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Jake Auchincloss
Keynote Speaker

*Reinventing Transportation
through the Green New Deal*

- Keynote 10:45 a.m.
- Morning Workshops 11:45 a.m.
- Lunch 12:45 p.m.
- Afternoon Workshops 1:45 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jake Auchincloss

Reinventing Transportation through the Green New Deal

Jake Auchincloss is a former Marine officer, a current Newton city councilor, and a candidate for Congress in the Massachusetts 4th District. He has managed teams at both a Fortune 100 and a startup in Boston and holds degrees in economics and finance from Harvard and MIT. At Liberty Mutual, Jake helped orient the company towards risk solutions for a greener, less congested transportation system.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Daniel Adams

Green Infrastructure Yesterday and Today in Boston's Emerald Necklace

ALMY 84

Dan Adams is a co-founding partner of Landing Studio, an architecture and urban design practice based in Boston, and the Director of the School of Architecture at Northeastern University. The work of Landing Studio is focused on the design of industrial and infrastructural systems in cities through shared-use landscapes, buildings, light installations, festivals, exhibitions, tours, and industry/community operations agreements. Landing Studio's work has been recognized with multiple AIA National Honor Awards, a Progressive Architecture Award, the American Planning Association Gold Achievement Award, Waterfront Center Awards, and the Architectural League Prize and has been exhibited at institutions including MIT, RISD, Parsons, and the City College of New York.

Shannon Beale and Elizabeth Mahony

Solar Energy in the Commonwealth

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Elizabeth Mahony is an Assistant Attorney General and Senior Policy Advisor for Energy for Maura Healey, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Elizabeth serves in the Energy and Telecommunications Division, where she focuses on utility clean energy procurements, solar program development, clean energy rate design, and consumer protection. She is also the liaison for energy policy and legislation. Prior to working for Attorney General Healey, Elizabeth served as the Acting General Counsel for the Department of Energy Resources, and as Committee Counsel to Benjamin Downing, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy. Elizabeth is a graduate of Marist College and Suffolk University Law School.

Shannon Beale is an Assistant Attorney General with the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. Shannon serves in the Energy and Telecommunications Division, where she focuses on utility clean energy procurements, solar program development, clean energy rate design, and consumer protection. Prior to working for Attorney General Healey, Shannon served as a Hearing Officer with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Shannon is a graduate of Ithaca College and holds both a J.D. and a master's degree in environmental law and policy from Vermont Law School.

Matt Casale

Transforming Transportation: Promoting a Healthy Environment by Changing the Way We Get Around

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Matt Casale is the Transportation Campaign director at the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG), an advocate for the public interest. U.S. PIRG speaks out for a healthier, safer world in which we're freer to pursue our own individual well-being and the common good.

Mel Gadd

Climate Change Impact on Bees and Other Pollinators and its Impact on Humanity

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For over 14 years, Mel Gadd has been involved with the Essex County Beekeepers Association (ECBA) and keeping bees in Cambridge, MA. He was the Chair of the ECBA Bee School in 2015. Mel maintains 22 hives, one in his backyard, three at schools where he works with students as the beekeepers, and 18 hives at Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln, MA where he oversees a major beekeeping program. He also teaches about bees in numerous programs, including Bee School, a five-week introduction to beekeeping. Mel has been involved with using non-traditional types of hives (top bar, Warre hives, Slovenian & Valkyrie Horizontal hives) as well as the traditional Langstroth hive. As part of his work at Drumlin Farm, Mel has been conducting experiments with natural approaches to dealing with the problems of the bees. Mel travels around the region giving talks at schools and other groups on beekeeping, the natural approaches to working with the bees, and its importance to us all. Mel was named the "Beekeeper of the Year" in 2017 by the Massachusetts Beekeepers Association.

Mags Harries

Can an Artist Create Change?

CHASE 45

Mags Harries teaches courses on sculpture, installation, and public art at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She is a member of the Boston Sculptors Gallery, and her public art projects have received national recognition and won many awards. She frequently designs her work with landscape materials and responds to environmental issues, and she believes there is nothing more exhilarating than creating projects that become part of public space and creating environments that affect people's lives. She enjoys the challenge to create something that grows out of the place and feels each project brings her into new areas of research and discovery. She has exhibited her work in numerous solo shows at national and international institutions.

Reva Haselkorn

Act Locally, Impact Globally: the Power of a Community Farm

ALMY 86

Newton Community Farm (NCF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing a community that teaches and models sustainable agricultural and environmental practices on the historic Angino Farm. Reva Haselkorn is the Director of Education at NCF. A native of Newton, Reva attended Solomon Schechter Day School on Wells Ave (around the corner from the Farm) and helped found Gann Academy in Waltham. She earned a bachelor's degree in architecture at Princeton University, after which she spent time in South America teaching English, backpacking, and learning Spanish. After several years working at a small architecture firm, Reva returned to Newton and received an associate's degree from Le Cordon Bleu in Cambridge. Since then, she has worked with nonprofits, for profits, and schools in the Boston area on community health and culinary education. Reva is excited to return to her hometown and work with the community to grow, cook, and eat delicious local food.

Dr. Kelly Kryc

Climate Change and the Ocean

CHASE 48

Dr. Kelly Kryc is the Director of Conservation Policy and Leadership at the New England Aquarium. Her work focuses on transforming science into action that protects the blue planet. Dr. Kryc is an energy and environment policy professional who formerly held positions with the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the U.S. State Department, The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the U.S. Department of the Interior. Her doctoral research focused on understanding extreme climate variability in Antarctica during the past 10,000 years. Dr. Kryc is also a professor at Georgetown University.

Emily Norton

The Charles River Story - From Sewer to Jewel, and What It Means in a Climate Change Era

PAPPAS LAB

As Executive Director of the Charles River Watershed Association, Emily Norton directs a staff of scientists and advocates focused on protecting and preserving the Charles River and its watershed communities. She previously served as the Massachusetts Director for the Sierra Club, where she led a team advocating for stronger renewable energy policies at the state and local level and trained hundreds of volunteers to be effective clean energy advocates. Emily also serves as an elected City Councilor in her hometown of Newton, where she has led on advancing clean energy, banning plastic bags, restricting the use of polluting leaf blowers, and changing the name from the outdated "Alderman" to "City Councilor." Emily holds a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Vermont and a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.

David Purdy P '23, '26, '28, '31

Sustainable Investing

CHASE 47

David Purdy joined Acadian Asset Management in 2006 and is a member of the Portfolio Management Team. Prior to becoming a portfolio manager at Acadian, David specialized in factor attribution and portfolio analysis as well as data infrastructure and data visualization. Before coming to Acadian, he was a quantitative analyst at GMO, responsible for portfolio research and specialized in the design and implementation of custom attribution and portfolio analytics tools. David began his career at Putnam Investments, where as an intern, he applied his physics background to the development of a trading operations system. David holds an M.B.A. with a concentration in investments and a M.S. in finance from Northeastern University as well as a B.A. in economics from Wheaton College.

Mary Savoca

Sustainable Fashion in Boston and Beyond

CHASE 46

Mary Savoca is co-founder of Ash & Rose, a Boston-based boutique and online shop that specializes in ethical and sustainable fashion. Her goal is to help small-scale designers with big hearts connect with customers in the real world. As buyer and general manager of Ash & Rose, Mary is responsible for product sourcing and curation, managing the brick-and-mortar boutique, overseeing online sales and marketing, and advising on the designs of the private label Ash & Rose Collection. On a typical work day you'll find her at the Ash & Rose boutique in Boston, styling customers and meeting with designers. After 4 years in business with Ash & Rose, Mary is proud to say she's outfitted over 20,000 women in sustainable fashion. When she's not working, Mary enjoys outdoor adventures with her husband and two feisty toddlers.