



BUCPUA Spring Events 2021

Telling the Untold History of Civil Rights Leaders in Boston

Wednesday April 21st | 4:00 pm
BU Initiative on Cities
[Register](#)

Boston has played an important role in the Black freedom struggle, with leaders and everyday activists calling the city home during important periods of their lives. Yet, there are often overlooked stories of icons, particularly women leaders who were essential to the movement. Join us as we explore untold Boston histories of Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King Jr., Sue Bailey Thurman, and other local activists—and the work being done to further tell their stories. Learn about the formative partnership of Coretta Scott and Martin Luther King Jr, gain insight into the creation of digital exhibits inspired by the life and love of Sue Bailey Thurman and Howard Thurman, and hear about the fight for Black Studies on Boston University’s campus. Featuring:

Paula Austin, Assistant Professor of History & African American Studies at BU

Roberto Mighty, a multimedia artist, filmmaker, photographer, sound designer, and musician.

Jessie Rubenstein, an exhibition designer and Lecturer in Art & Graphic Design at BU

Earth Day Table

Wednesday April 21st | 1-4 pm
BU Sustainability

At the BU Medical Campus and Charles River Campus, we invite you to meet BU Sustainability interns, learn more about current initiatives, and leave with some BU Sustainability swag. Learn about BU Wind, the Zero Waste Plan, and how you can get involved with sustainability efforts on campus. Stop by to receive a packable BU Sustainability tote bag.

Locations: **George Sherman Union & Talbot Green (BUMC)**

Exploring Environmental Justice: Energy Justice in the Boston Area

Wednesday April 21st | 1-4 pm
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Boston University Sustainability, in partnership with the Institute for Sustainable Energy, BU Student Government, the BUMC Climate Action Group, and Energy & Sustainability Club, is hosting our fourth and final virtual environmental justice panel of the year. Speakers will share insight into energy justice challenges in the Boston area, campaigns and projects they have worked on, and policies that can advance equity in the energy system.

The Future of the Digital Economy

Thursday April 22nd | 1:00 pm
Pardee School of Global Studies
[Register](#)

Part of the Spring 2021 Pardee House Webinar Series: “The Future of...” Featuring:

Azer Bestavros, Associate Provost for Computing & Data Sciences
Robin R. Murphy, Professor of Computer Science & Engineering, Texas A&M University

Nicol Turner Lee, Director, Center for Technology Innovation, Brookings Institution



Trash Talk with Kaity and Maddy

Friday April 23rd | 1-2 pm
BU Sustainability
Location: Instagram live

Curious about Zero Waste? Join Kaity Robbins (Zero Waste Manager) and Maddy Scully (Zero Waste intern and student), BU Sustainability's Zero Waste experts, on an Instagram Live (@sustainableBU) for a conversation about how the University aims to reduce waste and reach 90% waste diversion. How can you help BU achieve this? Hop on the Instagram Live to learn more, share information, ask questions, and get answers.

Sustainable African Electricity Sector Expansion: The Critical Role of Social Factors

Friday April 23rd | 11am-12:30pm
BU Institute of Sustainable Energy
[Register](#)

Our panelists will discuss forthcoming research that proposes a system dynamics framework to describe the forces that shape electricity infrastructure expansion in Africa. In particular, the framework highlights two major factors that have generally been underemphasized: the role of societal structures and the consideration of the full spectrum of risks in electricity infrastructure development and operation

President Biden's Earth Day Summit: What it Means for Massachusetts

Thursday May 6th | 6:00 pm
WBUR
[Register](#)

Climate change was a pillar of President Biden's 2020 campaign. Since entering the White House, he has already rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement and signed a number of executive agreements to further tackle climate change at home and abroad. On Earth Day, President Biden will hold a Leaders' Climate Summit with various world leaders led by John Kerry, Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, to outline emissions reductions, green energy investments and more.

How will these new commitments impact Massachusetts? *Earthwhile* reporter **Miriam Wasser** will moderate a panel of local climate experts and answer your questions.

The Urban/Suburban Educational Divide: Racial Inequities and Shifting Landscapes

Wednesday May 19th | 4:00 pm
BU Initiative on Cities
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Schools in urban and suburban locations can vary immensely in quality, increasing the importance of where we send our kids to school. But why are some schools better than others? How has America's notion of a good school deepened educational and racial inequities? Join the Boston University Initiative on Cities (IOC) and the BU Wheelock Educational Policy Center (WEPC) for a discussion of efforts to ensure students have access to a great education, and why integration efforts to close the urban-suburban divide leave some students caught in between, while others are stuck on one side.

Can the University Restore Trust and Confidence in Experts and Science?

Friday May 21st | 11-12:30pm
BU Institute of Sustainable Energy
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From climate change to public health, Americans purposively ignore and distrust experts. The COVID-19 pandemic and the last presidential election magnified this phenomenon. This panel will discuss the role of the modern university in contributing to such mistrust, and how it can help restore trust and confidence in experts and science.



Improving Sustainable Investing through Better ESG Metrics

June 18, 2021 11am-12:30pm
BU Institute of Sustainable Energy
[Register](#)

New research led by the BU Impact Measurement and Allocation Program (IMAP) is helping financial practitioners understand and use sustainable investing metrics and techniques to make better investment decisions, starting with carbon accounting and human capital ESG metrics. This webinar will discuss the program's early research, done in collaboration with industry stakeholders and investors.
