



NUCLEAR ABOLITION, CLIMATE PROTECTION, AND OUR CITIES' FUTURE

Thursday, October 23, 2008
Sheslow Hall, Drake University, Des Moines

In Iowa and across the country, cities are taking actions to protect the climate. Over 850 mayors have signed the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. Cities also are stepping up to the threat to our future posed by nuclear weapons, still possessed in very large numbers by nine countries including the United States. A resolution adopted this year by the U.S. Conference of Mayors calls upon the federal government to work for the worldwide elimination of nuclear forces by 2020. 130 U.S. mayors are members of Mayors for Peace, a rapidly growing international network dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons. Headed by the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Mayors for Peace has over 2,400 members in 131 countries.

The **day program** will examine:

- climactic effects of use of nuclear weapons (Steven Starr, MT, Senior Scientist, Physicians for Social Responsibility)
- international frameworks for cooperation on nuclear abolition and climate protection (Dr. John Burroughs, Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy)
- climate-friendly energy paths (Dr. Jürgen Scheffran, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)
- wind power: an emerging alternative (Pat Spears, Intertribal Council on Energy Policy)
- the role of nuclear power (Dr. Brice Smith, State University of New York, Cortland)
- converting the militarized economy (Mary Beth Sullivan, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space)
- social change (Wilson Riles, former Oakland city council member; Andrew Lichterman, Western States Legal Foundation)
- what cities can do (Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, and others)
- for more information and updates, see [program](#)

The **evening program**, "Nuclear Abolition and Climate Protection: Why and Ways," features two leaders in analysis and action:

Convened by

Mayors for Peace, the Office of the Mayor of the City of Des Moines, and Drake University



Schedule

Day program: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

registration & coffee: 8:30 a.m.

Evening program: 7:30 – 9:00

Admission

Mayors and other local officials, community organizers, students and faculty, and the public invited

\$20 admission; \$10 evening only
no charge to students; no one turned away

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Organizers

Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy, Western States Legal Foundation, and Global Action to Prevent War, in association with Mayors for Peace; Progressive Coalition of Central Iowa

Co-sponsors

American Friends Service Committee
Catholic Peace Ministry
Catholic Worker House
Citizens for Community Improvement
Drake Student Newman Community
Drake Student Wesley Foundation

Dr. Arjun Makhijani, President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research; author, *Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy* (2007)

Ms. Jacqueline Cabasso, North American Coordinator, Mayors for Peace; Executive Director, Western States Legal Foundation; contributing author, *Nuclear Disorder or Cooperative Security? U.S. Weapons of Terror, the Global Proliferation Crisis, and Paths to Peace* (2007)

Ed Fallon, Friends of Iowa, will moderate.

Green Corps
Iowa Citizens Action Network
Iowa Global Warning Campaign
Iowa Interfaith Power and Light
Iowa Peace Network
National Organization of Women
1000 Friends of Iowa
OXFAM
Methodist Federation for Social Action
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Presbytery of Des Moines Social Ministries
Stop the Arms Race Political Action Committee
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Driving Directions to Drake University

FROM THE EAST AND NORTH

At the northeast edge of Des Moines, I-80 and I-35 join and go west around the city while I-235 goes through Des Moines. Take I-235 west for about seven miles to the 31st Street exit, which is past the downtown area. You will see a sign that says, Drake University next right. Exit I-235 at the 31st Street exit and turn right (north). Travel approximately six blocks on 31st Street to the stop light at University Avenue. At University Avenue, turn right. In one block, on the left, parking is available at the Olmsted Center parking lot. Parking may also be available on 25th St. or Carpenter Avenue.

FROM THE WEST AND SOUTH

At the southwest edge of Des Moines, I-80 and I-35 join and go east around the city while I-235 goes through Des Moines. Take I-235 east to the 31st Street exit in Des Moines. Exit at 31st Street and turn left (north). Travel approximately six blocks on 31st Street to the stop light at University Avenue. At University Avenue, turn right. In one block, on the left, parking is available at the Olmsted Center parking lot. Parking may also be available on 25th St. or Carpenter Avenue.

FROM UNIVERSITY AVE TO SHESLOW AUDITORIUM

Proceed on University Ave to 28th St. Take a left on 28th St. Take a right onto Carpenter Avenue. The Sheslow Auditorium will be located on the right, at the intersection of Carpenter Avenue and 26th St. It is building 67 on the [campus map](#).

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