

## ***RENEW Distinguished Lecture Series Presents***

### **Sebastian Copeland**

**Lecture Title: Global Warming and a Call to Action:  
How ice foretells the next systemic transformation**



#### **Abstract**

Copeland will chronicle some of his seminal expedition crossings, and share impressions on what it means to spend three months of isolated travel in the most remote polar environments. Illustrated with award winning photographs, his anecdotes range from close encounters with polar bears, falling through the ice into the frigid Arctic ocean, surviving hurricanes in a tent, and traveling with severe frostbites, broken bones and food shortage. Copeland will explore the meaning of living in a truly antagonistic environment and how he learned to love everything about survival to find epiphanies and discover the true essence of self. More pointedly, Copeland makes the case that climate transformations taking place in the polar regions foretell global systemic chaos from anthropogenic activities, and their geopolitical consequences.

#### **Biography**

In 2017, *Men's Journal* named Copeland one of the world's top 25 adventurers of the last 25 years. He is an award-winning photographer, explorer, author, and environmental advocate. Copeland has led expeditions across the Arctic sea, Greenland and Antarctica, covering over 8,000 kilometers on skis over the ice. An international speaker on the climate crisis for some 20 years, he has addressed audiences at the UN, at universities and museums worldwide, and many fortune 500 companies warning of systemic transformations taking place in the polar regions. Noted as a photographer "who has produced works that are of outstanding artistic merit and communicates messages of urgent global significance," Copeland was twice awarded Photographer of the Year (IPA'07 and TIFA'16). He is a member of the Explorer's Club and sits on the board of directors of President Gorbachev's NGO Global Green USA.

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**Thursday, June 7th, 2018**

**2:30 - 5:00pm**

**Marquis Ballroom  
Hotel at the Lafayette  
391 Washington Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203**

## **Agenda**

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Registration and Networking

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

RENEW Distinguished Lecture Introduction and Comments

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

RENEW Distinguished Lecture

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Fireside Chat hosted by Prof. Richard Alley

4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

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