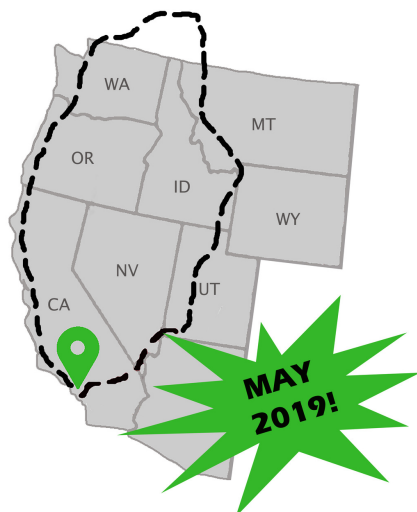


The Road Report & More

Health, Science, & Climate Action
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WE'RE BACK

On the Road for Climate Action!



more frequently over the next 5 weeks since we're officially back on the road. Stay tuned!

On the Road Again

As of May 6th, Athina and I are officially back "On the Road for Climate Action" to raise awareness about climate change and help point the nation towards solutions. We're passing through 20+ cities over the next 5 weeks, with a dozen climate talks officially booked and many scheduled interviews with scientists and others which we'll bring to you on camera. I write this newsletter on day 5 of our voyage. Last night marked our fourth climate talk in four days. Thus, its been a busy start. See below for some updates on the project. Of note, I'll update you

Earth Day Excitement

This Earth Day marked a particularly special one as I had the opportunity to bring climate education to nearly 1,200 students at Santiago High School in Garden Grove, CA. The school set up a special stage with a giant projector screen in the



gymnasium, and brought 7 cohorts of nearly 200 students each to come hear about the causes and impacts of climate change, and ways they can take part in the solution. It was a thrill, but also a challenge as 7 back-to-back presentations can be tiring. When speaking to the youth, I think it's important to remind them that the future is quite literally uncertain. In life, they've probably seen images of gorgeous forests, majestic wildlife, and spectacular coral reefs, perhaps dreaming someday of visiting such places. What they likely don't realize is that these places may not exist in their adult age for them to experience. Forests worldwide are facing major threats. In the case of Colorado for instance, 20% of the pine forest is dead or dying due to climate-related impacts of the bark beetle. In the case of species, extinction rates are off the charts relative to historic norms. And sadly, coral reefs are on the brink of being wiped out, with 30% of the Great Barrier Reef dying in a single year during the global ocean warming event of 2016. In short, the world as we experience it today may not be there tomorrow. This, I believe, is important to convey to the youth.



Did You Know?

Two weeks back, Athina and I were invited to speak at the Garson and Shaw Secondhand Clothing conference in Atlanta. The theme was climate change. At the conference, we learned a lot! Shockingly, only 15% of clothing gets recycled in

the U.S. The rest ultimately goes to the landfill or incinerator. And importantly, the textile industry is a BIG consumer of water, energy, and other resources, not to mention a major source of water pollution as dyes literally turn rivers into the colors of the rainbow in some regions. In the case of greenhouse gas emissions, textile manufacturing accounts for about 10% of total emissions. When we over-consume clothing and throw old clothes in the trash, we contribute to this source of waste and pollution. Fortunately, reducing pollution associated with this industry is simple, as companies across the globe maintain street-side donation bins where you can drop off your old textiles when the time is right. While it's often thought that we can only donate clothes worth wearing again, it turns out that these bins can take any textile, regardless of condition. Even old holey socks! After your clothes get scooped from the donation bin, they get shipped off to be sorted. Clothes worthy of resale will enter the secondhand clothing market,

providing a livelihood for low income communities, while old worn out clothes, rags, and other textiles will be shredded and recycled. Isn't that great? You never have to throw away your old textiles again. Let's help boost the recycling rate of textiles and reduce textile-related pollution by reducing our consumption of clothing, shopping secondhand when possible, and recycling/donating all that we're ready to part with. [Click here](#) to check out the work of Garson and Shaw, and be sure to get a clothing drive started in your community!

Your Donations Help!

Phase II of "On the Road for Climate Action" is particularly exciting because it is YOUR project. What do I mean? In Phase I, we traveled across 36 states over 11 weeks to raise awareness about climate change. Once completed, the plan was to hang up the car keys and go back to our normal lives. However, we received so much support and enthusiasm from all of you along the way (and we budgeted wisely!) such that our donations exceeded our expenses by about \$1,000. In deciding what to do with this

remainder, we felt it only necessary to return to the road and put your donations back to work with continued climate outreach. Hence, our journey across the Pacific Northwest was conceived and is now underway! In other words, it is only because of YOU that 15 more communities will have our climate events brought to their area. As you know, we keep all events free to ensure as many people hear about climate change as possible. If you have ever enjoyed one of our climate events in person, or would otherwise like to help support our work, it is immensely appreciated. [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#). We thank you dearly. □



May Calendar

[Click here](#) to view our full calendar of confirmed events, and be sure to join us if you're in the area. If we're passing through your town and you don't see a climate talk in our calendar, please email us at RoadForAction@gmail.com and perhaps we can bring an

<p>May 30th Vancouver, WA Vancouver Community Library More info >></p>	<p>May 14th Santa Cruz, CA Resource Center for Non-Violence</p>
<p>May 28th Eugene, OR Eugene Unitarian Universalist Church</p>	<p>May 9th San Luis Obispo, CA SLO Community Center More info >></p>
<p>May 24th Redding, CA First United Methodist Church</p>	<p>May 8th Montecito, CA Home address (email for details)</p>
<p>May 23rd Humboldt, CA Humboldt Coastal Nature Center</p>	<p>May 7th Ojai, CA Thacher High School</p>
<p>May 19th Humboldt, CA Unitarian Church</p>	<p>May 6th Santa Barbara, CA Unitarian Church</p>

event to your area! This calendar will be updated regularly as more events get confirmed. So please check back! In addition to these formal events, we have many scheduled video interviews with scientists, park rangers, and more, which we'll share with you soon on our website.

Cheers to climate action!
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