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VIRTUAL CLIMATE TALKS



San Diego State University

Summary and resources from all three days

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<u>Day 3</u> <u>Climate law and</u> <u>policy</u>



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Here's what happened...

GGSA was delighted to hold three days of amazing discussions around the topic of climate. Each day was focused on a separate theme (see the left panel for links to each day) and each lasted about 2 hours. We thank our amazing moderators and panelists (see our <u>website</u> for more info about each of them!) for sparking such intriguing dialogue around climate science, justice, misconceptions, equity, responsibility, policy, activism, and so much more! We are grateful to San Diego State University for sponsoring this event through the Student Success Fee grant. Please connect with us through our website, email, or social media accounts. We look forward to holding future conversations focused on climate and climate change.

Get all the shared resources on the next page!



<u>Check out our webpage to see full bios and quotes from our panelists and moderators</u>



CLIMATE MANIFESTO

by Sam Orndorff

I am willing to make radical changes in my life so that the planet Earth sustains life. I am not going to accept defeat, because life defends life, because nature needs defending, because the struggle for a more environmentally-just world and more socially-equitable reality is good.

All people will recognize the role of nature – however capricious of fitful – as the fount of life. The open system of nature is at odds with the all-encompassing pressures of capitalism, colonialism, racism, and economic oppression. While nature deals absolute freedom and abundance, the aforementioned systems stress competition, negligent detachment, and even pathologies of social or individual death. All human beings and nonhuman persons are important and vital.

I am willing to blockade, boycott, strike, sabotage, subvert, and otherwise prevent the extraction and burning of fossil fuels. In my daily life I am willing to consume electricity less, honor those beings whose labor I wear, eat, and operate. By bringing radical consciousness to my world, I engage with the universal oneness that spat me out of the cosmos. By transcending the rupture between environment and self I am nature.

All paths require endurance and fortitude, but also conflict and conflagration. Burning it all down is difficult, but letting the world burn is far worse than anyone could imagine. After the dam's concrete curtain is raised, we will run with fish and relate to them as people. Once the old growth is older and lumber trails vanish, we will roam with elk, moose, and deer. When nuclear waste is no longer a massive issue, we will have succeeded.

This promise takes 10,000 years, but we do it for the next 200,000 years of humanity like the former 200,000 years our ancestors had lived so that we may live.

Water, land, fire, wind, and mind make up Earth. Complete balance in the human realm is impossible, but I never give up on myself or the planet. There is much that I can do. There is more difficulty ahead, but my vision will not sway.



The GGSA Climate Talks planning team would like to extend a big thank you to all who took the time to share in the webinar. We were thrilled at how successful the event was, not only in attendance (30-40 people each day, that's a full room!) but also in content. We certainly met our goal of getting people from divergent backgrounds to discuss climate, and to challenge one another to break out of our respective fields. As current and future educators, we also greatly appreciate the chance to make climate change more comprehensible for our students. Thank you!



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