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Religion and Ecological Impact Talk – October 4

On October 4th at 2:35pm in Garland 301F, Sarra Tlili, Assistant Professor of Arabic language and literature at the University of Florida, will speak on “Nonhuman Creation’s Devotion to God in the Islamic Tradition: Significance and Ecological Impact.” The lecture builds on her book *Animals in the Quran* (Cambridge University Press 2012). The talk is co-sponsored by the Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies at Vanderbilt. Read more [here](#).

Vanderbilt Farmers’ Market – October 6, 13, 20, 27

October is both Energy Awareness Month and Campus Sustainability Month, and we are looking forward to celebrating up a storm...woot woot! Can you tell we are excited about the many events coming up this month? Join us in celebrating with one of the many lectures, the Transit Town Hall, and the SPEAR Energy Matters event going on around campus! SEMO was thrilled to present the “Greenest Group on Campus” award to Rooted Community Health this weekend at the Vandy vs. Florida game! Go ‘Dores! And be on the lookout for the release of our annual Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory later this month. Additional information about the stories and events included in this newsletter are available on the [SustainVU website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Have a sustainable October and slay some “energy vampires” this Halloween! Happy Fall, Y’all!

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Enjoy the last month of the Vanderbilt Farmers' Market! The Vanderbilt Farmers' Market will be held every Thursday from 2-5pm through October 27. The market is located on the Medical Center plaza near Eskind Library. Stop by and shop for local fruits and vegetables, dairy products such as goat cheese, milk and yogurt, grass-fed beef, free-range chicken, honey, flowers, and more! More details [here](#).

Engage Green: Compost Nashville – October 5

The [Engage Green workshop](#) on October 5th at 6pm will explore various composting systems, including those using bins, ducks, chickens and worms! It will also dive into the science of soil and how compost is essential to growing healthy and resilient food. Come out and learn about the life giving properties of compost! Read more [here](#).

Contemporary Urban Parks: A Family Album of Our Cities – October 6

On October 6th from 12-1:30pm, as part of the free lecture series "The Future of Parks," a special event will be hosted at Frist Center for Visual Arts with Thomas Woltz, owner of Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects. Woltz will use Nashville's Centennial park and other public landscapes to illustrate the architectural process rooted in ecological and cultural research. Read more [here](#).

Rooted Community Health awarded "Greenest Group on Campus"

Rooted Community Health has been named winner of the 2016 Vanderbilt Football Sustainability Competition! The group celebrated their title of "greenest group on campus" at the Vanderbilt vs. Florida game October 1st.



The sustainability competition, presented by [Waste Management](#), [Vanderbilt Athletics](#), and the [Sustainability and Environmental Management Office](#) (SEMO), invited all Vanderbilt groups, teams, departments, classes and campus organizations to compete for the title of "greenest group on campus."

Rooted Community Health, a VU/VUMC initiative that explores the intersection of human health, ecology and sustainability, was recognized for their efforts to bring together members of Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, and the Nashville community to encourage and enhance our community's health through community engagement, scholarship, and research. Read more [here](#).

FutureVU making progress on charting course for Vanderbilt's campus



Vanderbilt University's land use plan is entering its second year with a full slate of activities and a new faculty advisory committee to engage the Vanderbilt community in the design and development of the campus. The plan, which has been named

FutureVU, is one of [Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos'](#) primary initiatives.

"FutureVU is driven by a holistic view of our identity and mission. Its end result will be an actionable plan that improves our collegiate environment, supports trans-institutional discovery, builds community and connectivity, promotes equity

Keven Meehan, Climate Change in Caribbean Lecture – October 10-27

Keven Meehan, Professor of English and director of Haitian Studies Project at the University of Central Florida, will be speaking on “Provisions: Popularizing Hydroponics as Climate Change Adaptation in the Caribbean” as part of a lecture series co-sponsored the Vanderbilt’s [Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies](#). Read more [here](#).

Sustainability in the Big Apple, Adam Freed – October 13

On Oct 13th from noon-1pm the [Environmental Law Society](#) and the [Environmental, Energy and Land Use Program](#) will be hosting Adam Freed of Bloomberg Associates and previous Deputy Director of NYC Mayor Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability. Mr. Freed will be sharing his experiences in big city sustainability. Read more [here](#).

CityThink: Nashville’s Next Era of Great Parks – October 18

Join [Nashville Civic Design Center](#) and [Metro Parks](#) on October 18th from 11:45am-12:45pm to discuss initial findings & recommendations in [Plan to Play](#) – Nashville’s Master Plan for Parks & Greenways. Plan to Play serves as Nashville’s “playbook” for our parks system over the coming decade. Read more [here](#).

and inclusion, and is a beacon for sustainable living,” Zeppos said.

[Eric Kopstain](#), vice chancellor for administration, is leading the planning process in partnership with New Haven, Connecticut, firm Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects. The planning team has developed key principles to guide the process based on feedback and input from hundreds of stakeholders. They include the following:

- Vanderbilt is an internationally recognized research university with strong partnerships among its schools.
- Vanderbilt believes that diversity and inclusion are integral to its mission.
- Vanderbilt is a community of neighborhoods.
- Vanderbilt is a historic, multi-layered and vigorous campus.
- Vanderbilt is a university that resides in a unique and distinctive park setting.
- Vanderbilt is a walkable and sustainable campus.
- Vanderbilt is a citizen of Nashville and the region.

“It is critical this process be guided by foundational principles that embody what make Vanderbilt unique and distinctive,” Kopstain said. “By focusing on the humanistic values at our core and Vanderbilt’s place within the broader local and national context, the ideas and plans arising from FutureVU will stand the test of time. We look forward to continuing to engage with the Vanderbilt community in the months ahead.” Read more [here](#).

Cardboard Recycling during Move-In breaks records once again!

Did you know that Move-In results in tons of cardboard each year and that Vanderbilt recycles all of it with the help of Cardboard Crew? See the impacts from Move-In 2016 in the infographic online [here](#)!

The Clean Power Plan at Court, Shannon Broome – October 20

Shannon Broome of Hunton & Williams law firm will be hosting an open conversation regarding the Clean Power Plan, new regulations limiting greenhouse gas emissions. The talk will be hosted at the Vanderbilt Law School at 12pm. Read more [here](#).

“City of Trees” Screening – October 25

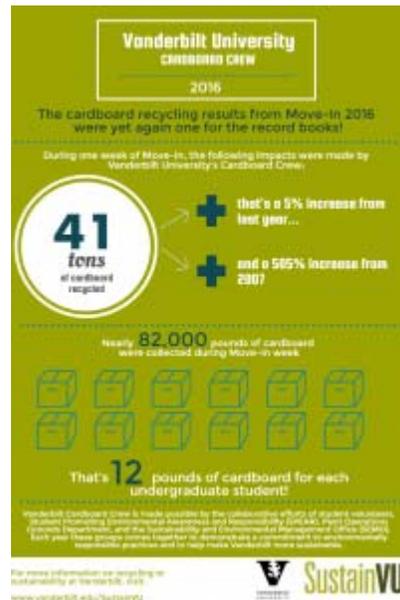
Professor Paul Kramer and the [Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies](#) are hosting a screening of “City of Trees” on October 25 (location and time TBD). The documentary is about one community’s fight for equal access to good jobs and safe parks in our nation’s capital. Read more [here](#).

Transit Town Hall – October 28

Join the Chancellor’s Town Hall on transit-related issues for [FutureVU](#) land use planning on October 28th. The event’s time and location will be announced soon, so please check the [FutureVU website](#) for upcoming information.

Energy Matters: Rise of the Renewables – October 28

[SPEAR](#) will be hosting their fall outreach event on October 28th from 3pm-5pm. Energy Matters will be held on Currey Lawn (outside Wilson) and



RTA bus, Music City Star train tickets on sale in new location

Beginning Sept. 26, tickets for RTA express buses and the Music City Star commuter train will be available for purchase over the counter at the Sarratt Student Center box office. Tickets may be purchased at Sarratt from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Monday–Saturday, and from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Call the Sarratt box office at 615-343-3361 for more information. You can also have tickets delivered for a \$6.50 handling fee. Read more [here](#).

RTA and MTA Approve nMotion Transit Plan for Middle TN



Middle Tennessee took an early first step in September to move toward building a robust transit system in the region that includes rail.

The Regional Transportation Authority’s board of directors, which includes 28 Middle Tennessee mayors and appointees from Gov. Bill Haslam, and the MTA board of directors separately voted to adopt plans for a \$5.97 billion regional transit system. The 25-year vision includes an assortment of

will explore green technology and environmental sustainability possibilities on a regional, national, and even global level.

Open Streets: 12 South – October 30

Open Streets Nashville will be coming to 2.3 miles of 12th Ave South on October 30th. This iconic stretch connects the Gulch, Edgehill and 12th South neighborhoods. The event will kick off at 2pm with a parade and continue until 6pm. All of Nashville is invited to walk, bike, skate, and play in the streets in this fun, free and family-friendly event. Read more [here](#).



transit projects both within Davidson County and connecting Nashville to outlying counties.

The plan, dubbed nMotion and more than 18 months in the making, was released formally to both the boards of RTA and the Metro Transit Authority last month. It then went through a 30-day public review period that MTA CEO Steve Bland told the board received nearly 1,000 responses from the public. Read more [here](#).

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