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# 1. TONIGHT (WEDS) 5-7 pm: Brainstorming a Climate Curriculum for Social Scientists

Our Dept of Psychology and campus partners are presenting a two-hour meeting 5-7 pm in person at 2121 Berkeley Way West Room 1102 **"Brainstorming a Curriculum for Social Scientists to Teach About the Climate Crisis."** Featuring Adam Aron (UC San Diego) author of "The Climate Crisis: Science, Impacts, Policy, Psychology, Sociology and Justice, published in 2022. Food and Beverages!

#### 2. Virtual Policy Forum: Climate Resilient California Schools April 21

Berkeley's Center for Cities + Schools and its partners invite everyone to a Zoom meeting to engage with leading experts on **how California's TK-12 public schools can tackle the climate crisis**. Including Berkeley's Jeffrey Vincent, Senator Nancy Skinner and more. April 11, 10-11:30 PDT via Zoom. Register <u>here</u>. See the Call-to-Action report for climate-resilient schools <u>here</u>.

3. New Directions in Bangladesh Studies (including climate change) April 6 3-7 pm Berkeley's Institute for South Asia Studies is hosting a 4-hour set of talks on recent research on April 6 (Thursday) 3 pm - 7 pm in 10 Stephens Hall. Included will be Camelia Dewan: Misreading the Bengal Delta: Climate Change, Development and Livelihoods in Coastal Bangladesh (published just last month). The event will be live streamed on the Chowdhury Center's FB page. More info here.

#### 4. California Trees Are Toppling in Storms: What are the risk factors?

"I cannot in my experience ever remember that many trees coming down in a <u>series of</u> <u>storms</u>," said **UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus Joe McBride**, who has specialized in urban forestry for more than 40 years. PG&E has removed more than 13,000 trees that have damaged infrastructure since our big storms began on January 1. Read the article <u>here</u>.

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Thursday April 6th, 10 am - 11 am PDT via Zoom. Presented by the Institute for Carbon Removal and Policy as part of **Scrubbing the Skies**: The Role of Carbon Dioxide Removal in Combatting Climate Change. Register <u>here</u>.

## 6. Voting, Race and Religion: Is the Supreme Court a Threat to Democracy? (Berkeley Law)

Legal analysts at UC Berkeley and nationwide worry that recent actions by the increasingly conservative U.S. Supreme Court are jeopardizing core standards of democracy. This excellent in-depth piece from Berkeley News draws on a set of **Berkeley Law leaders**. Read it <u>here</u>.

## 7. Only 2 months until the first Youth v. Gov Climate lawsuit goes to trial

Join Our Children's Trust for an **online community meeting** on Wednesday April 12 for an inside look at trial preparation in **Held vs. State of Montana** - and find out how to support the 16 young Montanans who are standing up for their "right to a clean and healthful environment." Register and join via Zoom <u>here</u>. This will be the first ever constitutional climate trial and first ever children's climate trial in U.S. history.

### BCCN Calendar (see the <u>BCCN web site</u> for info)

- Social Scientists and the Climate Crisis tonight 5-7 pm (WEDS)
- Bioneers (on campus at Pauley Ballroom) April 6-8
- New Directions in Bangladesh Studies (including climate) April 6 3-7 pm
- California Climate Policy Summit April 11 (Sacramento)

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