

# First Annual Climate Summit

April 21, 2014

3:30 – 5:00 pm

## Presenter Biographies

### **Susie Cousar | Lane Community College**

Ms. Cousar has been an instructor in Health Education at Lane Community College since 1998. She has a Master's of Science in Public Health Education with an emphasis in Environmental Health and Health Behavior. Ms. Cousar teaches a variety of Health Education courses including Global Health and Sustainability, Holistic Health, and First Aid/Responding to Emergencies. She also co-coordinates Lane's Sustainability Coordinator Associate of Applied Science degree program and is an Advisory Consultant to the local non-profit Beyond Toxics. Ms. Cousar frequently presents about the health aspects of climate change and environmental and social justice issues.

### **Jennifer Hayward | Lane Community College**

Ms. Hayward has been the Sustainability Coordinator at Lane Community College for nine years and before that was the Recycling Coordinator for the college. She coordinated the development of Lane's Climate Action Plan, oversees the implementation of the plan, conducts the college's greenhouse gas inventory, and organizes events to foster learning and collaboration regarding climate change. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry from the University of Oregon.

### **Jamil Jonna | Global Climate Convergence and Civil Liberties Defense Center**

Dr. Jonna earned a PhD in Sociology from the University of Oregon, specializing in environmental sociology and political economy. His recently completed dissertation focused on mass unemployment in the United States. He writes for the independent socialist magazine, *Monthly Review*, where he also serves as Associate Editor of Technology. He also organizes nationally with the Global Climate Convergence and locally with the Civil Liberties Defense Center.

### **Paul Ruscher | Lane Community College**

Dr. Ruscher is a native New Yorker who came to Oregon in 1978 to pursue graduate work in Atmospheric Sciences and Water Resources. After earning his PhD from Oregon State University, he taught at Florida State University in Tallahassee for 25 years, where he also conducted research in coastal meteorology and hydrology. He has been actively engaged in state and federal level science and education policy, and is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society. He joined Lane Community College in fall 2012 as head of the Earth & Environmental Sciences group and coordinator of the new Watershed Science Technician program.