This seminar series will feature weekly talks and discussion focused on climate change from WMU faculty and others with a diversity of expertise. Topics to be discussed include: anticipated effects of climate change on ecosystems, species and emerging diseases; linkages between energy resources and climate change; and the socioeconomic and geopolitical implications of climate change at regional, national and international scales.

All seminars are open to staff, faculty, students and the general public. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about a topic that has an ever increasing influence on every aspect of our daily lives! All seminars will begin at noon. Although lunch will not be provided, brown bags are welcome.

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January 9:
Anthropogenic Climate Change: Past, Present, and Future
Presented by Dr. David Karowe, Professor of Biological Sciences

January 16:
Effects of Climate Change on Species and Ecosystems
Presented by Dr. David Karowe, Professor of Biological Sciences

January 23:
Climate Change and Its Effects on Fossil Mammals in the Geologic Record
Presented by Dr. Robert Anemone, Professor of Anthropology

January 30:
The Dance of the 3 “E’s”: Energy, Environmental Stewardship (CO2 Emissions Mitigation), and Economic Imperatives
Presented by Dr. David Barnes, Professor of Geosciences

February 6:
Climate Change and Emerging Infectious Diseases
Presented by Dr. Kathryn Docherty, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences

February 13:
Climate Change and Energy for the Transportation Sector
Presented by Dr. Steve Bertman, Professor of Chemistry

February 20:
Economics of Climate Change
Presented by Dr. Bruce Ferrin, Professor of Marketing and Dr. Paul Clements, Professor of Political Science

February 27:
What’s the Worst That Could Happen?
Presented by Dr. Duane Hampton, Associate Professor of Geosciences

March 6:
Spring Break ~ no lecture

March 13:
The Ethics and Politics of Climate Change
Presented by Dr. Paul Clements, Professor of Political Science

March 20:
Social Organization of Climate Change Denial
Presented by Dr. Ronald Kramer, Professor of Sociology

March 27:
History and Climate Change: What’s Culture Got To Do With It?
Presented by Dr. Sarah Hill, Associate Professor of Anthropology & Environmental Studies

April 3:
International Climate Change Policy Frameworks
Presented by Dr. Denise Keele, Assistant Professor of Political Science & Environmental Studies

April 10:
TBA

April 17:
Controlling Greenhouse Gas Emissions at WMU
Presented by Dr. Paul Pancella, Professor of Physics

Brown Bag Lunches Are Welcome!