

Wesleyan Pricing Carbon Conference

Speaker bios, in order of first appearance:



Rep. John Larson (D-CT) has represented nearby Hartford since 1999. Rep Larson chairs the House Democratic Caucus and is the fourth ranking House Democrat. He serves on the Ways & Means and House Select Committee on Global Warming. Larson introduced HR 1337, a briskly-rising carbon tax with 9/10 of revenue returned by cutting payroll taxes. Rep. Larson often conducts opinion research at Augie & Ray's Restaurant in Hartford.

Bill McKibben. Perhaps America's most prominent environmental writer and climate activist, Bill's book *"The End of Nature"* re-oriented readers' view of human relationship with Earth's web of life. His *"Deep Economy"* severely undercut the basic assumptions of conventional economics, and his recent *"Eaarth"* scrutinizes false economies of scale, instead urging us to think and act at a sustainable, community scale. Bill founded 350.org, a broad, highly-visible and creative organization to empower citizens to work together to avert climate disaster.



Gary Yohe a professor of economics here at Wesleyan, is a senior member and lead author at the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that was awarded the 2007 Nobel prize. Gary served the National Academy of Sciences panel on "America's Climate Choices" whose first recommendation is carbon pricing.

Frank Ackerman directs the Stockholm Environmental Institute and has written numerous studies and testified to Congress on climate economics and the social cost of carbon. Founder and former co-editor of "Dollars and Sense" magazine, Frank's most recent book is, *Can We Afford the Future? Economics for a Warming World.*



Nathan Richardson, attorney, resident scholar at Resources for the Future. Current focus: legal mechanisms available to EPA to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. His paper, "Greenhouse Gas Regulation under the Clean Air Act: Structure, Effects, and Implications of a Knowable Pathway" charts a regulatory path to near-term emissions reductions. And his "International Greenhouse Gas Offsets Under the Clean Air Act" suggests that international offsets should not play a role in an EPA emissions system.

Bill Snape, senior counsel for the Center for Biological Diversity, coordinates the Center's legal and policy work on endangered species, wilderness, and energy. He and CBD opposed legislative attempts to curtail EPA authority to reduce greenhouse gas

emissions, citing the Clean Air Act's valuable, flexible tools in the fight against global warming. Bill has written numerous articles and a book on natural-resource issues and taught environmental and international law.



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Elaine Kamarck is co-director with Robert Shapiro of the U.S. Climate Task force. Lecturer in public policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Elaine created and managed the Clinton Administration's National Performance Review "reinventing government" 1992-97 which streamlined many aspects of the federal government with the input and cooperation of agency staff and

Richard Littlemore, is co-author of *Climate Cover-up: The Crusade to Deny Global Warming*, and editor of the DeSmogBlog. Richard has reported for the Ottawa Citizen, Winnipeg Tribune, and Vancouver Sun. Richard divides his time between magazine journalism, activism, politics and corporate communications.



Janet Milne is a professor at Vermont Law School and expert in environmental tax policies. She created the Environmental Tax Policy Institute and has organized the Annual Global Conference on Environmental Taxation. Janet edited and contributed to *The Reality of Carbon Taxes in the 21st Century* (2008).

Paul Mayer is a theologian, writer, longtime peace activist and co-founder of the Climate Crisis Coalition.



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Mr. Ibrahim Malik Abdil-Mu'id Ramey is the Director of the Civil and Human Rights Division of Muslim American Society, America's largest grassroots Muslim organization. He also serves on the boards of the Muslim Women's Institute, the Temple of Understanding (an interfaith organization promoting dialogue and cooperation among diverse religious tradition) and on the Steering Committee of the

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, founded and directs The Shalom Center, a powerful voice in Jewish, multi-religious and American life that brings together Jewish and other spiritual thought and practice to seek peace, pursue justice, heal the earth and celebrate community. He edits and writes for its weekly on-line Shalom Report.



Rev. Vernon Williams directs the Perfect Peace Ministry and Youth Outreach in Harlem. Rev. Williams is a lifelong resident of New York and is known on some of its streets as P.O.D. for “pastor on deck” for his face-to-face interventions to calm and heal tense and sometimes violent disputes.



Brent Blackwelder has rebuilt and managed Friends of the Earth (for the better part of four decades) into one of the world's most effective and nimble environmental organizations. With a PhD in philosophy, he's both a thinker and a doer. Brent understands how to build coalitions both among citizens and in Congress and under his leadership FoE initiated the "green scissors" campaign to target federal subsidies that damage the environment especially by entrenching dirty fossil fuels.

Ted Glick is policy director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and a co-founder of the Climate Crisis Coalition. Ted takes his activism seriously -- last year he made news with his arrest for hanging a banner urging the Senate to enact climate legislation.



Marshall Saunders started the Citizen's Climate Lobby and founded RESULTS which focuses on micro-finance to local sustainable business in developing countries. CCL has been training and organizing citizens to lobby for effective climate legislation and is an essential partner in planning, organizing and sponsoring the Wesleyan Conference.

Laura Bonham is communications director of Progressive Democrats of America, a nationwide grassroots citizen organization that uses the new media to engage and empower citizens to communicate directly with Congress bypassing the corporate influence peddling system using an inside/outside strategy to maintain a progressive element within the Democratic Party.



Rep. Jim McDermott (D, WA) has represented Seattle since 1988 and serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and is a member of the House Progressive Caucus. McDermott introduced a “managed CO2 price” bill to authorize the Treasury Dept. (consulting with EPA) set a carbon tax rate, adjusting every five years based on scientific findings and the tax’s effect on emissions reductions. McDermott has been a vocal critic of carbon trading, pointing to the Enron scandal, stressing the need for stable CO2 prices to encourage investment in low-carbon energy.

Rep. Bob Inglis (R, SC) has represented the 4th district of South Carolina including Greensboro and Spartanburg from 1993-99 and since 2005. Inglis introduced the “Raise Wages, Cut Carbon Act” proposing to tax carbon while cutting wage taxes in order to replace “incumbent technologies” (dirty fossil fuels) with cleaner low-carbon alternatives. Inglis serves on the Science & Technology Committee and has steadfastly supported aggressive effective carbon pricing legislation as a matter of conscience, despite a wave of denial in his party.



Rep. Bob Filner (D, CA) has represented southern San Diego and Imperial County since 1992. Chair of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, he formerly served on Transportation and Infrastructure. Filner has called on President Obama to take aggressive steps to lead the U.S. in achieving the goal of 350 ppm CO₂.

Bill Shireman, President and CEO of Future 500 is a "master of environmental entrepreneurship," Bill has over 20 years of experience developing and implementing business strategies to align the interests of major corporations and their stakeholders by driving pollution down and profits up. He advocates market-based environmental policies - contending they can be more effective than many command-and-control laws. With former Mitsubishi CEO Tachi Kiuchi, Bill co-wrote the popular book, *What We Learned In The Rainforest - Business Lessons from Nature*.



Daphne Wysham is climate policy director at the Institute for Policy Studies and host of the weekly "Earthbeat" radio show. She coordinates a "no offsets" activist network and organized a very effective House policy briefing the day before the vote on the Waxman-Markey bill that highlighted the flaws of the bill's huge dependence on unverifiable offsets.

Michelle Chan is a senior policy analyst at Friends of Earth, and has testified to Congress about the dangers of creating a carbon market that would be manipulated by traders setting the stage for a “subprime carbon” market. She’s written the playbook for Wall Street carbon traders called “Ten Ways to Game a Carbon Market” and points to the manipulations and poor emissions reductions performance of in the European Unions's emissions trading system.





Laurie Williams and **Allan Zabel** are EPA attorneys whose observations of EPA's SO₂ trading system have led them to conclude that cap/trade with offsets is not an appropriate system to reduce GHG emissions and to speak out as private citizens, including a widely praised video "the Huge

Mistake." They recently helped launch the "million letter march" to urge Congress to enact a direct carbon pricing system with full revenue return.

Peter Barnes is founder of "Cap and Dividend," has promoted the idea of a Sky Trust, viewing the Earth's atmosphere as a commons, and is former president of Working Assets socially responsible long distance.



James Handley combines experience as a chemical engineer, a trial attorney in private practice and in EPA's Office of Enforcement. An avid bicyclist, James is a life member of Sierra Club and led successful efforts to prevent construction of the Barney Circle Freeway through Southeast DC. James is now drawing on his minor degree in economics as an organizer, blogger, writer, policy analyst and Washington representative of the Carbon Tax Center.

Steve Valk is communications director and regional manager for Citizens Climate Lobby. Editor for 31 years at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. For 25 years, he has volunteered as a citizen lobbyist with RESULTS, working to create the political will to end poverty.



Stephen Kent heads a PR firm focusing on public interest and public policy serving NGOs with particular experience in peace and security, nuclear policy and nuclear abolition, climate change, environmental protection, public health, citizen diplomacy, civil rights, social and economic justice, media independence, globalization, corporate accountability and consumer protection issues. He serves on the board of the Climate Crisis Coalition.

Janet Larsen is Research Director (and with Lester Brown) a founder of Earth Policy Institute. "Plan B 4.0" is EPI's blueprint for a sustainable, healthy future, including CO₂ pricing to reflect more of the damage caused by fossil fuels and to increase markets for renewable energy sources. She's just completed research and editing of *World on The Edge -- How to Prevent Environmental and Economic Collapse*.





Dan Lashof, is director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's climate center, advocating federal legislation to cap greenhouse gas emissions and reduce dependence on oil. Dan has testified many times before Congress about energy policy and global warming. He has taught environmental science as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland and authored numerous articles on climate change science and policy.

Charles Komanoff, co-founder and director of the Carbon Tax Center, is an energy-policy analyst, transport economist and environmental activist in New York City. He "re-founded" NYC's bike-advocacy group "Transportation Alternatives" in the 1980s, co-founded pedestrian-rights group "Right Of Way" in the 1990s, and wrote or edited the landmark reports "Subsidies for Traffic," "The Bicycle Blueprint," and "Killed By Automobile." Komanoff gained prominence for deconstructing the disastrous economics of nuclear power in the U.S. as author-researcher and expert witness for states and municipalities. He wrote his visionary oil-saving report, "Ending The Oil Age," after witnessing at close range the traumatic events of 9/11. Komanoff's current work includes modeling and advocacy for traffic pricing and free transit in NYC, in partnership with renowned civic activist Ted Kheel. (Ted passed away last week.)



Marc Eisner is a professor of Government at Wesleyan, focusing on American political economy and public policy with a focus on regulation, environmental policy and governance. Recently published: *Governing the Environment* and *The American Political Economy*.

Cecil Corbin-Mark, is deputy director of West Harlem Action for Environmental Justice (WEACT) a non-profit community-based environmental justice organization which has been instrumental in shaping the "Harlem on the River" project to reflect the needs and value of the community. Cecil and WEACT are actively engaged in efforts to improve the quality and access to affordable, rapid, safe and low-polluting public transportation. Cecil has testified to Congress on numerous occasions about pollution's disproportionate impacts on communities of color.





Tim DeChristopher, “bidder 70” won an auction of federal oil and gas leases in Utah in 2008 to protest drilling and global warming. His action halted bidding, grabbed national headlines and renewed debate about civil disobedience and protest. Many of the leases, which would have permitted drilling on more than 110,000 pristine acres of public land in Utah’s environmentally sensitive red-rock desert, were subsequently canceled. DeChristopher is charged with making false statements and interfering with an auction and faces up to 10 years in prison and fines of \$750,000. His trial is set for February.



Katie MacDonald, a Junior at the University of Massachusetts, is a leader of Students for a Just and Stable Future a student-led volunteer network campaigning for bold, tangible solutions to the climate crisis. Katie also led the Leadership Campaign, a Massachusetts-based student environmental group that held sleep-overs on Boston Common to protest the environmentally damaging way homes and dorms are powered and heated.

Juliet Schor, is professor of Sociology at Boston College. She previously taught economics and women’s studies at Harvard. Schor's *Born to Buy: The Commercialized Child and the New Consumer Culture* is an account of marketing and its effects on children. Schor wrote national best-sellers, *The Overworked American: The Unexpected Decline of Leisure* and *The Overspent American: Why We Want What We Don't Need*. Co-editor of *Sustainable Planet: Solutions for the Twenty-first Century*. Her current focus is on environmental sustainability and Americans' lifestyles

