

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility

Dear Anna,

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**We will miss
you David!**



Goodbye to David De La Torre

Goodbye's are always bittersweet and saying goodbye to our Healthy Climate Program Director David De La Torre is exactly that. We are sad to lose an amazing member of our team and are very excited to see him grow in his new role at Unite Oregon.



Dr. Masao Tomonaga Speaks at OHSU

Hibakusha Dr. Masao Tomonaga speaks at the Oregon Health and Science University

We were honored to welcome Dr. Tomonaga to Portland November 17th as a stop on his lecture tour around the United States. Dr Tomonaga was two years old, living in Nagasaki with his mother as his father served in the Japanese airforce, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki. As a [Hibakusha](#) (a atomic bomb survivor) and physician Dr. Tomonaga has dedicated much of his life and work to studying the long term health impacts of radiation exposure from nuclear weapons on Hibakusha and following generations and advocating for the end of nuclear war and the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

At the event Dr. Tomonaga presented on the research that has been done to better understand the health impacts of nuclear bombings on the human body and encouraged the audience to advocate for a nuclear-free world.

A special thanks to Oregon PSR board member Dr. Richard Kubinieć who organized the event, spoke at the event and introduced Dr. Tomonaga. This wouldn't have been possible without him!

You can learn more about Dr. Tomanaga [here](#).

To learn about Dr. Tomonaga's research and career, check out this [article](#).



Support the coalition working to stop the GTN Xpress Pipeline!

On October 19, 2023, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) gave a huge gift to the fossil fuel industry by approving the GTN Xpress fracked gas expansion project.

TC Energy's GTN Xpress project would bring more fracked gas into Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California by increasing compression in the aging GTN pipeline. Pushing more gas through an old pipeline is a bad plan. This irresponsible decision will have implications on the health and wellbeing of communities, as well as lasting impact on generations to come. The project's pollution will equal that of several fossil fuel power plants—3.47 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year.

Our coalition is going to challenge FERC's decision to approve the GTN Xpress project. The Attorneys General of Washington, Oregon, and California urged FERC to reject the project. Now that FERC ignored them, they should challenge FERC's decision also.

If you haven't had a chance to sign our petition stating your support for the opposition of the GTN Xpress Pipeline now is your time! You can learn more about the petition and sign it today!

[Sign On](#)

Upcoming Events:



Rumble on the River 11

Join us on December 14th at the eleventh Rumble on the River Forum! Oregon PSR member Dr. Melanie Plaut will be a panel speaker along with fantastic advocates from around Portland.

Rumble #11 will focus on Controversial Solutions of Climate Change. A number of these fossil fuel stand-ins are projected for our region's near future. The panel will focus on projects that are promoted by the fossil fuel and financial industries: biomass, renewable diesel, hydrogen and carbon offsets.

WHEN:

Thursday, December 14th. Info Tables 6:00 PM. Panel 6:30.

WHERE:

Augustana Lutheran Church. 2710 NE 14th (x NE Knott). 97212

[Learn More](#)

**Welcome
Mara Gross!**



Hello Mara Gross!

As some of you may know Kamil Khan departed from Oregon PSR in October. To help us through this transition we are excited to announce that Mara Gross has joined us as our interim Executive Director. Mara has worked for twenty years in organizational strategy and advocacy. She focuses on building strong, authentic relationships to help mission-driven organizations advance programs and policy for social and environmental justice. This is her fifth ED role, and her fourth in an interim capacity.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Mara to Oregon PSR!

If you have any questions about the ongoing transition please reach out to our Board President Patrick O'Herron at patrick@oregonpsr.org and/or Mara at mara@oregonpsr.org

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