

1:30 - 2:30 pm - Panel 1 (environmental impact and evidence)

Moderator: Taylor Madarash



Taylor Madarash is an Amnesty International Canada volunteer Fieldworker and a member of the Amnesty International Club at the University of Regina. Taylor has recently completed her B.SC. at the University of Regina and is now working on her M.SC.

Dr. Dave Sauchyn



Dr. Dave Sauchyn is Director of the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative at the University of Regina and Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies. His research interests are 1) how knowledge of the climate and hydrology of the past millennium the past can inform our understanding of future climate and water supplies, and 2) planned adaption to minimize the adverse impacts of climate change. Dave is coordinating lead author of the Prairie Provinces chapter of the national assessment of climate change due for release in 2020.

Rhonda Rosenberg



Rhonda Rosenberg is the Executive Director for the Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan (MCoS).. She has been working with the multicultural community in Saskatchewan since 1995 years in a variety of roles. Rhonda has expertise and experience in the five streams of multicultural work: cultural continuity, celebration of diversity, intercultural connections, anti-racism, and integration. She also brings a background in education, youth leadership, outdoor and experiential education, non-profit management, and policy governance.

Oscar Zapata



Oscar Zapata is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Regina. Before coming to Regina, he worked as a postdoctoral research fellow in field experiments and public engagement at the University of British Columbia (UBC). He obtained a PhD degree and a master's degree in Economics at the University of Calgary, and a master's degree in Sustainable International Development at Brandeis University (MA, USA). His fields of specialization include environmental and resource economics, behavioral and experimental economics, development economics, and applied econometrics, with specific emphasis in the economics of water and climate change. He studies the impacts and adaptation to climate change, as well as decision making under uncertainty.

Nathanael Bergbusch



Nathanael Bergbusch is the Vice-President of the University of Regina Amnesty International Club. He first got involved with Amnesty International when he was 15 when he led the group at Luther High School. Nathanael is doing a M.Sc. in Freshwater Science. In addition to his interest in activism he loves cooking, badminton, folk music, and theatre.

2:45 - 3:45 - Panel 2 (action and initiatives)

Moderator: Crystal Giesbrecht



Crystal Giesbrecht is a volunteer Fieldworker with Amnesty International Canada and a member of Amnesty International Group 91 in Regina. She is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Justice Studies at the University of Regina and works as the Director of Research and Communications at the Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan (PATHS).

Richard Aisaican is Cree/Saulteaux from Cowessess First Nation located at Crooked Lake in the Qu' Appelle Valley in southeastern Saskatchewan Treaty 4 territory. Richard holds a Graduate Certificate in Administration from San Diego State University's Research Foundation and has a Masters of Science Degree from San Diego State University. Richards undergraduate work involves a bachelor degree in First Nations Studies, majoring in business, from Vancouver Island University and a diploma in First Nations Management from Yukon College. Currently Richard Aisaican is an elected councilor for Cowessess First Nation. His responsibilities to the Nation are Land Claims, Legal and Stewards of the Land.

Paydahbin Aby



Paydahbin Aby is an indigenous woman from the unceded territories of Secwepémcul'cw and St'át'imc tmicw. She is a land defender, water protector, human and indigenous rights activist/advocate. Paydahbin is an undergraduate student at the University of Saskatchewan who is obtaining her Bachelor's degree in Science and she sits on the Indigenous Students Council as the College of Science Representative.

Paulina Larreátegui



Paulina Larreátegui is an Ecuadorian lawyer specializing in human rights and refugee law, with an emphasis on Latin America. At the moment, she is a Ph.D. candidate for the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy - University of Regina. As a Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholar, Paulina explores indigenous climate actions in Canada and Ecuador.