnet ID to see the application).

**The application deadline is Monday, September 16 at 8am.** Please direct any questions to [tiffany.m.renfro@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:tiffany.m.renfro@vanderbilt.edu).

### **Please Help Us Recycle Cardboard!**

In July 2013, Metro Nashville enacted a ban on cardboard



being disposed of in trash dumpsters for entities such as Vanderbilt. This ban is meant to keep cardboard out of the local landfill to preserve landfill space, so cardboard must now be recycled. Please help us recycle cardboard and keep it out of the trash by putting boxes in the

hallways in VUMC or, on main campus, by flattening and placing at pre-established cardboard collection points in each campus building, behind recycling containers in your area, or directly into cardboard dumpsters or compactors located throughout campus at the Commons Center, Rand Dining, Branscomb, McGugin, and the Chestnut facility. Click [here](#) for a flyer that you can post in your area about cardboard recycling.

### **State of the Climate in 2012 Report Released**

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) released their [State of the Climate in 2012](#) report earlier this month. The peer-reviewed report uses climate indicators to track and identify changes and overall trends



to the global climate system. Some indicators include greenhouse gas concentrations, cloud cover, sea surface temperature, sea-level rise, and snow cover. Scientists from [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association \(NOAA\)](#)'s National Climatic Data Center serve as lead editors.

The data collected indicated that 2012 was one of the 10 warmest years on record, but the major story was conditions in the Arctic. The region experienced unprecedented change and broke several records including record breaking sea ice shrinkage and more than 97% of the ice sheet in Greenland showing some form of melting. Read more [here](#).

### **Nashville Energy Works Program Launches**

## Jason Polk – September 27

On Friday, September 27 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in Stevenson Center 6740, Jason Polk, Assistant Professor of Geoscience at Western Kentucky University, will give a lecture to all interested. Read more [here](#).

## Annual College & University Recycling Coalition Workshop & Tour – October 6

Join the College & University Recycling Coalition (CURC) for its annual Workshop on Sunday, October 6 from 9am – 4pm at Vanderbilt in The Commons Center. Attendees will be able to tour Vanderbilt's recycling facilities in the afternoon, network with collegiate colleagues to share challenges and solutions, and hear about Vanderbilt's recycling and sustainability program. [Click here to register](#).

## AASHE 2013 Conference – October 6-9

The 2013 Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference is being held in the "Greenest City in the Southeast", Nashville! Are you a student or staff member at Vandy? If so, then you can get discounted registration fees because VU is an AASHE member. Click [here](#) for up-to-date conference information and registration.

## Sustaining Tennessee's Future Conference - October 9 – 11

The 2013 Sustaining Tennessee's Future Conference is just around the

Nashville Energy Works (NEW), a program created by Mayor Karl Dean's Office of Environment and Sustainability and administered by Hands On



Nashville, connects Davidson County homeowners with easy-to-understand information and the right resources to help lower utility bills by making home energy improvements. These improvements can help homeowners save energy and money, make homes more comfortable, and help the environment. Some of the [incentives](#) available to homeowners include: In-Home Energy Evaluation Program, Energy Retrofit Program, ENERGY STAR Heat Pump Program, Water Heater Program, Home Energy Savings Program and Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency. Read more [here](#).

## Amp Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Gets Green Light for Funding from FTA

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has approved the pursuit of federal funding for Nashville's proposed Amp Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which will connect East and West Nashville. The Amp will stretch 7.1 miles from East Nashville to St. Thomas West Hospital and be Nashville's first full service BRT system with dedicated transit lanes, functioning much like a light rail or subway system. Read more [here](#).



## VU Power Plant to Convert to All Natural Gas – FAQs available

Have questions about the VU Power Plant conversion to all natural gas? Visit [SustainVU](#) to read FAQs about the conversion and stay up-to-date with the construction progress! The conversion will replace the coal-fired boilers with natural gas boilers while retaining the same power generation capacity over the next three years.



For more information on any of these stories, events and more, visit the SustainVU website at [www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu) or contact the Sustainability and Environmental Management Office at [sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:sustainvu@vanderbilt.edu) or (615) 322-2057.

corner and is being held at the beautiful Montgomery Bell State Park. Panels include Risk Management and Changing Resources, Sustainable Transportation, Materials Management and more. Register [here](#).

