

# Climate Conversations:

## FAITH, SCIENCE & POLITICS

### FAITH

#### Creation Care, Climate and the Gospel

September 26th - Morning Chapel - Brubaker Auditorium - 9:30 a.m.

Scripture has a lot to say about taking care of creation, but most passages are typically pulled out of context and used as individual calls to action. But a concern for the creation and its flourishing is a theme that runs through all of Scripture, from creation to new creation, and is at the center of the Gospel story of redemption and new life. Join Kyle Meyaard-Schaap of Young Evangelicals for Climate Action on a journey through Scripture to understand why a proper concern for creation is crucial for our understanding of the gospel and its implications for a world longing for renewal and reconciliation.

#### Community Conversation: Hope in the Age of Climate Change

September 26th - Evening Chapel - Hostetter Chapel - 7 p.m.

Let's face it, conversations about climate change can get pretty depressing pretty quickly. But what if it doesn't have to be? What if there is more reason to hope than you ever imagined? Join Kyle Meyaard-Schaap of Young Evangelicals for Climate Action to learn why people of faith have every reason to hope in the age of climate change. Come ready to listen as well as to share your own reasons for hope.



**Kyle Meyaard-Schaap**, Organizer and Spokesperson for Young Evangelicals for Climate Action

Before coming on staff at Y.E.C.A., Kyle served for four years as the Creation Care Coordinator at the Office of Social Justice for the Christian Reformed Church in North America, where he worked to educate and equip individuals and congregations to learn and act at the intersection of creation care and Christian faith. Much of his professional experience has involved the integration of theology, science, and action toward a deeper awareness of our Christian responsibility to care for God's earth and to love our neighbors, both at home and around the world. In 2015, Kyle was named to Midwest Energy Group's inaugural 40 Under 40 cohort for his work on climate change education and advocacy. He has also been featured on national media outlets such as NPR and PBS.

### SCIENCE

#### The Surprisingly Good News on Energy, Environment and our Future

October 17th - Public Lecture - Frey 110, Alexander Auditorium - 7 p.m.

We gain great good from our use of energy, but the unintended side effects of our current system have large costs. By making wise use of our knowledge, with respect for our history and commitment to our future, we can improve the economy as well as the environment. We are the first generation that knows how to supply abundant energy to everyone almost forever.



**Dr. Richard Alley**, Evan Pugh Professor of Geoscience at Penn State University

Dr. Richard Alley is the Evan Pugh Professor of Geoscience at Penn State University. He is a respected and revered scholar of glaciology where has made a significant contribution to climate change research. He has over 240 scientific publications and has contributed to research for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). In 1999, 2003, 2007, and 2010 Dr. Alley testified before the US Senate and/or the US House of Representatives on climate change.

### POLITICS

#### Climate Change, Tribalism and the Future

November 14th - Public Lecture - Frey 110, Alexander Auditorium - 7 p.m.

The last year has been a hard time for the public with many concerns about the world around us. For many, this concern culminated in the announcement that the U.S. is leaving the Paris Climate Accord. In this talk, Dr. Goodstein will take the long view, and argue that climate change action will increasingly occupy the center of a winning global political movement for a sustainable future.



**Dr. Eban Goodstein**, Director, Bard Center for Environmental Policy and Bard MBA in Sustainability

Eban Goodstein directs two graduate programs at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY: Bard's MBA in Sustainability program, and the Center for Environmental Policy, which grants M.S. Degrees in Environmental Policy and Climate Science and Policy. Professor Goodstein holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan, and a B.A. in Geology from Williams College. Goodstein is the author of three books: *Economics and the Environment*, (John Wiley and Sons: 2014) now in its seventh edition; *Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction: How Passion and Politics Can Stop Global Warming* (University Press of New England: 2007); and *The Trade-off Myth: Fact and Fiction about Jobs and the Environment* (Island Press: 1999). He serves on the editorial board of *Sustainability: The Journal of Record* and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Follett Corporation. At Bard, he also currently directs C2C Fellows, a network of undergraduates and recent graduates who aspire to sustainability leadership in business and politics.