Indigenous Food Security
In this free, live webinar, Dr. Lee Brown of UBC will talk about Indigenous gardening initiatives at the UBC Farm and their impacts. For example, the Culturally Relevant Urban Wellness Program brings Aboriginal youth in foster care to the UBC Farm to develop a wide range of skills and competencies through gardening, food preservation, making medicinal teas and salves. Award-winning filmmaker Coleen Rajotte is the host of “Vitality Gardening,” a television program about traditional Indigenous gardening and plant medicines. She’ll speak about Indigenous food security and why growing food is so important. The webinar is accessible via this link or this Eventbrite page, which also has extensive presenter bios.
- March 26, 2018
- 9-10 am Pacific time

Resilient communities: an action
UVic’s first Campus Cycling Plan will provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to support cycling as a safe, enjoyable and convenient mode of transportation on campus. As a framework, it’ll guide future cycling infrastructure, including bicycle parking, cycling paths and end-of-trip facilities, as well as provide policy direction on strategies to improve levels of comfort and safety on shared paths and roads. Please provide your input for this important plan.

Circular social innovation in India
Women, flowers, waste management, added value...
In 2015, Ankit Agarwal and Karan Rastogi, who grew up in the city of Kanpur on the banks of the Ganges, cofounded HelpUsGreen, a social enterprise aiming to reduce pollution in the river. The HelpUsGreen team collects 1.5 tons of flowers daily from more than 30 temples and mosques, which keeps the flowers from being dumped in the river. They are then “flower-cycled” into fertilizer and incense for European and Indian consumers. To complete the bottom-line trilogy, the enterprise employs women from the lower social and economic strata. The article’s in the Stanford Social Innovation Review.

Measure, then manage
Collecting great ideas (and data) in-house
Every year since 2010, the Gustavson School of Business has tracked our greenhouse gas emissions, including those from our employees’ commuting. If you worked at Gustavson in 2017 (full time or part time), please fill out the super-fast survey here. If you started at Gustavson in 2018, we still want to hear from you! Please answer the last three questions to help us create a list of great ideas and future initiatives. Questions? Ask Rachel.