

Lunch and structured listening session with affiliates of Regional Integrated Science and Assessment (RISA) Center

SESSION ABSTRACT

MSU, the University of Michigan and other colleges and universities in the region are creating a center to examine the effects of climate change on the watersheds of Lake Huron and Erie. The research priorities for this effort will be developed in collaboration with stakeholders and this session is a first effort to identify those priorities. The session will be led by RISA Principal Investigators:

- [Dr. Tom Dietz](#), Sociology and Environmental Science and Policy, MSU
- [Dr. Don Scavia](#), School of Natural Resources and Environment and the Graham Sustainability Institute, UM

LEADER BIOSKETCHES:

Tom Dietz

Thomas Dietz (Professor) holds a Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California, Davis, and a Bachelor of General Studies from Kent State University. At MSU he is associate vice president for environmental research and appointed in the Department of Sociology and Environmental Science and Policy Program. Dr. Dietz is a National Associate of the National Academy of Sciences, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and has been awarded the Sustainability Science Award of the Ecological Society of America, and the Distinguished Contribution Award of the American Sociological Association Section on Environment, Technology and Society.

Don Scavia

Don Scavia, who serves as Special Counsel to the University of Michigan President for Sustainability, is the Graham Family Professor of Environmental Sustainability, Professor of Natural Resources and Environment, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and the Director of the Graham Environmental Sustainability Institute. He is on the Advisory Board for the North American Nitrogen Center, the Science Advisory Board for the Annis Water Research Institute and the Central Michigan University Great Lakes Program, the Science Advisory Council of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, and science advisor to the Healing our Waters Great Lakes Coalition. He was Director of [Michigan Sea Grant](#) from 2004-2009,