

Climate Change Response Program
Communications Corner



January 2020

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Interpreting Climate Change Virtual Course



The full instructor team from the previous course will return!

Date: March 24-26
Tues-Thur | 12pm-5pm EST | 9am-2pm PST

Find more information [on the course listing](#) on the NPS Common Learning Portal
Or, [download the course announcement](#) [PDF] if you're not on the NPS network.

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The Interpreting Climate Change virtual course provides an overview of the practical knowledge and skills that will enable interpreters to develop effective, engaging programming for both natural and cultural sites. Participants will consider a range of engagement techniques such as audience-centered interpretation, facilitated dialogue, skills for dealing with controversy, and presenting multiple perspectives. These and other techniques will be applied to an overview of climate science and audience research. Participants will engage in group discussions to share best practices, build confidence, and identify meaningful site connections.

This training will be presented via a distance learning virtual classroom--each day will involve a schedule of WebEx plenary sessions, interactive exercises, self-directed assignments, and small group discussions.

This training is aimed at interpretation and education practitioners and supervisors--from both natural and cultural sites--who are presenting and/or developing climate change programming at their sites, or are interested in doing so but aren't sure how to proceed. Interested employees from other career fields and other agencies are also welcome to apply on a space available basis. Preference is given to NPS employees.

Registration closes February 15, 2020. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status the following week.

Contact matt_holly@nps.gov for questions and more information.

Welcome Annie!



CCRP welcomes the arrival of new Graduate Research Assistant Annie Kellner. Annie is a PhD candidate at Colorado State University in the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology, where she studies polar bear spatial ecology. Her research is part of a joint effort between CSU and the USGS Alaska Science Center to understand the impact of sea ice melt on polar bear movement and behavior.

Annie became fascinated by climate change while working as an interpretive ranger for USFS in the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest in California. Annie loved showing forest visitors such tangible records of climate change - as well as identifying species and describing other aspects of forest ecology, and her passion for science communication

continues today. Annie will be working in a supportive role with CCRP, offering her experience with data management, analysis and visualization to help the team integrate climate science into park planning efforts.

Recent NASA Earth to Sky Climate Communication Efforts



NAI pre-conference workshop attendees at NCAR, Boulder, CO

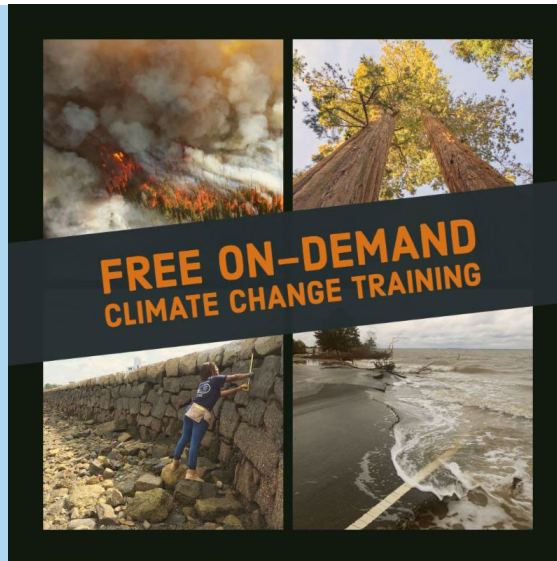
It was a busy fall for NASA's Earth to Sky (ETS) program! In November, ETS hosted a two-day pre-conference climate communication workshop at the National Association for Interpretation annual conference in Denver, CO. The workshop covered a lot of ground in two days, including climate science basics, communication techniques, knowing your audience, Project Drawdown, and a site visit to the National Center for Atmospheric Research, to learn from their scientists and about their interpretation efforts.



The Earth to Sky Academy attendees at NASA Goddard

In October, the inaugural Earth to Sky Academy was launched to create a national network of regional climate communication communities of practice. The four teams from Idaho, Southeast Alaska, Oklahoma, and the Upper Delaware River were composed of state and local communicators and also represented federal agencies and national park units including Glacier Bay NP, Wrangell-St. Elias NP, and Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River. At the end of the week-long course at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, each team presented a draft plan for conducting a regional climate science and communication course based upon the ETS model and for supporting and strengthening their regional communities of practice.

We're looking forward to seeing these regional courses over the next year! Contact genevieve.demessieres@nasa.gov for more information, and to learn more about putting a team together for the next ETS Academy in late 2020/21.



The Climate Change Response Program invites interested NPS employees, contractors, and volunteers to enjoy unlimited access to the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) [library of on-demand and live online training](#) FREE for one full year. This opportunity affords participants unparalleled flexibility to customize training according to their needs and work around busy schedules.

Availability is limited and will be awarded strictly on a first-come, first serve basis. For instructions on how to register for this opportunity, please contact Larry Perez at larry_perez@nps.gov.



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