Earth Month Research Colloquium
3:00-4:30 pm, April 19, 2017
Location: Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus
McGinley Center Commons 237

Building Sustainable Cities and Living Sustainable Lifestyles

**Chair**: Dr. Jim Lewis, Chair of the University Research Council and Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences at Fordham University

**Welcome Remarks**: Dr. Stephen Freedman, Provost, Fordham University

**Keynote Speaker**: Dr. Steve Cohen, Executive Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University

**Abstract of the Keynote Speech**: Despite the current dysfunction in our nation’s capital, America is working to build sustainable cities and people across the country are adopting more sustainable lifestyles. We see this happening here in New York City and in cities all over America. Renewable energy, the sharing economy and technological advances are making it possible for people to live well while reducing their impact on the environment. The environmental movement began as a way to preserve nature, evolving into a movement to promote public health, then, more recently, sustainability, and is now increasingly integrated into how people live their day-to-day lives in the developed world. Earth Day reminds us of the importance of the planet, but the evolution from preservation to sustainability leads us to protect the planet not simply for its own sake, but for the well-being of humanity.
Speaker Bio: Dr. Steven Cohen is the Executive Director of Columbia University’s Earth Institute and a Professor in the Practice of Public Affairs at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs. He is also Director of the Master of Public Administration Program in Environmental Science and Policy at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, Director of the Masters of Science in Sustainability Management at Columbia University's School of Continuing Education, and the Director of the Research Program on Sustainability Policy and Management.

He is a 1970 graduate of James Madison High School in Brooklyn, New York. Cohen received his B.A. in Political Science from Franklin College of Indiana (1974), and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the State University of New York in Buffalo (1977; 1979). In 1976-77, Cohen was a Ford Foundation Fellow in Urban Environmental Policy; in 1978-79, he was a Rockefeller Foundation Fellow in Public and Environmental Policy and Implementation.

Dr. Cohen is a former policy analyst and consultant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Board of the Pew Faculty Fellowship in International Affairs, the Executive Committee and Committee on Accreditation and Peer Review of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Homes for the Homeless, Board of Directors of the Willdan Group, Inc., and Advisory Board of the University of Minnesota’s Institute on the Environment. Dr. Cohen also sits on the judging committee for the Yidan Prize Foundation.


All are welcome!

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