

TED Talk: Eco-Edition

Hosted by Maria Maring

“If you adults won’t save the world, we will” by Xiye Bastida




U of I Land Acknowledgement Statement

"I would like to begin today by recognizing and acknowledging that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations. These lands were the traditional territory of these Native Nations prior to their forced removal; these lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.

"As a land-grant institution, the University of Illinois has a particular responsibility to acknowledge the peoples of these lands, as well as the histories of dispossession that have allowed for the growth of this institution for the past 150 years. We are also obligated to reflect on and actively address these histories and the role that this university has played in shaping them. This acknowledgement and the centering of Native peoples is a start as we move forward for the next 150 years."

https://chancellor.illinois.edu/land_acknowledgement.html

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About me

- Junior
- Shawnee National Forest <3 <3
- Majors: Earth, Society, and Environmental Sustainability & Spanish
- Minor: Natural Resources and Environmental Science Conservation
- Certificate in Environmental Writing
- iSEE Communications Intern
- Student Outreach Lead, Student Sustainability Committee
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- Articles:
 - <https://www.npr.org/2020/09/11/897692090/how-big-oil-misled-the-public-into-believing-plastic-would-be-recycled>
 - <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/oct/09/revealed-20-firms-third-carbon-emissions>



INVESTIGATIONS

How Big Oil Misled The Public Into Believing Plastic Would Be Recycled

September 11, 2020 · 5:00 AM ET
Heard on Morning Edition

 LAURA SULLIVAN

 4-Minute Listen



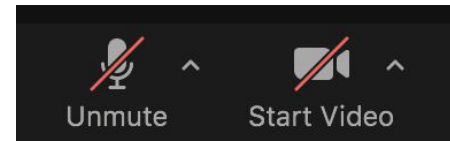
Revealed: the 20 firms behind a third of all carbon emissions



Xiye Bastida



- 18 years old
- *Mexicana-chilena*
- Fridays for Future NYC
- Co-founder of Re-Earth Initiative → **ACTION!**
- Food for thought for TED Talk:
 - Individual **vs.** corporate responsibility
 - Sustainability, activism → privilege?
 - Younger populations burdened by disproportionate responsibility
- **Camera, audio OFF → less buffering :)**
- 8 minutes long; July 2020
- Questions before the video?



Katharine Hayhoe

- Atmospheric scientist turned climate activist
- U of I alum!!!
- **“The most important thing you can do to fight climate change is talk about it.”**
- Doesn't focus on corporate responsibility -- it hasn't necessarily worked so far
- Spreading the word, convincing others to take action ➤ organizing action
- Each POV has pros & cons; are two parts of a whole?



Break-out Rooms

- Initial reactions?
- Considering Xiye's and Katharine's POVs, what do you believe is the most successful route for climate action:
 - In a personal, local context;
 - In a global context?
- Can large-scale action be successful without individual action?
- Which train of thought do you personally subscribe to more?
- If not protests, if not conversations, how do we demand accountability from gov'ts, corps, and other polluting entities? And what about our family & friends?
- ***Cameras on, don't be shy!!! :)***
- ***Breakout rooms will be 20 minutes long to allow time for big group discussion.***
- *Questions before we break out?*



Group discussion → Gallery view

Opportunities for YOU to take Action!

****Join local [Line 3](#) movement → Meeting Tomorrow!!**

Please email me mmaring2@illinois.edu if you want to be connected

****Get informed about 5th & Hill**

****Volunteer w [Grand Prairie Friends](#) → Garlic mustard removal Saturday!!**

Become a [SECs](#) member

Apply to [SSC](#) funding

Enroll in [PLAN](#) (Post-Landfill Action Network)

[“10 U of I Environmental Groups to Join”](#) (iSEE, 2019)

[Directory of environmentally-related RSOs](#)

Read up, speak up!!

Think global, act local.



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More Resources for You

- [UIUC iCAP 2020](#) (Illinois Climate Action Plan)
- Instagram [@intersectionalenvironmentalist](#)
- Instagram [@littlemissflint](#) - Mari Copeny - Flint, MI
- [Fridays for Future](#)
- [Re-Earth Initiative](#)
- Katharine Hayhoe - 2020 iSEE Keeling Lecture, "[Climate science in a fact-free world](#)"
- Katharine Hayhoe - 2018 TED Talk, "[The most important thing you can do to fight climate change: talk about it](#)"
- Maria Maring, Katharine Hayhoe - [Q Magazine Q&A](#)
- [Global Weirding](#)
- *Braiding Sweetgrass* - Robin Wall Kimmerer
- [Prairie Rivers Network](#) - Champaign
- [Sola Gratia Farm](#) - Champaign
- iSEE [Greener Campus](#)
- iSEE [Sustainability Calendar](#)
- Maria Maring, Q Magazine "[Solastalgia](#)"
- UIUC undergrad Alexa Smith - [An Economic Eclipse: Shifting Toward a Sustainable Future by Eliminating Waste](#)

