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THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2017

10:20 - 12:30

MAC-LIGHTHOUSE

ECO-FESTIVAL 2017 IS PROUD TO PRESENT OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS



CHRIS MOONEY

Energy and Environment Writer
The Washington Post

11:30 – 12:30 Chris Mooney

Why Science gets Politicized: What It Means for Science to Be Undermined Politically and How to Safeguard Against It

Chris Mooney is a specialist in the relationship between politics and science, having pioneered coverage of the beat and having written several NY Times best sellers on the topic. As part of his job writing about climate change, energy and the environment, Chris has trekked through the Amazon and slept on a glacier. He has reported from the climate summit in Paris to native villages in Alaskan. In this talk Chris will explain what it means for science to be undermined politically, how to protect against it, and why different U.S. governments have developed different approaches to this problem. He will also explain how human psychology drives the desire to bend science, necessitating strong safeguards to ensure that these tendencies do not affect policy and decision-making.



JASON SMERDON

Associate Research Professor
Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory

10: 20 – 11:20 Jason Smerdon

Still Warming After All These Years: The Science of Global Warming And Denialists' Alternative Facts

Jason Smerdon is an expert in climate change research. He studies climate variability and change using paleoclimate archives and models to characterize climate during the last two thousand years. In addition to dozens of scientific publications Jason has authored a student companion to the popular-science book Climate Change: The Science of Global Warming and Our Energy Future. Jason lectures regularly about climate change and the science and politics of global warming. His work has been recognized through various awards. His presentation will delve into the facts of climate science and counter the arguments of even the most persuasive climate denialists.