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***The Path to a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World
a talk by Tad Daley, JD PhD
Thursday, November 5, 2009 7:30pm
Main Lounge, Moulton Hall, Bowdoin College***

Tad Daley, author of the forthcoming book *Apocalypse Never: Forging the Path to a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World*, will present his vision for a global governance structure to support nuclear abolition.

Dr. Daley's scholarship and advocacy focuses on defining a progressive foreign policy vision for the post-9/11 world, abolishing nuclear weapons, ending genocide forever, reinventing the United Nations, and articulating an ethic of allegiance to humanity. He is a Writing Fellow at International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and the former Peace and Disarmament Fellow at Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles.



Dr. Daley's talk is hosted by the Bowdoin College Department of Government & Legal Studies, with support from the John C. Donovan Lecture Fund, and sponsored by the Bowdoin Model UN Club, the Maine Chapter of the United Nations Association-USA and the Maine Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

New Report Urges Public Health Readiness Plans for Climate Change Impacts



Trust for America's Health (TFAH) released a new report this week that most states, including Maine, have no published plans for a public health response to climate change. This includes planning for health challenges and emergencies expected to develop from natural disasters, pollution, and infectious diseases as temperatures and sea levels rise.

Currently, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection is drafting climate change adaptation recommendations that will include a public health component. Maine PSR is contributing to those recommendations, which will be ready for release in early 2010.

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To hold a DVRI training at your medical facility, please call PSR Maine at (207) 772-6714 or [email Janey Morse](mailto:Janey.Morse@psr.org), our Domestic Violence Prevention Director

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The Health Problems Heat Up: Climate Change and the Public's Health report examines U.S. planning for changing health threats posed by climate change, such as heat-related sickness, respiratory infections, natural disasters, changes to the food supply, and infectious diseases carried by insects.

A PDF version of the report is available for download [here](#).

"The changing environment has serious ramifications for our health," said Jeff Levi, PhD, Executive Director of TFAH. "In the near future, more extreme weather events, rising temperatures, and worsening air quality mean we'll see an upswing in climate-related illnesses and injuries. As countries around the world work to address climate change, federal, state, and local governments around the United States need to ramp up activities to protect people from the health harms it poses."

"The health threats from climate change are very real," said Phyllis Cuttino, Director of the Pew Environment Group's U.S. Global Warming Campaign. "That is one more reason the U.S. Congress should enact legislation to address global warming. Passing climate legislation that includes provisions to help states prepare for and respond to the projected health impacts of climate change is a measure in helping to protect the long term health of the American people. The sooner we act on global warming the healthier we'll all be."

Toxics Action Alert: Urge Congressman Michaud to Support Enhanced Security for Chemical Plants

Next Wednesday, a bill will hit the House floor that, if passed, will serve our goals of increasing national security and reducing the threat to public health posed by toxic chemicals.

For the first time since the Sept. 11th attacks we have a chance to pass legislation to ensure that the highest risk chemical plants use safer chemical processes. This will not only make them less attractive terrorist targets it will eliminate the risk of disastrous chemical accidents. As President Obama once said, "these plants are stationary weapons of mass destruction spread all across the country."

By converting them to safer chemical processes we will protect millions of Americans now at risk and enhance the job security and safety of people working at these plants.

Please take a minute today and [send Rep. Michaud a message](#): prevent chemical disasters and pass "The Chemical and Water Security Act of 2009" (H.R. 2868) today!

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