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1. **Why We Do This Work:**

- [Warmest recorded winter in the Lower 48](#) (NOAA)
- [Florida heat protection: Sports yes, farmworkers NO](#) (Grist)
- [California GHGs UP again — mostly transportation \(Next 10 Webinar 3/28 11AM\)](#)

2. **The Price is Wrong** — New Book and Berkeley SS Matrix Webinar

The Social Science Matrix and Sociology's Daniel Aldana Cohen hosted a [90-minute webinar](#) last week with Brett Christophers (Uppsala University) author of the brand new ["The Price is Wrong: Why Capitalism Won't Save the Planet."](#) Recording will be up soon [here](#). Or...for a different story try [Climate Capitalism](#) by Akshat Rathi (Rloomberg)

(Berkeley).

3. Spotlight: Berkeley Project Helps Cities and Communities

Dan Kammen and Chris Jones (ERG) are leading a new project with \$1.4M [UCOP Climate Action Grant](#) to help cities and communities with data and support for their equitable climate action programs. See the [summary](#) here and listen to [BCCN Podcast #2](#) where Dan talks with BCCN's Sarabaesh Srikumar (20 mins). Spotlights on the other 4 Berkeley winners coming soon.

4. Spotlight: India Energy and Climate Center

The fabulous new [India Energy & Climate Center \(IECC\)](#) at Goldman leverages clean energy technology and policy expertise at Berkeley and Berkeley Lab, Silicon Valley and the State of California to catalyze rapid transformation of energy systems in India and the global south. All aimed at delivering significant environmental, economic, and energy security benefits. Read the IECC's latest newsletter [here](#) and sign up for updates.

5. Spotlight: Berkeley School of Public Health Racing Forward

Faculty in [Environmental Health Sciences](#) in SPH recently co-authored ([PNAS](#)) research showing [disparities in exposures to wildfire smoke](#); demonstrated health risks of heat ([ES&T](#)) in India; and led research [cited by CDPH](#) (correctly!) predicting a climate-driven epidemic of Valley fever in California in winter 2024.

6. Berkeley Law Corporate + Climate Summit March 28-29

Join Berkeley Law at the inaugural [Berkeley Corporate + Climate Summit](#) on March 28-29 to explore the role of corporate governance in combatting climate change. Speakers from business, government, academia and non-profits who are transforming the role of corporations as we develop a greener economy. [Register in-person or zoom](#).

7. UC-wide Community Engaged Research Workshop March 25

Register for this [UCOP workshop](#) next week — "Research, Data and Recognition: Centering Decades of Community Research in Climate Action Grants." Meanwhile, track [Berkeley's Institutional Change Initiative](#).

8. AI + Physical Sciences for Climate Innovation Symposium- MAR 26-27

The symposium in Sutardja Dai Hall brings together leading experts and thought leaders in artificial intelligence (AI) and physical sciences to apply AI for climate innovation. [Get the full scoop and register here](#). Brought to you by Berkeley's BIDMaP in partnership with Climate Change AI.

9. Can We Electrify Our Food? — Energy Institute @Haas

James Sallee (ARE, Energy Institute @Haas) explains it all in this [blog post](#). Yes!

10. [The Role of AI in Climate Change](#)

10. EVs and the Fight that is Coming/Starting

Brand new CLEE report — [Case Studies: EV Public and Curbside Charging Strategies](#) including NYT "[Bay Area Leads the Way in EV Shift](#)" (talking with our Ted Lamm). Meanwhile, White House announces [New Rules](#) to boost EVs. And, here's a [snapshot of the big EV fight](#) that is just starting. Public opinion, policy, consumer behavior, dollars — will make or break this critical "climate tech" strategy.

11. Air Pollution Hides Increases in Rainfall

Brand new [study](#) from Mark Risser and team at Berkeley Lab: For much of the last century, the drying effect of aerosols has masked increases in rainfall from greenhouse gases — but as aerosols decrease, their long-term drying effect will likely diminish, causing rainfall averages and extremes to rapidly increase.

12. Collaboration! Berkeley SkyDeck and Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation

Berkeley Skydeck (now with a Climate Track) has signed an MOU with Jacobs Institute, our interdisciplinary hub for learning and making at the intersection of design and technology. Now SkyDeck companies can use Jacobs' extensive facilities for prototyping hardware and products. [See more here.](#)

13. The Great Escape: A True Story of Forced Labor and Immigrant Dreams in America

On April 2, Berkeley's Labor Center presents author Saket Soni in conversation with Adam Hochschild, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Berkeley Law. [Info here.](#)

14. SERC Deadline TODAY for Earth Week Events

The Student Environmental Resource Center (SERC) is thrilled to invite you to be part of a week filled with inspiration, community, and change from April 14th to 19th. Our annual celebration gathers individuals from Berkeley and beyond for events, panels, community building, and art dedicated to environmental justice. Fill out the event application form [here](#) — DEADLINE TODAY 3/21.

BCCN Climate CALENDAR

- [Why It's Not Too Late: Rebecca Solnit and John King](#) TODAY 6 PM sold out
- [A Conversation on AI Governance Berkeley Law](#) FRIDAY 1 PM
- [BIONEERS](#) in Berkeley — March 28-29-30
- [Lau Grants for Just Climate Futures](#) APRIL 3 6:30 PM Wurster (presentations)
- [Solar Eclipse April 8](#)
- [Funding the Commons -- Brower Center April 13-14](#)
- [Dear Human At Future's Edge](#) April 16 Sutardja Dai Hall
- [Together Bay Area](#) (30X30 and much more!) May 7

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**I was dreaming in my dreaming
Of an aspect bright and fair
And my sleeping it was broken
But my dream it lingered near
In the form of shining valleys
Where the pure air recognized
And my senses newly opened
I awakened to the cry
That the people have the power
To redeem the work of fools
Upon the meek the graces shower
It's decreed the people rule**

—Patti Smith (1988)

