

Sustainability - Pedagogy and Curriculum

Session C - Spring Faculty Workshop, Valparaiso University [5/16/22]

Please fill out the survey [scan the QR code], then take five minutes to discuss the following questions/topics with your neighbors:

- Are you addressing sustainability topics in your courses? If not, what are some constraints you're facing?
- If someone in your group doesn't see a way to incorporate these topics in their courses, brainstorm how it could be done.
- Did your group discussion generate any ideas/resources? What did you come up with?

Survey
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Eco-Pedagogy

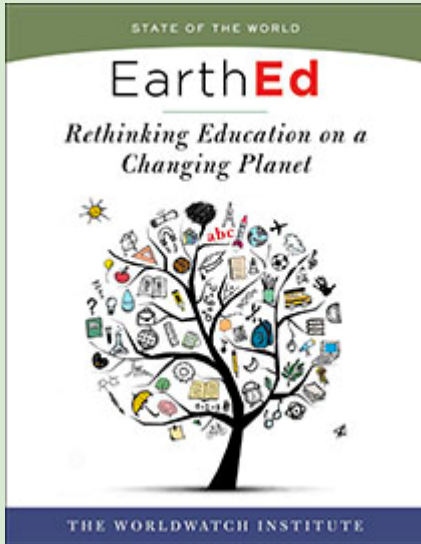
And Our Interdisciplinary Faculty Learning Community (FLC)

- ❑ What is **eco-pedagogy**? Why is it important?
- ❑ FLC created to address eco-pedagogy from an **interdisciplinary approach**, taking advantage of synergies/connections between fields
- ❑ **Departments/Units represented:** Biology, Chemistry, Christ College, Communications and Visual Arts, Economics, Office of Sustainability, Sociology and Criminology, World Languages and Cultures

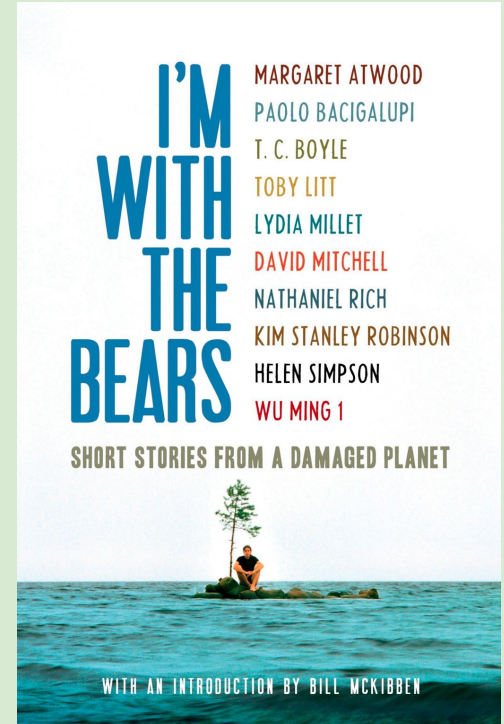
What we did...

In our Eco-Pedagogy FLC (Oct 2021 - May 2022)

Readings covered:



And more!



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Proposed CORE readings related to topic of sustainability:

- ❑ Margaret Atwood's short story "Time Capsule Found on the Dead Planet" (2009)
- ❑ Melissa Troutman and Joshua B. Pribanic's documentary film *Invisible Hand* (2020)



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Interdisciplinary teaching activities developed in small groups:

- VU Plastics Summit (Biology, Environmental Humanities, Spanish for Business)
- From Soil to Soil: Trace your Meal (Economics, Food Systems)
- Heroes and the Natural World (Mythology/Literature, Environmental Justice)

**Activity
Resources**



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What we did...

In our Eco-Pedagogy FLC (Oct 2021 - May 2022)

Teaching Resilience and Sustainability [4/29/22],
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- ❑ Two guest speakers: Laurie Eberhardt [plastic pollution] and Dan Perkins [regenerative agriculture]
- ❑ FLC participants presented their activities and discussed them with the public



TEACHING RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

An Interdisciplinary Eco-pedagogy Workshop

-  Learning about Plastic Pollution and its Impact on Living Organisms
Laurie Eberhardt [Dept. of Biology, VU]
-  Regenerative Agriculture. Redefining the Way We Eat
Dan Perkins [Perkins' Good Earth Farm]
-  Plastics, Food, Heroes and Forgotten Voices: Four Examples of Interdisciplinary Activities
Eco-pedagogy Faculty Learning Community
-  Are We Teaching Our Students the Skills They Need to Thrive in a Changing World?
Discussion

Friday, April 29, 4:00-6:00 PM
Helge Center Multipurpose Room

Refreshments will be served. Zoom ID: 836 9060 0483 Passcode: ECOVU

Let us know if you are planning on attending!



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What we did...

In our Eco-Pedagogy FLC (Oct 2021 - May 2022)

Ongoing discussions and future plans:

- Survey of attitudes towards climate change on campus
- Digital repository of open access activities and resources from all disciplines
- Language for a sustainability USLO

Thank you!