



Climate Mitigation Design Team 2020

Gabe Chan

Assistant Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs' Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy

Gabe Chan is an Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs. In his research and engagement, Gabe examines public policy to inform how technological innovation can enable a more rapid and equitable energy transition in domains such as community solar, consumer-owned electric utilities, and federal innovation policy. Gabe is a Faculty Associate of the UMN Institute on the Environment and Affiliate Faculty at the UMN Law School. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University and undergraduate degrees from M.I.T.



Sarah Clyne

Executive Director, Northside Funders Group

Sarah is currently the executive director for Northside Funders Group (NFG), a funder collaborative that makes strategic investments in North Minneapolis. Prior to NFG, she was the executive director for Domestic Abuse Project (DAP), where she helped establish an innovative and transformational birth-to-3 therapy program, re-instated adolescent male programming and engaged in projects with Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis to end gender-based violence. In addition, Sarah served as executive director of Joyce Preschool, which was awarded the Nonprofit Excellence award in 2013.



Sarah serves on the board of directors for Propel Nonprofits and Gender Justice. She also served on Mayor Hodges' Cradle-to-K Cabinet and the Governor's Council on Law Enforcement and Community Relations. She is a founding advisory board member for Educators for Excellence-Minnesota.

Sarah is passionate about education, social justice, ending gender-based violence, and building cross-sector relationships to dismantle disparities in our communities. Sarah received a master's degree in education and a bachelor of arts degree in sociology and Spanish, both from the University of Minnesota.

Abby Finis

Senior Planner, Great Plains Institute

Abby Finis joined the Great Plains Institute in 2015 and is a senior planner with the Communities Program. She works with communities in Minnesota and throughout the Midwest to implement energy and climate action plans, analyze community resiliency, and help cities become more sustainable. Abby is currently co-director of Minnesota GreenStep Cities, a statewide sustainability program that supports city quality of life goals. Previously, Abby was a senior planner at CR Planning, a small urban planning firm that specialized in sustainability and energy. Abby began her career at the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources where she implemented local government clean energy and energy efficiency programs.



Abby received a master's of urban and regional planning from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, and a BS in political science from the University of Oregon.

Lindsey Forsberg

U.S. Department of Energy Fellow, Ameren

Lindsey Forsberg is currently a U.S. Department of Energy Fellow through the Solar Energy Innovators Program. She is being hosted by Ameren, an investor-owned utility that serves both Missouri and Illinois, and is developing Ameren Missouri's ten year strategy for customer-facing renewables programs. As Ameren transitions from a coal heavy resource mix to a cleaner, more renewable resource mix, these programs will help progressive organizations and individuals in Ameren's service territory get to 100% renewable energy more quickly. Lindsey holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a master's in science, technology and environmental policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota.



Laura Hannah

Wind & Solar Program Manager - Market and Grid Strategy, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)

Laura's wide range of experience - including SolarCity, PG&E, GoogleX, Fresh Energy and now MISO - has provided surprising and valuable lessons on how to effectively create change within a complex energy landscape



Mauricio Leon

Senior Researcher, Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities

Mauricio Leon is a researcher for the Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities working on developing climate change mitigation tools for local governments in Minnesota's metropolitan region. His work includes collecting, analyzing, and disseminating greenhouse gas emissions data to inform climate action. Leon works to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, and incorporating environmental justice into the climate movement. He is a member of the Minneapolis Energy Vision Advisory Committee and the Environment and Energy in Transportation Research Council at the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota. Mauricio's passion is to further the use of data and analytics to enhance sustainability and equity.



Katina Mortenson

Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Council on Foundations

Katina is the Director of Public Policy at the Minnesota Council on Foundations (MCF), an association of more than 150 grantmakers in Minnesota. In her work at MCF, Katina advocates for public policies that promote philanthropy and charitable giving and advance prosperity through equity and inclusion. She is also the staff lead for the MCF Disaster Philanthropy Working Group, exploring climate change in the context of natural disasters and systemic changes that are needed to strengthen Minnesota's disaster system. Katina serves as an appointed member to the City of Minneapolis' Capitol Long-Range Improvement Committee, which recommends capitol budget requests to the City Council and Mayor, taking into account the City's deep commitment to addressing climate change. Prior to working at MCF, Katina was at Grassroots Solutions, an engagement strategy firm based in Minneapolis, where she had the opportunity to work with a number of local and national foundations on

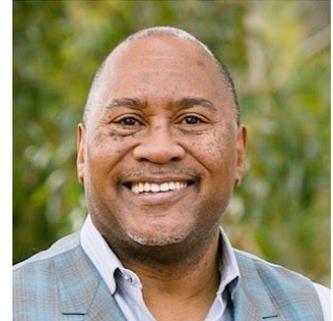


community engagement efforts, grantmaking initiatives, project planning, policy change efforts, and assessment and evaluation. She received her Master's of Public Policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota in 2011.

Keith Parker

Executive Director, Great River Greening

Keith Parker is a seasoned management and community relations professional with twenty-five years of experience in a variety of technical and senior management positions in radio, television, video production and state government. Keith is currently the Executive Director for Great River Greening after serving two terms as the Central Region Director for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



Keith is also a past board chair and board member with the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MNCN) and also served on the boards of the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council (MRAC) the Institute of Production and Recording (IPR) and the Minnesota International Center (MIC).

Keith is a Radio Television Broadcasting graduate of Brown College and studied Marketing and Communications at Metropolitan State University and fundraising at St. Thomas Center for Business Excellence. He is also a graduate of the Senior Leadership Institute, a program of the State of Minnesota and the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs.

When Keith is not at work he enjoys music, traveling, roller-skating, basketball and boating.

Ben Passer

Director, Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy

As Director of Energy Access and Equity, Ben Passer directs Fresh Energy's work to advance equitable outcomes across Minnesota's energy system, and also supports the organization's diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Ben holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Minnesota and a Juris Doctor from William Mitchell College of Law. He is a member of the Minnesota Bar.



Lissa Pawlisch

CERT Coordinator, UMN Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships

Lissa Pawlisch is the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Director for the University of Minnesota Extension’s Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships. Over the past fifteen years she has guided CERTs—a unique program partnership designed to connect individuals and communities to the resources they need to identify and implement community scale clean energy projects. After an environmental consulting stint, she got her Masters in Science, Technology and Environmental Policy. Lissa is passionate about working directly with communities to help them understand their energy options, the values that drive their projects, how technologies and practices can be deployed, and how to harness community capacity to affect change. Her current focus areas include assisting local jurisdictions with clean energy, advancing collaborations with utilities, and advancing beneficial solar siting.



Ashley Peters

Engagement Manager, Audubon Society

Ashley Peters is the engagement manager for the National Audubon Society's Minnesota office. Ashley got her start in environmental conservation serving as an AmeriCorps member in Alaska and Minnesota a decade ago. She also served as a program manager for an individual placement program and, currently, serves as Alumni Chair for Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa. At Audubon, Ashley manages communications and advocacy for climate change, habitat protection and restoration, and water resources among other major issues for bird conservation. She is also attending the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and will receive her master's degree in public affairs next year.



John Linc Stine

Executive Director, Freshwater

John Linc Stine joined Freshwater in March 2019, as Executive Director, following a 40-year public service career where he started as a student worker in 1978 at the MN Department of Natural Resources and retired in January 2019 as the longest serving commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.



He refers to himself as Minnesota's water governance guru, having enforced virtually every water management law and regulation for MN's lakes, rivers, wetlands, watersheds and groundwater. Try to stump him on MN water law! He continues to defend the mutual benefits of a strong environmental regulatory system for Minnesota's economy and healthy people.

John is committed to effective partnerships for clean water, restored and productive lands, clean air, waste reduction and healthy consumer products. At Freshwater, John is focused on inspiring protection, conservation and stewardship of freshwater.

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