

2020 Lane County Climate Advisory Committee

Lane County Commissioner Member: Commissioner Joe Berney

Name	Photo	Biography	Term/ Appointment
Sarah Altemus-Pope		<p>Sarah Altemus-Pope is the founder and executive director for the Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative, a community-based collaborative group that brings people together to advance projects that create healthy forests and communities. Previously, Sarah worked for the Forest Service International Programs office in Washington D.C. and as wildland firefighter and smokejumper for 14 seasons. Sarah is also a part-time attorney in Oakridge with Access the Law, a nonprofit legal services organization assisting and representing community members of modest means. Sarah holds a JD/ MS Conflict Resolution masters degree from the University of Oregon School of Law. Sarah is from Oakridge, Oregon, where she now lives with her husband and three children.</p>	2022/ At-large
Amanda Astor		<p>Amanda Astor is the Forest Policy Manager and Communications Director for Associated Oregon Loggers. She serves as one of five managers for the association where she works as a subject matter expert for policymaking related to forest management, carbon, taxation, wildfire, transportation, small businesses, and workforce access. She acts as a liaison for her forest contracting members with state and local environmental regulatory agencies. Similarly, she works with partners to add advocacy capacity and contracting expertise on federal land management issues. .</p> <p>Amanda encourages legally sound and science based management practices that acknowledge environmental and economic tradeoffs.</p> <p>She is on track to become a Society of American Foresters Certified Forester in 2021 and participates on their E3 - Bioenergy, Climate Change, and Carbon Working Group.</p> <p>Amanda obtained undergraduate degrees in Forest Management and Forest Biology from Colorado State University and a Graduate Certificate in Forest Carbon Science, Management, and Policy from Michigan State University.</p>	2021/ Bozievich

<p>Stephan Aumuck</p>		<p>Stefan is a Lane County native, born in Cottage Grove, raised in Eugene, and transplanted to Arizona. Stefan left the west for several years to study, teach, and volunteer in Kenya, Ghana, and Ecuador. He returned 'home' to work in Cottage Grove, helping to build and lead a youth conservation corps program there before heading downstream to work in Eugene. For the last nine years he has been principal of Kalapuya High School, supporting students on their individual trajectories toward graduation, career pathways and post-secondary education.</p> <p>When not working with local youth, Stefan enjoys boat building and spending time with his wife and two daughters growing fruit and vegetables in the garden, rafting Oregon's rivers and hiking and biking throughout the Cascades.</p>	<p>2021/ Farr</p>
<p>Maya Buchanan</p>		<p>Maya is deeply committed to helping communities thrive by transitioning to cleaner energy and transportation systems, increasing resilience to climate change related hazards, and becoming more equitable places to live. Maya holds a PhD in climate change science and policy from Princeton University and has 15 years of experience designing and implementing climate change projects at the community, city, state, and national level. Maya currently serves as Oregon Department of Energy's Senior Climate Change Policy Analyst, where she leads and supports initiatives to help reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions, assess risk posed by climate change, and increase community-wide resilience. Maya was a contributing author to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2019 special report on the oceans and has written several peer-reviewed studies on climate risk. Previously, she implemented climate policy projects for the U.S. Global Change Research Program, who oversee the National Climate Assessment. In her free time, Maya enjoys exploring the outdoors with her family.</p>	<p>2021/ Buch</p>
<p>Haley Case-Scott</p>		<p>Haley Case-Scott is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and a descendant of the Klamath Tribes, Yurok Tribe, and the Sakoagan Band of Chippewa Indians. Haley received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a minor in Native American Studies from the University of Oregon. She currently serves as the Climate Justice Grassroots Organizer at Beyond Toxics and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Eugene/Springfield Oregon Unit #1119. Prior to this position, Haley served as a Research Assistant with the Pacific Northwest Tribal Climate Change Project and the United States Forest Service. She is dedicated to ensuring that diverse perspectives are included and respected in the development of climate policy.</p>	<p>2021/ Berney</p>

<p>David Eisler</p>		<p>I grew up on the east coast and came out to Oregon to finish my doctoral work in Anthropology at the U of Oregon in 1972 then taught Anthropology and did archaeological and ethnographic field work in the Pacific Northwest and the Pacific Islands.</p> <p>Both my wife (Sarah Sheffield, a nurse Practitioner) and I have had decades of involvement in public service, she working at Lane County jail medical dept and now the VA, and myself serving 14 years in the Walton Volunteer Fire Dept as a fire fighter and EMT.</p> <p>My passion has been in environmental restoration serving 23 years with the Siuslaw Watershed Council and 20 years with the Siuslaw National Forest’s collaborative Stewardship Group.</p> <p>Over the years Sarah and I have increased our Walton forest property to 160 acres which we manage for both a sustained timber yield and for the quality of forest and stream habitat. I run a small mill that turns out specialty wood products such as large Douglas fir beams and timbers as well as hardwood for cabinets and furniture. I am not a climate change specialist but my involvement in forest issues and forest science over the last 40 years makes me familiar with the research on Oregon forest’s important role in climate change mitigation.</p>	<p>2022/ At-large</p>
<p>Dr. M Jackson</p>		<p>Dr. M Jackson is a geographer, glaciologist, and science communicator exploring the intersections of societal transformation, glaciology, and climate change. Jackson is a National Geographic Society Explorer, TED Fellow, and three-time U.S. Fulbright Scholar including two U.S. Fulbright-National Science Foundation Arctic Research grants. Jackson holds a doctorate from the University of Oregon, a Master of Science degree from the University of Montana, serves as a U.S. Fulbright Ambassador, an Expert for National Geographic Expeditions, and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia. Jackson is an active public speaker, author of multiple peer-reviewed articles, and the science books <i>The Secret Lives of Glaciers</i> (2019), which explores the complex impacts of glacier change for communities along the southeastern coast of Iceland, and <i>While Glaciers Slept: Being Human in a Time of Climate Change</i> (2015), which weaves together the parallel stories of what happens when the climates of a family and a planet change. Jackson has worked for over a decade in the Arctic and Antarctic exploring changing climates and communities and currently lives in Eugene, Oregon.</p>	<p>2022/ At-large</p>
<p>Tao Orion</p>		<p>Tao Orion is the owner of Resilience Permaculture Design, LLC, and consults on holistic farm, forest, and restoration planning throughout the Pacific Northwest. She holds a degree in Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture from UC Santa Cruz, and is pursuing an MSc degree in Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security from the National University of Ireland. She lives with her husband and two sons outside of Cottage Grove and grows organic fruits, vegetables, seeds, nuts, and animals on her southern Willamette Valley homestead, Viriditas Farm.</p>	<p>2022/ At-large</p>

<p>Eloise Parish-Mueller</p>		<p>I'm an undergraduate student at the University of Oregon majoring in Environmental Science and International Studies, and an organizer with the Eugene hub of the Sunrise Movement, Lane County Mutual Aid Network, and other environmental and social justice groups locally and on campus.</p> <p>When I'm not organizing, studying, or working I love to travel, dance, read and write fiction, and spend time with friends and family.</p> <p>I've lived in Eugene/ Lane County for my whole life thus far, and have witnessed the growing effects of the climate crisis on our region, as well as nationally and globally. This crisis is horrifying and heartbreaking, but we know what we can do to stop fueling it and build resilience for our communities and ecosystems and others. I'm excited to have the chance to collaborate with other Lane County residents and community leaders to promote the development of a strong, ambitious, and just plan for addressing this emergency at the county level.</p>	<p>2022/ At-Large</p>
<p>Rob Zako</p>		<p>Rob Zako has been working for the last two decades on transportation, land use, and climate change issues. He is currently the executive director of Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST), which promotes transportation options, safe streets, and walkable neighborhoods. Previously as a research associate with the University of Oregon's Sustainable Cities Institute, he explored using the triple bottom line to make transportation and other decisions; examined the efforts of four states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation; and studied how effectively transportation investments are advancing livability and other goals. As a planner for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, he assisted metropolitan areas reduce greenhouse gas emission from transportation. As an independent consultant, he led the effort to establish the Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT). For five years he was the transportation advocate for 1000 Friends of Oregon. While a graduate student working on a Ph.D. in theoretical physics, Rob met his future wife Kayleen while leading an American Youth Hostels bicycle tour down the Big Sur coast of California.</p>	<p>2021/ Sorensen</p>