

Sun Valley Forum for Resilience

SPEAKER BIOS

Shawn Benner

Professor Shawn Benner, an environmental scientist at Boise State University, is the director of a National Science Foundation program to build Idaho's research capacity in human and environmental systems. This effort focuses on integrating natural processes, inclusive of climate and ecological change, with human activities like population growth and land use decision making to better predict, and plan for, our uncertain future.

Senator Cory Booker

U.S. Senator Cory Booker is connected to the people he serves and the challenges they face every day. He has spent 16 years in public office focused on addressing the vital needs of New Jersey families by putting partisanship aside to get things done. Cory was raised in Harrington Park in Bergen County, New Jersey. A star athlete at Northern Valley High School in Old Tappan, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University, where he also played for the football team. While at Stanford, he ran a crisis hotline for students and worked with disadvantaged youth in East Palo Alto. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he managed a student tutoring and mentoring program in a disadvantaged community. Cory went on to Yale Law School, where he helped lead free legal clinics for New Haven residents. After earning his law degree, Cory moved to Newark, where he served on the Newark City Council and lived for eight years in Brick Towers, a low-income housing complex. In 2006, he was elected to his first of two terms as mayor of Newark. He now owns a home and lives in Newark's Central Ward community. Cory won a special U.S. Senate election in October 2013 to complete the term of the late Senator Frank Lautenberg and became New Jersey's first African-American senator. In November 2014, he won reelection to the Senate. Cory serves on the Senate's Commerce, Science and Transportation, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Environment and Public Works Committees. In his short time in the Senate, Cory has worked across the aisle to sponsor sweeping legislation to reform the nation's broken criminal justice system, passed legislation to ensure veterans with traumatic brain injuries received the medical care they deserve, and has fought to ensure women receive fair treatment in the workplace and full control over their personal health decisions.

Carol Brown

Carol Brown has worked for the Sawtooth National Forest for 35 years. Currently she is the environmental coordinator as well as the climate change coordinator for the Sawtooth Forest. She moved to the Wood River Valley in 1980 right after graduating from the University of Washington with a forestry degree. She planned to be in the Valley for just a year or two to ski, but as so often happens, fell in love with the place and has made her life here.

John Chlebowski

John Chlebowski is a retired businessman with a successful career concentrated in the Energy and Financial sectors. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of SemGroup Corp, Inc., Lead Independent Director of NRG Yield, Inc. and Board member of First Midwest Bancorp. He has also served on several other public company Boards. His active corporate career spanned 30 years with major corporations including J&L Steel, W.R. Grace & Co. and GATX Corporation where he served as CFO and also CEO/President of GATX Terminals Corp. He has been active in community affairs and not-for-profit organizations with service on the Boards of Heartland Alliance, Chicago Heart Association, Merit Music Program and the Chicago City Ballet. He has a B.S. degree from the University of Delaware and an M.B.A. (Beta Gamma Sigma) from Pennsylvania State University. John and his wife, Mary Ahern, live in Chicago as well as having lived in the Wood River Valley since the early 1990s.

Aimée Christensen

Aimée Christensen is CEO of Christensen Global Strategies advising clients including the Clinton Global Initiative, Duke Energy, Microsoft, Virgin, and United Nations. She has two decades' experience in policy, law, investment, and philanthropy including with the U.S. Department of Energy, World Bank, Baker & McKenzie and Google. In 2012 she served as Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General's High-level Group on Sustainable Energy For All. She negotiated the first bilateral climate change agreements (U.S. – Costa Rica 1994, et al.) and wrote the first university endowment investment policy on climate change (Stanford University, 1999). In 2009 she returned home to Sun Valley to be with family and manage her family's investments. On April 1, 2015, she launched the Sun Valley Institute for Resilience. A graduate of Smith College and Stanford Law School, she is the 2011 Hillary Institute Leadership Laureate and a 2010 Aspen Institute Catto Fellow.

Mark Davidson

Mark Davidson is the Director of the Idaho Water Project for Trout Unlimited. The Idaho Water Project focuses its efforts to reconnect and restore important habitat for anadromous and resident fisheries, promote water conservation opportunities and protect instream flow. By working with partners Mark has been able to incorporate permanent water conservation measures that have increased instream flow and reconnected tributaries while balancing the needs of water users. He has been able to work in a context that is complex both socially and ecologically by working with a broad range of partners to find creative solutions to water conservation challenges.

Dr. Gary Dirks

Dr. Gary Dirks is director of Arizona State University's Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability and director of LightWorks, an ASU initiative that capitalizes on ASU's strengths in solar energy and other light-inspired research. He also is the Julie Wrigley Chair of Sustainable Practices, a professor of practice and Graduate Faculty Member in the School of Sustainability, and Distinguished Sustainability Scientist. Before joining ASU, Dirks was president of BP Asia-Pacific and BP China. In China, he grew BP from an operation with fewer than 30 employees and no revenue to more than 1,300 employees and revenues of about \$4 billion in 2008. Dirks is a member of the Arizona Governor's Energy Advisory Board and has served on the boards of the India Council for Sustainable Development, the U.S. China Center for Sustainable Development, and the China Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Jason Fry

Jason Fry has been the CEO of the Wood River Community YMCA since 2011. Beyond managing and operating a facility, Jason is interested in creating a more resilient community through impactful programs with proven results. Whether improving the health and habits of kids who are at risk of becoming obese, working to prevent drowning, or striving to close the education achievement gap – the Y aims to make our community stronger. He holds a Master's Degree in Exercise Science from Ithaca College. Jason splits time between Ketchum and Boise with his wife, Vanessa, and two daughters.

Jeff Goodell

Jeff Goodell is a Contributing Editor at *Rolling Stone* and the author of five books, including, *How to Cool the Planet: Geoengineering and the Audacious Quest to Fix Earth's Climate*, which won the 2011 Grantham Prize Award of Special Merit, one of the highest awards in environmental journalism. Goodell's four previous books include *Sunnyvale*, a memoir about growing up in Silicon Valley, and *Big Coal: The Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*. As a commentator on energy and climate issues, Goodell has appeared on NPR, MSNBC, CNN, CNBC, ABC, NBC, Fox News and The Oprah Winfrey Show.

Harry Griffith

Harry Griffith was appointed executive director of Sun Valley Economic Development (formerly SustainBlaine) in April 2011 after retiring from a 25-year career at BP. Originally trained as a geologist, Mr. Griffith worked in a variety of leadership roles for BP, including emerging markets in Latin America, Russia, and China. Mr. Griffith resides in Sun Valley and is involved with organizations such as the Ketchum Community Development Corporation, the Idaho National Laboratory's Citizens Advisory Board, the Association of Independent Petroleum Negotiators and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. Mr. Griffith received a BA from Dartmouth College and an MBA from the Amos Tuck School of Business.

Wendolyn Holland

Wendolyn Holland is Managing Director of Holland Consulting, LLC, which assists firms in the sustainability and clean energy industry achieve their business goals and interface with federal and state agencies. Holland served as Senior Advisor for Commercialization in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy from 2008 through 2011. Holland received her MBA in Finance and Strategy from Kellogg School of Management and her BA in History and Studies in the Environment from Yale. She is a frequent lecturer on U.S. clean energy policy and a part-time student at Georgetown Law. She is the author of *Sun Valley: An Extraordinary History*.

Peter Horton

Peter Horton has established himself as a writer, director, actor and producer since his breakthrough role on the hit ABC series “thirtysomething.” In addition to being the co-creator, writer, producer and director of AMERICAN ODYSSEY, Horton directed the pilot of “Grey’s Anatomy,” for which he received an Emmy and Directors Guild of America nomination, and won a Golden Globe. He has the distinction of directing 10 pilots — eight of which were greenlit to series — and is currently writing and developing multiple projects under his Pico Creek Productions banner. Horton has written for other mediums, including an investigative article for *Los Angeles Times* magazine about the death of GM’s electric car, the EV1, and appeared in the film “Who Killed the Electric Car.” Horton has been on numerous environmental boards including the NRDC Advisory Board and Environment 2004.

Nina Jonas

Ketchum Mayor Nina Jonas is the first woman to be elected mayor of Ketchum and a fourth-generation Idaho resident. One of her key initiatives is creating a more sustainable environment. In keeping with this, she formed the Ketchum Energy Advisory Committee, which consults for the city on energy issues, emphasizing renewable energy. Ketchum was one of 12 communities in the nation recently invited to explore ways to create a solar-powered microgrid to support essential city and emergency services during a power outage. Mayor Jonas and her husband, Andreas Heaphy, own Rickshaw Restaurant in Ketchum. She holds a B.A. from Smith College and studied for a year at the London School of Economics.

Jim Keating

When Jim received his MBA and began working in the fast-paced, high-stress world of the high-tech industry, focusing on marketing and finance at companies like US Robotics, 3com and Dell, he never could have known where his life would be ten years later. Motivated by his passion for nature, rural living, Nordic skiing and all things recreation, Jim was seeking a career change. A frequent visitor to the valley for many years, Jim and his family always loved and appreciated the recreational amenities provided by the BCRD, experiencing many of them first hand.

Jim believes that these experiences, his passion for recreation and his professional goals, led him to serve the Wood River Valley community as Executive Director of the BCRD. He hopes he can marry that passion for these vital recreational resources with his energy and experience to further enable the sustainability of the BCRD for everyone, always.

Nancy Kete

Nancy Kete joined the Rockefeller Foundation in January 2012. As Managing Director, Dr. Kete leads the foundation’s global work on resilience including developing strategies and practice for infusing resilience thinking throughout the foundation’s work. Before joining the Foundation, Dr. Kete spent thirteen years at the World Resources Institute (WRI), first as Director of the Climate, Energy, and Pollution Program and then as founder and Director of EMBARQ, a distinguished program that catalyzed environmentally sustainable transport solutions to improve quality of life in cities in Mexico, Brazil, India, Turkey and the Andean region. She also served on President Obama’s National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, and worked for the US Environmental Protection Agency. Dr. Kete holds a PhD in Geography and Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor’s in Geography from Southern Illinois University.

Marco Krapels

Marco Krapels is the Senior Vice President of Strategy at SolarCity. Before joining the company in 2015, he served as a partner at Pegasus Capital Advisor. Prior to that, he was as an Executive Vice President with Rabobank, managing various divisions over his 18-year career with the multinational banking and financial services company. From 2007-2013, he led Rabobank N.A.'s capital markets, specialty finance areas, and renewable energy finance division in California. The latter included a number of transactions with SolarCity to finance residential and commercial solar projects. From 2004-2007, Krapels managed Rabobank's European Debt Capital Markets and derivative sales groups. He has closed over \$10 billion of transactions in his career. Krapels holds a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Jacksonville State University and completed the Executive Education Program at Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Marco is a co-founder of renewable energy foundations www.thesolutionsproject.org and empoweredbylight.org

Dr. Rick LeFavre

Rick was a partner of OVP Venture Partners in Seattle, and held senior leadership roles at Apple Computer (VP of Advanced Technology), Borland International (SVP of R&D/CTO), Silicon Graphics, Sun Microsystems, Tektronix and Rutgers University, where he started his career as a computer science professor. He now resides in Sun Valley, Idaho, and focuses primarily on Board work, currently serving on the Boards of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Energy and Environment Directorate; the Sun Valley Economic Development organization; the Ketchum Innovation Center (Chair); Wild Gift; and the Sun Valley Institute for Resilience. He also recently launched the Sun Valley Band of Angels and Mentors, where he is "Leader of the Band." He received his BA In Mathematics from University of Missouri, and his PH.D. in computer Sciences from the University of Wisconsin.

Jennifer Leonard

Leveraging a career in microfinance, impact investing, and institutional capital, Jennifer Leonard co-leads The CAPROCK Group's impact investing initiative. As Vice President, Jennifer oversees almost \$1bn in impact-mandated capital, investing impact portfolios across all asset classes, sectors, and geographies. She also serves on the advisory boards of several impact funds and non-profits. Jennifer holds an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School, an MA in International Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BA in Economics from Boston University. She is a CFA charter holder and a former American India Foundation William J. Clinton Fellow.

Ali Long

Ali Long is a mother, conservationist, impact investor, president and trustee of The Springcreek Foundation (TSF), and a passionate food system reformist. In these various capacities, Ali integrates social mindedness and environmental awareness, ever cognizant of the legacy and responsibility that we will leave to our children. TSF aspires to strengthen our community through individual and collaborative grants and investments; collaborative investments foster the transition to a conservation economy, with a focus on sustainable food systems. Ali has been committed, professionally and personally, to philanthropy promotion and education since 1996; to impact investment as a vehicle to achieve a balanced global economy since 2006; and to local, regional and global food system reform since 2009.

Billy Mann

Billy Mann is Founder and President of Sagebrush Solar, LLC, in Ketchum, ID. He has installed 85 systems to date—about 70% of the systems installed in our Valley, and includes our Valley's 2 largest systems: a 100kW system on the Cold Springs Crossings Apt Complex, and a 60kW system on the Blaine County Jail. Combined, all systems installed to date generate 4,300,000 kWh per year—and offset about 3,400 metric tons of CO2 per year. Previously he specialized in building energy-efficient and healthy homes. He was Founder/CEO of CardiAction, LLC and Founder/President of Lipidex Systems, Inc., both CVD management systems. He has a BS, NC State University; MA, Boston University.

Steve McBee

Steve McBee is the President & CEO of NRG Home, the first-ever large energy business to organize entirely around the consumer. NRG Home is one of the nation's leading consumer energy providers, offering consumers products and services that provide greater control and transparency over their energy use and personal power production. NRG Home unifies more than three million customers through a growing portfolio of seamlessly integrated personal power products that are clean and affordable. Before NRG, Steve founded McBee Strategic Consulting, one of Washington's largest and most diverse advisory services firms, and is currently an advisory board member at VantagePoint Capital Partners.

Werner Morawitz

Werner Morawitz is a former managing director of investments at Sun Valley Gold, LLC, a hedge fund affiliated with Tiger Management in New York, and former member of the investment team of Geologic Resource Partners, LLC, an independent fund spun out of a Sun Valley Gold joint venture. Previous to his 10 years in the hedge fund business, Werner was a physical oceanographer on the faculty of the University of Washington, researching topics related to climate change. He is a Dartmouth College alumni, received his PhD in Physical Oceanography from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and completed his post-doc from Scripps while working in Tasmania, Australia.

Collin O'Mara

Collin O'Mara serves as President and CEO of the National Wildlife Federation, America's largest wildlife conservation organization. Under O'Mara's leadership, NWF is protecting wildlife ranging from bison to monarch butterflies, ensuring healthy waters and sustainable habitats, advancing environmental education (including publishing Ranger Rick magazines), and connecting people with the great outdoors. Prior to NWF, O'Mara led Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, where he led numerous regional clean air, clean water, youth recreation, and habitat restoration efforts. He was a primary architect of the City of San Jose's Green Vision. O'Mara lives in Delaware and spends every possible moment in nature with his daughter Riley.

Raúl Pomares

Raúl Pomares is the Founder and Managing Director of Sonen Capital LLC. He previously served as Managing Director at Springcreek Advisors, was Portfolio Manager at Guggenheim Wealth Management, co-founded a boutique wealth management firm and served as an investment advisor, international private banker and consultant on behalf of global financial institutions and private investors. Raúl is a recognized speaker and author on sustainability and impact investing. Among other publications, he is the co-author of Solutions for Impact Investors: From Strategy to Implementation, published in 2009 by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, and supporting author to Promoting Sustainable Food Systems through Impact Investing. He received his B.S. in International Business Management from the University of San Francisco.

Brooks Preston

Brooks Preston, Vice President for Investment Funds at Overseas Private Investment Corporation, oversees a department investing in emerging market private equity funds worldwide. Previously, Brooks was the co-managing partner of the Virgin Green Fund Emerging Markets, Principal at Wolfensohn & Company, and had a number of senior management roles at BP plc in emerging markets. Brooks was Chief of Staff to the Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment and Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Forestry at USDA in the Clinton/Gore Administration. Brooks also managed energy and environment issues for Senator Patrick Leahy. Brooks has a BA from Dartmouth College and an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Jeffery Sayer

In October 2011, Jeffery Sayer was appointed by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter as the director of the Idaho Department of Commerce." In Idaho, he is best known for his role as the President and Chief Financial Officer of Mountain View Hospital in Idaho Falls. Mr. Sayer is a CPA and started his career with Ernst & Young in Silicon Valley where he advised technology companies and high growth businesses. Since then, he has provided financial and executive leadership for companies ranging from start-ups to companies with over \$500 million in sales. Mr. Sayer is passionate about the capabilities of the state of Idaho and the endless possibilities that lie ahead for our great state.

Dr. Astrid J. Scholz

Dr. Astrid J. Scholz is the immediate past President of Ecotrust, and leads a new hybrid social enterprise dedicated to accelerating social change by making it easy and rewarding to discover, share and remix solutions for people and place. Its goal is the emergence of a global network of solutions, the “Resilience Exchange”. She is a director of Habitat Media, Comunidad Y Biodiversidad, and Living Oceans Society. Scholz holds an M.A. in Economics and Philosophy from the University of St. Andrews, an M.Sc. in Economics from the University of Bristol, and a Ph.D. in Energy and Resources from UC Berkeley.

Rosalie Sheehy Cates

Rosalie Sheehy Cates is a community investment consultant. She helps impact investors, including community, family and independent foundations and corporate philanthropy, find and make deals that create affordable housing, community facilities, local food systems and small businesses. Rosalie has also managed a number of national initiatives, working to build new investment tools, platforms and funds. Rosalie’s emphasizes practical strategies grounded in local relationships. Rosalie was with the Montana Community Development Corporation from 1989-2010, including 14 years as CEO. Prior to that Rosalie lived in rural Wisconsin (1980-1989) where she was an organizer for family farms and sustainable agriculture. She also helped with her family’s small cattle operation. She lives with her family in Missoula, Montana.

Michael H. Shuman

Michael H. Shuman is an economist, attorney, author, and entrepreneur. He’s an adjunct instructor at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, a Fellow at Cutting Edge Capital and at the Post-Carbon Institute, and a founding board member of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). His most recent book is *The Local Economy Solution: How Innovative, Self-Financing Pollinator Enterprises Can Grow Jobs and Prosperity*. One of his previous books, *The Small Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses Are Beating the Global Competition*, received a bronze prize from the Independent Publishers Association for best business book of 2006. A prolific speaker, Shuman has given an average of more than one invited talk per week, mostly to local governments and universities, for the past 30 years. He blogs regularly at www.michaelshuman.com.

Brent Stacey

Brent Stacey has served as CEO, Sr. VP, and CIO for several medium-to-small businesses serving national and international markets. Currently, Mr. Stacey is INL’s director of Technology Deployment responsible for intellectual property, licensing, commercialization, and technology-based economic development. Mr. Stacey is also INL’s CIO responsible for information technology, classified and unclassified cyber security, and high-performance/scientific computing. Prior to joining the INL as part of the new Battelle contract, Mr. Stacey served as CIO for Argonne National Laboratory. Mr. Stacey was recognized as Idaho’s Information Technology Executive of the Year in 2002. He was a founder of SRV.net, one of the first Internet service providers in the Pacific Northwest, and was the first chief executive officer of the Idaho Regional Optical Network, a nonprofit organization chartered to advance science, research, education, health care, and state government through access to very high-speed and cost-effective bandwidth.

Ken White

Ken White has devoted much of his career to enhancing opportunities for people and communities. A graduate of Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, he has worked with nonprofits for more than two decades. Previously, Ken was the coordinating director of the Chaordic Commons and the executive director of Common Cause Massachusetts, a citizen-led organization working for truly representative government. Prior to that, he directed communications for the Annenberg Institute for School Reform and Coalition of Essential Schools, and held similar posts with Oxfam America and the Institute for Defense & Disarmament Studies.