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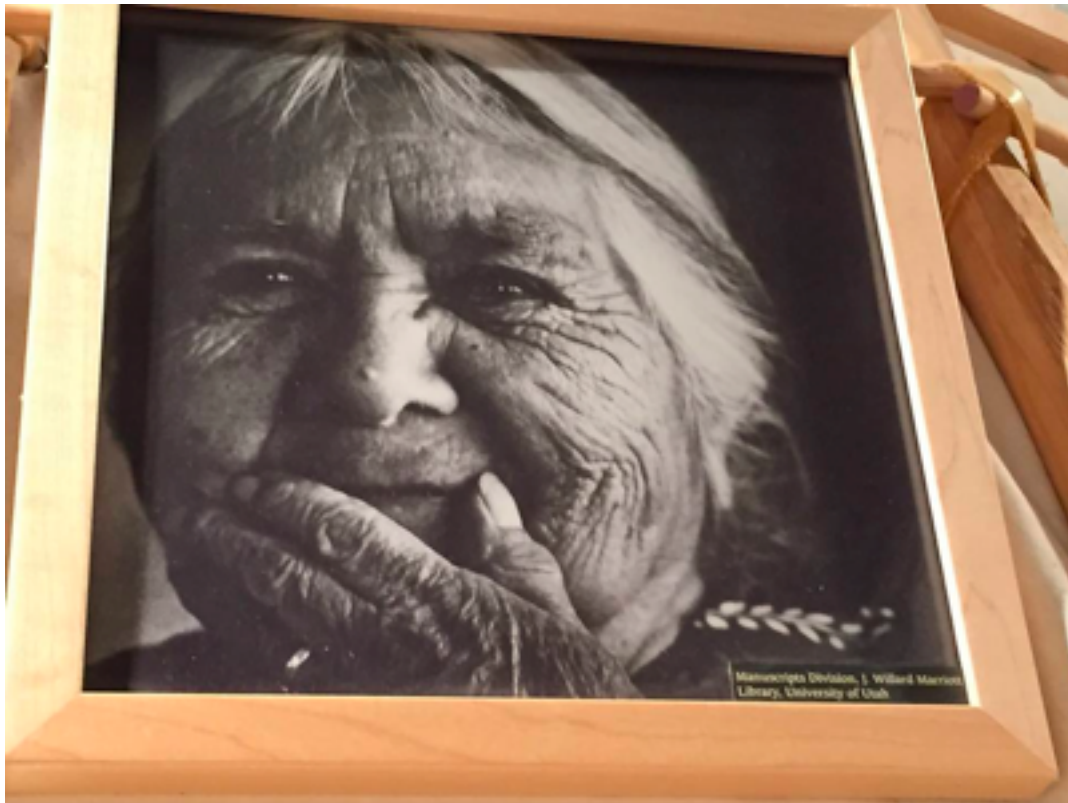
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Here's our
grandma Elsie
Harney Hall.
Little Sister to
my
grandfather,
Bert Harney.
She is the one
who taught me
to split willow.
Doesn't her
smile make
you want to
smile?

NEW STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS GRANTS FOR ASPIRING TEACHERS

More aspiring educators at UNLV will soon benefit from a new scholarship program designed to boost the state's dismal teacher count. <http://erj.reviewjournal.com/ct/uz3688753Biz28432072>

Reminder: Deadlines for Nevada 529 (College Savings Programs)

http://www.nevadatreasurer.gov/CollegeSavings/CSP_Home/

SBA Shorts

Startup in a Day and More:

Modernizing Entrepreneurs' Experience of Government through Innovation

We're committed to modernizing the experience of government for the business community, and much of this transformation is occurring through engaging teams collaboratively together across and outside of government to leverage advances in technology and innovation. Learn more about some of the ways SBA uses technology and innovation to transform its daily interactions with the business community. [Read More](#)

[Blog | Empowering Women Veteran Entrepreneurs](#)

This is a great time to be a woman veteran on the path to entrepreneurship. So much progress is being made in the growth of successful veteran women-owned businesses.

[Blog | A Simple Cash Flow Spreadsheet Anybody Can Use](#)

If there's just one formal business skill every business owner should have, it's understanding and forecasting cash flow.

[Taking Your High-Tech Product to Market](#)

This course will introduce you to the product life cycle of high-tech products and help you find the best way to enter the market and sell your product or service.

- Identify the unique marketing characteristics of high-tech products
- Learn about the stages of the Product Life Cycle
- Get an introduction to the Product Diffusion Curve
- See examples of high-tech product pricing, placement and promotion considerations

Each SBIR Road Tour stop will be hosted by a local organization committed to supporting technology-based entrepreneurship, and will provide attendees a face-to-face opportunity to talk directly to **federal agency program managers** and decision makers from many agencies, including the:

- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Department of Defense (DoD)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- and the Health and Human Services Administration (HHS-NIH)

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Why Native Languages Matter: Genocide Stole Our Languages and Replaced Them with Shame

<http://bit.ly/25sDPUS>

[Volunteers needed for Spring Cleanup Day at the Wilbur D. May Arboretum](#)

Help get Washoe County's public garden ready for spring on Saturday, April 9. [Read the full announcement](#)



[The Autry](#)

Four years in the making, this 1930's basket by Mono Lake Paiute artist Carrie Bethel features a three-color symmetrical design and a complex organizational pattern worth seeing up-close.

[#ArtoftheWest#5WomenArtists #WomensHistoryMonth](#)

[Why the EPA Must Clean Up Environmental Racism and Toxic Injustice](#)

Gerald L. Durley and Marc A. Yaggi, Truthout: Environmental injustices are being perpetrated against our country's most vulnerable populations every day. The Environmental Protection Agency must strengthen its civil rights protections and enforce the law so that low-income residents and communities of color no longer have to bear the brunt of dangerous pollution. [Read the Article](#)

[On the News With Thom Hartmann: Minnesota Is Protecting Its Pollinators, and More](#)

In today's On the News segment: Minnesota could be setting an important precedent for protecting bees; the climate crisis is no longer a problem for the distant future; solar power advocates say that the future of solar is low-income communities; and more.

[Watch the Video and Read the Transcript](#)

JUDGE RULES ROOFTOP SOLAR MEASURE DOESN'T QUALIFY AS REFERENDUM

A Carson City district judge on Monday dealt a major blow to proponents of a referendum seeking to restore Nevada's net metering program to more favorable rates for rooftop solar customers.

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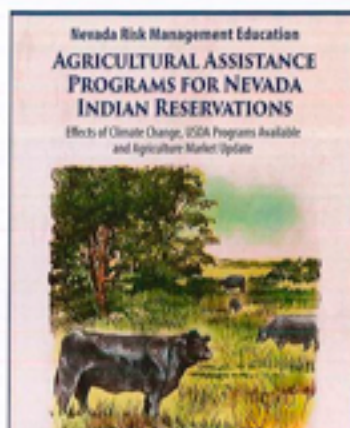
NEVADA OFFICIALS GET LOOK AT NEW HYBRID RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

A unique hybrid renewable energy project in Northern Nevada 80 miles east of Carson City was celebrated Tuesday by a host of dignitaries, including Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi.

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Topics

Climate Change and Agriculture on Nevada Indian Reservations
Doug Boyle, Associate Professor in the College of Science, Department of Geography, and Director of the Nevada State Climate Office

Brought Monitor and Climate Change Outlook
Doug Boyle, Associate Professor in the College of Science, Department of Geography, and Director of the Nevada State Climate Office

Precipitation Data Collection
Kent Jean Ormrod, Assistant Professor in the College of Science, Department of Geography

Alfalfa and Cattle Market Update
Randy Enns, Coordinator, Native American Programs, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council (ITAC) Programs and National Updates
Ker Johnson, UIC TA Network

USDA, Farm Service Agency: NRP, Loans, Disaster Assistance, RLP (Sign up periods for 2016)

USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Services Programs:
EQIP, Disaster Assistance

USDA, Risk Management Agency:
Wildfire, PFI, LRP

Locations and Dates

Thursday, March 31, 2016
Walker River Indian Reservation
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tribal Hall
1022 Hospital Road
Schurz, NV 89427

Thursday, April 7, 2016
Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tribal Chambers
208 Capitol Hill
Hoon, NV 89424

Thursday, April 14, 2016
South Fork Indian Reservation
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tribal Building
21 line 8-13
Lee, NV 89001

Thursday, April 14, 2016
Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Tribal Office Building
111 North Reservation Road
McDermitt, NV 89421

Thursday, April 14, 2016
Duckwater Indian Reservation
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Health Clinic
Conference Room
507 Duckwater Falls Road
Duckwater, NV 89414

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Duck Valley Indian Reservation
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Human Development Center (HDC)
1284 OPO Road
Oryhee, NV 89052

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop will provide information about how climate change is affecting agriculture sustainability on Native American Indian Reservations in Nevada and identify available USDA programs to help mitigate conditions and issues associated with the climate variations now occurring.

For more information, please contact:

Randy Enns
775-316-1184
Or
Reggie Premo
208-258-1653

All classes are free
No pre-registration is required

Persons in need of special accommodations or assistance must self-identify David Enns at 775-943-2444 at least three days prior to the scheduled event.

ABOUT RMA

The role of USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is to help producers manage their business risks through effective, market-based risk management solutions. RMA's mission is to promote, support, and regulate sound risk management solutions to preserve and strengthen the economic stability of America's agricultural producers. As part of this mission, RMA operates and manages the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC). RMA was created in 1996; the FCIC was founded in 1938. Nevada Targeted State Risk Management Education focuses on increasing producer awareness and understanding of current Federal crop/livestock and revenue insurance programs, as well as educating producers on agricultural risks they face daily.





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*Today's selection -- from **Buddha** by Karen Armstrong. In the sixth century BCE, when Siddhartha Gautama (better known as Buddha) began his life of teaching a new way, the ancient religion of the brahmins seemed increasingly out of place given the stresses of rapid urbanization

"In the sixth century B.C.E, power was passing from the old partnership of King and Temple to the merchants, who were developing a different kind of economy. These social changes certainly contributed to the spiritual revolution, even if they cannot fully explain it. The market economy also undermined the status quo: merchants could no longer defer obediently to the priests and aristocracy. They had to rely on themselves and be prepared to be ruthless in business. A new urban class was coming into being, and it was powerful, thrusting, ambitious and determined to take its destiny into its own hands. It was clearly in tune with the newly emerging spiritual ethos. The plain around the river Ganges in North India, like the other Axial regions, was undergoing this economic transformation during [Buddha]'s lifetime. ...

"Six great cities became centers of trade and industry: Sāvattthī, Saketā, Kosambī, Vārāṇasī, Rājagaha and Champā, and were linked by new trade routes. The cities were exciting places: their streets were crowded with brilliantly painted carriages, huge elephants carried merchandise to and from distant lands, and there was gambling, theater, dancing, prostitution and a rowdy tavern life, much of which shocked the people of the nearby villages. Merchants from all parts of India and from all castes mingled in the marketplace, and there was lively discussion of the new philosophical ideas in the streets, the city hall and the luxurious parks in the suburbs. The cities were dominated by the new men -- merchants, businessmen and bankers -- who no longer fit easily into the old caste system and were beginning to challenge the *brahmins* and *ksatriyas*. This was all disturbing but invigorating. Urban dwellers felt at the cutting edge of change.

"Many were disturbed by the violence and ruthlessness of the new society, where kings could force their will upon the people, where the economy was fueled by greed, and where bankers and merchants, locked in aggressive competition, preyed upon one another. The traditional values seemed to be crumbling, a familiar way of life was disappearing, and the order that was taking its place was frightening and alien. It was no wonder that so many people felt life was *dukkha*, a word usually translated as 'suffering,' but whose meaning is better conveyed by such terms as 'unsatisfactory,' 'flawed,' and 'awry.'

In this changing society, the ancient Āryan religion of the *brahmins* seemed increasingly out of place. The old rituals had suited a settled rural community, but were beginning to seem cumbersome and archaic in the more mobile world of the cities. Merchants were constantly on the road and could not keep the fires burning, nor could they observe the *uposatha* days. Since these new men fit less and less easily into the caste system, many of them felt that they had been pushed into a spiritual vacuum. Animal sacrifice had made sense when stockbreeding had been the basis of the economy, but the new kingdoms depended upon agricultural crops. Cattle were becoming scarce and sacrifice seemed wasteful and cruel -- too reminiscent of the violence that now characterized so much of public life."

Buddha Pages: 20-24

Author: Karen Armstrong Publisher: Penguin Books Copyright Karen Armstrong, 2001

Words on Water

This past Tuesday was World Water Day. It's important that we take opportunities like this day to appreciate what many of us take for granted: access to clean drinking water. As seen by the water crisis in Flint, not everyone has this privilege. In fact, 800 million people around the world do not have access to clean water. Half the people in hospital beds at any given time are sick because of unsafe water.

This global crisis has serious impacts on the health of our people, our environment and even our national security. Water insecurity is at the core of global conflict and instability. In Syria, for example, drought has driven people from the countryside to the cities – exacerbating the country's underlying political challenges and fueling the civil war. By improving water safety across the globe, we increase our safety here at home.

As I described this week in [The Hill](#), to address this challenge, we must increase investment in our water infrastructure. I've been working in Congress to make sure this happens.

In the U.S., we've continued to neglect our aging water infrastructure and we're seeing just how detrimental that neglect can be. I've introduced the Water Infrastructure Trust Fund Act to create a dedicated source of revenue for states and local governments to invest in critical clean water and drinking water projects.

Internationally, the passage of my legislation, the Water for the Poor Act and the Water for the World Act, makes sure improved water and sanitation is a goal of U.S. foreign assistance and ensures that this programming will help our most vulnerable populations. By providing higher funding levels for such programming, we have the ability to remedy dire situations like the one in Gaza, where the water supply is being rapidly depleted and polluted.

We have the solutions to address this pressing challenge but we must join together to enact them. We can do better on water.

Courage, Earl Blumenauer
Oregon Congressman

This month we're highlighting women artists in the collection for Women's History Month. Displayed prominently in "New Acquisitions Featuring the Kaufman Collection," Pueblo sculptor and potter Tammy Garcia's work can also be found in "Masters of the American West" through March 20.

[#5WomenArtists](#)

[#WomensHistoryMonth](#)



Native American Heritage Night



**Saturday, April 2
7 P.M. Reno Events Center**

\$10 Tickets
(\$5/ticket benefits
scholarships)

Heritage Night Activities Pre-game

- Marketplace in concourse
- Flag Song Presentation by Christina Thomas
- Flag Presentation/Color Guard Presented by
Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors Organization
- Ceremonial Tip

In-Game

- On-court recognition of tribe members
- Basketball buddies

Tickets can be purchased at Renobighorns.com
under the group nights tab

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March 30 Transmission and Grid Basics for Tribal Economic and Energy Development

Webinar (11am – 12:30 pm MST)

Webinar attendees will gain knowledge about transmission markets, management, and ownership structures; interconnection request processes and timelines; transmission planning and operations; and grid fundamentals. The webinar feature speakers from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah as well as Western and NREL. No charge to attend, but registration is required. Register now

March 31 Uninsured American Indians can apply and receive coverage for health care benefits from Social Security, American Indian Access to Healthcare Benefits webinar 12 noon – 1:00 pm Arizona Time)

Medicaid, Medicare and the Marketplace. To navigate this web of services, native certified health insurance navigators, counselors and liaisons play a vital role in assisting American Indian community members and organizations enroll in coverage. Webinar presenters provide federal, rural and urban perspectives on health care benefits. Register: <http://www.telemedicine.arizona.edu/distant>

[education/upcoming-workshops](http://www.telemedicine.arizona.edu/distant)

March 31 Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage Grants

U.S. Dept. of the Interior program seeks to assist Federally recognized tribes in preserving and protecting their significant cultural and historic resources. The long-term goal is to assist tribes in building sustainable preservation programs. Link to RFP: <http://www.nps.gov/thpo/tribal-heritage/application.html>

March 31 Accountable Health Community Model (HHS)

Letter of Intent was due Feb. 8; Application Due by March 31

Tribal Organizations are Eligible. This U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services model is based on emerging evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical-community linkages can improve health outcomes and reduce costs. The model aims to identify and address beneficiaries' health-related social needs in at least the following core areas: housing instability and quality; food insecurity; utility needs; interpersonal violence; & transportation needs. More at <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm/>

April 1 Native American Library Services: Enhancement Grants

Grants to support activities that advance the operations of Native American libraries to new levels of service.

Eligibility: Indian tribes, Alaska native villages, regional corporations, and village corporations. Entities such as libraries, schools, tribal colleges, or departments of education are not eligible applicants, although they may be involved in the administration of this program and their staff may serve as project directors in partnership with an eligible applicant Link to RFP: <https://www.ims.gov/nofo/native-american-library-services-enhancement-grants-fy16-notice-funding-opportunity>

I do hope any of you applying for this will include a subscription to Heydey Books' "News from Native California" - even if you are not from California; it is such a

lovingly crafted publication which provides an exemplary format for others to replicate.
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April 1 Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program

Local governments, tribes, nonprofits and private entities are invited to apply for financial assistance in the form of competitive, cost-share grants for building, structures, road segments, & cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor. Read More >>

April 4 SAMHSA FY 2016 Grants

2016 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Drug Courts and Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance use disorder treatment services in existing adult problem solving courts, and adult Tribal Healing to Wellness courts. For more, visit Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult Treatment Drug Courts and Adult Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts

April 4-6 16th Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference Nashville, TN

This one-of-a-kind educational conference is free of charge to employees of Tribally designated housing entities, tribes, Alaska Native groups, Native Hawaiian organizations and Native-owned businesses! We invite industry veterans and young professionals to learn detailed instruction on affordable housing development, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program, economic development, the New Markets Tax Credit program, asset management/compliance, architectural design and construction monitoring. Both tax credit programs bring private investor equity to create new homes and businesses in Indian Country. Visit www.travois.com/news-events/annual-conference-information for details and to register.

April 5-7 AmeriCorp Indian Tribes Grant Funding Training Albuquerque, NM,

Grant funding that will place AmeriCorps members on the ground to help tackle the unique challenges facing Native American communities. The AmeriCorps funding opportunity for federally-recognized Indian Tribes is designed to target resources on a core set of challenges: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans & military families. Visit <http://www.nationalservice.gov/build-your-capacity/grants/funding-opportunities/2016/fy2016-ameri-corps-indian-tribes-grants> to access the full Notice of Funding, technical assistance information and a schedule of the agency's upcoming topical calls to support applicants as they prepare to apply. Additionally, CNCS will hold a Tribal Applicant Training in on **April 5-7**, 2016, to provide training and assistance to interested grant applicants. For questions email AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov.

5 cool careers for people with a master's in sustainability

By [Grist staff](#) on 28 Mar 2016

The best part about having a [master's degree in sustainability](#) is that you get to call yourself a Master of Sustainability — which, let's be honest, sounds pretty dope. But dope doesn't pay the rent (at least, not in most states). So what can you do with a master's in sustainability that *will* pay the rent?

Turns out, a lot. Pretty much every facet of society is looking to go green these days — not just because it's cool, but because it's necessary. The planet is warming, sea levels are rising, politicians are going insane — it's about to get pretty end-of-the-world-y out there, if we don't shape up.

So whether you're interested in the private sector or public sector, outreach or activism, for-profits or nonprofits, [there's a career for you in sustainability](#). Here's a list of just five, complete with titles fitting for a true Master of Sustainability:

Special Agent Green (Corporate Sustainability Specialist): Corporate America is directly responsible for many of our environmental woes, so it's tempting to just shun it as the enemy of sustainability. But if we're going to build a better future, then we need these companies on our side, which means infiltrating and changing them from within. So if you've got some Sydney Bristow in you, then listen up, because business is booming in corporate greenification. A 2013 report from GreenBiz Group showed that the number of companies with full-time sustainability managers went from six in 1990 to 283 in 2012. And a 2012 survey of more than 4,000 corporate leaders found that 70 percent of represented companies had “placed sustainability permanently on their management agendas.” Major companies like GM, DuPont, and HSBC are [already on board](#) and their ranks are only going to grow.

The Wise Sage (Consultant): If you fancy yourself more of an Obi-Wan Kenobi type — someone to just swoop in and offer guidance to those lost in the ways of sustainability — then consider a job in consulting. According to a [report](#) from The College Board, consulting is currently one of the fastest-growing industries, projected to add up to 835,000 new jobs by 2018, compared to 2008. Not all of these jobs will have to do with sustainability, of course, but a lot of them will. Companies like [KPMG](#) are increasingly trying to greenify their operations — and that could mean changes in everything from supply chain management and product design to marketing and office culture. A [2010 study](#) by Forrester Research predicted that global sustainability consulting would grow from a \$2.7 billion industry in 2010 to a \$9.6 billion one in 2015. And [according to](#) the International Society of Sustainability Professionals, salaries in the field can reach well over \$70,000. Just remember: If you're going to be the Obi-Wan of sustainability, then speak like the Obi-Wan of sustainability: “Perhaps a coward is only a fighter who has not yet been pushed far enough ... or one who has not been shown the way.”

Top Dog (Social Entrepreneur): If you've always dreamt of being your own boss — and saving the world while you're at it — then social entrepreneurship might be for you. More and more companies are doing good, while also doing good business, showing that you don't have to be a heartless, greed-is-good type to have a successful venture these days. [According to](#) the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2.3 percent of private sector jobs in 2011, or about 2,515,200 positions, were related to the production of “green goods and services.” These can be many things — efficient home appliances, green buildings, hybrid cars, eco-friendly off-grid resorts — but one thing they all have in common is that they're in high demand, especially now that more Americans than ever believe that humans are causing climate change.

Earth Warrior (Lobbyist): Someone's gotta tell politicians what's what when it comes to sustainability, and that someone could be you. Whether it's for nonprofits, public interest groups, lobbying firms, or election campaigns, lobbyists have to do a lot of hustling. They run advocacy

campaigns, set up fundraisers, organize meetings between politicians and stakeholders, do media outreach — anything and everything to get the word about the causes they represent. It's a tough gig, but according to EnvironmentalScience.org, the median salary for environmental lobbyists is around \$100,000 — just barely enough to cover the soul-crushing toll of having to put up with politicians.

Beacon in the Ivory Tower (Campus Sustainability Officer): With all those young optimists running around, lobbying for fossil fuel divestment and instituting new university-wide sustainability initiatives, it's no wonder that college campuses are ripe for reform. In a survey of campus sustainability officers conducted last year, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education [found that](#) 91 percent had degrees related to sustainability, compared to 61 percent in 2012. The survey also revealed that 87 respondents were holding first-time positions and that student sustainability fees or “green funds” accounted for nine percent of sustainability funding at universities, compared to just four percent in 2012 — both signs that schools are placing a higher priority on going green. So if you're about to graduate but don't want to leave the ivory tower, then maybe you don't have to.

[The New School](#) is at the forefront of addressing global environmental issues thanks to Milano's Environmental Policy and Sustainability Management program. Turn your passion for environmental change and sustainability into a career with impact.

