

# Bloomsburg University Teach-In on Global Warming

Date: February 5, 2009

Location: Kehr Union Ballroom

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<http://weather.bloomu.edu/BloomsburgUniversityTeachIn2009.htm>

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

- **Session 1A – Food and Climate**
  - o **Panel Speakers:**
    - **Dr. Cristina Mathews** (Asst. Prof. – Department of English)
      - *Topic: Agricultural Politics*
    - **Marcia and Giles Wickham** (Owners – Mystic Springs Farm)
      - *Topic: Community Supported Agriculture*
    - **Tara Lynn** (Marketing Coordinator – ARAMARK at Bloomsburg University)
      - *Topic: What You Eat Matters: Sustainable Food Preparation at Bloomsburg*
    - **Dr. Brandon Lang** (Asst. Prof. – Dept. of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice)
      - *Topic: Live, Eat, Buy Locally*
  - o **Panel Moderator:**
    - **Kim Ochal** (Student – Bloomsburg University)
  
- **Session 1B – Communicating About Global Warming Issues**
  - o **Panel Speakers:**
    - **Dr. Richard Ganahl** (Prof. – Department of Mass Communications)
      - *Topic: Global Warming and the Internet*
    - **Dr. Claire Lawrence** (Assoc. Prof. – Department of English)
      - *Topic: Apocalypse Now – Global Warming and Science Fiction*
    - **Tim Pelton** (Civic Engagement Officer – SOLVE)
      - *Topic: Characterization of Global Warming in the Media*
    - **Dr. Todd Hoover** (Asst. Prof. – Dept. of Early Childhood and Elementary Education) and **Kristin Sz wajkowski** (Graduate Student – Dept. of Elementary Education)
      - *Topic: Education for a Warmer World*
  - o **Panel Moderator:**
    - **Martin Kokus** (Instructor – Department of Physics)

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- **Session 2A – Energy Debate: Debate the Pros and Cons of Coal as a Long Term Energy Fuel**
  - o **Panel/Debate Speakers:**
    - **Dr. Neil Strine** (Asst. Prof. – Department of Political Science)
    - **BU Forensics Debate Team**
      - **Chaz Ryan Britton**
      - **Joshua Trusty**
      - **Chris Mullen**
      - **Scott Kenyon**
    - **Moderator: Dr. John Hintz** (Asst. Prof. – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
  
- **Session 2B – Brainstorming Solutions To Climate Change – “The Wedge Game”**
  - o **Moderator:**
    - **Dr. Bruce Rockwood** (Prof. – Department of Finance and Legal Studies)

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

- **Session 3A – Existing Energy Sources and Energy Alternatives**
  - o **Panel Speakers:**
    - **Dr. Brett Mclaurin** (Asst. Prof. – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
      - *Topic: Is This Peak Oil?*
    - **Dr. Mark Tapsak** (Asst. Prof. – Department of Chemistry)
      - *Topic: Biofuels: Food versus Fuel?*
    - **Dr. John Hintz** (Asst. Prof. – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
      - *Topic: Nuclear Energy*
    - **Justin R. Dunkelberger** (CEO – Penn Wind / PA Solar: [www.pennwd.com](http://www.pennwd.com))
      - *Topic: Understanding Solar and Wind Power*
  - o **Panel Moderator:**
    - **Martin Kokus** (Instructor – Department of Physics)
  
- **Session 3B – Climate Change: Global Problems and Obstacles to Change**
  - o **Panel Speakers:**
    - **Dr. Dale Springer** (Prof. – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
      - *Topic: Paleo Past and the Future*
    - **Dr. Steven Rier** (Asst. Prof. – Dept. of Biology and Allied Health)
      - *Topic: Climate Change from an Ecological Perspective*
    - **Dr. Bruce Rockwood** (Prof. – Department of Finance and Legal Studies)
      - *Topic: Political and International Problems to Developing a Consensus*
    - **Dr. Chris Podeschi** (Asst. Prof – Dept. of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice)
      - *Topic: Discussing Global Warming – Who is Creating the Dialogue?*
  - o **Panel Moderator:**
    - **Dr. Peter Doerschler** (Assistant Professor – Department of Political Science)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

- **Session 4A – Bloomsburg Initiatives – What Can We Do NOW, Here?**
  - o **Panel Speakers:**
    - **Eric Milner** (Assistant VP – Facilities Management at Bloomsburg University)
      - *Topic: Facilities – Energy Savings Initiatives*
    - **Vincent Diloretto** (Assistant Director of Facilities Services at Bloomsburg University)
      - *Topic: The Campus Footprint/Campus Initiatives*
    - **Erin Coffey** (Representative for HOPE – Help Our Planet Earth)
      - *Topic: Hope Initiatives / PowerShift*
    - **Dr. Chris Podeschi** (Asst. Prof. – Dept. of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice), **Dr. Brandon Lang** (Asst. Prof. – Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice) and **Stephanie Spock** (Student – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
      - *Topic: Bloomsburg University Student Environmental Awareness Survey*
  - o **Panel Moderator:**
    - **Monique Harmon** (Student – Bloomsburg University)

- **Session 4B – Global Warming: A Historical Perspective**

○ **Panel Speakers:**

- **Dr. Jeff Brunskill** (Asst. Prof. – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
  - *Topic: The Evolution of the Earth's Atmosphere*
- **Dr. Cindy Venn** (Prof. – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
  - *Topic: The Oceans*
- **Dr. Safa Saracoglu** (Asst. Prof. – Department of History)
  - *Topic: The Cost of Global Warming*
- **Dr. Michael C. Hickey** (Professor – Department of History)
  - *Topic: Historical Contours of Global Warming*

○ **Panel Moderator:**

- **Andrew Bliss** (Student – Bloomsburg University)

**3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

- **Session 5A – Global Warming: Impacts on Pennsylvania**

○ **Panel Speakers:**

- **Dr. Clay Corbin** (Associate Prof. – Department of Biology and Allied Health Sciences)
  - *Topic: Habitat Protection in an Era of Climate Change*
- **Dr. Brandon Lang** (Asst. Prof – Dept. of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice)
  - *Topic: Rural Development: Impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture*
- **Dr. Marianna Wood** (Associate Prof. – Dept. of Biology and Allied Health Sciences)
  - *Topic: Impacts of Climate Change – It Depends on What We Do*
- **Dr. Wendy Lee** (Professor – Department of Philosophy)
  - *Topic: [www.ecores.org](http://www.ecores.org) – An Ongoing International Conference on Climate Change*

○ **Panel Moderator:**

- **April Magill** (Student – Bloomsburg University)

- **Session 5B – Regional Energy Solutions / Building Green**

- **Dr. Mike Shepard** (Professor – Department of Geography and Geosciences)
  - *Topic: Understanding Geothermal Energy*
- **Jessica and Tony Drauss** (Local Homebuilders)
  - *Topic: Building Self-Sustainable Systems in a Home*
- **Jess Scott** (SEDA-COG)
  - *Topic: Green Building / State and Local Initiatives*
- **Les Greevy** (Oil and Gas Attorney – Greevy and Associates)
  - *Topic: Natural Gas Exploration In Pennsylvania*

○ **Panel Moderator:**

- **Robin Nuse** (Student – Bloomsburg University)

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

- Student Meeting – H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Planet Earth)

- **Location:** Bakeless (Room 209) – All students are welcome