

Faculty Excellence Speaker Series



WHY WE DO AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

Presented by Dr. Kenny Broad

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Traditionally, environmental and social problems have been looked at in isolation by different disciplines, but until the sciences engage with people who actually experience problems and the policymakers who deal with these issues, we'll never find the best solutions. Given the scientific consensus regarding climate change, what are the psychological and cultural factors that affect the public's willingness to take action at the personal and policy level?

Drawing on studies from different fields related to risk perception, we will discuss some of the dominant cognitive and sociocultural influences on environmental decision-making, focusing on coastal south Florida, one of the most vulnerable places in the country with respect to climate change.

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Kenny Broad, Ph.D., is a professor and environmental anthropologist who has participated in scientific and filmmaking expeditions on every continent – from studying cocaine distribution patterns to venomous snakes to the deepest caves on the planet – to gather information and samples that shed light on little-known environmental and cultural subjects. He is a professor at the University of Miami's (UM) Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, is director of UM's Abess Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy, and also co-directs the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions at Columbia University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1999. He regularly collaborates with ecologists, climatologists, hydrologists, psychologists and other strange 'ologists,' studying perception of risk related to environmental phenomenon. Kenny, along with the late Wes Skiles, received the 2011 National Geographic Explorer of the Year award for explorations of underwater cave systems.