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## OS Bear Prints

*Sustainable Scoop about Treading Lightly on the Planet*

**The Water Issue**

**March 2,  
2015**

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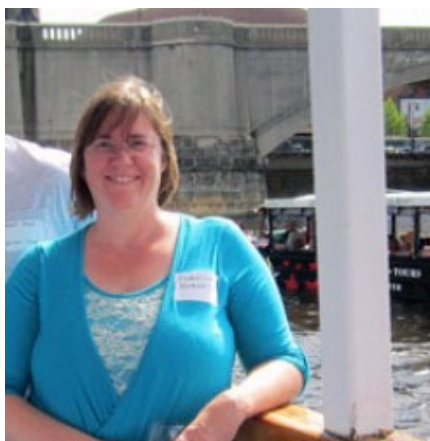
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### Green Living Certification

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### Dr. Rebecca Roberts: Researching Plastics and Water



Dr. Rebecca Roberts came to Ursinus College in 2001. She currently serves as an Associate Professor of Biology and a Co-Coordinator of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program. When asked about how she became interested in the male-dominated BCMB field, Dr. Roberts shares, “I went to Clark University in Massachusetts for my undergraduate degree. I started out as a Chemistry major, but a new BCMB major was introduced my sophomore year. I found the chemistry behind the biology to be so intriguing. I was in the first class to graduate from Clark with a degree in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology. I still love this field – ask any of my students and they’ll tell you how giddy I get when talking to them about proteins! Yup, I’m a geek.”

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## Recyclemania Carnival

### Sustainability Tips

#### **Leaky Faucets**

A leaky faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day. Report shower or sink leaks to facilities so they can be fixed and we can save water.

#### **Reusable Water Bottles**

Carry a reusable water bottle with you instead of using plastic water bottles. Did you know that we throw away roughly 50 billion bottles a year?

[Click here for more tips about conserving water!](#)



Thanks to all who came out to the Recyclemania Carnival this year. At the carnival various Greek Organizations and Clubs participated by having tables with different games to raise awareness about recycling. There were DIY crafts, fresh and local snacks, as well as games. Thanks to Sustainability Fellow, Zach Trauger, and the EcoReps for coordinating such a great event!

### EnviroNEWS

#### **Water crisis in Sao Paolo**

Brazil is known for having vast resources of fresh water but in Sao Paolo the taps are running dry. This is a water crisis, made worse by pollution, deforestation, and population growth.

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#### **Water.org looks to expand access to water**

Clean water is a basic human need yet 1/9 people do not have access to it. Access to clean water is a



The winner of the Power Games is **NEW HALL** with a 6.8% reduction in electricity consumption over the month of February! Congratulations!! Thank you for all involved with this energy consumption competition. Many of you participated by turning off lights when leaving rooms and unplugging chargers when they aren't in use. We saw reductions with all the halls over the past month. Please continue to reduce the residential halls' electricity consumption.

problem that disproportionately affects minority communities as well as those who live in poverty.

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### Go green for Spring Break

Consider eating local during spring break or visiting a local farmer's market. Take your bike on a trip instead of your car. There are lots of fun ways to make your spring break green!

[Click here for more tips!](#)

## Featured Fellow



This week's fellow is Karina Marks. Karina is the Water Conservation Fellow. Karina is an Environmental Studies major and Biology minor. She loves figuring out creative ways to promote water conservation to increase awareness around campus about conserving water. When she is not compiling mock water bills, you can find her in the gymnastics gym! Fun fact about Karina is that she used to live in Guam! Thanks for helping us save water Karina!



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