

Keynote Talks



Lori Hunter

On Thursday morning, Lori Hunter will open the first full conference day with a keynote about her perspective on the current debate concerning the causal linkages between climate/environmental change and migration.

She will further outline the role that migration can play for adaptation.

Lori Hunter is Professor of Sociology and Faculty Research Associate in the Institute of Behavioral Science's Research Programs on Environment & Society, as well as Population.

She is Associate Director of the CU Population Center which facilitates research on three signature themes: Migration, Health, and Population-Environment interactions.

Dr. Hunter's research and teaching focus lies on human-environment interactions, with specific examinations of migration and climate change connections, particularly in the context of natural resource-dependent rural livelihoods across the globe.

She has published over 50 peer-reviewed manuscripts and many book chapters on these topics and is regularly invited to speak on climate-migration connections.



Robert McLeman

In his keynote on Friday morning, Robert McLeman will recapitulate the past conference day and will highlight a few key achievements of five years of research on migration and resilience by the TransRe Project.

Robert McLeman is Associate Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Canada.

His research and teaching focus on the relationship between humans and the natural environment. A former diplomat, Dr. McLeman has published extensively on the impacts of climate change on migration patterns, and is author of the leading introductory textbook on the subject, "Climate and Human Migration: Past experience, future challenges" (Cambridge University Press 2015). His oft-cited 2006 article in the scholarly journal Climatic Change, "Migration as an Adaptation to Climate Change", helped establish a key paradigm for current climate migration research.