

Speaker Bios

[Brent Barnette](#): Sustainable Economic Growth Lead, Climate Resilience Execution Agency for Dominica (CREAD)

Brent joined CREAD as Economic Growth Lead after a 25-year career in Management Consulting, with a focus on finance, technology, operations, and strategic sourcing for technology companies, financial services firms, and central government clients. Brent's work has taken him around the world, from the US, to the UK and Europe, to Saudi Arabia. In the past 5 years, Brent has also served as a Non-Executive Director to two companies focused on developing the export market for African companies and developing greater trading relationships between the UK and Africa. As Economic Growth Lead, Brent is focused on all sectors of the economy in Dominica, helping businesses in tourism, agriculture, manufacturing and technology to become more resilient, to grow, and to provide jobs for the people of Dominica.

[Lawrence G. Baxter](#): David T. Zhang Professor of the Practice of Law and Faculty Director, Global Financial Markets Center

Lawrence G. Baxter is the David T. Zhang Professor of the Practice of Law at Duke University and faculty director of the Global Financial Markets Center at Duke Law. He focuses his teaching and scholarly research on the evolving regulatory environment for financial services and beyond. He began his academic career at the University of Natal in South Africa, where he held tenure from 1978 to 1984. In 1995, Baxter joined Wachovia Bank in Charlotte, N.C., serving first as special counsel for Strategic Development and later as corporate executive vice president, founding Wachovia's Emerging Businesses and Insurance Group and eBusiness Group. He served as chief eCommerce officer for Wachovia Corporation from 2001 to 2006. Baxter received his LLB and BComm, Business from the University of Natal, where he also received a PhD in Law and Government Regulation. He received his Diploma in Legal Studies and LLM at the University of Cambridge.

[Mercy B. DeMenno](#): Principal, Bosque Advisors and Senior Fellow, Global Financial Markets Center

Mercy Berman DeMenno is a Senior Fellow with the Global Financial Markets Center at Duke Law School and Principal of Bosque Advisors, a boutique consulting practice specializing in risk, regulation, and resilience. Her research focuses on the political economy of financial regulation (e.g., systemic risk, climate change and financial markets, banking regulation) and the politics of regulatory governance (e.g., stakeholder participation in rulemaking, regulatory impact assessment, international regulatory cooperation). In her applied work, Dr. DeMenno advises energy and financial sector clients on regulatory and investment strategies to manage complex risks and promote economic and environmental resilience. She has over a decade of public policy experience spanning the state, federal, and international levels. Dr. DeMenno received a PhD and an MA from Duke University and an MBA and a BA from the University of New Mexico.

[Deborah Gallagher](#): Professor of the Practice of Resource and Environmental Policy and Associate Dean of Professional Programs, Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment

Dr. Gallagher's research examines public policies to promote environmentally sustainable business practices and public/private partnerships for environmental policy implementation. She has critically

examined the [United Nations Global Compact](#) (UNGC) as an international environmental governance mechanism to promote business sustainability. Recent work in partnership with the UNGC focused on responsible business engagement in climate policy and implementation of an internal price for carbon. She is currently working with the UNGC on evaluating corporate leadership behaviors which would advance the Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Gallagher is also a leading scholar of environmental leadership, serving as editor of SAGE's Handbook of Environmental Leadership, which created a framework for study in the field. She is collaborating with colleagues on an upcoming book, Critical Perspectives on Environmental Leadership.

[Gilbert Gaul](#): Author, “The Geography of Risk”

Gilbert M. Gaul has twice won the Pulitzer Prize and has been shortlisted for the Pulitzer four other times. For more than thirty-five years, he worked as an investigative journalist for The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and other newspapers. He has reported on non-profit organizations, the business of college sports, homeland security, the black market for prescription drugs, and problems in the Medicare program. His books include Giant Steps, Free Ride (with Neill A. Borowski), and Billion-Dollar Ball. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and a Ferris Fellow at Princeton University. Gaul lives in New Jersey.

[Vincent Price](#): President, Duke University

Vincent Price is the 10th President of Duke University, where he is also Walter Hines Page Professor of Public Policy and Political Science in the Sanford School of Public Policy and Trinity College of Arts and Sciences. President Price is a leading global expert on public opinion, social influence, and political communication. His Public Opinion (Sage, 1992) has been published in six languages and taught in courses around the world. His work has been widely cited on such topics as the impact of political polls, the effects of TV news coverage, and the factors that shape public opinion. His research, funded by grants from the Pew Charitable Trusts, National Science Foundation, and National Institutes of Health, has explored the role of online discussion in shaping public knowledge and opinion. The former editor-in-chief of Public Opinion Quarterly, the leading journal of public opinion research, Price has held visiting appointments at the University of Paris-Sorbonne and the University of Amsterdam, and has lectured widely at universities around the world.

[Mackenzie Huffman](#): Vice President, Sustainability Financing, JPMorgan Chase

Mackenzie oversees the bank's initiative to supply \$200 billion in financing for sustainability projects by 2025. Before joining JPMorgan Chase, Huffman was deputy chief of staff for the White House Council on Environmental Quality in the Obama Administration. Prior to that, she held several positions in the US Department of Energy involving clean energy financing.

[Robert Litterman](#): Founding Partner, Kepos Capital

Bob Litterman is the Chairman of the Risk Committee and a founding partner of Kepos Capital. Prior to joining Kepos Capital in 2010, Bob enjoyed a 23-year career at Goldman, Sachs & Co., where he served in research, risk management, investments and thought leadership roles. He oversaw the Quantitative Investment Strategies Group in the Asset Management division. Bob is chair of the CFTC's new Climate-Related Market Risk Subcommittee (Climate Subcommittee) of the CFTC's Market Risk Advisory Committee (MRAC). He also serves on a number of boards, including Commonfund, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Sloan Foundation, and World Wildlife Fund.

[Tim Profeta](#): Director, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions

Tim Profeta is the director of Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. Profeta's areas of expertise include climate change and energy policy, the Clean Air Act, and adaptive use of current environmental laws to address evolving environmental challenges. His work at the Nicholas Institute has included numerous legislative and executive branch proposals to mitigate climate change, including providing Congressional testimony several times on his work at Duke University, developing multiple legislative proposals for cost containment and economic efficiency in greenhouse gas mitigation programs, and facilitating climate and energy policy design processes for several U.S. states. Prior to his arrival at Duke, Profeta served as counsel for the environment to Sen. Joseph Lieberman.

[Sarah Bloom Raskin](#): Duke Rubenstein Fellow and Former Deputy Treasury Secretary and Governor of the Federal Reserve Board

Sarah Bloom Raskin served as the former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury from March of 2014 to January of 2017. Deputy Secretary Raskin is known for her tireless pursuit of innovative solutions to enhance American's shared prosperity, the resilience of our country's critical financial infrastructure, and the defense of consumer safeguards in the financial marketplace. Immediately prior to her confirmation as Deputy Secretary, Raskin served as a Governor of the Federal Reserve Board where she helped conduct the nation's monetary policy and promote financial stability. Before joining the Federal Reserve Board, Governor Raskin served as the Commissioner of Financial Regulation for the State of Maryland from 2007 to 2010. Governor Raskin received her B.A. in economics from Amherst College, and she received her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

[Lee Reiners](#): Executive Director, Global Financial Markets Center

Lee Reiners joined the Duke Global Financial Markets Center as executive director in 2016. At Duke Law, Reiners teaches FinTech and the Law as well as seminars relating to financial policy and regulatory practice. He writes frequently on FinTech and other financial regulatory matters on The FinReg Blog. Prior to joining Duke Law, Reiners worked for five years at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY), first as a supervisor of systemically important financial institutions and then as a senior associate within the executive office. Reiners has previously taught corporate finance and managerial economics in the MBA Program at Saint Peter's University. In 2004-2005, Reiners served as a U.S. Army communications specialist in Baghdad, Iraq. Reiners received a BSc in business economics, summa cum laude, from the University of St. Thomas and a MPP with a global policy concentration from Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. Reiners holds the chartered financial analyst designation

[Truman Semans](#): CEO, OS-Climate

OS-C Executive Director. Previously, CEO of fintech company Intersect, Partner at management consultancy GreenOrder. Treasury International Economist, US Climate Negotiating Team Finance Lead, Director, Pew Business Environmental Leadership Council. Co-Founder and Executive Committee Member, US Climate Action Partnership (USCAP)

[Graham Steele](#): Director, Corporations and Society Initiative, Stanford Graduate School of Business

Graham Steele is the director of the Corporations and Society Initiative at Stanford Graduate School of Business. Prior to joining Stanford GSB, Graham was a member of the staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. From 2015 to 2017, Graham was the Minority Chief Counsel for the Senate Committee

on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs. From 2010 to 2015 he was a Legislative Assistant for United States Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), handling the Senator's work as a member of the Senate Banking Committee. He also spent four years as the staff director of the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions & Consumer Protection. Prior to joining Senator Brown's staff, Graham was a policy counsel at Public Citizen's Congress Watch in Washington, D.C.