2013 Issue Forum Guest Panelists

Jacqui Bauer  
*Sustainability Coordinator, City of Bloomington*

Ms. Bauer is the City of Bloomington’s first Sustainability Coordinator, a position she has held since May of 2010. In this position, she facilitates ongoing efforts to make Bloomington a more sustainable community, including a range of projects dealing with green building, transportation and land-use innovation, water conservation, energy efficiency, and outreach. Previously, she served for five years as the Assistant Director of Indiana University’s Ostrom Workshop, a research center that studies sustainability and natural resource management. She also held the post of State Director of the Indiana Rural Community Assistance Program, where she worked with rural Indiana communities to develop and implement large-scale, multi-year drinking water and sanitation projects. She holds a Bachelors degree in Japanese Language from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Environmental Science and a Masters in Public Affairs from Indiana University.

Jesse Kharbanda  
*Executive Director, Hoosier Environmental Council*

Mr. Kharbanda is the Executive Director of the Hoosier Environmental Council, Indiana’s largest environmental policy organization. He oversees HEC’s strategic and program development, legislative initiatives, operations, and fundraising. Kharbanda has spearheaded focusing HEC’s efforts on three core initiatives: clean energy, sustainable agriculture, and 21st century transportation systems. He has made it a priority of HEC to build bridges with groups that may not have been as engaged with the organization in the past, such as the business community and religious conservatives. Kharbanda was named to the “Forty Under 40” list by the *Indianapolis Business Journal* in 2011, and was the sole Indianapolis-based community leader named to *Delta Omega*, the national public health honorary, in 2010. Jesse has a graduate degree with a development economics concentration from Oxford University and undergraduate degrees from the University of Chicago.

S.C. Pryor  
*Provost Professor of Atmospheric Science, Indiana University*

Prof. Pryor is editor of a new book, *Climate Change in the Midwest: Impacts, Risks, Vulnerability, and Adaptation* and was also editor of a prior synthesis entitled *Understanding Climate Change: Climate Variability, Predictability, and Change in the Midwestern United States*. Professor Pryor is a member of the Federal Advisory Committee for the National Climate Assessment and Development Committee (NCADAC), convened by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and convening lead author for the Midwest region chapter of the forthcoming National Climate Assessment. Professor Pryor works in the field of Climate Science and specifically addresses two key uncertainties: aerosol forcing of climate and regional projections of climate. She has published over 100 articles in internationally renowned journals and is editor of the foremost atmospheric science journal - the *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmospheres*. 