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The Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education made available online for current UF students, faculty and staff at no cost.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The UF Office of Sustainability will be a “Host Institution” for the [2020 Global Conference on Sustainability in Higher Education \(GCSHE\)](#), a virtual conference taking place on **October 20-22, 2020**.

Current UF students, faculty and staff are able to register for the virtual conference for free using their UFL.EDU email address and a UF-specific discount code. Registered attendees will have access to the full 3 days of live content and networking, as well as 30 days of on-demand access (through Nov. 22, 2020).

Organized by the Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE), the theme for 2020 GCHSE is “Mobilizing for a Just Transition”. Much of the conference will focus on centering justice in sustainability efforts to transform current systems, ensuring marginalized communities are not left behind. Some of the keynote speakers include Sara Goldrick-Rab, founding director of the Hope Center for College, Community & Justice, and Ibram X. Kendi, professor at Boston University and author of “How to Be an Anti-Racist”.

“We are looking forward to sharing this conference experience with the entire UF community of students, faculty and staff. Each year, AASHE organizes a conference that offers an abundance of inspiration, actionable resources and incredible connections, and I’m sure this year will be no different.” says Matt Williams, Director of the UF Office of Sustainability.

Attendees will have the opportunity to follow several session “tracks” throughout the conference including Public Outreach & Engagement, Teaching & Learning, and Student Organizing & Activism. There will also be keynote addresses by Wanjiku “Wawa” Gatheru, Environmental Justice Advocate, and Robin Wall Kimmerer, founder of the SUNY Center for Native Peoples and the Environment and author of “Braiding Sweetgrass”.

About the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE):

AASHE empowers higher education administrators, faculty, staff and students to be effective change agents and drivers of sustainability innovation. UF has implemented AASHE Sustainability Tracking and Rating System (STARS) on campus since 2011 and currently holds a Silver-level rating. For more information, visit www.aashe.org. Follow AASHE on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Registering for the Virtual Conference:

To learn more about the conference schedule and the full list of keynote speakers the UF community can visit <https://www.aashe.org/conference/>. To register, you must use a valid UFL.EDU address and the code UNIVFLORIDA100820 at <https://tinyurl.com/gcsheuf>.

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