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THE CALIFORNIANS ARE COMING: CLIMATE MIGRATION AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

HOW WILL CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECT OUR POPULATION GROWTH? EXPLORE AT OUR NEXT THINK & DRINK EVENT ON AUGUST 23

SEATTLE – In 2030, will Washington try to build a border wall and make California pay for it?

Refugees, immigration, terrorism, and open borders have become heated topics in the national conversation. But if current trends, like California's drought, continue, that discussion may soon get even more urgent—and perhaps a lot uglier, even in the polite Pacific Northwest.

On August 23 at Naked City Brewery and Tapouse, Humanities Washington will host "The Californians Are Coming: Climate Migration and the Pacific Northwest," a casual panel discussion with Lara Whitely Binder of the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group, and Jeni Krencicki Barcelos, co-founder of the Three Degrees Project at the UW School of Law. Moderated by KUOW environmental reporter Ashley Ahearn.

History shows that climate change leads to massive movements of people. Wetter weather prompted early humans to leave Africa. The Ice Age allowed hunter-gatherers to cross the Bering Land Bridge to Alaska. And more recently, the Dust Bowl prompted 200,000 people to flee the Midwest for California. These movements can be the cause—and the result—of war, starvation, and economic turmoil.

And now we've entered what might be the fastest period of climate change in earth's history. How will it affect the human populations of North America? Who will move where? How will it affect human rights? And is the Northwest really the relatively safe haven it's commonly thought to be?

Join **Lara Whitely Binder** of the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group; **Jeni Krencicki Barcelos**, co-founder of the Three Degrees Project at the UW School of Law; and **Edgar Franks**, Formação Cívica Coordinator at Community to Community Development. Moderated by KUOW environmental reporter **Ashley Ahearn**.

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ABOUT THINK & DRINK

Humanities Washington's Think & Drink events are hosted conversations at pubs and tasting rooms on provocative topics and new ideas. Experts, artists, and activists from a variety of disciplines participate in a moderated discussion, with a strong emphasis on audience participation. Past events tackled topics from consumerism to political polarization, geoengineering, race in the Pacific Northwest, and many more, and sparked lively conversation about morality, religion, history, and politics.

No tickets or registration is required.

ABOUT HUMANITIES WASHINGTON

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across our state. For more about Humanities Washington, visit humanities.org.

AT A GLANCE

What: "The Californians Are Coming," a Think & Drink event with Jeni Krencicki Barcelos, Lara Whitely Binder, and Edgar Franks

When: 7:00 p.m., August 23, 2016

Where: Naked City Brewery and Taphouse, 8564 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle, WA

Cost: Free

Online: humanities.org/programs/think-drink

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