

People on the Move in a Changing Climate: Southwest Workshop

Overview



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MEETING PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Despite increased reference to the link between climate change and human mobility (which includes displacement, migration, and planned relocation), there is a dearth of knowledge on how shifts in population patterns intersect with underlying socioeconomic, cultural, political, and environmental processes and resources that either enable or constrain the ability of people to cope where they are or force them to move due to lacking support or constrained resources. As part of an NSF Coastlines and People (CoPe) Research Coordination Network (RCN) grant entitled “People on the Move in a Changing Climate (PEMOCC)” led by the Georgia Sea Grant Program, the Southwest Region Project Team is convening a virtual workshop to facilitate a discussion among experts and stakeholders for the identification of the scientific infrastructure that is required to conduct place-based, use-inspired collaborative research on climate-induced human mobility and regionally tailored educational and engagement strategies.

The goals of the conference are to feature:

- The current state of knowledge on climate-induced human mobility;
- Local, regional, and international case studies; and
- Unique needs of the underserved and underrepresented coastal communities.

In order to create:

- Data and research gap analyses;
 - Framework (possibly developing scenarios) for conducting use-inspired research;
 - Education and engagement for building community resilience and climate adaptation; and
 - Networks of interdisciplinary and diverse researchers engaged in the study of climate-induced human mobility.
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WORKSHOP PREPARATION

Participants are asked to review a briefing document that will be sent to all registrants the week prior to the workshop.

COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

- Listen and participate with respect for the diversity of perspectives, viewpoints, and identities of participants.
- Ensure all verbal and written comments are constructive to the purpose of the workshop.
- Participate authentically and be fully present. We ask that you manage your technology respectfully.
- Note that there will be an additional opportunity to provide input via the Post-Workshop Survey.

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Agenda



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DAY 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022: 9AM - 1PM PT

Welcome Remarks

9:00 - 9:10 AM

- Workshop overview, community guidelines, participant roles
- Welcome from USC Sea Grant, Georgia Sea Grant, and PEMOCC National Network
- *Speaker:* Dr. Mona Behl (University of Georgia Sea Grant)

Setting the Stage: We Can See Clearly Now - Our Changing Coasts and Climate

9:10 - 9:25 AM

- Overview of current coastal hazard projections and research pointing towards the need to study climate-induced human mobility in California and the U.S. Southwest
- *Speaker:* Dr. Juliette Hart (Pathways Climate Institute)

Rising Together: On Managed Retreat, Agency, and the Art of Listening

9:25 - 10:25 AM

- *Speaker:* Elizabeth Rush (Author of *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore*)

10-minute break

Panel #1: From Academia to Understanding - Case Studies

10:35 - 11:15 AM

- Case studies of impacted communities from an academic and research perspective
- *Speakers:* Dr. Elizabeth Koslov (UCLA), Dr. Maxwell T. Boykoff (University of Colorado, Boulder), Dr. Jessica Ruvinsky (Bellwether Collaboratory)

Panel #2: The Importance of Storytelling

11:15 - 11:50 AM

- Featuring journalists and authors communicating the impacts of climate change on coasts and sharing transferable best practices for communicating risk
- *Speakers:* Marina Psaros (King Tides Project & Author of *The Atlas of Disappearing Places*), Rosanna Xia (The Los Angeles Times)

Breakout Discussion #1: Communicating the Issues

11:50 AM - 12:15 PM

Panel #3: Current Climate-Induced Migration Policies & Practices

12:15 - 12:55 PM

- Provide a snapshot of current policies, practices, and guidelines shaping climate-induced human mobility today and in the future
- *Speakers:* Carrie Rosenbaum (Chapman University), Dr. Charles Lester (UC Santa Barbara), Dr. Robin Craig (USC)

Briefing for Day #2

12:55 - 1:00 PM

- Overview of what to expect for the second day of the conference

Day #1 Wrap Up

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DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022: 9AM - 1PM PT

Welcome Remarks

9:00 - 9:05 AM

- Recap of Day #1 and overview of panels and breakout sessions for the day

Panel #1: Environmental Justice, Disadvantaged Communities, & Disproportionate Impacts: Identifying What's Missing in Research

9:05 - 9:55 AM

- Discussion of factors leading to disproportionate climate-induced human mobility and disproportionate impacts of climate-induced migration
- *Speakers:* Gabrielle Crowe (Gabrielano-Shoshone Tribal Council), Dr. Idowu Jola Ajibade (Portland State University), Effie Turnbull Sanders (USC/California Coastal Commission), Dr. Santina Contreras (USC)

Breakout Discussion #2: Considering Justice through a Policy Lens

9:55 - 10:30 AM

10-minute break

Panel #2: Receiving Communities: How to Prepare? What Do Receiving Communities Need?

10:40 - 11:20 AM

- Examine how to prepare and support communities slated to receive climate migrants
- *Speakers:* Gwen Shaughnessy (NOAA), Alice Kaswan (University of San Francisco), Dr. Hannah Teicher (Harvard University), Dr. Kathryn McConnell (Brown University)

Panel #3: Decision-Making: When and Why Do People Move?

11:20 am - 12:00 PM

- Overview of how and why individuals and/or communities decide to move
- Provide an overview of existing decision-making strategies and resources, as well as opportunities to better understand decision-making processes
- *Speakers:* Dr. Susanne Moser (Susanne Moser Research and Consulting), Dr. A.R. Siders (University of Delaware), Dr. Joe Arvai (USC), Kelly Leilani Main (Buy-in Community Planning)

Breakout Discussion #3: Coping with Change

12:10 - 12:50 PM

Day #2 Wrap Up

12:50 - 1:00 PM