

Free teacher training institute explores global climate change curriculum in California

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SACRAMENTO—At a two-day *CSI: Climate Status Investigations* teacher professional development institute, middle and high school teachers from the Sacramento and surrounding region will explore how to introduce the topic of global climate change with their students. Participating educators will receive the training and tools necessary to help students understand a current event that affects them every day.

The *CSI* Institute, to be held at California State University-Sacramento August 3-4, is made possible through a partnership between The Keystone Center and the program sponsors, Department of Energy (DOE) and National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL). The Keystone Center partnered with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) to develop interdisciplinary middle and high school curricula designed to explore the issue of global climate change. Both curricula lead students through an exploration of the various economic, environmental and social factors at play in the climate change debate.

Annette Pearson, a past participant of the program, said “This program is a must for any teacher who wishes to teach about climate change. We have a duty to prepare students to think holistically about an issue that affects us all.”

Teachers who attend the Institute learn hands-on, inquiry-based lessons that explore the science of global climate change, the primary sources of greenhouse gases and potential responses, ranging from adaptation to terrestrial and geologic sequestration. By providing a non-advocacy, non-biased scientific framework to teachers to examine the issues around global climate change, the curriculum is intended to improve the decision-making abilities of students.

CSI: Climate Status Investigations is a program of The Keystone Center, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Keystone, Colo., that promotes non-biased, science-based learning through a variety of education programs and brings together public, private and civic-sector leaders to solve contentious policy issues.

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