



Environmental Institutions Seminar Series

Presents

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Why the Oil Age is Doomed, and What We Can Do About It?

Monday, March 8, 2004

3:00 – 4:15 pm

LSRC Room A158, Reception follows in Hug Commons
Research Drive, Duke University

Biography

Christopher Flavin is President of the Worldwatch Institute, an international research organization recognized for its path-breaking work on the global connections between economic, social, and environmental trends.

Flavin is a regular co-author of the Institute's *State of the World* book, which has been published in 36 languages. In *Power Surge: Guide to the Coming Energy Revolution* (WW Norton, 1994), he describes the potential shape of a post-petroleum energy economy. His research and writing in a wide range of popular and scholarly periodicals focuses on the development of an environmentally sustainable economy.

As President and CEO of Worldwatch since September 2000, he is active in international policy circles on climate change and energy, and he has participated in several historic international conferences, including the Climate Change Conference in Kyoto Japan in 1997. Flavin is a native of Monterey California and a *cum laude* graduate of Williams College, where he studied economics, biology, and environmental studies.



Abstract

Declining oil supplies and rising concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will soon force the world energy economy in a new direction. One element of that new direction is the development of new renewable sources of energy such as solar and wind energy. Those technologies, which today stand about where oil stood a century ago--underdeveloped but growing at double digit rates--are poised for a market takeoff in the next few years. Just as the stone age did not end because we ran out of stones, the age of oil appears to be coming to an end for a host of fundamental reasons --many of them related to the huge economic opportunities and millions of jobs that will stem from opening up new sources of energy supply.

Brief Reception
follows in Hug Commons (Nicholas School)
4:15 to 4:45 pm

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