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April 2018

April is Earth Month which brings lots of fun and informative ways to celebrate! Vanderbilt has a wealth speakers coming to campus this month. Please mark your calendars to attend the last Transit Forum on April 17 and be sure to vote on the transit referendum May 1 if you live in Davidson County! As the weather gets warmer, more people are pulling out their bikes to get around town – check out a new ofo bike, Vanderbilt’s dockless bikeshare! information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the SustainVU [website](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#) page. SustainVU wishes you a super green Earth Month!



Vanderbilt partners with ofo to bring dockless bike sharing to campus

Climate Change Update: People, Policies, and Place – April 4

Join the seminar featuring updates on climate change law and policy, including a discussion of opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to prepare communities for climate change, with Vicki Arroyo and Jessica Grannis from the Georgetown Climate Center. Seminar will be held at 3:10pm in Stevenson

Vanderbilt is partnering with [ofo](#), the largest dockless bike sharing company in the world, as a part of the University's [mobility and transportation strategy](#).



The idea of bringing ofo to campus was brought to [Eric Kopstain](#), vice chancellor for administration, and [FutureVU](#) by senior Yalun Feng. The ofo model uses a mobile application and allows for bikes to be shared among riders, removing the need for personal bikes and docking stations. Vanderbilt and ofo have established a geo-fence boundary around the campus that outlines where the bikes can be parked.

To get started, riders simply download the ofo mobile app (available for both iOS and Android).

1. Find a bike: Open the app and look for bright yellow bikes near you.
2. Tap and scan: When you're at the bike, tap "unlock" and scan the bike's barcode to automatically unlock it. Enjoy the ride.
3. Park and lock: At your destination, simply park your bike anywhere on campus at a bike rack and manually lock it to end the trip.



FutureVU pop-up park to transform Central Neighborhood April 2-6



Vanderbilt is turning its Central Neighborhood into an interactive pop-up park April 2-6. The site sits adjacent to Branscomb Quadrangle, the E. Bronson Ingram Studio Arts Center and the Engineering and Science Building. The park, created as part of [FutureVU](#), is intended to activate this high-traffic outdoor space and provide opportunities for community events and recreational activities throughout the week.

Center SC 5326. More information [here](#).

Amitav Ghosh to speak on 'Commodities, Conflict, and Climate Change' – April 4

Acclaimed author [Amitav Ghosh](#) will examine how historical conflicts over resources in Asia have become a major driver of climate change in the Indian Ocean during an April 4 lecture hosted by [Vanderbilt Asian Studies](#). The talk will take place at 5:30pm in the Vanderbilt Central Library Community Room. More information [here](#).

Climate and Empire: Hasburg History for the Anthropocene – April 6

Deborah Coen, Professor of History at Yale University, will be giving a lecture entitled "Climate and Empire: Habsburg History for the Anthropocene" as a part of the Max Kade Speaker Series. The lecture will take place in Buttrick 101 at 3:10pm. More information [here](#).

March for Science and Climate – April 14

The March for Science is a celebration of our

The university plans to continue studying the Central Neighborhood and closely align changes with FutureVU's guiding principles. The pop-up park will include landscaping, various types of seating, lighting and open space for activities. A portion of Garland Avenue will be closed April 2-4 to develop a temporary "complete street" highlighting potential streetscape enhancements on campus. Several events are planned throughout the week. See the schedule and read more [here](#).



Transit panel series continues; third installment features Kopstain and Getz

More than 100 students, faculty, staff, and community members attended the third transit forum on March 13. The event featured [Eric](#)



[Kopstain](#), vice chancellor for administration; [Malcom Getz](#), associate professor of economics; and other who provided insights about [Nashville's proposed transit plan](#)

The event, titled "Additional Perspectives of the Nashville Transit Plan" was hosted by Vanderbilt's [Office of Community, Neighborhood and Government Relations](#) in the [Division of Public Affairs](#) and the [Vanderbilt Center for Transportation and Operational Resiliency](#) (VECTOR). [Craig Philip](#), research professor of civil and environmental engineering and director of VECTOR, served as facilitator. An interactive presentation by MTA will be provided to students on April 11. The next public panel will be held on April 17 from 11:30-1pm in the Student Life Center. Read more [here](#)



Michael Mann Visit Campus

passion for science and a call to support and safeguard the scientific community. The March will meet at Centennial Park and will take place from 9-11am. Attend to join the March or volunteer! More information [here](#).

Yoram Bauman, economic and environmental comedian – April 12

The Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies is hosting economic and environmental comedian Yoram Bauman on April 12 at 6pm. More information [here](#).

Additional Perspective on the Nashville Transit Plan Forum Series – April 17

This next forum in the transit series will further discuss the Let's Move Nashville transit plan and what will mean for the future of Vanderbilt, and the Nashville community. The forum will feature a panel of Vanderbilt professors sharing research on the transit plan. The forum will be held in the Student Life Center from 11:30am-1pm. More information [here](#).



As part of FutureVU, Vanderbilt hosted world-renowned climate scientist [Michael Mann](#) on March 20. Almost 200 faculty, staff and students attended to hear him discuss how to effectively interact with climate change denial. The [event](#) was cosponsored by [Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility \(SPEAR\)](#), [SustainVU](#), and the VU [Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies](#).



Five new interdisciplinary University Courses approved for 2018

As a part of the [Academic Strategic Plan](#), University Courses allow faculty and students to reach across departmental boundaries. For the 2018-19 academic year, the University is added five more of these courses.



Planetary Health, Policy, and Social Justice is a University Course that has been approved for the upcoming year. The course will be taught by [Carol Ziegler](#), assistant professor of nursing, and supported by [Michael Vandenberg](#), a David Daniels Allen Distinguished Professor of Law. Planetary Health, Policy and Social Justice will explore the intersections among primary health care, planetary health, climate change, social justice and policy. Students will develop evidence-based and targeted human adaption strategies that will align policy initiatives with carbon mitigation to address health-span disparities. Read more [here](#).



Nashville's Earth Day Festival – April 21

Nashville's Earth Day Festival will feature exhibits and activities aimed at educating Nashville residents about protecting our environment and living green. With over a hundred family-friendly booths, hosted by community groups, environmental organizations and government agencies and live music, Earth Day is a fun festival for all ages. The festival will take place in Centennial Park from 11am-6pm. More information [here](#).

Let's Move Nashville Transit Plan Referendum – May 1

Mark your calendar for Nashville's Transit Plan Referendum vote on May 1. Find your polling place [here](#) and read more about the transit plan [here](#).

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

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