

Michael P. Metcalf Institute for
Marine & Environmental Reporting presents

Scientists and Journalists: Getting the Point Across

June 8–12, 2009



Wickford, Rhode Island, with projected five-foot sea level rise overlaid in blue.
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2009 Annual Public Lecture Series

presented concurrently with Coastal Impacts: Global Change in Coastal Ecosystems
Metcalf's Eleventh Annual Science Immersion Workshop for Journalists

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| Monday, June 8
William Schlesinger
Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies | 3:30 p.m. | Global change includes a variety of human impacts on the environment—climate change, biodiversity loss, nutrient pollution. Schlesinger will discuss the value of taking an ecosystem-wide approach to investigating and addressing these impacts. |
| Tuesday, June 9
Colleen Charles
Terrestrial, Freshwater, and Marine Ecosystems
Program, U.S. Geological Survey | 3:30 p.m. | Scientists are increasingly recognizing that small changes in climate can trigger major, abrupt responses in ecosystems. Charles will identify the research needed to better understand and predict these responses for effective management. |
| Wednesday, June 10
Christophe Tulou
Resilient Coasts Initiative
Ceres and the Heinz Center for Science,
Economics, and the Environment | 3:30 p.m. | How can the world's coastal cities manage the multiple risks of climate change? Tulou will present the Resilient Coasts Initiative's strategy for mitigating coastal risks like sea level rise and changes in precipitation patterns. |
| Thursday, June 11
Tom Rosenstiel
Project for Excellence in Journalism
Pew Research Center for the People
and the Press | 3:30 p.m. | The news industry has experienced major shifts over the past five years. Is journalism as we know it disappearing? Or evolving? Assumptions that everything will simply resolve itself in a new technology marketplace may be misguided. Rosenstiel will outline the facts and myths about what is occurring in journalism. |
| Friday, June 12
John Reilly
Joint Program on the Science and Policy
of Global Change
M.I.T. Sloan School of Management | 11 a.m. | Economists typically frame environmental issues as a balance between the costs of reducing environmental damage and the benefits of avoiding that damage in the first place. Reilly will address the challenges of estimating these costs when there are so many uncertainties and oversimplifications in the equation. |

All presentations will be held in the Coastal Institute Auditorium, 218 South Ferry Road, URI Narragansett Bay Campus. Limited seating available. Sponsored by the Metcalf Institute for Marine & Environmental Reporting, URI Office of Marine Programs, 401-874-6211, www.metcalfinstitute.org

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