

Southwest Women in Conservation 2015



*We have only begun to know
The power that is in us if we would join
Our solitudes in the communion of struggle.
So much is unfolding that must
Complete its gesture,
So much is in bud.*

- excerpt from *Beginners* by Denise Levertov

*engage with conservation leaders
establish new relationships
motivate the next generation*

 **Audubon** NEW MEXICO

invites you to join

**Sister Joan Brown, Alison Holloran
& Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer**
in a **Conversation about Climate Change**

Friday, September 25, 2015

1:30 - 4:30 pm

followed by **gourmet** refreshments

Randall Davey Audubon Center

1800 Upper Canyon Road | Santa Fe, New Mexico

Tickets are \$55 per person.* Seating is limited!

Please RSVP no later than September 15th
by returning the enclosed reply card, or by contacting Audubon at
(505) 983-4609 or via e-mail at newmexico@audubon.org.

**We have a limited number of discounted and complimentary tickets available for those
who need assistance - please inquire directly.*



SISTER JOAN BROWN is a Franciscan Sister and is the Executive Director of New Mexico Interfaith Power and Light (NMIPL). NMIPL works to educate and inspire faith communities and individuals; engage them in energy efficiency, renewable energy and local food; and works with people of faith to enhance the moral implications within various public policy concerns at the local, state, and federal levels. Sister Joan has worked for decades in the areas of justice, peace, and integrity of creation in the southwest. Earlier this year, Sister Brown was one of 12 faith leaders recognized by the White House as a *Champion of Change*. She also works with the Partnership for Earth Spirituality, is an OXFAM Sister Ambassador on the Planet, serves on the national IPL board, and writes for various publications including as a monthly contributor to National Catholic Reporter's Global Sister's report.

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ALISON HOLLORAN serves as Executive Director for Audubon Rockies and has been with Audubon for fourteen years. She is responsible for planning and executing all conservation and science programs throughout Colorado and Wyoming. She is a sagebrush expert and helped launch Audubon's Prairie Bird Initiative. Alison works closely with Audubon New Mexico and Arizona to ensure the success of the Western Rivers Action Network, a grassroots network of over 35,000 activists. Prior to Audubon, Alison designed and implemented a research plan examining the potential effects of natural gas development on sage-grouse populations for Wyoming Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. She holds a Bachelors of Science in Wildlife Management and a Masters of Science in Zoology and Physiology.

"We need to save our environment to save ourselves. I'm in it, not only for myself but for my children. I'm trying to save some of the environment so that future generations have something to enjoy..."



photo by Laurel Morales

DR. MARGARET HIZA REDSTEER is a research scientist at the USGS Flagstaff Science Center and leads a research team that looks at linkages between geology, climate and land use history of the Southern Colorado Plateau, primarily on the Navajo Nation, to provide a foundation for evaluating climate related hazards and risks. Her research includes a unique combination of the Navajo elders' oral histories and conventional scientific investigations to document current impacts from climate change and drought. Recent publications include a coauthored paper on climate-related health risks to the Crow tribe, and drought case study of the Navajo Nation that contributed to the United Nations Global Assessment on Disaster Risk Reduction.

"I believe that using traditional Native American knowledge is not just important from a scientific point of view but also from a cultural point of view. Traditional knowledge is what defines Indian people. It really depends on how you live on the land, what you do as a person, and how you treat the planet. We need people who approach problems from this perspective in the sciences so that we can learn - and hopefully teach others - how to be better stewards of the land."

Our Mission...

Women are vital to the success of conservation in the Southwest.

Audubon New Mexico is holding its sixth annual event to recognize and honor the diversity of work being done by women engaged in conservation in our region and beyond. Inspired by on-the-ground efforts, "Southwest Women in Conservation" provides the opportunity for women and men to share their interests and establish relationships. Join us as we work to motivate all generations to value, protect and restore the health of our environment!



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Women have long played a leading role in the environment and were instrumental in the Audubon Society's beginnings. In the late 1800's, a group of Boston society women gathered over afternoon teas to save birds from being slaughtered for the hat trade.

In the process, they kick-started the conservation movement - and Audubon. We are proud to celebrate our roots, bringing people together and sharing conservation achievements in our region.

On the cover: Burrowing Owls could lose 77 percent of their breeding range by 2080 because of a changing climate.

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