

## Scholarship Learning Community (SLC)

**Title:** Sustainability at DePaul - Finding Synergies and Collaborations

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### Description:

Sustainability is a vibrant, interdisciplinary research area spanning many different fields, including science, technology, engineering, business, design, and many others. In a university as large as DePaul, sustainability-focused scholars in one unit don't know what other sustainability research is being done in other units. It will be valuable to survey sustainability-related research and scholarship that is already happening here, so that we can find collaboration and synergies that will put us in a stronger position to advance sustainability research at DePaul. It is particularly important to make these connections so that we can better share and leverage research synergies in an era of limited resources. For example, these connections will help DePaul faculty making stronger external grant applications. Members of this Scholarly Learning Community will first discuss our own sustainability-related scholarship and investigate potential avenues of collaboration. Then we will find out who else at DePaul is engaged in sustainability-related scholarship, and also try to find Chicago-area, Local, or National organizations that work in the areas of sustainability. This may be done in collaboration with Advancement to see if there are foundation funding opportunities that might align with our ongoing work. The SLC work will be synergistic with the Designing DePaul goal of having a "The Hub: The Center for Interdisciplinary & Translational Research at DePaul", which includes the possibility of a sustainability institute, and our findings will be shared with anyone involved in that effort, as well as the staff of *Just DePaul*. All faculty are from all colleges welcome, as long as their scholarship includes a focus on some aspect of sustainability!

### Planned Activities for SLC Members:

**Meetings:** Synchronous zoom meetings every 2 weeks or so throughout the academic year, at a day and time chosen based on the SLC members' schedules. We may have a few in-person meetings if the SLC members are interested. We will work asynchronously between the meetings.

**Outputs of the SLC:** In addition to growing our own knowledge of sustainability scholarship at DePaul, we will make a summary document to be shared with DePaul faculty and stakeholders such as *Just DePaul* that includes information on ongoing sustainability work here, potential venues for publication of sustainability work, and organizations that may partner with faculty or fund work in sustainability. This document will be immensely valuable for new faculty and faculty who wish to move more into sustainability scholarship.

### Plan for the Academic Year:

#### AQ2024

- Introductions and sharing SLC members' current scholarly work related to sustainability
- Discuss our future goals plans for sustainability scholarship

- Start our summary document related to sustainability scholarship, with information such as publication venues/conferences that we know of for sustainability, who at DePaul is doing sustainability work, and organizations that fund sustainability work

### WQ2025

- Work on expanding our document by reaching out to faculty outside of the SLC at DePaul who do sustainability research and collecting information from them
- Reach out to Advancement/ORS and *Just DePaul* to collaborate on finding Chicagoland, Local, and National organizations that support sustainability efforts.
- See if we can find synergies and collaborations for future sustainability scholarship among SLC members

### SQ2025

- Continue working on our summary document
- Distribute a draft of the summary document for feedback to faculty and groups at DePaul outside of the SLC
- Finalize our summary document and share with the DePaul community
- Plan any future collaborations between SLC members