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2019 Nobel Conference tackles Climate Change

Gustavus welcomes climate change experts for Nobel Conference



As pictured, this year's conference chair, Anna Versluis, talks about Nobel Conference to Gustavus students.

Katie Mattinen

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Staff Writer

The 55th annual Nobel Conference will be held next week and students this year, will have many opportunities to engage with the conference through conversations, visual experiences, and through experiencing the conference itself.

This year, the topic is "Climate Changed: Facing Our Future." The conference is set

to take place on campus on September 24 and 25. Students can expect to have many visitors on campus, as tickets for the conference have sold out.

"The conference features five world-leading experts who have contributed to the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) along with author and historian Dr. Amitav Ghosh (The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable) and Canadian Inuit advocate and author

Sheila Watt-Cloutier (The Right to Be Cold), the conference will explore the science and ethics of climate change as well as approaches to mitigation and adaptation," JJ Akin, Gustavus Director of Media Relations & Internal Communication, said.

The conference this year will also have a special focus on the humanities. Pop up dance pieces will take place in different places around campus for the duration of the conference. Additionally, there will be a performance titled "Recitations and

Meditations on the Earth" that will take place on Tuesday night in the Bjorling Recital Hall. This performance will have both musical pieces and readings.

Seniors Bri Jol and Rachel Belvedere, along with this year's student hosts, have worked with the conference planning committee to set up an opportunity to meet with the conference speakers and have conversations about the work they are doing. The student-only sessions will take place at 4:30 p.m. on September 24 on

the second floor of Beck Hall. Each session will have two speakers to discuss a specific issue.

The topics for the student-only sessions include the human rights challenges of climate change, detecting the causes of climate change, and the humanities and art's responses to climate change.

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Campus Safety Report

Monday, September 9th

- Campus Safety provided a medical escort for a student who received an injury on campus on Sunday, September 8, that hadn't yet been reported.
- Campus Safety responded to a mental health concern at Uhler Hall.
- A student was given a medical escort to Rivers Edge urgent care.

Tuesday, September 10th

- Campus Safety was called to Health Services for a student that had fallen. The student was cared by Health Service staff and released.
- A student was transport-

ed to rivers edge emergency room from Uhler Hall.

- Campus Safety investigated an odor of Marijuana in North Hall. Two students were referred to the Campus Conduct System.
- Campus Safety responded to an unknown medical at Southwest Hall and provided medical assist and escort to Rivers Edge Hospital.

Wednesday, September 11th

- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm at Southwest Hall. Cooking related.

Thursday, September 12th

- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Uhler Hall. A student was cooking bacon which set off the fire alarm, there was no fire.
- Campus Safety responded to the Jackson Campus Center for a loss Gustavus key report.

Friday, September 13th

- Campus Safety responded to Lund Center for a medical assist.
- Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm in Norelius Hall.

Saturday, September 14th

- Campus Safety responded to an alcohol violation in Sohre Hall. One student was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Sunday, September 15th

- No incidents reported

Note: Case dispositions are available online by viewing the daily crime log on the Campus Safety web page: <https://gustavus.edu/safety/incidents/index.php>

Tip of the Week:

- If you witness a hazing incident or someone is in danger call 911.

- SPEAK UP and report it immediately - you may save a life!
- TAKE RESPONSIBILITY when you see it occurring or when it happens to you.
- KNOW THE LAW - familiarize yourself with school, organization, and state laws.
- START A PREVENTION MOVEMENT - plan a National hazing Prevention Week activity at your school or club.
- HAZING PREVENTION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! - HazingPrevention.Org



As pictured, Lisa Heldke, Nobel Conference Director, and Gustavus professor of Philosophy.

Katie Mattinen

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This year's conference chair, Dr. Anna Versluis, is proud of the work that students have put into the conference.

"I would like to congratulate Gustavus students for their

involvement in this year's Nobel Conference and in climate activism more generally. Lots of campus groups—the Environmental Action Coalition (EAC), Groundswell, Building Bridges, Nobel Conference students hosts, Big Hill Farm, the Kitchen Cabinet, and more—are doing good work to encourage individual, institutional, and

political change on climate issues," Versluis said.

Students have taken an active role in the preparations for this year's conference.

"The themes we choose to address in this year's "Climate Changed" Nobel Conference bears the imprint of student involvement: students have worked with faculty and staff

to plan Nobel 55 from day one—some students even earn academic credit for their contributions to the planning group through a class we offered. "Climate Changed: Facing Our Future" is a different and better conference because of student input," Versluis said.

As this year's Nobel Conference approaches, students

should be ready to engage in a wide variety of experiences to learn more about climate change.

The Diversity Center announces rebranding

The Center for Inclusive Excellence seeks to broaden their reach



The Center for Inclusive Excellence is located on the lower level of the Campus Center.

Katloe Mattinen

Emily VanGorder
Staff Writer

The Diversity Center has officially been renamed “The Center for Inclusive Excellence.”

During the 2018- 2019 academic year, conversations focused on “ways to change mindsets and habits” were held on campus, and it was decided that “one of the ways we could [do this] was by chang[ing] the name to The Center for Inclusive Excellence” Diversity

Center Director Thomas Flunker said.

The Center will still participate in and host social events, dinners, and educational and academic programs. In addition to working full- time, the center staff works as advisors and serves on cross campus committees.

The suggested name change was approved at the President’s Cabinet meeting on August 27th. The name change “activates several collaborative and cohesive elements that go beyond just our department,”

Flunker said.

“The name includes an aspirational objective... to be inclusive, and to do this in an exceptional way... and the new name does more to explain what we want our endeavors to convey, foster, and promote... it also includes one of the five core values at Gustavus- excellence- and directly correlated to new efforts for the 2019-20 year, as well as correspond[ing] with the Inclusive Excellence movement”, a movement which is currently being instituted in schools nationwide, Flunker

said.

Once the name change was announced to student staff workers, “[we] were allowed to learn more about the reasoning behind the name change and allowed the opportunity to share thoughts on it,” Senior Nathan Thao said.

Overall, students seem to be responding positively to the name change. “I hope to see students utilize it [The Center] more often and to get new faces in here... The Center is a great place to study, meet new people, and enjoy their meals. It’s a safe place to be themselves... In my third year as an employee, I’ve had the privilege of meeting individuals with amazing ideas, personalities, and traits,” Thao said.

The Diversity Center “has had a presence on the Gustavus campus since the spring of 1999. During that span of time leading up to today, our campus has seen significant demographic changes, not just in the faces that are visibly present, but also in the backgrounds and intersecting identities that are representative of our student body,” Flunker said.

“In recent years, there has been a shift in focus on many college campuses, including our own. While acknowledging and celebrating the increased diversity that our campus community is experiencing... it is not enough that we educate and put an

emphasis on the “difference” aspect of diversity, equity, and inclusion,” Flunker said.

“For many, the term ‘diversity’ has come to be synonymous with black, brown... anything not white. This mindset often either hijacks the full breakdown of what the department does, or reduces the Diversity Center to solely the space where students of color go to hangout,” Flunker said.

There is currently a movement through the country which is provoking many “of our institutions to go beyond focusing solely on the differences that students and employees are bringing to campus. This new push is also making sure that... we are purposefully working toward being welcoming and inclusive in our endeavors, as well as ensuring that every individual on campus not only feels like they belong, but actually do,” Flunker said.

The name change to “The Center for Inclusive Excellence”, also known as The Center, does not change the department’s core values. “If anything, it helps to highlight the mission, goals, or endeavors that the department already holds...it helps to highlight those elements by providing a broader perspective,” Flunker said. “Our motto remains: “All Means All”, Flunker said.

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CIE

Wed: 7-10 pm

Sun & Thurs: 6-8 pm

Global Climate Strike reaches Gustavus

Gustavus students take part in worldwide climate strike



As pictured, students protesting for climate action at last year's Groundswell.

Submitted

Jack Wiessenberger
Staff Writer

Friday Sept. 20, will be a day of action for Gustavus as well as the rest of the world. Starting in the morning the Global Climate Strike will begin. The world-wide event was sparked by the inspirational rhetoric of Swedish environmentalist Greta Thunberg. The increasingly popular movement caught the attention of Gustavus' own Environmental Action Coalition (EAC) and Building Bridges groups. As a result, these Gustavus organizations will be sponsoring events to promote the Global Climate Strike.

"The Global Climate Strike started in the summer of 2018 when Thunberg protested outside of the Swedish Parliament in the name of climate justice. This movement started small, but now has become a global call to action," Senior Building Bridges Member Greta Dupslaff said.

Thunberg was called a leader of the next generation by Time magazine and was even invited to speak in front of the UN Climate Change Conference in 2018. In order to find time for protests, Thunberg began taking time off school. Every Friday, Thunberg would rally the group which became known as Fridays

for Future to protest.

"We not only want to bring awareness to this global movement, but we want to emphasize the necessity of acting in the here and now," Senior ECA Co-President Brianna Jol said.

Gustavus, as well as thousands of other schools around the world, have felt the urgency of climate issues and adopted the Fridays for Future tradition. The total number of organized climate strikes scheduled for today is over 3,500 around the world.

"As the Interfaith Program Coordinator in the Chaplains' Office, I work with students to plan Daily Sabbath in the Multifaith Center. In that role, I invited Building Bridges to plan a weekly activity centered around climate justice, since caring for the natural world is an essential value in many religions," Dr. Broida of the Chaplains' Office said.

The Multifaith Center hosted their first Fridays For Future event last week during Sabbath. This time was spent discussing the religious connections to caring for the world we live in. Poetry is planned to be an important aspect of these meetings. Last week, Broida read a poem in response to the massive Amazonian forest fires.

"Where were you when the Earth was burning?" Broida

asked the group of students who attended the Sabbath. While the Chaplains' Office has no official position with the climate strike, they are very open to supporting such student-led movements.

"The Chaplains' Office fully supports climate justice. Last year's Groundswell climate event activity started off in Christ Chapel during Daily Sabbath, and this year's climate event will do the same," Broida said. The first event of the day will begin with a strike leading from the Chapel immediately after the Sabbath break.

"Following daily sabbath there will be an array of events happening in the campus center that encourage both reflection and empower us to move towards action together," Building Bridges Member James Miller said. Throughout the day, there will be multiple small events taking place.

"One of the events involves asking people to write their concerns and commitments [regarding climate change] on ribbons and displaying them at different spots around campus," Broida said. The ribbon campaign is just one way event organizers are planning to spread awareness about climate strike. Informational videos regarding the changing climate will be played in the Evelyn Young

Dining Room, an interactive photo campaign will be held, and EAC members will have tables set up outside the dining room to answer questions and further spread awareness. The rally will certainly be the main event of the day.

"Gustavus students who wish to attend are encouraged to meet outside of Old Main at 5:30 p.m. to walk alongside others from our campus community who are attending the rally. There will also be multiple car shuttles available for transport," Miller said. The rally also has a color theme. Organizers have asked participants to wear a blue shirt to show unity in the crowd.

"We want this to be an opportunity for the campus and community to come together and recognize that we are all global citizens, we have a responsibility to our home, to our neighbors, and to ourselves," Jol said.

Gustavus students as well as the general public are invited to attend the rally, which begins Friday. Earlier this week, the EAC had tables set up outside the cafeteria where students could RSVP for the rally. The EAC has not been the only group setting up this community rally. A local activist organization known as the Minnesota River Valley Climate Action has

also been involved in planning. On the group's website for the event, they state that by reserving a spot, participants agree to follow the law. Organizers want the event to be a positive and inspirational one where no violations of the law can be found.

The evening will feature handmade signs for participants to hold while rallying. After the crowd has gathered in the park, speakers from the EAC will give talks on climate change. There will be much discussion on what is causing the climate to change, as well as a positive message of what can be done to help. To cap the night off, Captain Gravitone & the String Theory Orchestra will perform for the crowd. The band is a quintet that plays roots music inspired by jazz, folk, rock, and other types of music. The band has been in collaboration with organizers to make sure the climate strike ends with a bang.

"All in all, climate change is something that affects us all. We hear about it every day in the news and we see it play out right before our very eyes," Dupslaff said.

Tales from Abroad: ReAnn Eidahl

Elsa Beise
Staff Writer

Where in the world are Gusties this week? Senior ReAnn Eidahl is spending her fall semester in the beautiful city of Prague in the Czech Republic. Eidahl has been excited for this opportunity and has prioritized it before she became a student on campus. "Spending a semester abroad has been at the top of my college to-do list before I even started freshman year," Eidahl said. She continued, mentioning her mother's influence and inspiration regarding traveling the world. "Since I was little, my mom has instilled a travel bug in me. The thought of traveling and experiencing new adventures each week sounded so thrilling. Now that there are so many programs out there that grant college credit for traveling, college is the best time to spend a semester in a new country," Eidahl said. For Eidahl, Prague offered more than just valuable experience in the classroom. "When I researched the program options, I knew that I wanted to do more than take classes. Since I'm a senior, programs with internship options would allow me to fulfill college credit while gaining valuable



Eidahl (sixth from left) poses with her study-abroad group.

professional experience in my field of interest. The CIS Abroad Program gave me the most affordable and sufficient package to pursue a full-time marketing internship in Prague," Eidahl said. On top of this great professional opportunity, Eidahl gets to see the beauty of the city. "Prague is like the hidden gem of Europe with its stunning architecture, rich history, and central location for traveling," Eidahl said. Traveling alone brought a new adventure, but it also was accompanied by some travel nerves. "I had never traveled by my-

self before my flight to Prague. I was really excited to be [there], but I was anxious about the process of getting there. Everything went really smoothly and I was even able to avoid jet lag for the next couple of days. I was also the first one from my program to arrive...so I was beyond excited to meet everyone. Needless to say, it was a busy first couple of days, but I met so many wonderful people and Prague is already starting to feel like home," Eidahl said. Prague has kept Eidahl busy. When she is not working during the week, she is either getting to build on the friendships she's made or adventure in the city.

"There are so many things to do in Prague. So far, I've enjoyed exploring the city and traveling on the weekends. On the weekdays, I love to meet up with my friends after work. We usually try to find new places to watch the sunset and debrief about our day. There are not many things in life that beat spending time with friends and enjoying the sunset over a beautiful city," Eidahl said. Missing the fall semester of your senior year can make for some homesickness. "I have been loving living in a big city but it has been weird not being on the Hill--especially for the start of my senior year. I miss all the fun activities on campus and will be jealous of seeing all the festivities during Homecoming," Eidahl said. She is eager to get back on campus and enjoy her spring semester with her friends and favorite extracurricular activities and groups. "I'm excited to be back on campus with the Admission team and GWIL (Gustavus Women in Leadership) team. Since it will be my last semester at [Gustavus], I'm excited to experience the campus to its fullest and check off my Gustavus bucket list," Eidahl said. Eidahl also had a lot of helpful advice to offer in terms of choosing to study abroad, planning your adventure and enjoy-

ing the world beyond the hill. Eidahl also had a lot of helpful advice to offer in terms of choosing to study abroad. "My biggest piece of advice is to not get tied down by the unspoken standards of studying abroad. At first, I was afraid that I wouldn't enjoy studying abroad during my senior year since I missed the "prime time" of studying abroad during my sophomore/junior year. But in reality, there's no perfect time," Eidahl said. "When you travel or live in another country for a long period of time, there's a lot of ambiguity that challenges you every day. I've learned to be comfortable with the uncomfortable instead of always depending on structure. The challenges of ambiguity have pushed me to be a better problem solver both professionally and socially," Eidahl said. "The ability to think critically in different situations has taught me to cultivate courage in times of pressure instead of being overwhelmed by anxiety--which is something I haven't been able to fully grasp until my time abroad. Along with the open-mindedness to exploration, the curiosity of cultures, and communication across different language barriers, being able to navigate ambiguity will be a skill that will benefit my life in the long run," Eidahl said.

DELI HOT BAR MENU

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Mac + Cheese
Grilled Vegetables
Vegetarian Sloppy Joes
Barbeque Chicken

SOUPS:

New England Clam Chowder
Tomato + Basil + Feta
Vegetarian Chili

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Cajun Chicken
Twice Baked Potatoes
Spinach Artichoke Casserole
Roasted Cauliflower
Red Beans
Chicken + Sausage Jambalaya

SOUPS:

Creamy Chicken + Wild Rice
Cream of Mushroom
African Peanut

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GUSTIES of Breena Brockmann



Nate Habben

Brockmann is particularly interested in women's political discourse.

Michaela Woodward
Staff Writer

The students of the class of 2023 are not the only Gusties exploring their new home at the start of this school year.

Visiting Assistant Professor in Communication Studies Breena Brockmann is also settling into her place on the hill and getting used to a new climate after relocating to Minnesota from Georgia.

However, the environment at Gustavus is far from unfamiliar to her.

"I'm excited to be back in the Midwest weather," Brockmann said.

Brockmann hails from a small Wisconsin town, and she competed her undergrad at a liberal arts college in eastern Wisconsin with a student body of less than 1,000 students.

"I had wanted to come back to the small liberal arts style of teaching," Brockmann said.

"I loved the experience of being at a small liberal arts college. I'm excited to be here," Brockmann said.

For her undergraduate studies, Brockmann majored in Communications and Political Science, and minored in National Security Studies.

Her experiences also involved being a student worker for the Communications department and the library.

Her passion for her area of study shines through in all of her involvement.

She made a cross-country transition when she moved to complete her graduate studies

at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. While earning her master's degree and PhD, her studies in women's political discourse and national security lead her to a notable connection with Gustavus' roots.

"Gustavus' connection to Swedish traditions is interesting to me. One chapter of my dissertation studied Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallström, so I have some familiarity with Swedish politics and rhetoric," Brockmann said.

Brockmann works to incorporate broad topics of diversity and world-wide communication into her Public Discourse and Rhetorical Criticism classes this semester.

She notes that the Public Discourse class is unique to Gustavus' Communication Studies department.

"The purpose is to ask students how they can be an advocate for change in their communities," Brockmann said.

This idea seems to have resonated with students.

"[Brockmann] really helps emphasize that we learn communication from our community. It's not about us, and how well we can talk or write. It's about how we can ethically guide our communities to consider different perspectives and consider new ideas," first year Ellie Hartmann said.

As she is new to Minnesota, Brockmann is particularly looking forward to learning about the area through her student's projects.

"I think in the process of me helping students on those projects, I'm learning a lot about a lot of different communities

in Minnesota. I think there's something exciting about being a new instructor at an institution and some of these opportunities to learn from and with my students. I love the idea that I'm going to get to work one-on-one with students," Brockmann said.

A student-oriented look to the future is what drives Brockmann.

She feels that her interests in national security and rhetoric surrounding gender are assets that she brings to the department.

"[I am] excited to hear what kinds of classes the students want," Brockmann said.

She is also looking forward to broadening studies to a global perspective, taking note of different backgrounds in regards to communication and rhetoric.

Brockmann is excited to get involved more on campus, and says she is particularly looking forward to the Nobel Conference next week.

So far, settling in has gone as smoothly as she could have hoped.

"I've found everyone really welcoming. I'm really excited to be here," Brockmann said.

In her free time, Brockmann enjoys reading and baking, and is planning on scoping out notable spots on campus.

For now, she is content taking strolls through the Arb and adjusting to her new home on the hill, though her rescue dog, Beasley, has already settled in quite well.

"He loves Minnesota...we'll see how he feels about it in February," Brockmann said.



Nate Habben

Brockmann enjoys exploring her new home in St. Peter with her rescue dog Beasley.

Do you have a suggestion for a Gustavus student, professor, or staff member who could be our next Gustie of the Week?

If so, send us an email with their name, position on campus, and a short description of why you think they should be recognized to

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for a chance to have them featured!

If your suggestion is selected, a representative from the Weekly will be in contact with them to move forward with the interview process.

the WEEK

& Scott Moeller

Monali Bhakta
Staff Writer

One of this week's featured Gusties is Scott Moeller, a naturalist who is currently serving as the Director of the Arboretum.

Ever since his childhood on a dairy farm in Fairmont, Moeller has developed a deep appreciation for the outdoors.

He completed his undergraduate degree at Augustana College where he majored in Biology because he wanted to work with living things.

After that, he attended Iowa State University to obtain his Master's in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, where he became interested in learning about the Tall Grass Prairie Habitat.

He always had a strong passion for teaching about the outdoors, so he became a naturalist and worked for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

In 2011, he was hired by Gustavus to be an Interpretive Naturalist and is now serving as the Director of the Arboretum.

His role is to oversee the management that takes place on this part of campus

"I do everything from planting and pruning of trees, to the gardens, to the habitat areas, management of the prairie, and coniferous woods, deciduous woods. In addition to that,

the educational events such as programming with Gustavus students," Moeller said.

"The Arboretum is a point of interface between campus and community...it is becoming embraced by students a lot more."

The Arb also works with younger, elementary students who come for field trips, leading them on different stations to showcase the beauty it has to offer.

One of the most enjoyable events Moeller likes to host is the Annual Fall Fest, as students and members of the Gustavus community come together for a seasonal mixer.

Because this usually takes place during Family Weekend, it can be a fun opportunity to take parents and siblings to enjoy yard games, hayrides, treasure hunting, and music.

"The Arboretum is a point of interface between campus and community...it is becoming embraced by students a lot more. I'm really happy to see that students understand that it's their space. Of course it's home to the trees, plants, and

animals, but as long as you're respectful, you can come out here and take a nap on a blanket, go hammocking, bike or run down the trails, or use it for your studies," Moeller said.

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He wants people to use this beautiful place, especially during this point of growth in their lives; whether it is noticing the monarch butterflies or hawks that fly above, the ultimate goal is to appreciate their surroundings.

In order to fully comprehend



Moeller enjoys planning special events in the Arboretum.

Nate Habben



Moeller was hired in 2011 to be an Interpretive Naturalist before becoming the Director of the Arboretum.

Nate Habben

the holistic meaning of sustainability, Moeller believes the foundation starts with a society where people are connected to nature.

It is essential to know why we must compost our food waste, so that plants and animals have a safe place to live.

He conceptualizes sustainability as a pyramid, where at the center, humanity has a compassionate love for nature.

When asked about the upcoming Nobel Conference's theme of tackling global climate change, Moeller mentioned that we must be attentive to our own consumerism.

"Nobody seems to want to talk about consumerism. The reason why corporate America is creating environmental problems is because we are buying their garbage that they're selling and marketing to us. We've all been convinced that we need this stuff because from the time we're young, we're conditioned to be consumers. I'm hoping that somebody talks about that at this year's Nobel Conference," Moeller said.

Throughout his time at Gustavus, Moeller has created meaningful relationships with many students.

He has served as an intellectual resource for people that want to immerse themselves in this "hidden gem" of the campus.

By having extensive knowledge in his field, and working with students one-on-one, he has established a significant presence on our campus.

"I have had the chance to work with [Moeller] since I was a first year, just starting my position as a student worker in the Arboretum. [Moeller] is a fantastic naturalist and invaluable mentor. He not only cares for the environmental aspects that accompany working there—such as preservation and care of the various habitats, animals, and features—but he is consistently striving to bring people to the Arboretum and to help them create a connection with these inspiring outdoor spaces. He has a great sense of humor, and is truly a joy to work with," Senior Bri Jol said.

NOBEL CONFERENCE: A BRIEF HISTORY

Kyara Craven
Staff Writer

As the years passed, the once shadowy apparition known as climate change has finally taken front stage in the issues our Earth faces. More and more frequently, we are seeing the countdown of years that we have until our impact on this planet becomes irreversible. It is easy to have a nonchalant attitude when it comes to climate change because it is easy to believe that “It won’t affect my generation.” While the Earth’s deterioration is easy for some to ignore, it will be impossible for future generations to escape the results of mankind’s carelessness.

It is beyond time for us to take some time and cater to our planet Earth. Luckily, Gustavus presents its students with a plethora of opportunities to learn about climate change and eco activism. The most notable opportunity being this year’s Nobel Conference. The purpose of the Nobel conference is to bring students, staff, and the general public together with some of the most innovative thinkers to talk about important scientific questions and the ethical issues that come with them. Nobel Conference 55, *Climate*

Changed: Facing Our Future, will gather together leading thinkers to discuss climate change from many different perspectives including topics such as paleo-climate studies. In Honor of this year’s Nobel Conference and in honor of the fight for climate change reforms, here are some notable Nobel Conferences and speakers who were given honorary degrees.

2007

In 2007, Gustavus hosted the Nobel Conference titled *Heating Up: The Energy Debate*. This conference addressed pressing issues such as global warming and the declining oil reserve.

2009

At the 2009 *H₂O Uncertain Resource Nobel Conference*, Rajendra K. Pachauri, the 2007 Nobel Prize Winner, was honored a degree in Peace studies.



2012

The 2012 *Our Global Ocean Nobel Conference*. This conference brought together leading researchers in biogeochemistry, oceanography, deep-sea biology, molecular genetics, and coral ecology to examine the intersectionality of the ocean, mankind, and climate change.

2014

At the 2014 *Celebrating 50 Years of the Nobel Conference: Where Does Science Go from Here?*, Steven Chu, the 1997 Nobel Prize winner, was honored with the Physics Degree.

