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The Steady Stater is CASSE's periodic newsletter providing updates on CASSE activities, initiatives, and accomplishments.

Letter from the Director

Hi Friends,

Greetings! We've been busier than ever at CASSE. I'm happy to report on some of the exciting developments and initiatives we've undertaken in 2019.

Three of my favorites are the new CASSE "landing page," the Keep Our Counties Great campaign, and the various highlights from CASSE chapters worldwide. Find your favorites below!

As a reminder, if you haven't signed the CASSE position, why not? The signature list is how we demonstrate support for the steady state economy, in and among nations. (On the other hand, if you believe in perpetual growth on a finite planet, be sure not to [sign](#) or [donate](#).)

— Brian Czech

Featured Story:
When was the last time a website alarmed you?



CASSE Launched the First Real-Time, Rolling, 12-Month Global GDP Meter on the Internet

Backed by an ominous sound clip and a rapidly churning GDP meter that comes out of nowhere, “Be alarmed... Be very alarmed!” are the opening phrases at CASSE’s new landing page.

[Read the full story >](#)

CASSE News



The Steady State Press: Coming Soon!

Like reading? Interested in steady statesmanship, sustainability, and hearing from the top names in the field of ecological economics?

Stay Tuned for the Steady State Press!

CASSE will soon be publishing books under the imprint Steady State Press. Early releases will include *Best of the Daly News* (from 10 years of CASSE’s original blog) and the second edition of *Supply Shock* by CASSE executive director Brian Czech.



Internship Program

The CASSE internship program expanded this summer to include 11 volunteer interns. Two orientation sessions were used to familiarize interns with the CASSE mission, goals, initiatives, and internship expectations.

CASSE interns ranged from undergrads to Ph.D. students. Each intern was focused on one of the following:

- Economic policy analysis
- Macroeconomic modeling and mathematics
- Political science
- International relations
- K12 education

- Accounting
- Information technology

Every intern produced results that will be useful to CASSE for years to come, and several interns will be collaborating further. Meanwhile, CASSE extends a hearty thank-you to Ali, Alison, Camden, Gurbir, James, Jing, Liam, Navodhya, Ozzie, Xin, and Yiheng!

Are you, or do you know, a student with a passionate interest in sustainability?

CASSE is now accepting internship applications for the fall semester. Use the link below to fill out an information request form, and a CASSE staffer will be in touch with you!

[Request Info](#)



New Initiative: Manuscript Editing

CASSE is now in the business of reviewing book and article manuscripts for their congruence with ecological economics and (ideally) their potential for advancing the steady state economy.

Need a manuscript reviewed?

Send an inquiry to:
SteadyStatePress@steadystate.org



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 For the Best
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 Tweet

Best Steady-State Tweet Contest

In February, CASSE held the "Best Steady-State Tweet Contest", inviting the Twittersphere to weigh in with its most catchy sayings, slogans, poems, songs, and any other form of tweet, for the chance to win \$100. The only stipulation: say something effective about limits to growth and the need for a steady state economy.

There were several good entries, and the decision was tough to make. In the end, the winner was Graham Caswell, with this poem:

***If ever-more transactions
 Of money buying stuff
 Is the purpose of humanity
 And can never be enough
 Then all the plastic rubbish
 And the carbon toxic smell
 Will choke our children's future
 No matter what we buy and sell.***
 —Graham Caswell



K-12 Curriculum Development

Through a grant from the Weeden Foundation, CASSE has developed a K-12 curriculum on the basics of steady state economics. The curriculum consists of 15 lesson plans (five each at 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 grade levels), along with guidelines for class projects.

"Working with students and teachers to develop these plans has been exciting, challenging, and informative. The teachers we worked with were inspired by seeing big-picture sustainability concepts that integrate ecology and economics. I learned a lot from the students and was impressed by their interest in sustainability and

their concern for the earth. It has been eye opening and lots of fun!"

—Skyler Perkins, CASSE Projects Manager



New Initiative: Keep Our Counties Great!

When you look out your window, do you like what you see? Would you like to keep it that way? Are you afraid the forces of growth will deface, degrade, or “develop” your favorite places?

Then Keep Our Counties Great is the campaign for you!

This county-level initiative has long been pondered at CASSE, and it's time to act. This does not mean we're forgetting about the nation as the focal point of fiscal and monetary policy. Nor are we dropping our obligations and interests in international diplomacy.

Rather, **Keep Our Counties Great** will have synergistic effects, especially with our long-term legislative project, the Full and Sustainable Employment Act (our major amendments to the outdated Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act).

Images: Left: Trump Tower and Sears Tower (Chad Kainz, CC BY 2.0). Right: Colorado Rocky Mountains (Public Domain)

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Chapter Highlights

Attending Al Gore's Climate Training in Brisbane

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) CASSE chapter director **Jonathan Miller** attended the Climate Training held in Brisbane in June. The event was led by former U.S. Vice-President Al Gore. Miller is an advisor to the territory's government on economic policy, and has degrees in forest science and mathematics/statistics.

Article on Ethics in Upcoming *Ecological Economics* Issue

New South Wales CASSE chapter director **Haydn Washington** wrote an 8,000 word article on the need for ethics in ecological economics for an upcoming special issue of the journal *Ecological Economics*. The article was co-authored by Michelle Maloney of the New Economy Network. The NSW chapter will be involved in the ANZSEE 2019 conference in November.

Talks and Courses Teach Steady State Economics

Maine chapter director **Stephen Coghlan** has given eight talks this year on ecological economics topics at venues ranging from wetland association meetings to honors high school senior classes. He also teaches a course in biophysical and

New Chapters!

Welcome to the new chapters established in 2018 and 2019. We look forward to hearing more news from you as your chapters develop!

Denver, CO Chapter
Andrew Rex, Director

ecological economics twice per year at the University of Maine in which students read and discuss Brian Czech's book, *Supply Shock*.

Coghlan's talk at the University of Maine Earth Day Celebration was titled, "Economics as if your future mattered: Helping Earthlings understand limits to growth on a finite planet."

Garfield County, CO Chapter
Adrian Fielder, Director

Barcelona, Spain Chapter
Riccardo Mastini, Director

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Notable Comments

"We need to comprehend that Nature sets the limits, not humans. In attempting a sustainable civilization we need less arrogance and more humility."

—Mike Owen, Copeland, Florida, USA

"This is the first time I've seen population mentioned in this sort of context. Bravo! Begin with strengthening the position of workers and stabilizing population."

—Sarah Dixon, Malibu, California, USA

"The absurdity of perpetual economic growth occurred to me while studying economics in the late 1960s. I have been campaigning to raise awareness of this willful stupidity ever since. Consequently, I entirely agree with CASSE's perspective. Too much alarm is barely enough!"

—Tony Dickson

Some Recent and Upcoming Events:

Ecological Society of America Annual Conference

The Trophic Theory of Money: Principles, Corollaries, and Policy Implications. Louisville, Kentucky. Aug. 15, 2019.

The Wildlife Society/American Fisheries Society Joint Annual Conference

Economic Growth: The 800-Pound Gorilla at National Wildlife Refuge System Headquarters. Reno, Nevada. Sept. 30, 2019.

Montgomery County Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions

The Steady State Economy: "Now That's the Kingdom of God." Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Potomac, Maryland. May 21,

Tackling the Population Taboo Forum

Steady State Economics: Implications for Population Policy and Politics. George Washington University, Washington, DC. Apr. 9, 2019.

About CASSE

The mission of CASSE is to advance the steady state economy, with stabilized population and consumption, as a policy goal with widespread public support. CASSE does this by raising public awareness on the tradeoff between economic growth and environmental protection, economic sustainability, national security and international stability. CASSE identifies the steady state economy as the sustainable alternative, and studies the means to establish a steady state economy.

CASSE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization.

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