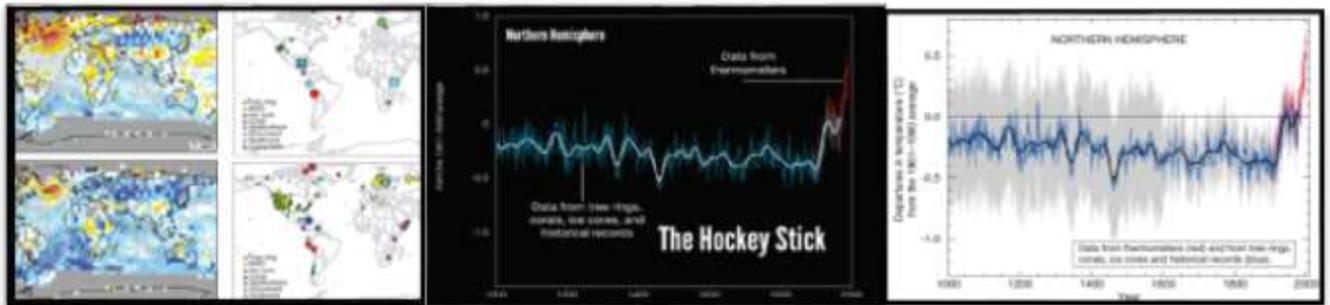


RENEW Distinguished Lecture Series in Energy, Environment & Water Sustainability

Title of Lecture: *The Madhouse Effect: Climate Change Denial in the Age of Trump*



When: 8:30am – 10:45am, April 28th, 2017 (presentation followed by a discussion)

Where: Davis 101, North Campus, University at Buffalo

Featuring: Prof. Michael Mann

Biosketch:



Dr. Michael E. Mann is Distinguished Professor of [Atmospheric Science](#) at [Penn State](#), with joint appointments in the Department of [Geosciences](#) and the [Earth and Environmental Systems Institute](#) (EESI). He is also director of the Penn State [Earth System Science Center](#) (ESSC).

Dr. Mann received his undergraduate degrees in Physics and Applied Math from the University of California at Berkeley, an M.S. degree in Physics from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in Geology & Geophysics from Yale University. His research involves the use of theoretical models and observational data to better understand Earth's climate system.

Dr. Mann was a Lead Author on the *Observed Climate Variability and Change* chapter of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Third Scientific Assessment Report in 2001 and was organizing committee chair for the National Academy of Sciences *Frontiers of Science* in 2003. He has received a number of honors and awards including NOAA's outstanding publication award in 2002 and selection by *Scientific American* as one of the fifty leading visionaries in science and technology in 2002. He contributed, with other IPCC authors, to the award of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. He was awarded the Hans Oeschger Medal of the European Geosciences Union in 2012 and was awarded the National Conservation Achievement Award for science by the National Wildlife Federation in 2013. He made Bloomberg News' list of fifty most influential people in 2013. In 2014, he was named Highly Cited Researcher by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) and received the Friend of the Planet Award from the National Center for Science Education. He is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the American Meteorological Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also a co-founder of the award-winning science website [RealClimate.org](#).

Dr. Mann is author of more than 200 peer-reviewed and edited publications, and has published three books including *Dire Predictions: Understanding Climate Change*, *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches from the Front Lines*, and most recently, *The Madhouse Effect* with Washington Post editorial cartoonist Tom Toles.

Abstract: I offer a somewhat lighthearted take on a very serious issue—the threat of human-caused climate change and what to do about it, based on my collaboration with Washington Post editorial cartoonist Tom Toles. We target the ongoing campaign to deny that threat through satire and where appropriate, ridicule, built around Tom Toles' famously insightful, edgy, and provocative climate-themed cartoons in the Washington Post. Using Tom's cartoons (existing ones and some new ones exclusive to the book) as a template, we review the scientific evidence of climate change, the reasons we should care, and the often absurd efforts by special interests and partisan political figures to confuse the public, attack the science and scientists, and deny that a problem even exists. Despite the monumental nature of the challenge this poses to human civilization, we find a way to end on an upbeat and cautiously optimistic note.

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