

The 5th Annual **CLIMATE**
Teach-In

ELMIRA COLLEGE
MARCH 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

**Community Sip & Paint
Mural Project**
1855 Room, Campus Center

Upcycle Flea Market

Class of 1963 Patio Area, Campus Center

Unguided Climate Hike

Signs begin outside Gibson Theatre
East of Speidel Gymnasium

9:10 a.m.

Keynote Presentation
The Role of Institutional Operations in Building the Clean Energy Economy
Brendan Woodruff, Director of Sustainability, NYS Department of Conservation
Morris Classroom, Meier Hall

MORNING DISCUSSION SESSIONS

10:20 a.m.-11:20 p.m.

**A Good Walk Spoiled:
How Climate Impacts
Golf Courses**
Morris Classroom, Meier Hall

**Coffee with Environmental
Professionals**
Stephans Lounge, Meier Hall

**Faith, Ethics, and Ecology:
Religious Perspectives of
Environmentalism**
Tripp Lecture Hall, GTL Library

**EC Theatre: Relationships
in the Anthropocene**
Tiff Lounge, Campus Center

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Low-Impact Lunch
Campus Center Dining Hall
Buffet-style Lunch, \$14.95 plus tax. Cash or card accepted

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Interactive Fair
Speidel Gymnasium, Emerson Hall
See. Learn. Engage! Visit each table for a chance to win a prize!

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION SESSIONS

1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Student Climate Action
Morris Classroom, Meier Hall

**Impacts of Climate Change
on the Guna Community in
Rural Panama**
Stephans Lounge, Meier Hall

**Reclaim, Respect, Restore,
Respond**
George Waters Art Gallery,
Campus Center

Science and Solutions
Tiff Lounge, Campus Center

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DISCUSSION SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

10:20 a.m.-11:20 p.m. MORNING DISCUSSION SESSIONS

A Good Walk Spoiled: How Climate Impacts Golf Courses

Morris Classroom, Meier Hall

Experts from the golf industry will discuss how the changing climate impacts golf courses. Topics will include turf grass management, golf course set-up, tournament operations and sustainability in the golf industry.

Coffee with Environmental Professionals

Stephans Lounge, Meier Hall

We invite those whose careers or interests intersect with sustainability or the environment in some way to attend this discussion—an informal social hour in Stephans Lounge with coffee and light snacks provided. Please come to help mentor undergraduates toward sustainable careers, recruit, or network yourself with regional businesses and agencies in attendance.

Faith, Ethics, and Ecology: Religious Perspectives of Environmentalism

Tripp Lecture Hall, Gannett-Tripp Library

As climate change, biodiversity loss, and environmental injustice reshape global conversations, religious communities are uniquely positioned to foster critical dialogue across ecclesiastical lines. Faith, Ethics, and Ecology brings together local faith leaders in an interfaith environment to explore how religious traditions contribute to contemporary environmental thought and action.

EC Theatre: Relationships in the Anthropocene

Tiftt Lounge, Campus Center

What is love? Who is family? Where is hope? What does the nature of our current relationships to ourselves, each other, and the planet tell us about where we are going? How might we imagine new ways of being in these relationships? In this session the EC Theatre Program will present staged readings of three short plays from *Lighting the Way: An Anthology of Short Plays about the Climate Crisis* edited by Chantal Bilodeau and Thomas Peterson chosen around the theme of relationships. The readings will be followed by a facilitated discussion on the themes raised by the plays. Performed by Elmira College students and directed by Program Director, Sarah K. Chalmers, this event promises to engage attendees in questions both personal and global as we use theatre to connect, discover, and imagine.



1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. AFTERNOON DISCUSSION SESSIONS

Student Climate Action

Morris Classroom, Meier Hall

This discussion will center on how environmentalism has impacted African Americans in the Southern Tier region. Alanah Kettel-Tuckey of New York Department of Environmental Conservation and students from the Black Student Union discuss testimonials and data from the past two generations of minorities and their relationship with the environment.

Impacts of Climate Change on the Health of the Guna Community

Stephans Lounge, Meier Hall

The Guna communities in rural Panama are being forced to relocate from their archipelago islands off the coast of Panama to inland locations due to rising sea levels. We will address the public health ramifications of climate change on these communities, mainly the impacts of clean water access and communicable diseases. Students have just gathered first hand information while working in Panama over their spring break week.

Reclaim, Respect, Restore, Respond: Berkeley Commonplace Postal Collage Exhibition & Poetry Session

George Waters Art Gallery, Campus Center

Join Arts and Humanities professors Jan Kather, Dr. Annaliese Hoehling, and Aaron Kather to consider how the art of collage supports the goal of “good stewardship of the earth” by reducing, reusing and recycling. Sixty-seven collaborative collage works by artists from all over the globe fill the gallery, on loan from the archives of Berkeley Commonplace, Berkeley, CA. Attendees are invited to participate in this informal talk that will include a stress-free [anti-artificial intelligence] poetry workshop that is designed to help us all look deeper into the connections between art and sustainable practices. What do we re-see when we respect and respond? What can we reclaim when we restore?

Science and Solutions

Tiftt Lounge, Campus Center

This discussion session will bring together a group of panelists from higher education, industry, and the community who use science to find sustainable solutions to the realities of a changing climate. Panelists include Jeremy Kraus from Cornell Cooperative Extension; Anthony Ingraffea, Professor Emeritus from Cornell University; Connor Freidhof, Meteorologist from WENY TV News; and Andrew Grueber, Owner and Director of EvoEco. The discussion will explore practical solutions, emerging research, and community-level approaches to climate resilience. This interactive Q&A session will give audience members the opportunity to engage directly with the panelists and ask questions about climate science, local impacts, and a more sustainable future.

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