

Climate Conversations Town Hall Meeting Updates

The SRU Climate Conversations Town Hall “Zoom” meetings are open to the public and will begin at 5:30 PM on the first Wednesday of every month. If a theme is selected for a particular meeting, it will be posted here in advance and emailed to all those who have RSVP'd at

<https://sru.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMlcuCtpjwsG9LDystrgQEbHftNvihRqeb>

Registrants may also use the registration process to suggest a theme for future “Climate Conversations” town hall meetings and/or submit questions for the panel in advance; they can also email their suggestions directly to paul.scanlon@sru.edu at any time.

Our list of current panelists are as follows, and additional or guest panelists may be added as we move forward:

- **Larry Schweiger**, former President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, PennFuture, and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy;
- **Becky Lubold**, retired Jennings Environmental Education Center environmental educator and manager of the Slippery Rock Farmers Market;
- **Dr. Julie Snow**, SRU Climate Scientist, Sustainability faculty member & chair of the chancellor's PASSHE Sustainable Development Task Force;
- **Dr. Shawn Davis**, SRU Climate Communications faculty member;
- **Paul Scanlon**, architectural engineer and SRU Director of Sustainability;
- **Rotating Representative of the President's Commission on Race & Ethnic Diversity**; and
- **Chris Glenn**, SRU Master of Science in Sustainable Systems graduate and adjunct faculty member, who will be our panel discussion moderator.

Detailed bios of each panelist are shown below:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF LARRY J. SCHWEIGER



Larry Schweiger

Former President and CEO of National Wildlife Federation, PennFuture & Western PA Conservancy

Larry was President and CEO of three organizations including National Wildlife Federation, PennFuture and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. He was the president and chief executive officer of the 4.5-million-member National Wildlife Federation for ten years having served in various NWF positions for fourteen years.

As President of the Conservancy for nearly nine years, Schweiger led the effort to fund the restoration of Fallingwater and protected many acres of public lands including the creation of Erie Bluffs State Park.

His tenure as President of the Federation was marked by his determined efforts to safeguard the Nation against climate change and other ecological threats. Larry earlier served as Federation's senior vice president of conservation programs and in other Federation capacities including publisher for *National Wildlife*, *International Wildlife* and *Ranger Rick*.

Larry worked with former Vice President Al Gore to launch the Climate Reality Project and Climate Reality Action Fund. Larry serves on the executive committee of Climate Reality and chairs the Action Fund.

His first book focusing on climate change, ***Last Chance: Preserving Life on Earth***, won first prize for science and nonfiction at the Next Generation Indie Book Awards in 2011. His second book, ***A Grandfather's Lament: The Betrayal of Our Children***, is currently being published aimed at baby-boomer grandparents and parents who need to hear young voices calling for a Green New Deal. Climate change is an urgent issue as the Arctic has passed the point of no return and hurricanes, rain-bomb storms, droughts, and massive fires are the early warning signs of a global crisis.

Collaborating with the late Senator John Heinz, Larry played a critical role in the passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments to curb acid rain through a cap and trade strategy and to control toxic air emissions. Larry spent thirty days on the Gulf of Mexico in the middle of the BP spill helping to get the story of America's largest oil spill to the public and later successfully promoted the Restore Act to use 80 percent of the BP penalty funds to restore the Gulf Coast. The Blue Green Alliance presented Larry with their "Right Stuff" Award for his leadership on the auto fuel efficiency rules cutting pollution and energy use in half by 2025 while enabling the auto industry to recover from the market collapse and bankruptcy.

Schweiger was the executive director of the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee for the Pennsylvania General Assembly and was variously involved in the passage of twenty-eight environmental laws over nearly a ten-year period. Larry drafted the Wild Resources Conservation Act to protect Pennsylvania's threatened and endangered plants and he wrote the provisions of the Game Law to create a restricted bear license fund that funded biologists to better manage black bears leading to a dramatic black bear recovery in Pennsylvania.

Schweiger was the founding chairman of the National Institute for Conservation Leadership, an organization dedicated to strengthening volunteer leadership in America's conservation and environmental organizations. Larry also acted as the founding executive director of the Friends of Gettysburg National Parks. For his many conservation efforts, the Waynesburg University honored Larry with a Doctor of Humane Letters. Larry has been married to Clara for 44 years and has 3 daughters and 5 grandsons.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PAUL SCANLON



Paul Scanlon
SRU Director of Sustainability

Paul Scanlon currently serves as the Director of Sustainability at SRU and chair of the President's Commission on Sustainability. He is an architectural engineer who has worked in the energy/resource conservation, energy efficient building design, and alternative energy fields for over 40 years, publishing many technical articles, presenting at national conferences, and winning national and regional awards for his work while in private practice at top 20 architectural/engineering firms.

He received a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering in 1974 from Penn State, is a registered Professional Engineer (1980), and holds certifications as an Association of Energy Engineers Certified Energy Manager (1980) and Green Building Engineer (2006), and as a USGBC LEED Accredited Professional (2009).

He completed the Al Gore Climate Reality Leadership program in 2017, and is currently a member of the Western Central PA Climate Reality chapter, the Slippery Rock Citizens Climate Lobby chapter, and the ReImagine Butler County organization. He recently qualified as an ambassador in the ClimateInteractive organization, and demonstrates the (free and easy-to-use) En-ROADS climate simulation program to enable users of all ages to gain perspective on how various strategies and combinations of strategies will impact the global surface temperature by the year 2100. Learn more at www.ClimateInteractive.org.

His responsibilities as Director of Sustainability include coordinating sustainability initiatives, conducting annual greenhouse gas emissions, overseeing and updating SRU's Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality by 2037, completing the AASHE STARS Report used by the Sierra Club to rate "green schools", writing grants to fund sustainability initiatives, and chairing the Presidents Commission on Sustainability. He also works with Dr. Julie Snow and representatives of all PASSHE schools on the newly-formed chancellor's Sustainable Development Task Force, which is designed to share information among our colleagues, develop best practices for educating our students to be leaders in meeting our climate challenges, and achieve carbon neutrality at our campuses.

In 1985 he completed the design and construction of an earth-sheltered home for his family that included one of the first geothermal systems in the area and was featured in a segment of Mr. Rogers Neighborhood. In 2019 he (finally!) added a ground-mounted solar system and now pays about \$7/month in utility bills for an all-electric home.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF BECKY LUBOLD



Becky Lubold
Environmental Educator and Activist

Becky Lubold is a retired environmental educator, most recently employed at Jennings Environmental Education Center. She received a Bachelor's degree in Art Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1973 and a Master's in Environmental Education from Slippery Rock University in 2010, with K-12 teaching certification in both subject areas.

Ms. Lubold received training in climate change education and messaging via professional development during her tenure with PA DCNR at Jennings. She attended Climate Reality Leadership Corps training in 2017, facilitated by the Climate Reality Project. She is a member of regional chapters of both Climate Reality and Citizen's Climate Lobby, "a non-profit, non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change."

Becky serves as a community representative on SRU's President's Commission on Sustainability. She has collaborated with faculty and with the Office for Community-Engaged Learning (OCEL) on campus, receiving the President's Community Partner Award in 2019. A resident of Slippery Rock borough, she is involved in several other community efforts, including managing the Slippery Rock Farmers Market and serving on the board and as membership chair of the Bartramian Audubon Society.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF CHRISTINE-McHENRY GLENN



Chris Glenn

Environmental Educator and Graduate, SRU Masters of Science in Sustainable Systems

Christine McHenry-Glenn holds Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Edinboro University and a Masters of Science degree in Sustainable Systems from Slippery Rock University. She has been working as an environmental educator for over 20 years, and has taught students in Japan, England and the United States. Her work in the field of environmental education began in 1997 at SRU's Macoskey Center for Sustainable Education and Research. Since that time she has taught lessons and workshops on environmental topics to all age levels. Additionally, she has trained both teachers and pre-service teachers on how to facilitate lessons on a variety of environmental topics.

Christine's experience includes working at the Pittsburgh Resource Center for 7 years, and teaching as an instructor in both SRU's Parks & Recreation Department and the Hospitality, Event Management and Tourism Department, where she developed and taught ecotourism and sustainable planning courses. She is currently teaching at The Learning Center, a private, arts-based school where she teaches multi-disciplinary topics which combine the arts, sciences and social studies.

Christine also served as co-director of the 2019 SRU "Beyond Plastic Symposium and Alternative Products Expo", and as assistant director of the award-winning 2017 EPA-funded "Environmental Summer Camp and Community Project Incubator". Over the years, she has won and executed a number of SRU Green Fund Grant projects related to recycling, developing the Overlook Trail on the SRU campus and developing ecotourism courses and opportunities for SRU students. In 2020, she also became a ClimateInteractive Ambassador, and uses their En-ROADS climate simulation program to enable users of all ages to gain perspective on how various carbon reduction strategies can impact the global surface temperature by the year 2100. Learn more at www.ClimateInteractive.org.