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# ELON SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER

## Don't Trash It!—Donate It

By: Kelly Harer

Each year, the Office of Sustainability manages Elon's end-of-year move out program, Don't Trash It!. Last year was the largest event yet, with over 8 tons of items—including 1,500 pounds of food and 135 bedding sets—donated to various local non-profit organizations throughout the course of the three-week program. This year's event will take place May 14-31, and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to get involved, whether that's by donating items or volunteering for a shift to help collect and sort items. Students living on campus can drop items at the Donation Station in their residential neighborhood.

Students living off campus as well as faculty and staff can drop items off directly at the Habitat for Humanity and Goodwill trucks parked in the Oaks or Danieley residential neighborhood parking lots. The trucks will be open for donations from approximately 8:30 am to 5:30 pm each day May 14-31. More details, including information about your nearest donation station, can be found in the Don't Trash It! [FAQ sheet](#). Keep an eye out for a call for volunteers as the end of the semester approaches!

### What is collected?

- Unopened, nonperishable food
- CLEAN sheets, blankets & comforters
- Furniture, in good condition
- CLEAN clothing and small housewares in working condition

### What is NOT collected?

- Rugs
- Pillows (throw pillows are ok)
- Opened food
- Open cleaning products
- Dirty items
- Broken items

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# Faculty Spotlight: Scott Morrison

By: Cara DePan

Scott Morrison, assistant professor of education, dedicates a remarkable amount of time and energy to increasing the number of ways to conduct learning outside. Solidifying his love for being immersed in nature, Morrison's week-long Outward Bound backpacking excursion through mountains of North Carolina offered a formative experience after his second year at Appalachian State University. Because his own environmental stewardship and fresh outlook were acquired during college, he works to make environmental education an integral part of the Elon student experience. He constantly assesses where environmental discourse can be interwoven with other disciplines and spearheaded the development of both the environmental education minor and adventure based learning minor.



Morrison challenges other faculty to envision their lesson plans with an outside component or take a visit to the Loy Farm forest classroom. There, he not only kindles thought-provoking discussions regarding education and humanity's fragile relationship with nature, but he also ignites campfires to commence each class and challenges his students to find their own spark. Morrison engages with sustainability by creatively integrating it into lesson plans or educating those around him about balancing environmental, social and economic needs. He encourages us all to get out in the local community and offer a helping hand to people, organizations and schools making a difference. Looking forward, Morrison hopes to be at Elon for the next 25 years, aid in the creation of a robust environmental education major, see multiple outdoor classroom locations and see an established nature school for children that will ultimately benefit elementary and Elon students alike.

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# Staff Spotlight: Barb Carlton

By: Evan Strickland



Barb Carlton is Elon's Assistant Director of the Moseley Center and a true champion for sustainability on campus. She notes that for as long as she can remember, her decision-making has been guided by an acute "attention to sustainability". Barb believes "people should take care of the earth. [It's just] the right thing to do." Barb has continually made a conscious decision to vote for sustainability both with her dollar and in her actions as well as to try to nurture good habits in other people. Her commitment peaked as she started her own family and realized the absurd "amount of waste that comes with having children". Two of the first things she recalls cutting out of their life were disposable diapers and paper towels; they used cloth alternatives. As her children grew, she tried to instill this mindset in them via countless other sustainability efforts, and now that they are older, Barb notes, "they practice some of these things I did at home."

Barb brings this same 'lead by example' mindset to Elon every day by modeling sustainable behaviors. She can be found using reusable cups and utensils, only taking what she knows she can eat in the dining halls, using compostable containers, helping people understand the different waste bins around campus (landfill, recycle, and compost), and encouraging students to live sustainably. Barb would like to bring awareness to the fact that "there is a floating mass of plastic bottles in the ocean the size of Texas" and that we all need to do our parts to make sure it doesn't get any bigger. She truly believes that "it is easier to change behavior when you are young" and that little changes really do matter – two reasons why she tries so hard to promote sustainable practices within the Elon University community.

# Student Spotlight: Krisandra Provencher

By: Gibson Field

In an effort to bring attention to the effects of climate change, Elon senior Krisandra Provencher organized Human Rights and Climate Change: exploring the human costs of a changing world. Advertised as a two-part experience, Krisandra Provencher held this event on March 12th of 2019. Part one consisted of a panel filled with various Elon faculty and community members that discussed how climate change has impacted their fields of study, businesses or careers to “showcase the transdisciplinary nature of climate change”. Part two involved a tabling session with several on-campus clubs and organizations. The goal of this event was “to provide students with an immediate way to further get involved with and/or engage with issues and topics discussed during the panel,” Provencher says.

Provencher proves to be no stranger to this type of engagement. Indeed, she is a woman who grew up in a family that emphasized the importance of our planet and the adventure that lies within its borders. Consequently, Provencher has fostered a passion for the nexus between the environment, community and culture. She acts upon this passion through small acts of sustainability, such as purchasing goods from local businesses to help promote the local economy and drinking from a reusable water bottle rather than its plastic counterpart. Additionally, she credits her experience in Elon’s Gap Semester program, and the Sustainable Development core capstone she took while enrolled, with providing her a better understanding of the importance of sustainability and how its applicability can transcend beyond simple tasks and into formulating solutions that can reach a global scale.

Her role as Director of Human Rights & Advocacy programs at Elon Volunteers, however, has been her biggest step towards making a sustainable difference. In fact, this leadership role gave Provencher the edge necessary to hold Human Rights & Climate Change in early March. “I think it is really easy to think of climate change in solely environmental terms, but in doing so, we are missing half the battle” says Provencher. In fact, Provencher believes there is a lack of transdisciplinary dialogues about our environment that reach across all of campus. Thus, by including students, faculty, staff and community members in a discussion revolving around the real-world implications of climate change, her event demonstrated how sustainable choices can help combat against general ignorance and neglect of our planet. Moreover, Provencher emphasized the role Elon’s Office of Sustainability and Elon Volunteers played in advocating for the event. This provokes a feeling of hope that communities can come together to address climate change in a positive and meaningful way.



# GET INVOLVED

## Submit to the Database!

### What is it?

Online platform of past or current student projects related to sustainability

### Why submit?

This is an opportunity to showcase your work and offer research ideas to interested undergraduates

### How to submit:

Either e-mail Cara DePan (cdepan@elon.edu) for assistance or:

1. Go to ["The Sustainability Projects Database"](#)
2. Log in with Elon username & password
3. \*Click\* "To add a project click here"

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## Earth Week 2019 Events

# EARTH WEEK

April 2019

15	<b>Monday</b> 6 PM   Elon Potluck for the Planet at the Elon Community Garden 7:30-8:30 PM   Outdoor yoga at Phi Beta Kappa Plaza
16	<b>Tuesday</b> 1-2 PM   Loy Farm Tour: Meet in front of Center for the Arts <i>Registration is required: email sustainability@elon.edu to register</i> 11-2 PM   Farm to Fork lunch+ at Clohan Hall 1:30-4:30 PM   Elon Wellness Fair* at Koury Athletic Center 7:30 PM   Earth Week Speaker, David W. Orr: Democracy in a Hotter Time <i>Mckinnon Hall</i>
17	<b>Wednesday</b> 9:25 AM   Core Forum with David W. Orr <i>Global Commons Media Room 103</i> 12:15 PM   Core Forum with David W. Orr <i>Global Commons Media Room 103</i> 9 PM   S'mores with Outdoors at Beck Pool Patio
18	<b>Thursday</b> 3-6:30 PM   Elon Farmer's Market* at the Elon Community Church 4:30-6:30 PM   Party for the Planet* at Colonnades Neighborhood 5-8 PM   Plant-Based Meal+ at Clohan Hall
19	<b>Friday</b> 2-5 PM   River Clean-Up: Meet in front of Center for the Arts <i>Registration is required: email sustainability@elon.edu to register   Transportation is provided</i>

\*Check-in at the Office of Sustainability/Eco-rep table to be entered into raffle | +Attending these events will not increase your number of raffle entries | For more information, visit [elon.edu/sustainability](#)

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## Contest Information

Fill out this year's Earth Week Questionnaire to enter to win one of three grand prizes! Want more chances to win? Participate in Earth Week events! Earn five additional prize entries for each event attended. Check out the Earth Week calendar for a list of events!

## Three Grand Prizes:

\$100 Phoenix Cash and two hammocks!