



## A Retirement Celebration

Gary W. Yohe

Huffington Foundation Professor of Economics and Environmental Studies

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1:30 pm

Usdan University Center, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

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Gary W. Yohe is the Huffington Foundation Professor of Economics and Environmental Studies at Wesleyan University, where he has been on the faculty for more than 40 years. He received a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in Economics from Yale University in 1975. He is the author of more than 175 scholarly articles, several books, and many contributions to media coverage of climate issues. Most of his work has focused attention on the mitigation and adaptation/impacts sides of the climate issue. Involved since the early 1990's with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), he shared its 2007 Nobel Peace Prize as a senior member. He was Lead Author for four different chapters in the Third Assessment Report, published in 2001, and Convening Lead Author for the last chapter of the contribution of Working Group II to the Fourth Assessment Report, published in 2007. For that Assessment, he also worked with the Core Writing Team to prepare the overall Synthesis Report with the conclusion that responding to climate change is an iterative risk management problem. He was a Convening Lead Author for Chapter 18 of the Contribution of Working Group II to the Fifth Assessment Report on "Detection and Attribution" and a Lead Author for Chapter 1 on "Points of Departure". Most recently, he has been a contributing author to the IPCC Special Report on a 1.5-degree temperature target for mitigation.

Professor Yohe continues to serve as a member of the New York (City) Panel on Climate Change (NPCC), created in 2008 by then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg to help the City respond to the risks of climate change. The third iteration of the NPCC reports was released on March 15, 2019 at the offices of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Professor Yohe has testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the "Hidden (climate change) Cost of Oil" on March 30, 2006, the Senate Energy Committee on the *Stern Review* on February 14, 2007, and the Senate Banking Committee on "Material Risk from Climate Change and Climate Policy" on October 31, 2007.

In April of 2011, Professor Yohe was appointed Vice Chair of the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee for the Obama Administration by then Under-Secretary of Commerce Jane Lubchenko for the Third National Climate Assessment. The Third National Climate Assessment Report was released by President Obama in a Rose Garden ceremony on May 6, 2014.

He served as a member of the National Research Council Committee on America's Climate Choices: Panel on Adapting to the Impacts of Climate Change between 2008-2011 and the National Research Council Committee on Stabilization Targets for Atmospheric Greenhouse Gas Concentrations that was chaired by Susan Solomon from 2009 through its release in 2010. More recent activity with the National Academies includes serving as the review editor for their report on the "social cost of carbon" and as a member of their panel to review the Fourth National Climate Assessment. He was also a member of their panel that prepared the 2017-2027 Decadal Survey for Earth Science and Applications from Space for NASA in 2018.

Professor Yohe is currently Co-editor-in-Chief, along with Michael Oppenheimer, of *Climatic Change* (since August of 2010). His opinion pieces now frequently appear in the national media.

## Program

Sessions: Usdan room 108

Welcome: Richard S. Grossman (Wesleyan)

Session 1: Keynote (1:30-2:50 pm)

Mark Jacobsen (UCSD): “Corporate Average Fuel Economy: Economic Efficiency and Current Policy”

Response: Chris Hogendorn (Wesleyan)

Chair: Barry Chernoff (Wesleyan)

Session 2: Panel discussion with Gary Yohe’s students, past and present (3:00-5:00 pm)

Even Weber ‘13

Doug Koplrow ‘87

Michelle Li ‘17

Michael Carim ’03

Chad Malinowski ’19

JR Bascom ’18

Chair: Richie Adelstein (Wesleyan)

Summing up: Gary

Reception (5:00 pm-6:00 pm): Daniel Family Commons Atrium

Remarks by President Michael Roth

Dinner for invited guests (6:15 pm): Daniel Family Commons

Toast Allison Larson ‘00

Remarks by Provost Joyce Jacobsen

## Speaker Biographies

**Richie Adelstein** is the Woodhouse/Sysco Professor of Economics at Wesleyan. His research interests lie at the intersection of economics, law, history and philosophy, and more specifically in the historical development of social institutions and the problem of how social order is created and maintained. He believes that social life cannot be understood from a single perspective, and has written in a range of scholarly disciplines and fields, including economic theory, law and economics, economic, political and legal history, the history of economic thought, and economic philosophy. He is a two-time recipient of Wesleyan's Binswanger Prize for Excellence in Teaching

**JR Bascom '18** has spent this past year working with Gary Yohe on a year-long graduate paper in environmental economics while also working for a waste-to-value company and an environmental consulting startup. He plans to pursue a career in environmental investing.

**Michael Carim '03** is a Senior Associate at First Environment with a background in environmental economics, policy, and management, concentrating on climate change issues. Mr. Carim's work focuses on greenhouse gas management services, specializing in emission reduction project verification and technical assistance for greenhouse gas inventory development. He has provided verification services for over 200 greenhouse gas emission reduction projects utilizing both compliance and voluntary reporting protocols. He has also served as the lead verifier for the assessment of corporate greenhouse gas inventories submitted to the CDP, The Climate Registry, and the latter's predecessor organization the California Climate Action Registry. His expertise includes project work in the solid waste, renewable energy, metals/minerals, electric power utility, and livestock industries.

**Barry Chernoff** is the Robert K. Schumann Chair of Environmental Studies. He currently chairs the Environmental Studies Program and is Director of the College of the Environment. He teaches courses in Environmental Studies, Tropical Ecology, Aquatic Ecosystem Conservation, Quantitative Analysis and Evolutionary Biology. Chernoff's research centers on freshwater fishes in North America and the Neotropical region, primarily those in South America in the Amazon. His research includes, ecology, evolutionary biology and conservation. He has held professorial and curatorial positions at the Field Museum, University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Pennsylvania and the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. He holds a visiting position at Universidad Central de Venezuela.

**Richard S. Grossman** is Professor and Chair of the Economics Department at Wesleyan University and a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University. He is the author of *Unsettled Account: The Evolution of Banking in the Industrialized World since 1800* and *WRONG: Nine Economic Policy Disasters and What We Can Learn from Them*. He has received research support from the National Science Foundation and the German Marshall Fund of the United States and was a 2013 Fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. His op-eds have appeared in publications including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Boston Globe*, and *USA Today*. He is a research fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London, a research network fellow of CESifo in Munich, and an associate editor for socioeconomics, health policy, and law at the journal *Neurosurgery*.

**Christiaan Hogendorn** is Associate Professor of Economics at Wesleyan University and co-editor-in-chief of *Information Economics and Policy*. His research focuses on market structure and competition in network and infrastructure industries. He is currently working on projects studying network neutrality, online news aggregators, and intermodal rail transport. He was formerly a Member of Technical Staff at Bell Laboratories, and he has been a visiting scholar at the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information, the Research Institute in Industrial Economics in Stockholm, and the Hitachi Center for Technology and International Affairs at the Fletcher School, Tufts University. He received his PhD in Applied Economics from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and his BA in Economics from Swarthmore College.

**Joyce P. Jacobsen** is Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Andrews Professor of Economics at Wesleyan University. She received Wesleyan's Binswanger Prize for Excellence in Teaching in 2007. Jacobsen's research focuses on labor economics, particularly the economics of gender, including patterns of workforce sex segregation, migration, and the effects of interrupted work experience on women's earnings and advancement. Jacobsen's publications include *The Economics of Gender, Labor Markets and Employment Relationships* (with Gil Skillman), *Queer Economics: A Reader* (with Adam Zeller), and many articles and book chapters. She has consulted for the World Bank, the ACLU, and other nonprofit organizations. She served as editor of *Eastern Economic Journal* (2005-10) and is President-Elect of the International Association for Feminist Economics. She will become the 29th President of Hobart College and the 18th of William Smith College beginning July 1, 2019.

**Mark Jacobsen '99** is an associate professor of economics at the University of California, San Diego and a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He received his PhD from Stanford University. His research focuses on environmental regulation and taxes, with applications to transportation and the automobile industry.

**Doug Koplow '87** is the founder of Earth Track in Cambridge, MA. His first serious engagement with environmental policy was at Wesleyan, with Professor Yohe as his thesis advisor. For nearly 30 years, Doug's work has focused on government subsidies to natural resource extraction and consumption, primarily in the energy sector. Working collaboratively with environmental groups, government officials, and international agencies, he has helped to improve subsidy measurement and to document the pervasive reach and enormous scale of energy subsidies. Redirecting these hundreds of billions of dollars per year in subsidies is increasingly recognized as an important lever for reducing poverty, transitioning to cleaner energy, and addressing climate change. He holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

**Allison Larson '00** is Senior Vice President, Institutional Sales at E D & F Man Capital Markets. She has been Director of Institutional Sales at INTL FCStone where she focused on both exchange listed and structured commodity instruments. Prior to INTL FCStone, she was employed at BTIG as a Director, focusing on the sales and trading of energy products. She began her career in energy trading at Hess Energy Trading Company, a proprietary trading company affiliated with Hess Corp. Allison began her employment in finance as an equity trader at Citigroup.

**Michelle Li '16** triple majored in economics, environmental studies, and mathematics. At Wesleyan, she was a Presidential Fellow of Wesleyan's College of the Environment. She currently works in the energy practice of The Brattle Group, a Boston-based economic consulting firm.

**Chad Malinowski '19** is a triple major in Computer Science, Mathematics, and Economics from Cortlandt Manor, NY. He is captain of the men's varsity ice hockey and lacrosse teams as well as head of the Omicron Delta Epsilon (Economics Honors Society) Committee. He will be working as an Investment Banking Analyst at J.P. Morgan next year. He took environmental and resource economics with Professor Yohe in the Fall of 2017 and was his Teaching Apprentice for the same course in the Fall of 2018.

**Michael S. Roth '78** is the 16<sup>th</sup> president of Wesleyan University. Formerly president of California College of the Arts, Roth was the founding director of the Scripps College Humanities Institute in Claremont, CA and was associate director of the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles. He is the author of *Psycho-Analysis as History: Negation and Freedom in Freud*; *Knowing and History: Appropriations of Hegel in Twentieth Century France*; *The Ironist's Cage: Trauma, Memory and the Construction of History*; *Irresistible Decay: Ruins Reclaimed* (with Clare Lyons and Charles Merewether). His most recent book is *Beyond the University: Why Liberal Education Matters*. He has been a frequent contributor to the *Washington Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Book Forum*, *Rethinking History*, and Wesleyan's *History and Theory*.

**Evan Weber '13** is a climate justice advocate, progressive movement builder, and political strategist born and raised on the island of Oahu in Hawai'i, where his home community is seeing the effects of climate change first hand. He is one of the co-founders of the *Sunrise Movement*, which is building an army of young people to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process. He currently works as the Sunrise Movement's national Political Director where he leads the political strategy and policy work of the rapidly growing national youth movement.

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TRIBUTE TO GARY YOHE

• Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to pay tribute to Gary Yohe, a Connecticut resident and preeminent national expert on climate change, who is retiring from Wesleyan University.

Professor Yohe has had an impressive and distinguished career. After receiving his PhD in economics from Yale University, he devoted his career to climate impact and mitigation research. He worked as a senior member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, receiving a share of the 2007 Nobel Prize, served as vice chair of the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee under President Obama, and has testified before the Senate on multiple occasions to explain the risks and impacts of climate change. Professor Yohe continues to serve as a member of the New York City Panel on Climate Change and has been a member of the faculty at Wesleyan University for more than 40 years. On a more personal note, he has been a great resource to my office, and I hope he will continue to contribute to public policy after his official retirement.

I would like to congratulate Professor Yohe on his retirement from Wesleyan University and take this moment to thank him for his contributions to the scientific community.●

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