

ETHICS CENTER LECTURE SERIES

Fall 2009

Wednesdays 7-8
Alice Peters Auditorium, University Business Center

October 14: Andrew Jones, *Fallacies, Ethical Dilemmas, and Climate Change*

Andrew Jones will discuss the flawed logic employed by skeptics who argue that climate change either isn't taking place, or isn't human caused. Jones will critique some of the solutions being offered as means of mitigating global warming's effects. He will also examine—from the standpoint of different schools of ethics—the arguments being put forth that favor doing nothing about climate change or that advocate embracing global warming.

Andrew Jones is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Fresno State. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon, where his dissertation was: *How the Media Frame Global Warming: A Harbinger of Human Extinction, or Endless Summer Fun?*

November 4: Peter Vandewater, *Adaptation to Climate Change in Fresno, CA*

Climate change is occurring at an ever-increasing rate across the globe. Here in Fresno the primary effects—warming temperatures and changes in precipitation—will directly impact our interactions with the environment. Yet, the secondary and tertiary effects may have much greater impacts. The discussion will present the current understanding of climate changes and the challenges they present to our immediate future.

Peter Vandewater has a Ph.D. in Geosciences from the University of Arizona. His most recent work has focused on plant gene-flow from genetically modified crop plants into wild relatives growing nearby. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Fresno State.

December 2: Robert Maldonado, *The Ethics of Reading the Bible*

Robert Maldonado will explore the layers of meaning found in ancient scriptures. He will raise questions about the significance of religious texts and the value we place upon them. His theme is how the way we read influences the value we get out of our texts.

Robert Maldonado has a Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union. He is the former Chair of the Philosophy Department at Fresno State, an expert on the Gospel of Mark, and a serious origamist.

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