

# CLIMATE@NOON SEMINAR SERIES

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**Friday, Sept. 7 @ Noon in Jamrich 1318**

## **Marquette's Renewable Energy Potential**

Presenter: Rich Vander Veen, Mackinaw Power

*Vander Veen will describe how Tradewind Energy's 50-100 MW Marquette County Solar Project will deliver triple bottom line values, contributing to the financial, social and environmental principles on which the Northern Climate Network is founded. Vander Veen helped lead the teams that developed Michigan's first wind project in Mackinaw City and the state's largest in Gratiot County. The Marquette County Solar Project could be among Michigan's largest solar projects, delivering more firm, competitively-priced, zero-emissions energy to our community.*

**Friday, Oct. 5 @ Noon in Jamrich 1318**

## **Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Project**

Presenters: Brad Neumann, MSU-Extension & Jerry Messana, Marquette County Health Department

*Heading into 2019, communities throughout Marquette County continue learning about and collaborating on ways to adapt to minimize the human health impacts of climate change. Flooding, access to services, wildfire, water shortage, ticks and Lyme Disease are all impacts of concern for the region, and a forthcoming Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Guidebook highlights ways to adapt.*

**Friday, Nov. 2 @ Noon in Jamrich 1318**

## **The Psychology of Climate Change Images**

Presenters: Betsy Lehman & Dr. Joshua Carlson, Northern Michigan University

*Climate change has become an important topic in scientific and popular literature, but there is little understanding about the images used to represent it. The differences in expert and non-expert opinions about climate change-related images is also problematic. Lehman will discuss her thesis project research which included analyzing participants' ratings of 320 climate-related images. She also investigated the participants' environmental attitudes in relation to their ratings of the climate change images.*

**Friday, Dec. 7 @ Noon in Jamrich 1318**

## **Models vs. People, Gloom vs. Success: Climate Change Stories from the Field**

Presenter: Randy Swaty, The Nature Conservancy

*Wildfires, invasive species, flooding—we're increasingly hearing about these threats. How about the successes, and how scientists are grappling to understand the consequences of climate change? Randy Swaty of The Nature Conservancy will share relevant stories, present some of his favorite conservation strategies and hopefully provoke a spirited conversation!*

**Friday, Jan. 25 @ Noon in Jamrich 1318**

## **A Semester of EcoReps: Panel Discussion about NMU's Efforts to Reduce Our Carbon Footprint**

Presenters: Olivia Walcott & Dr. Sarah Mittlefehldt

**Friday, Feb. 22 @ Noon in Jamrich 1318**

## **What are Michigan's Energy Options?**

Presenters: Dr. John Kinch & Michael Larson, Michigan Energy Options

