

HF Newsletter

February 2019

Climate Change Policy Debate

On February 7th, the Honors Forum hosted a dialogue entitled “Do We Really Have a Climate Crisis and Can It Be Solved? A Conversation on The Future of the Climate and Humanity’s Response.” The event, hosted in Gannett Auditorium from 5:00-6:30pm, was moderated by Prof. Kristofer Covey of the Environmental Studies Department and Erin Mah '19, HF Executive Committee Vice President. The debate featured two noteworthy speakers: Oren Cass, Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute and former domestic policy director for Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign, and Andrew Revkin, award-winning writer and Strategic Advisor for Environmental and Science Journalism for the National Geographic Society.



The event kicked off with both speakers addressing the titular question of the night. Tackling the debate respectfully from two different sides, Cass and Revkin set the tone for the entire evening: good-spirited, informed conversation in the name of solutions and engagement with issues related to climate change. From there, the night’s moderators moved the talk toward topics like the Paris Agreement, the science and economics behind implementing policies, and the media’s perception of environmental issues. The discussion was then followed by a lively question and answer portion featuring students and members of the community.

Upcoming Events:

Jon Ramsey Lecture/HF Induction

Tuesday, March 5

Boston Trip, Freedom Trail Tour

Saturday, April 6

Academic Festival

Wednesday, May 1

HF Senior Awards & Periclean Scholar Awards

Friday, May 17

Executive Committee Updates:

OFFICE HOURS: This semester’s office hours will be Tuesdays from 2-3pm and Fridays from 11am-12pm. Stop by to chat with an Exec-Co member about any questions, comments, or concerns you may have!

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM: Vice President Erin Mah '19 and Exec-Co member Abdul Shokur '21 have begun efforts to reinstate the HF Ambassador Program, a way for HF students to connect with each other by having certain students serve as a leading resource for others. Email hfxco@skidmore.edu if you are interested in becoming an ambassador!

INSTAGRAM: Follow @skidmorehonorsforum on Instagram to see updates, member spotlights, and more!