

# **NEWS from SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE**

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## **Environmental Awareness Week at San Diego City College School Lecture Series includes Dr. Lisa Shaffer from *An Inconvenient Truth***

**San Diego, CA**...As part of its Zero Waste and Environmental Sustainability effort at San Diego City College and throughout the San Diego Community College District, City College celebrates Environmental Awareness Week from November 26-29<sup>th</sup> with a series of lectures, films and art competitions.

Dr. Lisa Shaffer, trained by Al Gore to present his *An Inconvenient Truth* slide show, will talk on Global Warming on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. The executive director of the UCSD Environment and Sustainability Initiative and an adjunct professor at UCSD's School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS), Shaffer earned her B.A. from the University of Michigan in political science and international relations, and her Ph.D. from the George Washington University in political science and public policy. Shaffer spent the first 25 years of her career in Washington, D.C., in a variety of positions in NASA, NOAA, and the private sector, focusing on international cooperation in studying the earth from space, before joining Scripps in 1998.

In nine years with the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Shaffer sponsored the Scripps environmental science and policy student group and helped coordinate with other UCSD student groups in environment and sustainability. She teaches a graduate course at IR/PS called "Policy Issues in Sustainable Development." As of September 2007, she is also a student in the executive MBA program of the Rady School of Management at UCSD.

Karon Klipple, Co-Chair of the City College Environmental Stewardship Committee noted that its 32-member committee has representatives from a wide variety of campus departments, including professors, students, administrators and staff. City College President Terry Burgess said, "It is great to see students, faculty and the community working together on this critically important cause. From reducing waste to decreasing energy use, we all have a role in ensuring our environmental sustainability."

In conjunction with the Student Environmental Committee, additional Environmental Awareness Week events at City College include a Live Art Challenge on Monday and Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27. Live Art participants will compete to create art out of recyclables in the Curran Plaza from 10:00 a.m. – noon. Through December 3, students will design and submit posters about recycling for the Graphic Arts contest for prizes and publication. On Monday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. in front of the cafeteria, children will be treated to a reading by Deborah Sherrel from her book, *Baby Lauren and Theodore*. Sherrel's book teaches children the valuable role that trees play in the environment and Sherrel will discuss how she saved trees in the printing of her book ([www.healingtreearts.com](http://www.healingtreearts.com))

Throughout the week, several films will show daily – **Monday, November 26:** *Solar Energy, Saved by the Sun* at 9:15 a.m., *Empty Oceans, Empty Nets* at 10:45 a.m., *The Future of Food* at 2:40 p.m., and *Seattle: the Future is Now* at 4:00 p.m. on; **Tuesday, November 27:** *Power Shift* at 4:00 p.m. and 4:40 p.m., *Mama Earth: Her Destiny*

– *Our Hands* at 11:00; **Wednesday, November 28:** *Mama Earth: Her Destiny – Our Hands (repeat)* at 2:40 p.m., *Los Angeles: “Dream a Different City”* at 4:10 p.m.; **Thursday, November 29:** *Power Shift* at 11:15 a.m. and 12:00; *The Power of the Sun* at 1:40, *The Future We Will Create* at 9:40 a.m., 4:00 p.m.. Additionally, each day from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the college cafeteria more films will be run, *Grocery Store Wars*, *French Fries to Go*, *Seeds of Hope*, *Green Energy*, *Auto Revolution*, and *The Green House*.

Most events are held in the Saville Theater at 15<sup>th</sup> & C, the campus cafeteria, or campus classrooms. For a full schedule please see the City College Events page at [www.sdcity.edu](http://www.sdcity.edu) or [www.sdcity.edu/esc](http://www.sdcity.edu/esc).

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