

💡 First Day Feels with a Side of Sustainability!



## What's The Scoop?

School's back and so is ***The Scoop***! Grab your backpacks, fill up your reusable bottle and get ready for an exciting lineup of events!

## Schiller Team Member Spotlight



### Meet Me!

Hey! My name is Magali De La Sancha and I am the new editor of ***The Scoop***. I grew up just 15 minutes outside Chicago, close enough that the city's neighborhoods like Pilsen and Little Village feel like home, reminding me of family and Mexico. But far enough that it bugs me when people claim "Chicago" while living hours away in Naperville or Waukegan. You might find me in my cozy dorm kitchen singing and dancing, while trying to recreate my mom's home-cooked meals, from ***tamales*** to ***chiles rellenos***.

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I'm a junior studying Neuroscience and Studio Art with a Philosophy minor. My interests are all over

the place, and I'm still figuring out exactly where I want to go career-wise. In the meantime, I love finding creative ways to connect my passions, whether that's through classes or by running ***The Scoop*** and managing the Schiller Institute's social media presence.

In addition to being part of the "Scoop Troop" (a loyal subscriber to The Scoop) since its launch, I participated in the Schiller Institute's 2025 ***Working For and With Communities*** program in Santiago, Chile. There, I built meaningful connections with the participants and volunteers at ***Hogar de Cristo***, a public service organization dedicated to helping Chile's most vulnerable live with autonomy and dignity. I continue to treasure the experience and stay in touch with student friends from ***Universidad Alberto Hurtado***, the program's Jesuit partner university.

In my downtime, I enjoy drawing cartoon portraits of family and friends, staying up late at MASTI dance practice, and hunting down new recipes to impress my roommates with. On Mondays, I like to unwind with a round (or two) of Smash Bros at RGBC. I also run an online art account called ***Magall\_ery***, where I share my latest work.

This year, my biggest goals? Keep drawing, keep dancing, and maybe, just maybe, win more Smash Bros matches than I lose.



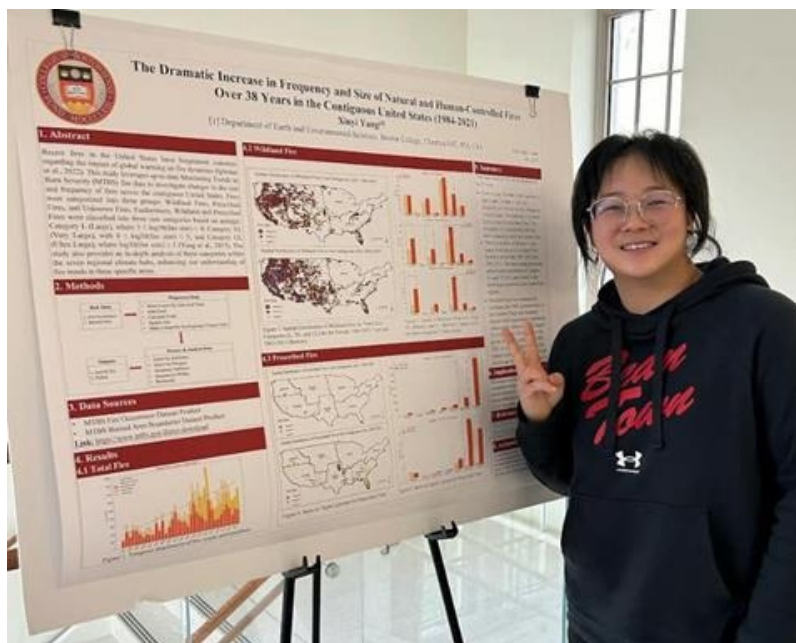
**Meet the rest of our Team!**

**Behind the Research**



## Over the summer, we had two more additions to our Behind the Research Series!

Congratulations to BC graduate student Xinyi Yang, recipient of NASA's highly competitive FINESST grant 🚀. Working under Dr. Hanqin Tian, she continues to advance research on the connections between climate change, wildfire emissions, and greenhouse gases, as highlighted in her recent article.



👉 Want to know what research looks like at BC?  
Read [more](#) about her experience.



👉 Curious about his research experience away from Seoul? Read [more](#) about his journey and work alongside his wife at BC!

### ***What makes extreme weather so hard to predict? 🧐***

During his time at BC, postdoc researcher Dr. Chanil Park worked with Schiller Core faculty member Dr. Yi Ming to explore how weather and climate processes interact during extreme events—and why that matters for communities on the frontlines of climate change. He is now moving on to an exciting new position at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks..

### **What are Schiller Students up to?**



This summer, Dominique Williams '28 joined the Mobilization and Political Economy Research Experience for Undergraduates at Pitt, where she explored how voter turnout shaped disaster recovery aid after Hurricane Harvey. What started as a challenge (including her first time using stats!) turned into a transformative research journey in climate justice and political economy.

👉 Read [more](#) about her experience in research this summer.

"My research demonstrates how political and economic systems can converge to deepen vulnerability rather than alleviate it. It highlights the interdisciplinary nature of climate change,

using social science to create knowledge that improves lives."

-- Dominique Williams '28

## Our Poet Laureate



Jesse Julian '26

"Welcome to BC! Whether you're returning to campus, or here for the first time, you'll certainly become familiar with the chilly (yet gorgeous) plunge into fall. The New England trees will



change their colors, and you'll associate this seasonal shift with the restart of school.

For this academic year's first issue of The Scoop, I stumbled across a piece that confused me during the first few reads. Jessica Rigney's 'The Skin's Instruction' masterfully uses confusion as a technique to mirror the chaos of change. It also insightfully reminds us of how the changes in our life reflect in nature itself changing. Analyzing our confusion as part of the process helps deepen our understanding of Rigney's writing.

If you're unfamiliar with who I am, hi! I'm Jesse, the inaugural Poet Laureate of the Schiller Institute. As I'm entering my 4th and final year writing for Schiller, I've embarked on an exciting journey of composing poetry and analyzing ecopoetry for the Institute. It's served me and the BC community as a creative and humanistic way to understand and digest pertinent scientific information. I hope you'll come along with me and continue to learn about the overlap between poetry and science!"

**-- Jesse Julian**

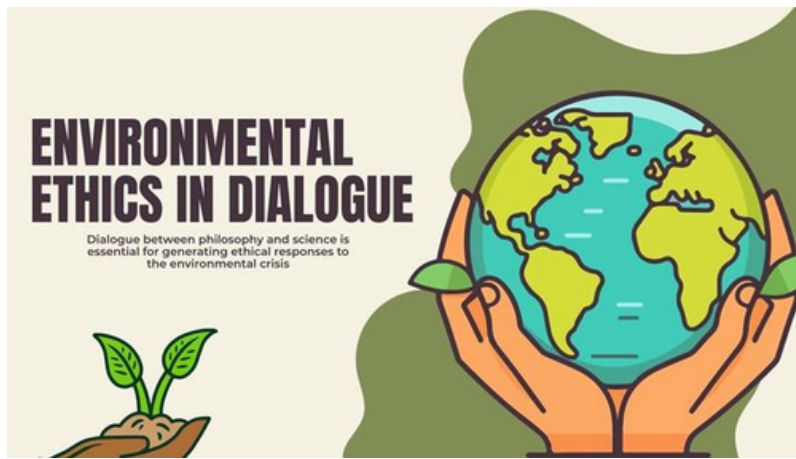
[Read Jesse Julian's Analysis Here](#)

## Upcoming Schiller Institute Events

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**CONFERENCE: Environmental Ethics in Dialogue**

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## 🌍 Exploring Ethics, Science, and the Future of Our Planet 🌍

How can philosophy and science team up to tackle the environmental crisis? Join us for a dynamic conference that dives into urgent questions of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss, through the lens of both ethics and science. The conference will explore how dialogue across disciplines can spark practical and just solutions to today's most pressing challenges.

This conference is paired with the **Lowell Humanities Lecture Series** talk by Prof. Melissa Lane: ***Plato's Republic on Motivating Ecological Guardianship.***

✨ **Free and open to all students, faculty & community members** ✨

**For more information on the schedule of events (including lunch) click [here](#).**

**Registration Encouraged**

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**Make an Impact!**

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Boston University's Questrom School of Business is hosting its annual **\$50K Sustainability Case**

**Competition**, where teams from across the country tackle real-world environmental challenges. Work with peers from different programs, brainstorm creative solutions, and compete for a shot at **\$50,000** in prize money.

💡 Whether you're passionate about sustainability, love problem-solving, or just want to test your skills against students from 40+ other schools, this is your chance to make an impact **and** build something big.

👉 Info session on 9/11 via Zoom. Register by **9/12**

**Interested but don't know where to start?**  
**Email: [gstoller@bu.edu](mailto:gstoller@bu.edu) to chat and help you get started.**

Register here!



The poster is red with white and black text boxes. At the top, it says 'QUESTROM \$50K SUSTAINABILITY CASE COMPETITION' with five green leaves. Below this, there are four black boxes with white text: 'COMPETE to win \$50,000 against 40 other US schools, while grappling with and developing solutions for real-life sustainability challenges.', 'INTERDISCIPLINARY / CROSS-PROGRAM student teams welcome to apply.', 'SEEK TO SOLVE a current real-world problem.', and 'DEVELOP SOLUTIONS that will be commercially and practically viable to build and implement.' At the bottom, there is a white box with a QR code and the text 'Info session on 9/11 via Zoom and register here by 9/12: questrom.bu.edu/50k'. The Boston University logo is at the bottom left.

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