YOUTH LEADERSHIP: UCLA STUDENT PRESENTATIONS (1)
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RONALD THOMPSON III
4th year Environmental Science major, President of the Congo Basin Institute Club (Institute of Environment and Sustainability).

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KIAN NIKZAD
3rd Year Computer Science major, and Ikuko (Coco) Nakane, 2nd Year Civil Engineering major, Bruin Home Solutions Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Lab (Henry Samueli School of Engineering).

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ZOE REINECKE
4th year International Development Studies major, Director of Project Incubator, Global Development Lab (International Institute).

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MEKONNEN GEBREMICHAEL

Professor, University of California Los Angeles

Professor Mekonnen Gebremichael holds a PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from University of Iowa, a Master’s in Water Resources from Twente University, and a Bachelor’s degree from Haromaya University. He completed post-doctoral training at Duke University, and New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Dr. Gebremichael was in the engineering faculty at University of Connecticut, before joining University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). At UCLA, he is a professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. His research expertise is in international water resource management, satellite remote sensing and advanced statistical tools. His recent awards include the NASA’s Group Achievement Award (to Global Precipitation Measurement Post-Launch Team), and the European Geophysical Union Leonard Lectureship.

MASON KING

Master’s student, University of California, Berkeley

Mason King is a Master’s student in Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley and a Carbon Neutrality Initiative (CNI) Fellow. As a CNI Fellow, advised by Dr. Barbara Haya, he is researching the quality of carbon offsets issued from community borehole maintenance and repair projects registered on voluntary carbon offset markets. Mason received his BS in Environmental Chemistry from Union College (17’). After graduation, he spent one year in Tamil Nadu, India as a fellow to the Environmentalist Foundation of India where he contributed to and learned from grassroots efforts to restore and protect urban waterbodies. Mason is passionate about equitable and sustainable development of water resources and looks forward to sharing insights into the role of carbon offsets in financing clean water projects in Africa.
ENERGY, WATER, CLIMATE- REGENERATIVE INFRASTRUCTURES & INDIGENOUS FRAMEWORKS (2)
Tues. 4/20, 10:15am-12pm

TURNER ADORNETTO

*Electrical Engineer*

Turner Adornetto is an electrical engineer in the electric power transmission industry. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from The Ohio State University in 2019 and has served as an advisor on several engineering projects in both Tanzania and Kenya. He intends to pursue a doctoral degree in the field of science and technology studies.

YINGEI JIANG

*University of California, Santa Barbara*

Yingei “Ted” Jiang holds two Master’s degrees from the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management (UCSB) and the University of Pennsylvania, during which he gained extensive training in environmental metrics, industrial production, environmental policies and economy, and climate change adaptation and mitigation. As the data analyst in this project, he works on analyzing the life cycle of different technologies and their corresponding carbon emissions.

GIZEM IIAYDA DINC

*University of California, Santa Barbara*

Ilhayda Dinc holds a Master’s degree from the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management (UCSB) where she specialized in Corporate Environmental Management. She is the project coordinator, and she has been overseeing the communication between the project team and local program officers. She joined World Dance for Humanity’s Rwanda trip in 2019, surveyed locals and distributed the first batch of clean cookstoves.
ERIC NGANG

Environment, Social, and Governance Specialist

Eric Ngang is an environment, social and governance specialist with interest in climate governance and indigenous development. He has personally initiated and impactful projects on these issues. He has consistently generated an important body of knowledge on the role of community local indigenous knowledge and practices (LIKP) on climate change and natural resource management issues. While his emphasis is on Africa, his interest area covers the world. Eric holds degrees from University of Buea Cameroon, University of South Australia, and is currently a doctoral student at the Birmingham Law School of the University of Birmingham UK. He is an Alumnus of the U.S. Department of State’s premier professional exchange program, the International Visitor’s Leadership Program (IVLP) and a fellow of the Mandela Institute of Development Studies (MINDS). Eric is a member of many professional associations and is a recipient of several awards, scholarships, and fellowships including a National Geographic Society Explorer Grant in 2020 for his research.

GBUJIE DANIEL CHIDUBEM

Founder/CEO of TEAM 54 PROJECT

Dr. Gbujie Daniel Chidubem is both a medical professional and social innovator who inspires change by creating solutions that infuse creativity and technology. He is the Founder and CEO of the TEAM 54 PROJECT, an NGO which raises awareness globally about the impact of climate change and the need to take action. Gbujie has won multiple international awards and published articles, editorials, and made numerous international presentations on the impact of climate change. In 2016, he represented the World Medical Association at the United Nations climate change convention in Marrakesh, Morocco. In 2019, he was invited to the United Nations General Assembly to discuss climate change management through SpaceClime, a space-based App that subsequently won the UN office of outer space affairs award in October 2019. Gbujie also served as a fellow with Cornell University in 2019 where he co-authored a book with leading academic minds in climate science education. He has been identified as one of the emerging and leading young Africans with a critical mind for problem solving by Business Insider.
FOOD, HEALTH, EDUCATION- INTEGRATIVE RESPONSES (3)
Tues. 4/20, 12:15pm-1:30pm

JOYCE MISOI

Founder/CEO of Watu Health Innovation Foundation Africa

Joyce Misoi, thrives in the challenges of unique projects and is the Founder/CEO of Watu Health Innovation Foundation Africa. She collaborates with REGENERATE and is Director with the Noble Institution for Environment Peace (NIEP-Toronto). She is also the Director/CEO-Earth Rights Institute-East Africa, and a Global Eco-Village Network Ambassador. She co-hosted and produced an African Radio program in Toronto.

CLIMATE REFUGEES AND PRECARIOUS LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS (4)
Wed. 4/21, 10:15am-11:45am

IGNATIUS A. MADU

Professor, University of Nigeria Nsukka

Ignatius Madu is a Professor of Geography, University of Nigeria Nsukka and a pioneer Coordinator of programme, Centre for Environmental Management and Control at the Enugu campus of the University and former Head of Department of Geography and Dean of Faculty of the Social Sciences of the University respectively. He is the founder and Chairman of the Association for Israeli Cultural Studies, an Israeli advocacy NGO based in Nigeria, leader of Population, Environment and Development Research Group and Vice Chairman, Nigerian Environmental Society Enugu State Chapter. He has participated in numerous Federal Ministry of Environment EIA Panel reviews for development projects in Nigeria and has published extensively in both local and international journals. He has also participated in many international and national conferences. His core competences include rural environment, development and sustainability, and Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment. He is an alumnus of Galilee International Management Institute, Israel.
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PAMELA DELARGY
Professor, Arizona State University

Pamela DeLargy is a Senior Sustainability Scholar at the Arizona State University’s Global Institute of Sustainability and Professor of Practice in the School of Politics and Global Studies. Professor DeLargy is a public health and population specialist who is rejoining academia after a 20-year career in international development and humanitarian response where she worked in the areas of population and development, environmental change, migration, and women’s health.

BUSINESS, POLITICS, AND CULTURE - THE CLIMATE ACTION ECOSYSTEM (5)
Fri. 4/23, 10:15am-11:45am

ALDEN YOUNG
Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles

Alden Young is a political and economic historian of Africa and the Middle East. He is assistant professor of African American Studies and a faculty member in the International Development Studies program at the University of California, Los Angeles. His first book Transforming Sudan: Decolonization, Economic Development and State Formation was published by Cambridge University Press in December 2017. Professor Young is particularly interested in the ways in which Africans participated in the creation of the current international order and has research interests on both sides of the Red Sea. He has done extensive fieldwork in Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates. Along with Nathalie Puetz of NYU Abu Dhabi, Young has been awarded a research grant by the SSRC to work on climate change adaptation among the Red Sea littoral countries.
BUSINESS, POLITICS AND CULTURE- THE CLIMATE ECOSYSTEM (5)
Fri. 4/23, 10:15am-11:45am

MICHAEL OLABISI
Assistant Professor, Department of Community Sustainability, Michigan State University

Michael Olabisi received his PhD from the University of Michigan and has a Master’s degree from Cornell University. His work on international trade led to research visits in Singapore and Beijing, with support from the National Science Foundation and the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER). He is currently affiliated with Michigan State University's Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR). He is appointed jointly in the Department of Community Sustainability and the Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, with research and teaching responsibilities.

BUSINESS, POLITICS AND CULTURE- THE CLIMATE ACTION ECOSYSTEM (5)
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VINAY LAL
Professor, University of California Los Angeles

Vinay Lal is a writer, blogger, cultural critic, public commentator, and Professor of History and Asian American Studies at UCLA. His eighteen authored and edited books include The Empire of Knowledge: Culture and Plurality in the New Global Economy (Pluto Press, 2002), The History of History: Politics and Scholarship in Modern India (Oxford, 2005), Political Hinduism: The Religious Imagination in Public Spheres (Oxford, 2009), the two-volume Oxford Anthology of the Modern Indian City (2013), and, most recently, The Fury of Covid-19: The Politics, Histories, and Unrequited Love of the Coronavirus (Pan Macmillan, 2020). His intellectual interests include Indian history, global politics, historiography, popular culture, cinema, the histories of nonviolence, and the politics of knowledge systems. His lecture courses, with well over two million views, are available in their entirety at https://www.youtube.com/user/dillichalo; he blogs at vinaylal.wordpress.com.