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### **Carnegie Mellon University's Wilton E. Scott Institute for Energy Innovation Will Host CMU Energy Week 2024, Focused on Decarbonizing Transportation**

*Featured Speakers Include Leaders from the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, Allegheny County, the Department of Energy and Lowercarbon Capital*

The [Wilton E. Scott Institute for Energy Innovation](#) will host its eighth annual CMU Energy Week from March 19-21, 2024. This year's theme is decarbonizing transportation. Three days of panels, presentations and showcases will bring energy and technology experts, students, corporate executives, government officials and more together to exchange ideas.

"With the theme of decarbonizing transportation, this year we are bringing together regional and national leaders to reimagine how we should be moving people, moving things and moving equitably in a decarbonized energy future," said Daniel Tkacik, Executive Director for the Scott Institute. "We hope that our programming sparks new ideas and new opportunities for collaboration."

CMU Energy Week kicks off with Energy Career Day on Tuesday, March 19. This day is primarily for students interested in working in the energy space. Employers will come to meet with students, and an industry and student happy hour will give everyone more time to network.

Wednesday, March 20 will present a deep dive into decarbonizing transportation. Following a morning keynote from [Rachael Nealer](#), Deputy Director of the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, there will be three panels addressing moving things, moving people and moving equitably. In the afternoon, County Executive [Sara Innamorato](#) will share her vision for the future of energy in Allegheny County and Scott Institute Director [Costa Samaras](#) will discuss federal climate policy to get the U.S. to net-zero emissions. The programming will wrap up with a fireside chat with [Chelsea Sexton](#), Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Officer of the DOE Loan Programs Office, moderated by Scott Institute Associate Director [Valerie Karplus](#).

A component of the Scott Institute's mission is to encourage the development of clean energy technology. As such, on Thursday, March 21, events will begin with an investor keynote from [Christina Chang](#), Partner at Lowercarbon Capital. Then, a panel of investors will share insight into entrepreneurship in the cleantech space before 19 cleantech startups from the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions will pitch their innovations.

New to CMU Energy Week is the CMU Energy Research Summit, which will highlight cutting-edge energy research from the Scott Institute's faculty affiliates. The Research Summit (3:00-4:30pm on March 21) has two components: Power Talks and a Research Exhibition. Power Talks will be 10-minute presentations from the main stage that tell brief but impactful stories about a particular area of energy research. Across the hall, attendees of the Research Exhibition will have the chance to interact with researchers and learn about their findings and innovations.

One of the main goals of CMU Energy Week is to cultivate conversations that can lead to new energy ideas, so there are many opportunities to network with others in the energy sphere. For students, there is an Energy Industry & Student Happy Hour on March 19 from 5-7p.m. Everyone can join for an evening reception on March 20 from 5-7p.m. Finally, the event will close with a cocktail reception co-hosted by the [Swartz Center for Entrepreneurship](#) from 4:30-6:30p.m on March 21.

All events are open to the public and registration is free. Visit the [CMU Energy Week](#) website for more information.