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## Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2013

(Note location: Buffalo's Café)

“Chemistry, Ethics and Climate Change”

Prof. Chris Cuomo

Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies at the University of Georgia

This year, ACS President Bassam Shkhashiri has launched a major initiative to involve chemists in communicating the science of climate change. He has said, “In keeping with its mission, ACS must help address global challenges including climate change. ACS members can participate in meaningful initiatives to deepen understanding of both the natural causes and human causes of climate change. Because the mechanism of climate change is based on fundamental physics and chemistry, scientists, including chemists, bear a responsibility for understanding climate science themselves and helping others who are not scientists understand the issues relevant to maintaining a livable climate.”

Part of this undertaking requires us, as chemists, to help make the science of climate change relevant to everyone and to place it in the context of societal issues. I have invited Prof. Cuomo to speak to our section this month to help us understand the bigger picture of the chemistry of climate change.

– Geoff Smith

Dinner & Social start at 6:00 PM

Each NEGS ACS member and chemistry major college student will receive a \$5.00 credit for his/her meal.



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## Speaker's Biographical Sketch

Professor **Chris Cuomo** is Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies, and she also serves as an affiliate faculty member of the Environmental Ethics Certificate Program, the Institute for Native American Studies, the Institute for African-American Studies, and the Initiative on Climate and Society at UGA. Her research and teaching focus on ethics, politics, and multicultural feminist and environmental philosophies. Chris has held visiting fellowships at Cornell University, Amherst College and Murdoch University, and has been a recipient of research grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Ms. Foundation, the National Council for Research on Women, and Ideas for Creative Exploration (ICE).



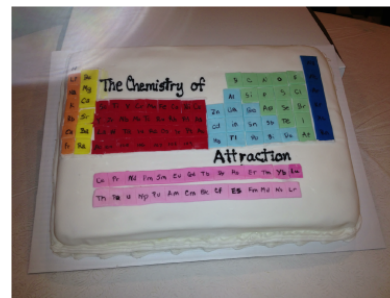
Currently Chris is involved in ongoing collaborative research on local and indigenous knowledge about landscape changes on the North Slope of Alaska (see "[Environmental Change, Indigenous Knowledge, and Subsistence on Alaska's North Slope](#)"), and writing on feminism and climate justice (e.g., "[Climate Change, Responsibility and Vulnerability](#)").

She is also the curator of **eco\*art\*lab**, a pop-up gallery and artspace in downtown Athens featuring multi-media international art focused on climate change. The exhibit runs March 17 – April 27, 2013 and is located in Bottleworks at 297 Prince Avenue, Athens, GA (<http://ecoartlab.wordpress.com/>).

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## Chair's Corner

- I “loved” February’s meeting: Dr. Larry Young from Emory University Hospital provided a very entertaining discussion of the molecular basis for attraction, just in time for Valentine’s Day! (If you weren’t there, you missed out on the Periodic Table of Cake!)



- Please be on the lookout for a call for nominations for the annual local section awards. Dave Himmelsbach is once again the Chair of the Awards Committee and will be sending out the call soon.

- Check out our local section website: <http://www.negeorgia.sites.acs.org> (also now on our newsletter masthead). Here, you can find the most up-to-date information about upcoming events, previous award winners and maybe even some embarrassing photos from past events!

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