

# Tulane Climate Action Week focuses on solutions

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Kevin O'Brien of Pacific Lutheran University will give a keynote lecture, "The Violence and the Hope of Climate Change: Idealist Activism, Pragmatic Engineering, and a Just Future," on Monday, March 18, as part of Tulane's Climate Action Week. (Photo provided by the ByWater Institute)

What can we do about climate change? The upcoming [Tulane Climate Action Week](#), March 18–23, will give Tulanians a chance to take up the question at a variety of events, including lectures, a career panel, a poetry reading, film screenings, a campus and community organization fair, and an environmental research poster session and reception. The week will culminate with the [24th Annual Environmental Law and Policy Summit](#), organized by Tulane's Environment and Energy Law Society, on March 22–23.

To begin the week's events, Kevin O'Brien will give a keynote lecture, "The Violence and the Hope of Climate Change: Idealist Activism, Pragmatic Engineering, and a Just Future," on Monday, March 18, at 6 p.m. in the Freeman Auditorium at Woldenberg Art Center. O'Brien is dean of the humanities and associate professor of Christian ethics at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. In addition to his book *The Violence of Climate Change*, he is the author of *An Ethics of Biodiversity*, and co-author of *An Introduction to Christian Environmentalism*.

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At the Environmental Law and Policy Summit, Google senior corporate counsel Ruth Ann Castro, who is also a Tulane Law School alumna, will present a keynote talk about Google's Responsible Supply Chain, its transition to renewable energy, and the use of its supercomputing to map emissions and other environmental harms. Castro's talk will take place on Friday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m. in John Giffen Weinmann Hall.

Climate Action Week events are free and open to all Tulane students, faculty and staff and the public. For more information, contact Liz Davey at 504-865-5145 or [ldavey@tulane.edu](mailto:ldavey@tulane.edu), or RSVP on [Facebook](#).