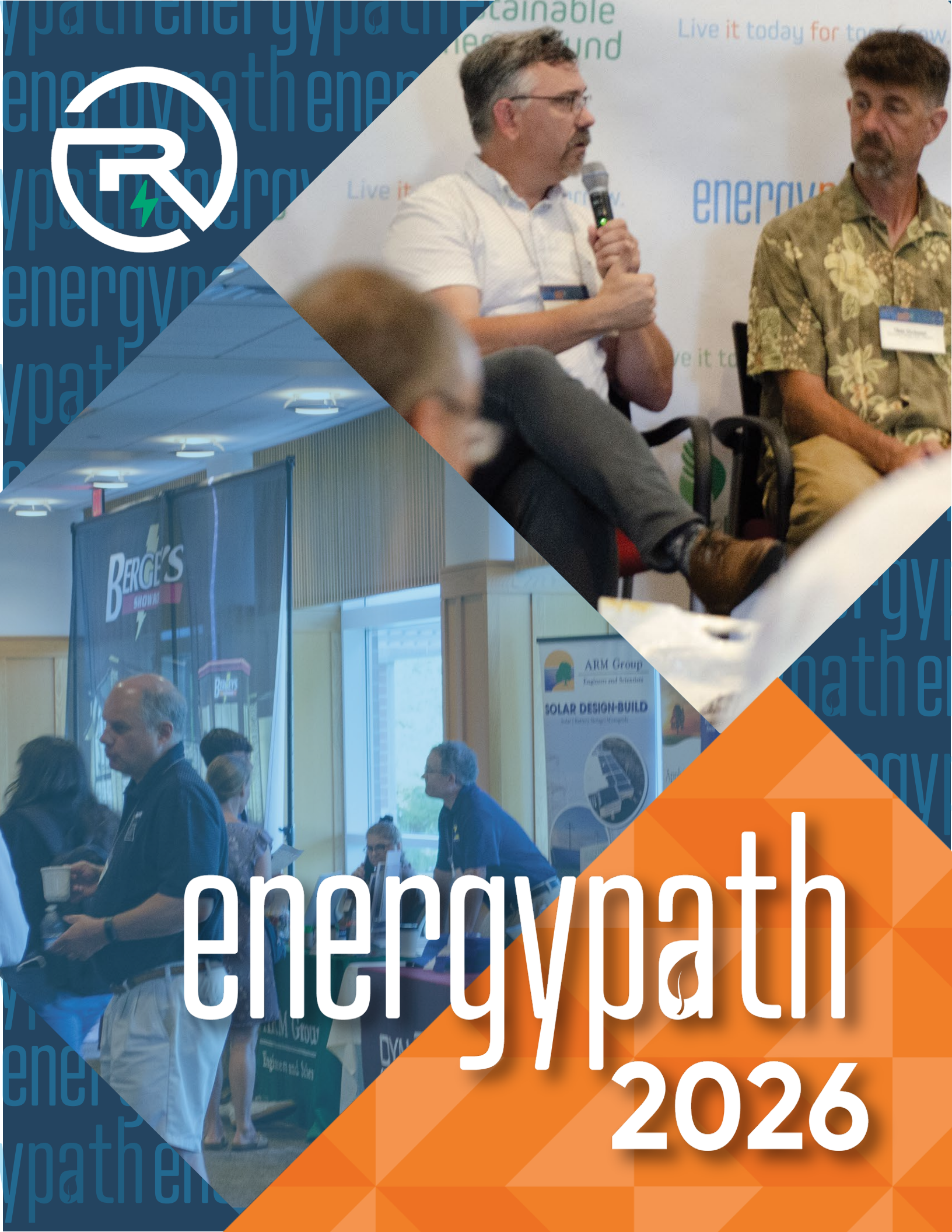




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WELCOME TO OUR 2026 ENERGYPATH CONFERENCE PROGRAM

As our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary, we are reminded that every generation has the opportunity and responsibility to shape the future. The decisions we make about energy today will influence our economy, our communities and our quality of life for generations to come.

That is the inspiration behind this year's Energypath theme, Powering America's Next 250 Years.

This year also marks a new chapter for our organization. After more than two decades as Sustainable Energy Fund, we have become the Regenerative Energy Initiative. While our name has changed, our commitment remains the same: advancing practical energy solutions through education, collaboration and innovation. Our new identity reflects a broader vision, one focused not only on sustaining resources, but on creating energy systems that renew, revitalize and strengthen the communities they serve.

Throughout Energypath, you will hear from industry leaders, policymakers, educators and innovators who are helping shape the future of energy. Whether you are a student beginning your journey, a professional expanding your expertise or an educator preparing the next generation, your participation is an investment in that future.

Thank you for joining us as we explore new ideas, build meaningful connections and work together to power America's next 250 years.



Welcome to Energypath 2026.

President and CEO
Regenerative Energy Initiative



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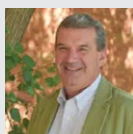
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8:00–9:00 AM

Registration Opens

Networking, coffee and attendee check-in.

9:00–9:30 AM



Opening Plenary

Pennsylvania's Historic Role in the Energy Industry by Dr. Brian Black
Distinguished Professor of History and Environmental Studies, Penn State University-Altoona.

Pennsylvania has shaped the global energy story for over two centuries. Dr. Black will examine the Commonwealth's historic leadership in coal, oil, gas and electricity — and what that legacy means for our energy future.

9:30–10:00 AM

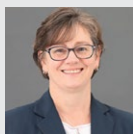


Featured Session

Reclaiming Coal Country: Pennsylvania's Anthracite Legacy, Environmental Recovery, and Regional Revitalization by Elizabeth Hughes, EdD
Director of Communications, Earth Conservancy

This session examines the environmental and economic legacy of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal region while exploring pathways for land reclamation, environmental recovery and long-term regional revitalization.

10:00–10:30 AM

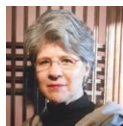


Featured Discussion

The Current Energy Landscape: Reliability, Demand and Grid Evolution by Suzanne Glatz
Glatz Energy Consulting

As energy demand rapidly evolves, this session will explore the technologies, market forces and infrastructure challenges shaping today's electric grid and energy economy.

10:45–11:15 AM



Lightning Talks

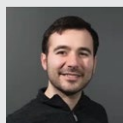
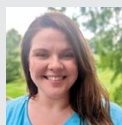
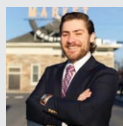
Real-World Energy Solutions: Discover practical strategies and innovative programs already making an impact. From monetizing energy efficiency projects through Pennsylvania's Tier II RECs to reducing transportation emissions with renewable fuels, these fast-paced presentations highlight actionable opportunities you can put to work today.

"PA's Tier II RECs: Monetizing Past Efficiency Projects" by Kevin Kai Wong
Emergent Energy Solutions, President

"Not driving an EV? Go Green with what You Have" by Joanne Ivancic
Advanced Biofuels USA, Executive Director

"Large Energy Users' Perspective on Managing Risk in an Uncertain Energy Environment" by Kevin Kanoff
Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Campus Energy Engineer

11:15–12:15 PM



Legislative & Policy Panel

Pennsylvania Legislative & Energy Policy. Energy policy continues to shape infrastructure investment, electrification, economic competitiveness and utility modernization across Pennsylvania. This panel will feature discussion from regional policy and industry leaders on:

- **Brad Barkdoll** — *Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs, KEEA*
- **Monica Carey** — *Pennsylvania Program Director, Solar United Neighbors*
- **Chris D'Agostino** — *Principal, Advanced Energy United*
- Virtual power plants
- Balcony solar
- ACT 129
- PJM Governance and FERC Emergency Session

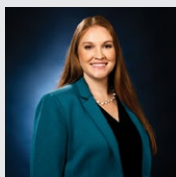
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12:15–1:00 PM

Lunch & Networking

Lunch and networking opportunity with attendees, speakers and exhibitors.

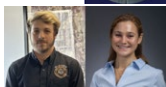
1:00–1:30 PM



Energy Leadership Keynote

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Secretary Jessica Shirley
Secretary Shirley will explore how Pennsylvania's historic role as an energy leader continues to shape the Commonwealth's approach to today's evolving energy landscape. Her address will highlight the opportunities and challenges involved in building a reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy future for Pennsylvania's communities, industries, and workforce.

1:30–2:00 PM



Lightning Talks

"Plug-in PV and Balcony Solar: Performance, Safety & Policy Considerations" by John Costlow
Regenerative Energy Initiative, President & CEO, Policy Camp Instructor

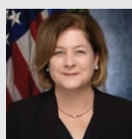
"Managing Large Loads at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission" by Andy Chung
DOE Energy Innovator Fellow at the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

"Three Cities, One Goal: The Lehigh Valley Solar Collaboration"
by Brandon Sullivan and Sarah Degrendel

Brandon Sullivan: Easton, PA Sustainability Coordinator

Sarah Degrendel: Bethlehem, PA Sustainability Manager

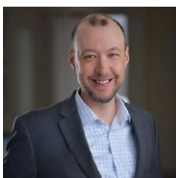
2:15–2:45 PM



Featured Presentation

Long Duration Energy Storage and Grid Resilience by Anna Siefken
Director for Policy & Markets, North America, Long Duration Energy Storage Council
As renewable energy adoption expands and grid demand increases, long-duration energy storage technologies are becoming critical to reliability and resiliency. This session explores emerging storage strategies, market opportunities and future deployment considerations.

2:45–3:45 PM



Closing Keynote

International Futurist, Applied Foresight Expert, Simon Anderson
Simon Anderson brings a bold vision of the future to Energypath 2026. As an internationally recognized futurist and founder of Foresight, he helps organizations and communities navigate rapid change, emerging technologies, AI, and innovation to become future-ready in an evolving energy landscape.



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JESSICA SHIRLEY

Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department
of Environmental Protection (PA DEP)

As the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), Jessica Shirley leads the department in its mission to protect and preserve Pennsylvania's environment while fostering sustainable and equitable practices.



Secretary Shirley has served in this role since October 2023, first in an acting capacity, then as the nominee for the role, and was confirmed by the Legislature in June of 2025.

Prior to becoming Secretary, Jessica served as the Executive Deputy Secretary, overseeing all programs and the day-to-day function of PA DEP.

Secretary Shirley has held several additional roles during her 15+ years at PA DEP.

Immediately prior to serving as the Executive Deputy, she served as the Infrastructure Implementation Coordinator, overseeing how federal funds were used to benefit Pennsylvania's environment, economy, residents, and communities.

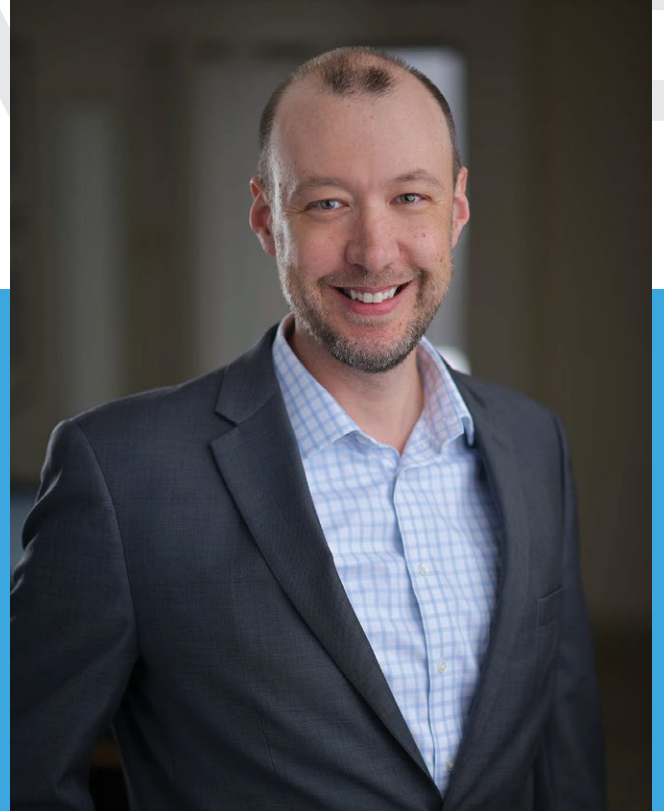
She began her time at the department in the policy office, eventually becoming the Policy

Director. During her time in the policy office, she helped develop groundbreaking and vital executive orders on key environmental topics such as PFAS, climate change, energy conservation, environmental justice and sustainability in Commonwealth operations, maintaining a focus on underserved communities. She also was involved in the development and publication of Pennsylvania's first ever Litter Action Plan, which garnered national recognition.

[Jessica's educational background includes a master's degree in Public Administration from Pennsylvania State University and a bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.](#)

SIMON ANDERSON

International futurist keynote speaker, applied foresight expert, executive advisor and award-winning author. With a mission to help executives and organizations move beyond resilience and become future ready, Simon translates complex emerging trends and technologies into actionable insights and strategies using his Future Ready Formula™.



Drawing on his extensive experience in applied foresight with executive leadership and a global perspective gained from speaking on four continents and his travels to more than 35 countries, he empowers leaders across industries to navigate challenges and capitalize on opportunities created by rapid change. As the co-author of the award-winning book *Foresight 20/20: A Futurist Explores the Trends Transforming Tomorrow* and former advisor to technology startups and a multinational education non-profit, Simon has established himself as an expert in emerging technologies and trends. He was a co-founder of the Future Ready Economies network, and now

partners with economic development professionals to prepare and adapt their communities and regions for a successful future. His captivating, insightful, and immediately actionable presentations make him a popular speaker among executives, boards, and organizations eager to increase their success by confidently embracing the future.

Simon's insights have been featured in a wide variety of publications worldwide, including CityWire's New Model Adviser, Commercial Factor, Crain's Business News and Executive Connections, a publication of the International Executive MBA Council.

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Charlotte P.

“Trash to Gas” | Holy Name of Jesus School



Valman A.

“Halt That Soil: Hydrogel Helps” | St. Joseph School, Mechanicsburg



Arham K.

“Formulation, Synthesis & Mechanochemical Characterization of Starch-Based Biodegradable Polymers Incorporating Variable Additives Using Accessible Materials” | Springhouse Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL



Sayesha S.

“A Novel Approach to Removing Microplastics”
Central Bucks South High School



Ayush J.

“A Novel Path to Clean Power: Increasing Electrode Performance of Microbial Fuel Cells” | Parkland High School



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“From Shells to Solutions” | Parkland High School

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