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BACK FROM THE BRINK: A FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Part one of *A New Climate Movement: Acting on Solutions that Work*

Presented by the Riley Institute and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
in collaboration with the Shi Institute for Sustainable Communities

Welcome

Nancy Kennedy, director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Introduction of speaker

Matthew Cohen, PhD, professor of sustainability science

Avoiding Catastrophic Climate Change: From Science to Action

Angel Hsu, PhD, assistant professor of public policy and the environment, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and founder/director of the Data-Driven EnviroPolicy Lab, which applies research to pressing environmental issues. She is a contributing author to this year's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report.

Introduction of former Vice President Al Gore

Bob Inglis, former U.S. representative and founder/director of the Energy and Enterprise Initiative at George Mason University

The Climate Crisis and the Case for Hope

Al Gore (speaking virtually), 45th vice president, author of *An Inconvenient Truth*, and founder and chairman of The Climate Reality Project, a nonprofit devoted to solving the climate crisis.

A Conversation: What Can States and Cities Do?

Moderated by **Matthew Cohen**

Angel Hsu

John Lanier, executive director of the Ray C. Anderson Foundation and founding member of Drawdown Georgia, a movement designed to scale the most effective climate solutions for the state of Georgia

Stinson Woodward Ferguson, attorney focusing on environmental law; former S.C. energy staff attorney and associate attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center; member, City of Greenville's Green Ribbon Advisory Committee

Upcoming StraightTalk sessions

For speaker information, visit furman.edu/straight-talk.

The Next Industrial Revolution: Turning Crisis into Opportunity

September 6, 6:30-8 p.m. (CLP)

Arrive at 6 p.m. to sample sustainable foods and tour an electric bus

Why are more and more companies embracing climate action? The future is electric, carbon-neutral, and sustainable. Hear from leaders about innovation and opportunities presented by the next industrial — and green — revolution.

Connecting Values and Career to Climate Action

September 13, 6:30-7:45 p.m. (CLP)

At 7:45 p.m., enjoy dessert and Furman climate engagement expo

From hikers and beach dwellers to entrepreneurs and social justice champions, we all have a reason to care about climate change. How can we connect our values and work to the new climate movement?

About the institutes

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