



Society for Risk Analysis New England Chapter

2013-2014 Event Series

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Thursday, November 7th, 2013

Refreshments: 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Presentation: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Discussion: 6:00 – 6:30 pm

SCIENCE AND DEMOCRACY

DR. ANDREW ROSENBERG

DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND DEMOCRACY

UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS

Location

Boston University School of Public Health

BU Medical Campus

Housman Medical Research Center - Room R-115

Enter through: Instructional Building, located at 72 E. Concord Street
Boston, MA

Please RSVP by Monday, November 4th to Katy Walker (kwalker@healtheffects.org).

Space is limited, so reserve your seat today. For more information on SRA-NE, please go to: www.sra-ne.org

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DR. ROSENBERG – BIO

Andrew A. Rosenberg is director of the Center for Science and Democracy at the Union of Concerned Scientists. He has more than 25 years of experience in government service and academic and non-profit leadership. Dr. Rosenberg came to UCS from Conservation International, where he served for two years as the organization's senior vice president for science and knowledge. Previously, he served as the northeast regional administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Dr. Rosenberg will talk about the goals of the center, discuss specific examples of the center's work in its first year (e.g. in fracking and food safety among other areas), and talk about his plans for the year ahead.

WHY A CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND DEMOCRACY?

The United States has enjoyed sustained prosperity, security and health over much of its history in large part because of our strong commitment to independent and rigorous science. Sound decisions start with the best possible information, grounded in fact and tested by reason. And free inquiry flourishes best in a free society.

A Troubling Trend

In recent years, however, understanding of science and respect for its role in decision making have declined. An excessively partisan political climate and an increasingly noisy media landscape have combined to produce an environment in which science is easily drowned out by misinformation or manipulated for the benefit of private interests.

And this couldn't be happening at a worse time. Our leaders are grappling with some of the most complex and daunting problems in our history: stemming the tide of global warming, finding sustainable ways to feed, power and transport ourselves, reducing the threat of catastrophic war. We cannot hope to solve these problems without the aid of rigorous, independent science.

Restoring Science's Role

In response to these challenges, the Union of Concerned Scientists has launched a new initiative: the Center for Science and Democracy. The Center is dedicated to strengthening the essential role of science, evidence-based knowledge, and constructive debate in the U.S. policymaking process, using three core strategies:

- Restoring public confidence in, and support for, the use of independent science in public policy making;
- Helping decision makers, citizens and journalists distinguish evidence-based information from propaganda;
- Working with scientists to help them become more effective communicators and policy contributors.



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GETTING TO THE EVENT

Directions to BUMC Instructional Building, located at 72 E. Concord Street

The BU Medical Campus is located in the South End neighborhood of Boston. The BUMC Instructional Building is located at 72 E. Concord Street, near Albany Street. The seminar is being held in room R115 of the Housman Medical Research Center. To get to the room, enter through the main entrance of 72 E. Concord St., which faces the courtyard across from BUSPH. See online map at: <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/about/map-directions/>

FROM THE MBTA: The Orange Line (Mass Ave and Back Bay stations) and the Red Line (Broadway and Andrew stations) are each within a 10 - 15 minute walk from campus. The BU Medical Campus is also easily accessible by the following MBTA buses: 1, 10, 171, 276, 47, 8, CT1, CT3, SL4, SL5.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS -

FROM THE EAST (LOGAN AIRPORT):

Go through the Sumner Tunnel (Route 1A South) to Expressway South. **Take Exit 18 (Massachusetts Avenue).** At traffic light, take right onto access road; stay in right lane. At end of access road, turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue. From Massachusetts Avenue, take the first right onto Albany Street. The BUMC is located to your left, between E. Concord and E. Newton Streets.

FROM THE NORTH:

Follow Route 1 (via Mystic/Tobin Bridge) to Route 93 South. Take exit 18 (Massachusetts Avenue). Follow directions above.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take Expressway North (Route 93). Take exit 18 (Massachusetts Avenue). Watch for signs. At the second traffic light, turn left onto access road; stay in right lane. At end of access road, turn right onto Massachusetts Avenue. Follow directions above.

FROM THE WEST:

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) East to end. Take Expressway South (Route 93). Take exit 18 (Massachusetts Avenue). Follow directions above.

PARKING – Paid parking is available at a garage at 710 Albany St., just across from the campus. There are also metered spots throughout the neighborhood.