



Vulnerability and Resilience in the Fauxtroversy Age

Vulnerability is the state of being exposed to harm, and can be recognized in both individuals and systems. Resilience describes the ability to recover from a traumatic, injurious event. Together, these two terms offer assessment of sustainability, for systems with high vulnerability and low resilience cannot be sustainable. Yet the merits of sustainability thinking are often occluded by misinformation prevalent in the various media—"fake news," or "fauxtroversy," has become news itself. A better understanding of the relationship between vulnerability and resilience requires increased information literacy.

The Fall 2017 Miami Dade College InterAmerican Campus faculty learning community—part of the college-wide Global Sustainability and Earth Literacy Studies (GSELS) learning network—combines both vulnerability and information literacy. Related modules are integrated into participating faculty's curricula, with service-learning/civic engagement opportunities for students highlighted, culminating in a weeklong symposium at InterAmerican Campus November 27 through December 1.

Schedule of events:

- **Thursday, October 26th**
 - 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM: *Cyber Security Awareness Fair*, Omi Ramirez, MDC InterAmerican Campus Information Officer
- **Monday, November 27th**
 - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM in IAC Flag Courtyard: *Information Literacy Fair*
 - 8:00 – 8:50 AM in IAC 401: *"Vulnerability and Resilience,"* Mike Matthews, Earth Ethics Institute
 - 9:00 – 9:50 AM in IAC 401: *"Psychology Student Videos,"* Professor Miriam Frances Abety, Natural and Social Sciences
 - 10:00 – 10:50 AM in IAC 401: *"Vulnerability with Computer Identification,"* Professor Diego Tibaquira, School of Engineering and Technology
 - 11:00 – 11:50 AM in IAC 401: *"Information Literacy,"* Omelio Ramirez, Campus Information Officer, MDC InterAmerican Campus
 - **Noon activity** (12:00 – 1:00 PM, meeting in Flag Courtyard): *"Privilege Walk,"* Viesha Andrews, PeaceJam
- **Tuesday, November 28th**
 - 7:00 – 7:50 AM in IAC 6013-00: *"Remember Your Humanity!"* Professor Rene Revuelta, Natural and Social Sciences
 - **8:00 AM – 1:00 PM** in IAC Flag Courtyard: *Information Literacy Fair*
 - 8:25 – 9:40 AM in IAC 401: *"Untouchable"* documentary film screening, Professor Miriam Frances Abety, Natural and Social Sciences
 - 9:50 – 11:05 AM in IAC 401: *"Sex Offending Panel,"* Professor Miriam Frances Abety, Natural and Social Sciences
 - 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM in IAC 401: *"From Harry Potter to Twitter: Fake News and How to Fight It"* Professor Emily Sendin, Communication, Art, and Philosophy



- **Noon activity** (12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, meeting in Flag Courtyard): *“Campus Ecology Walk,”* Mike Matthews, Earth Ethics Institute
- 12:40 – 1:55 PM in room 401: *“Evolving or Devolving? Unveiling the Subtle Hints of Gentrification”* Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy (iCED)
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM in IAC 401: *“The Matrix: Lifestyle and Resilience,”* Professor Albert Lenel, Communication, Art, and Philosophy
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM in IAC 3103, *“Critical Community Practice for Sustainable Solutions,”* Professor Oscar Gonzalez, Communication, Art, and Philosophy
- **Wednesday, November 29th**
 - 7:00 – 7:50 AM in IAC 6013-00: *“Remember Your Humanity!”* Professor Rene Revuelta, Natural and Social Sciences
 - **8:00 AM – 1:00 PM** in IAC Flag Courtyard: *Information Literacy Fair*
 - 9:00 – 9:50 AM in IAC 401: *“Access and Vulnerability,”* Walter Anders, Director of Access Services, MDC InterAmerican Campus
 - 10:00 – 10:50 AM in IAC 3103: *“Critical Community Practice for Sustainable Solutions,”* Professor Oscar Gonzalez, Communication, Art, and Philosophy
 - 10:30 – 11:35 AM in IAC 6013-00, *“Remember Your Humanity!”* Professor Rene Revuelta, Natural and Social Sciences
 - 12:00 – 12:50 PM in IAC 401: *“Truth in Food Poster Session,”* Professor Carlos Fernandez, Natural and Social Sciences
 - **Noon activity** (12:00 – 1:00 PM, meeting in Flag Courtyard): *“Pranayama for Resilience,”* Isabel Duque, InterAmerican Campus Learning Resources
 - **Keynote address** 1:30 – 2:30 PM in IAC 401: *“History and Vulnerability of the Pine Rockland Habitat,”* Roger Hammer, award-winning professional naturalist, author, botanist and photographer
- **Thursday, November 30th**
 - 7:00 – 8:15 AM in IAC 6013-00: *“Remember Your Humanity!”* Professor Rene Revuelta, Natural and Social Sciences
 - **8:00 AM – 1:00 PM** in IAC Flag Courtyard: *Information Literacy Fair*
 - 8:25 – 9:40 AM in IAC 401: *“Fake News in History,”* Professor Paul Tisevich, Social Sciences
 - 9:50 – 11:05 AM in IAC 401: *“Fake News and Memes,”* Professor Taurie Gittings, Communication, Arts, and Philosophy
 - 9:50 – 11:05 AM in IAC 3103: *“Faux Pas? Or, Not?”* Professor Jose Aragon, Natural and Social Sciences
 - 11:15 – 12:30 PM in IAC 3103: *“Critical Community Practice for Sustainable Solutions,”* Professor Oscar Gonzalez, Communication, Art, and Philosophy
 - **Noon activity** (12:00 – 1:00 PM, meeting in Flag Courtyard): *“Laughter Yoga,”* Professor Miriam Frances Abety, Natural and Social Sciences
- **Friday, December 1st**
 - 7:00 – 7:50 AM in IAC 6013-00: *“Remember Your Humanity!”* Professor Rene Revuelta, Natural and Social Sciences
 - 9:00 – 9:50 AM in IAC 6011-31: *“Fake News, Alternative Facts, and Misinformation: Learning to Critically Evaluate Media Sources,”* Beth Cloues and Isabel Duque, InterAmerican Campus Learning Resources



- 10:00 – 10:50 AM in IAC 401, *“The Matrix: Lifestyle and Resilience”* Professor Albert Lenel, communication, Art, and Philosophy
- 11:00 – 11:50 AM in IAC 401: *“Poster Session: Kampong Gardens’ Ecosystem and Post-Irma Restoration Efforts,”* Professors Adrienne Thompson and Cynthia Schuemann, World Languages
- **Noon activity** (12:00 – 2:00 in IAC 401): *“Hunger Banquet,”* Earth Ethics Institute, PeaceJam, and the Institute for Civic Engagement and Democracy
- **Wednesday, December 6th**
 - Noon – 2:00 PM in IAC 6013-00: *“Speak Out on Resilience”* student showcase, Professor Rene Revuelta, Natural and Social Sciences

