

# THE PORTLAND TOWN HALL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

*An Open Discussion of the Effects of Global Warming on:  
Developing Communities; Public Health; and Low Income Energy Consumers*

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**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm-9pm**

**@Portland State University - The Multicultural Center, Room 228 in the Student Union**

Networking session with complimentary refreshments to follow panel discussion

*The Portland Town Hall on Climate Change is a unique opportunity for members of the Portland community to attend expert presentations on a diverse set of issues as they relate to the complex issue of climate change; engage in these issues with panelists during a question and answer period; and connect with other interested and active citizens and community leaders in the Portland area.*



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## **SPEAKERS:**

- **Eban Goodstein, Co-Director of the National Teach-in on Global Warming Solutions and Professor of Economics at Lewis and Clark College**, will moderate the event and deliver the introductory remarks discussing the need for a cohesive national social movement on climate change. Goodstein is the author of a college textbook, *Economics and the Environment*, (John Wiley and Sons: 2007) now in its fifth edition, as well as *The Trade-off Myth: Fact and Fiction about Jobs and the Environment* (Island Press: 1999). His most recent book is *Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction: How Passion and Politics Can Stop Global Warming* (University Press of New England: 2007).
- **Gina Cummings, US and International Organizing Manager at Oxfam America**, will discuss the impacts of climate change on developing communities and the need for climate preparedness programs and offer practical ways to get involved. Prior to joining Oxfam, Cummings was the founding Executive Director of Green Corps, a pioneering training school for environmental organizers, the Field Director of U.S. PIRG and Deputy Director for Physicians for Human Rights. Cummings is a graduate of Livingston College of Rutgers University.
- **Mel Kohn, M.D., Oregon's State Epidemiologist**, will discuss the effects of global warming on public health in Oregon and the need for state-based adaptation programs. Dr. Kohn oversees the Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology. He is also a member of the newly created Oregon Global Warming Commission and has served on the Governor's Climate Change Integration Group. After receiving his M.D. from Harvard Medical School, Dr. Kohn received an MPH from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He was an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is on the Executive Committee for the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.
- **Michael Leachman, Policy Analyst at the Oregon Center for Public Policy**, will present on the effects of climate change on low and middle income energy consumers. He is the author of OCPP's biennial State of Working Oregon report, a resource guide on how Oregon's economy looks from the perspective of low- and middle-income workers. He has also conducted research for the OCPP on corporate taxes, Oregon tax breaks, hunger, and public assistance programs. Leachman holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago.

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