

**CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE PROGRAM Wed., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM -1:00 pm**

**Preserving Ourselves: Local and International Perspectives on Climate Change Threats and Solutions**

Conference Description: A morning of discussion and debate regarding the urgent issue of how climate change is altering the course of life as we know it. We'll hear from local businesses with global interests, from state and local government, as well as from two Dutch scholars who bring us perspectives we may wish to consider as we prepare for and attempt to mitigate the unique threats and challenges of climate change.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018

**TIME:** 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Charles W. Loosemore Forum - SCB-1008, L. William Seidman Center, Grand Valley State University PEW campus.

**PARKING:** Fulton St Lot, under the 131 overpass (just north of the Seidman building)

**PROGRAM**

8:30 – 8:40 AM

**Welcome**

Michael DeWilde

Professor of Management, Director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative, Seidman College of Business, Grand Valley State University

8:45 – 9:30 AM

**Panel One:**

**Energy and Michigan's Future: Policies and Practices**

9:00 – 9:45 AM

Moderator: John A. Kinch, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Michigan Energy Options

Norman J. Saari

Commissioner, Michigan Public Service

Jeff Myrom

Director, Renewable Energy & Electric Vehicle Customer Products, Clean Energy Products, Consumers Energy

Margrethe K. Kearney, J.D.

Senior Staff Attorney, Environmental Law & Policy Center

9:45 – 9:55 AM

**Break**

10:00 – 10:40 AM

**Panel Two:**

**Business: Progress and Profit in an Age of Climate Change**

Moderator: Kelly Parker, Ph.D.

Professor of Philosophy, Director of the Environmental Studies Program

Erik Petrovskis  
Director of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability at  
Meijer

Mary Ellen Mika  
Director of Global Compliance and Sustainability at  
Steelcase

Steve Ramus  
Global Head of Corporate Social Responsibility at Perrigo

Respondent: Joshua Lunger  
Director of Government Affairs at Grand Rapids Area  
Chamber of Commerce

10:40 – 10:50 AM **Break**

10:55 – 11:35 AM **Panel Three:  
Moving Forward Together: What We Can All Do**

Moderator: Michael DeWilde  
Professor of Management, Director of the Koeze  
Business Ethics Initiative

Cameron Kritikos  
Mobilizing & Advocacy Fellow, Climate Witness Project

Jan O'Connell  
Development Director and Energy Issues Organizer,  
Michigan Chapter Sierra Club

Thomas Franssen, Ph.D.  
Researcher, Centre for Science and Technology Studies  
(CWTS), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Leiden,  
the Netherlands

Alison Sutter  
Sustainability Manager for the City of Grand Rapids

Gillian Giem  
Program Manager, U.S. Green Building Council - West  
Michigan Chapter

11:40 AM – 1:00 PM **Lunch & Keynote**

**How the Dutch Are Dealing With Climate Change: Polders, Politics,  
and Markets**

Mandy de Wilde, Ph.D.  
Researcher, Wageningen University & Research, the  
Netherlands

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## FEATURED SPEAKERS

### The Keynote Address

Mandy de Wilde, Ph.D.  
Researcher, the Environmental Policy Group, Wageningen University &  
Research, *The Netherlands*

### The Panelists

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