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ENERGY POLICY EXPERT TO DISCUSS SOUTH CAROLINA'S ROLE IN CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS

Dr. Stephen Smith to speak at Furman University on May 15

Upstate Forever is pleased to announce that Dr. Stephen Smith, executive director of the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, will present ***Too Hot Not to Handle: Global Warming Pollution in South Carolina and What You Can Do About It*** on Tuesday, May 15, at 7 PM in the Younts Conference Center at Furman University. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Dr. Smith's speech is the second event in Upstate Forever's **Climate Change Speaker Series**, aimed at raising awareness of climate change issues and building support for climate change action in the Upstate.

An expert in clean energy, utility policy, and climate policy, Dr. Smith directs the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, a regional organization working throughout South Carolina and the Southeast to promote responsible energy choices that create global warming solutions. He was recently appointed by Governor Mark Sanford to South Carolina's Climate, Energy and Commerce Advisory Committee along with Brad Wyche, executive director of Upstate Forever, and 25 other political, business, and environmental leaders. Dr. Smith also serves on a number of national climate advisory boards throughout the country.



"Climate change is a chief concern to South Carolina and Upstate residents because of its potential effects on the tourism and farming industries as well as wildlife habitat. Dr. Smith's presentation is one of the first steps in raising awareness on how each of us can do our part to combat global warming pollution," said John Tynan, Clean Air & Water Associate with Upstate Forever.

The event is being held in partnership with Furman University's Environmental Sustainability Committee, Furman's Year of the Environment Committee, and Carolina Climate Network.

For more information on Dr. Smith's presentation or Upstate Forever's Climate Change Speaker Series, please contact John Tynan at Upstate Forever: (864) 250-0500 or jtynan@upstateforever.org.

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