

# C4E NEWS

A MONTHLY ROUND-UP  
OF NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM  
THE STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY  
COLLABORATIVE FOR THE EARTH

## February 2024

### C4E Kickoff Meetings & Open House

C4E held its official kickoff meetings on January 16 (at C4E HQ) and February 9 (online version), both of which were well attended with representatives from across all units of campus.

The C4E team outlined the current strategy for building community and collaborations through the C4E, and Associate Provost for Climate and Sustainability Programming Kevin Reed described his plans to develop new approaches to graduate programs in climate and sustainability. This academic year the C4E is focused on offshore wind, and the group discussed a range of activities that are being organized around the topic of offshore wind, including our first annual debate and integration into Spring 2023 undergraduate reading and writing courses. The C4E is building out a series of events to facilitate connections on campus and with the local community with an eye towards fostering the kind of interdisciplinary collaborations that will be required to solve the major environmental challenges of the 21st century.

Check out our calendar of events below (registration links included where RSVP is required). One exciting event for the fall is a C4E-sponsored field trip to Block Island to see the wind turbines. Please save the date, an RSVP form will be sent to the C4E mailing list shortly.

# Save the Date!

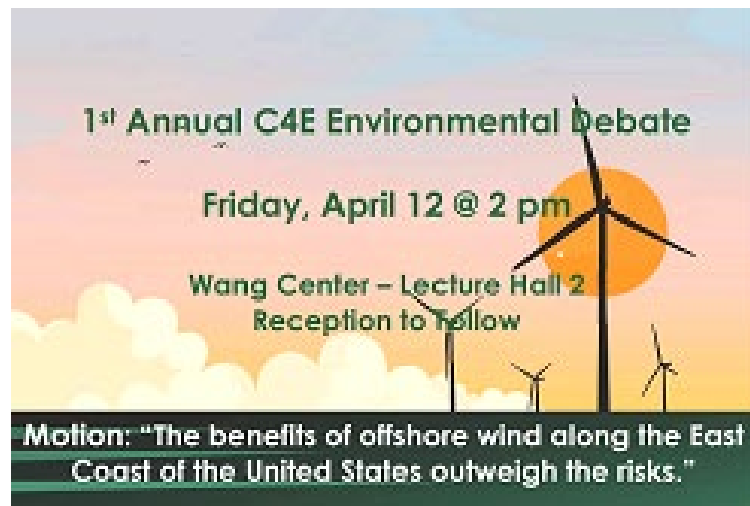
## Offshore Wind Farm Field Trip to Block Island

Friday, October 25, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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### Events

- ❖ Offshore Wind Lunch & Learn for students interested in careers in the offshore wind industry: Wednesday, April 3 @ 2:00-3:30 pm in Endeavor Hall, Room 120  
RSVP form and more details are coming shortly.
- ❖ 1st Annual C4E Environmental Debate: Friday, April 12 @ 2:00 pm



**[RSVP by 4/1/24 using this link](#)**

- ❖ Earthstock: A Celebration of Earth Day @ Stony Brook University - Friday, April 19 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
  - C4E will be hosting a couple of tables so come on down and say hi!

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## C4E Advisory Board

The C4E is going to have a small advisory board of faculty and community members to help chart the best path forward for our community. These will be relatively short (1-4 semesters) obligations so we can get as many voices engaged as possible over the next few years. Our current advisory board members are:

**Paul Shepson:** Dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences

**Kristen Shorette:** Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

**Catherine Kier:** Division Chief of Pediatric Pulmonary

**Reuben Kline:** Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

**Elizabeth Hewitt:** Associate Professor, Department of Technology and Society

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## New C4E Website

We have a new website ([link](#)), though we are still in the process of building it out with new content. If you have any comments or suggestions, shoot us an email at [c4e@stonybrook.edu](mailto:c4e@stonybrook.edu).

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## Working Group Updates

We have had some vigorous discussions within the offshore wind working group and look forward to seeing everyone at the April 12 debate.

We have also been soliciting interest in a working group/discussion group on the topics of environmental justice and environmental ethics (broadly defined). If you are interested in joining this working group, please email [c4e@stonybrook.edu](mailto:c4e@stonybrook.edu) and we will put you on our email list so you can get involved.

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## Grants

If you see solicitations that are C4E relevant - let us know at [c4e@stonybrook.edu](mailto:c4e@stonybrook.edu). Here is one that might be of interest and has an approaching deadline:

[NSF 24-534: Civic Innovation Challenge \(CIVIC\)- A Research and Action Competition Driven By Community Priorities](#)

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