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**Keynote Speaker**

Bob Inglis launched the Energy and Enterprise Initiative at George Mason University in July 2012 and serves as executive director, where he promotes free enterprise action on climate change. For his work on climate change Inglis was given the 2015 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. He appears in the film Merchants of Doubt and in the Showtime series YEARS of Living Dangerously (episodes 3 and 4), and he's spoken at TEDxBeacon Street and at TEDxJacksonville. Inglis was a Resident Fellow at Harvard University’s Institute of Politics in 2011, a Visiting Energy Fellow at Duke University’s Nicholas School of the Environment in 2012, and a Resident Fellow at the University of Chicago’s Institute of Politics in 2014. Bob was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1992, having never run for office before. He represented Greenville Spartanburg, South Carolina, from 1993-1998. In 2004, he was re-elected to Congress and served until losing re-election in the South Carolina Republican primary of 2010. Inglis grew up in the Lowcountry of South Carolina, went to Duke University for college, met and married his college sweetheart, graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law and practiced commercial real estate law in Greenville, S.C., before and between his years in Congress. Bob and Mary Anne Inglis have five adult children and live on a small farm in northern Greenville County, South Carolina.

**Panel 1 on Decarbonizing Indiana**

John Delurey, Midwest Director, Vote Solar

As regional director, John coordinates campaigns for Vote Solar’s legislative and regulatory priorities throughout the Midwest. Prior to joining Vote Solar, John built a program for a residential solar company that enabled underserved and environmental justice communities to access rooftop solar. John has prior experience coordinating grassroots advocacy efforts for the Sierra Club focused on improving community solar options for member-owners in Rural Electric Cooperatives. John also spent a year overseas working on off-grid solar access, primarily in India and East Africa, and two years with the United States Agency for International Development. This work focused on training women to be solar electricians and then giving them resources to electrify their off-grid communities. He speaks Swahili and was a recipient of the federal Boren Fellowship. John has a Masters in Public Service from the Clinton School of Public Service and his undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies and International Relations from Washington University in St. Louis. He lives in Hyde Park, Chicago, with his wife and dog.

David Wright, Director of Planning and Marketing, Gary Public Transportation Corp.
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Mr. Wright was born and raised in Gary, and is a 1989 graduate of Gary's Theodore Roosevelt High School. After Roosevelt, David attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, at which he earned a Bachelor of Science in Community and Regional Planning. Between Iowa and GPTC, David worked as a planner for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) in Portage, IN, and as Director of Planning for the City of Gary. David is the father of two sons (adult David II, and newborn Elijah) and currently lives in Gary with his wife Carmel and Elijah.

Greg Gunthorp, Farmer & Owner, Gunthorp Farms
Greg is a fourth-generation farmer and owner of Gunthorp Farms, a small 260-acre farm in LaGrange, Indiana where he, his wife and three children pasture-raise pigs, turkeys, ducks, and chickens for farm to fork restaurants and customers who care about where their food comes from, how it was raised and its environmental “food-print.” Greg is also a fierce advocate for small farmers, and promoting rural economic development through sustainable and local food systems instead of factory farms. He has testified before the Indiana General Assembly against bills that favor big Ag and hurt small farmers. He has been featured on talk shows, podcasts, and documentaries including the recent documentary “Right to Harm,” which exposes the public health and environmental impact of factory farms. He serves on several boards and panels including the American Pastured Poultry Producers Association and has received numerous awards including the Slow Food USA Snailblazer Family Farming Award.

Panel 2 on Resiliency in Indiana

Sheila McKinley, AICP, CFM, LEED Green Associate. Director, Planning, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC
As Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Sheila is responsible for overseeing the development of stormwater, floodplain, and green infrastructure planning and policy projects throughout Indiana. She has a long-time interest in land use and its influence on water resources. This interest and her collective 20 plus years of experience have allowed her to develop and apply an integrated and holistic approach to water quality, drainage and flood related projects. Sheila holds a Masters in Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor in Landscape Architecture from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. She is a member of the American Planning Association (APA), and the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Sheila is a certified planner under the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM), and LEED Green Associate.

Dr. Laura C. Bowling, Professor, Hydrology & Water Resources, Dept. of Agronomy, Co-Director, Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences Program, Purdue Univ.
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Dr. Laura Bowling earned her bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and water resources from Princeton University, and her master’s and doctorate from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Washington, Seattle. Laura has been at Purdue University since 2004, she is now a full Professor with research and teaching responsibilities in the Department of Agronomy at Purdue University, and has a courtesy appointment in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. She also serves as the Co-Director of the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences interdisciplinary undergraduate program. Dr. Bowling’s research interests broadly defined address the sustainability of water and agriculture in the face of a changing climate. More specifically, this includes quantifying the hydrologic and water quality impacts of agricultural drainage practices, investigation of edge-of-field and watershed-scale conservation measures to mitigate the impacts of agriculture on water resources, and evaluation of water resources sustainability, with emphasis on agricultural water use for irrigation.

Dr. Bowling is a contributing author to the Indiana Climate Change Impacts Assessment.

Dr. John Dunning, Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University

Dr. John (Barny) Dunning teaches courses on environmental science, conservation biology and avian ecology. He received a B.S. in Biological Sciences from Kent State University (Kent, Ohio) in 1978, where he graduated summa cum laude and was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He then received a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Arizona (Tucson, Arizona) in 1986. Prior to coming to Purdue, Dr. Dunning held positions as a postdoctoral research associate and research scientist at the University of Georgia’s Institute of Ecology.

His research focuses on the impact of human-associated change in the landscape distribution and quality of habitat for native wildlife, with a primary focus on Midwestern bird populations. Dr. Dunning serves as the department’s Associate Head for Academic Programs. He has published over 110 papers, monographs and books, and has been awarded Purdue’s primary awards for undergraduate teaching.

Panel 3 on Expanding the Climate Movement in Indiana

Denise Jamerson, Owner-Partner, Legacy Taste of the Garden

Denise Jamerson was born and raised in Lyles Station, IN, a African American farming community in southern Indiana, operated by her father Norman Greer who was recently recognized in the National Museum of African American History and Culture as the last known African American farmer in the United States farming land that has been in his family pre-civil war. The farm
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operation consisted of commodity crops, livestock, and produce. Living and growing up on the farm was hands on farm work experience. Denise has a college degree in Business and Banking. Work experience is in the areas of Management, Accounting and Property Management. Denise has held leadership positions in the Non Profit sectors founding/creating and establishing Historical and Community organizations in her community. Denise is continuing to work with communities and organizations to distribute fresh grown produce as her and her husband John have done for over 30 years. Denise has a passion for her community and the youth. She uses her knowledge and resources to educate, empower, and improve the lives of those around her.

Laurie Counsel, Global Environmental Affairs Director, Cummins

Laurie advances Cummins’ environmental actions and brand through messaging, engagement, marketing and stakeholder reporting. Before joining Cummins, Laurie did investor relations for several large financial services companies, technical writing, production planning and general assignment reporting for several newspapers. She is President of the Board of Earth Day Indiana and on the board of People for Urban progress. Her passions include reading, kickboxing, travel, playing with her dogs and listening to and playing music. She is married to Indianapolis Public School teacher Stephen and has two sons, Eric and Brett.

Iris O’Donnell-Bellisario, Resiliency Coordinator for Greater Lafayette, Earth Charter Indiana

Iris O’Donnell Bellisario is a Senior at Purdue University pursuing a degree in Natural Resources and Environmental Science. She has interned with the Purdue Climate Change Research Center, working with the scientists and environmental impact groups throughout Indiana. Her philosophy is to breathe the message of climate change into everything she does. She is a vegan, an advocate for animals and animal rights, and strives for daily behavioral changes that can help the planet. She also works to bring the message of sustainability across campus to students and faculty alike in the hopes to bring about the changes in the residential portion of campus. She has worked with both West Lafayette and Lafayette on developing youth-led Climate Resolutions for both cities, with West Lafayette passing the resolution in October 2019.