

MEDIA ADVISORY
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‘Facts, Ideas, and U.S. Climate Change Policy: A Conference on Climate Change’

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On October 20, the University of Kansas School of Law, the Center for Progressive Reform, and The Commons at the University of Kansas will bring together a unique combination of academics with expertise in law, economics, philosophy, and the natural sciences to explore ongoing cutting edge research on the causes, nature, and extent of global climate change. The natural scientists will address what each of their disciplines has already learned about climate change and what the remaining uncertainties are. This scientific information will set the stage for interaction between social and natural sciences on the proper role of the precautionary principle in establishing climate change policy. The panelists will also include a diplomat who helped negotiate Japanese participation in the Kyoto Protocol. Media are invited to attend.

- What:** **Facts, Ideas, and U.S. Climate Change Policy – A Conference on Climate Change**
- Where:** **The University of Kansas School of Law, 1535 W. 15th Street, Lawrence, KS, Room 104, Green Hall**
- When:** **Saturday, October 20th, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**, Open to the Lawrence Community. Climate change researchers will give an account of their research in the science of climate change and the evolution of United States policy in this area.
- Who:** Leading scholars in the fields of environmental law, economics, philosophy, and science:
John S. Applegate, Presidential Fellow and Special Assistant to the President of Indiana University, on leave from his position as Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law at the Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington
Sharon Billings, Assistant Professor, Global Change Biology and Biogeochemistry, University of Kansas

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(Participants, continued)

David Braaten, Professor (Atmospheric Science) and Deputy Director, Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CReSIS), University of Kansas

Nathaniel A. Brunsell, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography-Atmospheric Sciences Program, University of Kansas

Carl F. Cranor, Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Riverside.

David M. Driesen, Angela S. Cooney Professor, Syracuse University College of Law.

Dietrich Earnhart, Director, Center for Environmental Policy, and Associate Professor, Economics, University of Kansas

Robert L. Glicksman, Robert W. Wagstaff Chair, University of Kansas School of Law.

Thomas O. McGarity, W. James Kronzer Chair in Trial and Appellate Advocacy, University of Texas School of Law.

A. Townsend Peterson, University Distinguished Professor (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology), Curator-in-Charge (Natural History Museum & Biodiversity Research Center), University of Kansas

Christopher H. Schroeder, Charles S. Murphy Chair, Duke University School of Law.

Takao Shibata, Chancellor's Lecturer, former Consul General of the Japanese Consulate in Kansas City, and Kyoto Protocol negotiator

Joe Tomain, Dean Emeritus & Wilbert & Helen Ziegler Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Andrew W. Torrance, Associate Professor of Law and Research Associate, Biodiversity Institute, University of Kansas.

Cornelius J. Vanderveen, Associate Professor (Geography), University of Kansas

Robert R.M. Verchick, Wendell H. Gauthier ~ Michael X. St. Martin Eminent Scholar, Chair in Environmental Law, Loyola University, New Orleans.

The **Center for Progressive Reform** is a nonprofit research and educational organization whose network of scholars across the nation is dedicated to protecting health, safety, and the environment through analysis and commentary. For more information, contact Matthew Freeman at 301-762-8980 or at mfreeman@progressivereform.org. Visit CPR on the web at www.progressivereform.org.

The Commons investigates the relationship between nature and culture across the sciences, arts and humanities. The Commons at KU is a partnership of the Biodiversity Institute, the Hall Center for the Humanities and the Spencer Museum of Art.

A detailed agenda is attached.

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A Conference on Climate Change
Agenda

- 8:30-8:50 a.m.** Welcome (Provost Richard Lariviere, Professor Robert Glicksman)
- 8:50-9:00 a.m.** *David M. Driesen*, Angela S. Cooney Professor, Syracuse University College of Law: Free Market Ideology and U.S. Climate Change Policy
- 9:00-9:10 a.m.** *Robert L. Glicksman*, Robert W. Wagstaff Chair, University of Kansas School of Law: A Review of the Consequences of Climate Change
- 9:10-10:10 a.m.** **Panel # 1**
David Braaten, Professor (Atmospheric Science) and Deputy Director, Center for Remote Sensing of Ice Sheets (CREGIS), University of Kansas: Ice Sheet Remote Sensing from Top to Bottom
Cornelius J. Vanderveen, Associate Professor (Geography), University of Kansas: Climate Surprises – What the IPCC Won't Tell Us
A. Townsend Peterson, University Distinguished Professor (Ecology & Evolutionary Biology), Curator-in-Charge (Natural History Museum & Biodiversity Research Center), University of Kansas: Climate Change and Biodiversity
Andrew W. Torrance, Associate Professor of Law and Research Associate, Biodiversity Institute, University of Kansas: Endangered Species and Climate Change – Aiming the Law at Moving Targets
- 10:10-10:20 a.m.** BREAK
- 10:20-11:20 a.m.** **Panel # 2**
Sharon Billings, Assistant Professor, Global Change Biology and Biogeochemistry, University of Kansas: Climate Change and Feedbacks from the Biosphere: How Soils Can Influence Earth's Future Climate
Nathaniel A. Brunsell, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography-Atmospheric Sciences Program, University of Kansas: Water and Carbon Cycling
Takao Shibata, Chancellor's Lecturer, former Consul General of the Japanese Consulate in Kansas City: Forging a Global Accord on Climate Change: A Diplomatic Perspective on Climate Change Policies
Dietrich Earnhart, Director, Center for Environmental Policy, and Associate Professor, Economics, University of Kansas: An Economic Perspective on Climate Change Policies
- 11:20-11:35 a.m.** *John S. Applegate*, Presidential Fellow and Special Assistant to the President of Indiana University, on leave from his position as Exec. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law at the Indiana University School of Law – Bloomington: A Precautionary Approach to U.S. Climate Change Policy
- 11:35-12:15 p.m.** Questions and Answers