



# UNM SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES PROGRAM

## FALL 2018 NEWS

### Message from Our Director

Joy and gratitude! When I created the Sustainability Studies Program in 2004, little did I imagine that our amazing alums, Christina Hoberg and Zoey Fink, and I would become a bridge between campus and community. In 2018, the three of us joined the leadership team at Rio Grande Community Farm, on historic City Open Space just north of Montano. The nation's oldest and largest urban farm is right here! The non-profit RGCF hosts Albuquerque Master Gardeners, Christina's Fire Wheel Collective of 19 women and children growers, and Zoey's Tres Hermanas Refugee Farmer Project, which involves 60 families from Africa, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Another 24 families, along with UNM Food Justice and Sustainability Studies, occupy rows too. You can find Tres Hermanas' mind-blowing pickled okra for sale at Rail Yard Market on Sundays.



And, it gets better! Sustainability Studies has teamed up with the UNM Office of Sustainability, Community Engaged Learning and Research, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to support Christina as Lobo Garden Coordinator for another year. She has improved the irrigation and rainwater systems, garnered donations of fruit trees, applied for grants directed at pollinators, reached out to APS, Explora Museum, and other organizations, and is working with faculty to use the gardens in courses, including Cheo Torres' Curanderismo class. Joy and gratitude, that's how it feels when sustainability comes alive!

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### Student Highlight:

**Joe Trevino recently completed his Sustainability Studies Capstone** with an exceptional project focused on creating an age-positive online community website for people to learn about ageism and to create a community of understanding and acceptance. For his full report and to view his website visit our [Capstone 499 Blog](#).



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### Upcoming Events:

**As part of the International Studies Institute lecture series** Chris Duvall, Associate Professor will be presenting a lecture titled “Migration Stories, told by plants that crossed the Atlantic with Africans.” This lecture will take place **Monday, November 12 at 5:30 PM.**

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### Social Media:

Here at the Sustainability Studies Program, we’ve been pushing to keep our social media pages active and up to date. Our Twitter page offers daily tweets, whether it be sustainability-related facts, local event info, job and internship opportunities or highlighting student projects it’s worth a follow to stay in touch with us. Find our Twitter page [here](#).

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### Faculty Spotlight

#### Q&A with Jessica Rowland about Climate Change and Sustainability Course

Jessica Rowland a lecturer for the Sustainability Studies Program answers a few questions regarding her course titled “Climate Change and Sustainability.” In the Q&A Jessica talks about what projects her students are working on, what topics are covered in the course and some of the more interesting readings her class will be looking at over the semester.

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## Alumni Feature:

**Dana Sharp is a recent Sustainability Studies graduate**, she is working on her masters degree at the University of Oslo in Development, Environment, & Cultural Change. She is also part of an academic interdisciplinary environmental journal called Tvergastein. During her time at UNM she organized a Rio Rancho Sustainability Expo which amassed a great turn out. To find out what other Sust. alumni are up to visit our [website](#).



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## News:

**Sustainability Studies student Coleen Geraghty** used her internship opportunity to get a reusable to-go container off the ground and into La Posada, UNM's main source of food for students who live on campus. The new to-go containers have been a hit with students who go to La Po regularly one commenting that she was impressed by how innovative this idea was. To read this and more stories visit our [news page](#).



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## Jobs and Internships

### Wildlife Over Waste - Campaign Director

As a Canvass Director, you will run your own office and work on campaigns with groups like Environment America and U.S. PIRG. You'll recruit supporters, raise money and mobilize thousands of people to take action. Being a director requires that you work independently, exercise good judgment and work hard to meet the office's staffing, campaign, and fieldwork

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