

Announcing...

The Sustainability Book Club

An interdisciplinary faculty colloquium dedicated to the discovery, reading and discussion of influential current work on Sustainability in a wide variety of fields.

The colloquium will consist of ten meetings from 10:00 AM to Noon on the first Friday of the month during Winter, Spring and Fall 2009. Each meeting will be devoted to one book chosen by consensus and will be moderated by one or two participants. Books will be summarized, discussed and reviewed, with emphasis on what can be gained from the reading to enhance teaching, research and action to promote sustainability.

Participants will include ten to twelve faculty members representing as many Colleges as possible. Each participant will deliver written notes on the book they present and detailed minutes of one of the discussions. Notes and minutes will be published on the library's Digital Commons website and may be collected at the end for hard copy publication.

The colloquium is intended to generate fresh ideas and possibly a new UNIV course on Current Thinking in Sustainability beginning in Winter 2010, open to students in Sustainability Minors or Concentrations and featuring Book Club participants as guest lecturers.

The colloquium coordinator will arrange for a display of each month's book and ancillary material in Kennedy Library.

Samples of the kind of books colloquium participants may select:

- *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver
<http://www.animalvegetablemiracle.com/> (English, Agriculture)
- *The Clean Tech Revolution* by Ron Pernick and Clint Wilder
http://www.thecleantechrevolution.com/inside_the_book.html (Business, Engineering)
- *Hot, Flat and Crowded* by Thomas Friedman
<http://www.thomasfriedman.com/bookshelf/hot-flat-and-crowded> (Political Science, Public Policy, Communication Studies)
- *Capitalism at the Crossroads* by Stuart Hart and Mark Milstein
http://www.whartonsp.com/press/press_releases_detail.asp?promo=2405 (Business)
- *The Economics of Happiness* by Mark Anielski
<http://www.newsociety.com/bookid/3965> (Economics, Social Sciences)
- *Design on the Edge: The Making of a High Performance Building* by David Orr
<http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?type=2&tid=10946> (Architecture, Education)
- *When the Rivers Run Dry* by Fred Pearce
<http://www.beacon.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1849> (Natural Resource Management, International Relations, Geography)

Contributions of Colloquium participants will be acknowledged by

- A pleasant place to meet
- Refreshments at each session
- Free copies of books read
- A stipend of \$250 (taxable income) or \$250 (non-taxable) stipend to the participant's department for reimbursable professional development opportunities; if attendance and written requirements are met.

To join the Sustainability Book Club Faculty Colloquium, send an email, including a short paragraph stating your interest and the titles of two or three books you might want to present, no later than December 21 2008 to Professor Walt Bremer at the Center for Teaching and Learning: wbremer@calpoly.edu

Colloquium coordinator: Steven Marx, Professor of English

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