

## **Get The Scoop!**

We have very exciting events planned, so make sure you scroll down to get involved. Additionally, get to know our staff and some other events on campus that address critical societal issues in the areas of energy, health, and the environment.

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## **Schiller Team Member Spotlight**



### **Meet Lila!**

Lila Tabak, born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a Minor in Crime and Justice from the University of Michigan. She is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work with a focus on adolescent and criminal mental health care. Passionate about supporting underserved communities, Lila is committed to using her education and experience to advocate for mental health access and systemic reform.

In addition to her dedication to social services, Lila has nurtured a deep interest in computer science.

Her journey in technology began in high school, and she has continued expanding her knowledge in the field for over nine years. She currently applies her technical expertise as the website manager for the Schiller Institute, ensuring its online presence effectively communicates its mission of addressing global challenges related to energy, environment, and health. This role allows Lila to merge her passion for environmental advocacy with her technological skills.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Lila enjoys learning about history, reading, painting, and exploring nature. Her creative spirit and love for learning are reflected in her work, where she seamlessly blends analytical and artistic thinking to contribute meaningfully to causes she cares about.

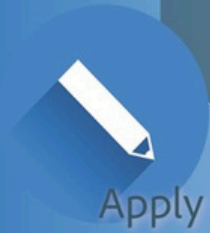




**Meet our team!**

**Journalism Minor**

**Q:** What goes well with everything?  
**A:** The Journalism minor!



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New classes for fall 2025 include **Telling International Stories** (Prof. Mara Kardas-Nelson); **The Cultural Critic Online** (Prof. Maura Johnston); **Ethical Storytelling** (Prof. Joseph Bergantino); **A Field Guide to Travel Writing** (Prof. John O'Connor); and **Political Journalism** (Prof. Scott Helman)

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**Green Week**





We are very excited to announce that we will be hosting various activities as part of EcoPledge's **Green Week, April 22 to April 25!**

There will be a series of art and sustainability workshops in collaboration with the BC Writing Center, Studio Art, and Arts Festival. Additionally, there will be a meet and greet with our Schiller Student Board at the tabling event on Friday April 25.

Be sure to come say hi and grab Schiller Institute and The Scoop stickers and stay tuned for more details in the next issue!

## Our Poet Laureate

**"Figures of Delight: How the Environment Relates to Our Emotions"**

***Shakespeare's Sonnet 98 provides an emotional & sensitive reminder of how nature helps us process the intensity of love & longing.***



Arthur Frank's recent talk at BC reminded me of how useful the classics are in anchoring literary analysis—and so, I turned to Shakespeare's sonnets to inform this ecopoetic analysis.

16th-century Shakespearean sonnets are traditionally used to express romantic love, yet Shakespeare's vivid imagery contains implications about how the environment affects us. As the campus glows with warmer weather, these written connections can hopefully remind us of our duty to serve the planet, as our emotions are deeply and legitimately interwoven with nature!

**-- Jesse Julian**

[Read Her Analysis Here](#)

## News from Schiller Institute Student Groups

### Engineers Without Borders National Conference

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Recently, incoming EWB-BC Co-Presidents Bennett Lewis and Ava West attended the 2025 National EWB Conference in Charlotte, NC, where they participated in workshops on sustainable solutions and were inspired by the collective passion for creating change!

**Engineers Without Borders (EWB)** is a global non-profit organization that originated in the United States, dedicated to designing and implementing sustainable projects in collaboration with local communities. Its mission focuses on ensuring equitable access to basic needs such as clean water, renewable energy, sanitation, and infrastructure, while promoting social equity through engineering solutions. EWB emphasizes dialogue, co-creation, and interdisciplinary approaches to address challenges in impoverished communities worldwide. The organization operates on the belief that engineering can be a transformative social force, empowering individuals and providing volunteers with hands-on humanitarian experience. By fostering a culture of innovation and service, EWB not only improves lives but also inspires future engineers to prioritize social responsibility, creating tangible change through strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts.

EWB CEO Boris Martin's metaphor of individuals as embers uniting to form a roaring flame



resonated deeply, reinforcing the organization's commitment to partnership and service. This experience has motivated EWB-BC to expand its efforts, providing students with opportunities to apply their skills to meaningful projects and fostering a community dedicated to transforming lives through engineering. EWB-BC is welcome to students from all disciplinary backgrounds. If you are interested in joining the EWB mission at Boston College, submit a member interest form!

Come learn more about the national EWB conference and EWB-BC on **Monday, April 7 from 5pm-6pm in the Schiller Institute Convening Space (Rm 501)**. Pizza will be served!

[Read More About Their Experience](#)

Engineers Without Borders USA @ BC

## Engineers Without Borders

### Join Today!

EWB'S PROJECTS EMPOWER COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD USING STUDENTS' ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE TO IMPLEMENT SOLUTIONS TO BETTER THE STANDARDS OF HEALTH, ECONOMY, EDUCATION, AND WELLBEING.

INTEREST FORM: [tinyurl.com/EWB-BCC](https://tinyurl.com/EWB-BCC)

BC'S EWB CHAPTER WILL START PROJECTS FOR STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEER AROUND THE WORLD AND SHARE THEIR DESIGNS WITH COMMUNITIES IN NEED.

Questions: [ewb.bostoncollege@gmail.com](mailto:ewb.bostoncollege@gmail.com)



You DO NOT need to be an engineering major or take engineering course! We are specifically looking for interested finance / econ / CSOM students interested in fundraising for the cause.

Some projects may be executed abroad but You DO NOT need to travel to be involved!

 BOSTON COLLEGE  
SCHILLER INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

Engineers Without Borders USA @ BC

[Join EWB](#)

## Upcoming Schiller Institute Events

### Boston College's Upcoming Graduate Research Symposium



The Boston College School of Social Work, Carolyn A. and Peter S. Lynch School of Education and Human Development, William F. Connell School of Nursing, the Graduate School of the Robert J. Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, and the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society invite the BC community to attend this multidisciplinary research conference.

The university-wide symposium will feature empirical research by almost 40 graduate students from across the university who will share their work through oral and poster presentations. All members of the BC community are encouraged to join us in celebrating the fantastic work of our doctoral and master's level students.

This event will be held **Wednesday, March 26 at 9 a.m., in the Corcoran Commons, Heights Room**

[Learn More Here](#)

## Schiller Research Symposia

Want to learn more about ongoing faculty research? Join us for a series of three symposia where recipients of Schiller Institute seed grants will showcase work related to energy, environment, and health!

### SCHILLER RESEARCH SYMPOSIA

A series of three research symposia featuring work supported by the Schiller Institute Grants for Exploratory Collaborative Scholarship (SI-GECS) and grants for Research in Targeted and Emerging Areas (SI-RITEA) programs.

All events are held in the Schiller Institute Convening Space (Room 501 in 245 Beacon). Please register for as many events as you'd like by scanning this QR code.



TUE April 8

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

#### A DUAL SYMPOSIUM: RESEARCH FROM THE SOCIAL AND COGNITIVE SCIENCES

Addressing Social issues through Cross-sector Partnership: Co-Designing a Youth Leadership Initiative with the Chelsea Children's Cabinet (*Becca Lowenhaupt*)

The Feasibility and Acceptability of Pre- to Post-Migration Research with Venezuelan Migrant Parents (*Chris Salas-Wright*)

Children's third-party intervention across urban and rural contexts in the Global South (*Katie McAuliffe*)

Understanding Just Transition in Bangladesh: Does Shift to Improved Brick Kilns lead to Well-being of Brick Workers? (*Praveen Kumar*)

Wind uncertainty and capacity planning during the energy transition (*Rich Sweeney*)

#### ADVANCES IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH: DISPATCHES FROM THE LABORATORY AND THE FIELD

Environmental History of the Lower Neponset River (*Conevery Bolton Valencius*)

Partnering with Boston Public Schools to Inspire the Next Generation of Geoscientists Through the Stories of the Earth (*Ethan Baxter*)

Impact of the Stabilized Criegee Intermediates Chemistry on Tropospheric Formic Acid Distribution (*Lucas Bao*)

Developing Aptamers to Create a Platform for Rapid, Multiplexed, Sensing of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in Water (*Michelle Meyer*)

A strategic partnership: Creating a Collaboratory for Environmental Science (*Mike Barnett*)

Leveraging Video-based Social Networking Platforms to Disseminate Research on Energy, the Natural Environment, and Health: Evaluations of Practice (*Betty Lai*)

WED April 9

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

WED April 16

1:30 PM to 3:00 PM

#### FOCUS ON AFRICA: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING FOR AFRICAN YOUTH AND CLIMATE-IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Ceramic Water Filters for Household Water Purification in Limited-Resource Settings (*Ali Salifu*)

Promoting Community Climate Resilience and Wellbeing in Northern Kenya through Peace Education (*Avneet Hira*)

Exploring the effect of personal air pollutant exposure on children's development of tuberculosis and post-TB lung disease in rural South Africa (*Brittney van de Water*)

Examining the Impact of Prolonged Droughts and Erratic Rainfall Events on the Health and Well-being of Youths (15-24 years) in Uganda (*William Byans*)

Learn More & Register Here

Learn About Schiller Institute Grants for Faculty

## Upcoming Campus Events

### "Mapping The Neponset"



The image is a poster for the "LECTURES SERIES calendar" for Spring 2025. It features a background image of a campus scene with trees and buildings. The text is arranged in a vertical list of events, each with a date in a dark red rounded rectangle. The events are:

- FEBRUARY 21**: CAOIMHE NIC DHÁIBHÉID (SHEFFIELD & BURNS PROFESSOR) "DID YE GET HEALED? A CURIOUS CASE OF MIRACLES IN REVOLUTIONARY IRELAND" STOKES S376, NOON - LIGHT LUNCH SERVED
- MARCH 14**: RAY CASHMAN (INDIANA) "OUTLAWS, GHOSTS, AND BORDER MENTALITIES: PERSPECTIVES FROM IRELAND" FULTON 511, 3PM - RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
- MARCH 28**: NEPONSET RIVER LAB (BOSTON COLLEGE) "MAPPING THE NEPONSET" STOKES S376, NOON - LIGHT LUNCH SERVED
- APRIL 11**: PAUL MARIANI, VIRGINIA REINBURG, CHANDRA MALLAMPALLI, ZACHARY MATUS, OWEN STANWOOD ROUNDTABLE: WHERE IS RELIGIOUS HISTORY NOW? STOKES S376, NOON - LIGHT LUNCH SERVED
- APRIL 25**: JOSHUA DONOVAN (BOSTON COLLEGE) TITLE TBD STOKES S376, NOON - LIGHT LUNCH SERVED

At the bottom right, the Boston College logo and text are visible: "BOSTON COLLEGE Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences HISTORY DEPARTMENT".

We are looking forward to the next presentation in the History Department's lecture series titled, **"Mapping The Neponset"** with the Neponset River Lab at Boston College!

This project, made possible by a Schiller Institute grant, explores the environmental history of the lower Neponset River in collaboration with the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) and the Institute for New England Native American Studies at UMass Boston. The team has

been creating a map-based historical timeline hosted on the NepRWA website, highlighting the river's significance, including its role in early colonial conflict, American industry, and its connection to slavery through chocolate manufacturing. The project will also address the pollution from factories and the river's current vulnerability to climate change, with the broader goal of fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and community engagement on the environmental and historical challenges facing New England's industrial rivers.

Join us at **Stokes S376 at noon on March 28th** to learn more!

[More About The Neponset Project](#)

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## **The Public Philosophy Initiative**

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Michaila Peters, COP29 delegate to Baku, founded the Public Philosophy Initiative and is running a a three-part workshop series, "**Shifting the Global Paradigm: The Role of Philosophical Pedagogy in Climate Justice.**" The PPI is hosting this series to discuss how philosophers could play a uniquely important role in motivating the political will to advance climate justice efforts.

"This past year, I had the opportunity to travel to COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan and meet with rural and indigenous climate activists. In these discussions, it became clear that having other perspectives on climate justice in the room, be they from indigenous traditions, feminists in the Global South, or otherwise, is not necessarily enough to instigate a paradigm shift in the stakeholders who need to invest in climate



solutions. In order for the content of their wisdom to be taken seriously, these representatives need to employ careful, pedagogical strategies that can disrupt capitalist-colonialist-epistemologies. We believe, after these discussions, that the art of teaching philosophy, wherein ideally, we get students to shift from one paradigm to another and back, and critically evaluate comparative perspectives, offers useful insights to this problem. Indeed, philosophers may be helpful beyond theorizing about the environment, by reflecting on the practical skills of communication we develop in the classroom, and how they may be integrated into climate activism on the streets or in formal negotiations like the UN."

-- **Michaila Peters**

[Read About The Public Philosophy Initiative](#)

[Learn More About the Workshops & Register Here](#)

### **Workshop 1:**

"Perspectives from Folks on the Ground"

**Friday, March 28th, 11:30-5pm, Boston College, Stokes 228N and online**

Lunch Provided

### **Workshop 2:**

"Pedagogical Best Practices"

**Tuesday, April 1st, 9:30-11am, Boston College, Stokes 228N and online**

Breakfast Provided

**Workshop 3:**

"Talk by Michaila Peters on Building Rural Climate Coalitions and Notes from COP29/ Launching BC MAP-Philosophers for Sustainability Projects at BC"

**Wednesday, April 9th, 12-1:30PM, Boston College, Stokes 228N and online**

Lunch Provided

**LEAPS Sustainability Conference**



**SUSTAINABILITY**  
 **LEAPS**  
**CONFERENCE 2025**

**TAKING LEAPS TOGETHER: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPLORATION OF TEXTILE WASTE AND SOLUTIONS**



LEAPS Conference 2025 aims to bring together policymakers, fashion industry leaders, textile recyclers, researchers, educators, students, and community members to exchange knowledge on research and innovations in global textile waste.

**Registration is now open and free of charge!**  
For inquiries, please contact the event organizers at [leaps@makefashionclean.org](mailto:leaps@makefashionclean.org) or visit our website at [leaps.AftermathLearningLab.com](https://leaps.AftermathLearningLab.com).

<b>Presenter</b>  <a href="https://forms.gle/9yUR52ns4E0gdvYD9">https://forms.gle/9yUR52ns4E0gdvYD9</a>	<b>Audience</b>  <a href="https://forms.gle/vbPNa8jE6zStuPr5">https://forms.gle/vbPNa8jE6zStuPr5</a>
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**9am- 2pm EST | April 24**  
Virtual on Zoom, considering hybrid at BC campus if people are interested.



Join us on **April 24th, 9AM - 2PM on Zoom** to discuss research and innovations in global textile

waste!

This conference grew out of research conducted with the support of Schiller Institute seed grant funding and addresses textile pollution, a form of environmental racism, that severely impacts countries in the Global South. Awareness of its public health implications remains low, despite over 34 billion pounds of textile waste generated annually in the U.S. There is a gap in understanding how individuals, especially youth, can take meaningful political and community action to address this issue and bring about local and systemic change.

Additionally, if you would be interested to be a presenter, please contact [leaps@makefashionclean.org](mailto:leaps@makefashionclean.org)

**Thanks for being a part of our Schiller Institute family and we hope to see you in two weeks when The Scoop comes out again! Make sure to send The Scoop to your friends and family, so they can be part of our community as well.**

**Also, did you know you can respond to this email? We check our inbox frequently and would love to hear your thoughts about The Scoop, fun opportunities you've had relating to environment, health, and energy, and more. If you let us know, we might feature you in the next edition!**

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