

Workshop Series Presenters

Sustainable Growth, how can we do it?

Wednesday June 2nd, 7pm, [Zoom Link](#)



Bob Sandford

Though best known now for his work around the world in his current capacity as Global Water Futures Chair in Water & Climate Security at the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment & Health, Bob has authored more than 20 books on the natural and human history of the mountain West including *The Weekender Effect: Hyperdevelopment in Mountain Towns* in 2008 and *Our Vanishing Glaciers: The Snows of Yesteryear and the Future Climate of the Mountain West* which recently won a national award for the best science writing in Canada in 2017. Bob remains a passionate defender of mountain landscapes and local connection to place. Bob lives in Canmore, Alberta where, as he says, these values need to be relentlessly defended.

Climate Action, what can we do?

Monday June 7th, 7pm, [Zoom Link](#)



Ingrid Liepa

Ingrid has been working on climate change projects and initiatives since the late 1990s. She helped pioneer climate adaptation efforts in the Columbia Basin through the Columbia Basin Trust's Communities Adapting to Climate Change Initiative, returning to work on the Trust's Climate Action Program until 2020. She has also been part of the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute's work on climate indicators for this region since 2013 and is a key architect of the Basin Climate Source. Ingrid also has a long list of community development projects she has been part of over the years.



Montana Burgess

Montana Burgess is the executive director of the West Kootenay EcoSociety. Montana has worked internationally, nationally, provincially and regionally on climate programs. She led the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan development and process with nine local governments and has supported community engagement across the West Kootenay region around the transition to clean and renewable energy across community energy use.



Meredith Hamstead

For 20 years, Meredith has worked as an independent consultant helping communities and non-profit organizations tackle their most pressing sustainability challenges. Now, together with her husband and business partner, Paul Denchuk, Meredith has turned her full attention to the construction sector. Their company, thinkBright Homes, is a leader in low carbon, sustainable, and affordable residential construction. Whether new or existing homes, Meredith and Paul are proving that all homes can and should be more comfortable, healthy, and cost effective. New energy efficiency regulations in BC are laying a clear path to achieve these universally applicable goals – and Meredith is using her 20 years experience as a consultant to deliver results.

Sustainable Growth, how can we do it? - Part 2

Thursday June 10th, 7pm, [Zoom Link](#)



Danya Rumore

Danya Rumore, Ph.D., is the Founder and a Co-Director of the Gateway and Natural Amenity Region (GNAR) Initiative, a collaborative effort that helps western GNAR communities thrive and enhance the things that make them special through research, education, and technical assistance.

She is also the Director of the Wallace Stegner Center's Environmental Dispute Resolution Program and a professor of law and planning at the University of Utah. She is a facilitator, collaborative process designer, and conflict resolution professional with a particular passion for understanding and addressing the unique challenges and opportunities facing western natural amenity-rich rural regions like that surrounding her hometown, Sandpoint, Idaho. Danya holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Policy and Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.