

Colorado

# CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

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at the Wynkoop Brewing Company

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Corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and Wynkoop in LoDo, Denver

*About a block from Light Rail. Thirteen minutes by foot from Auraria.*

## *Who Speaks for the Climate?*

*Making sense of media reporting on climate change*

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Many dynamic, contested and complex factors contribute to how media outlets portray various facets of climate change science, politics and policy. At the Café, we'll touch on salient and swirling contextual factors as well as competing journalistic pressures and norms that contribute to how issues, events and information have often become climate 'news'. These forces can be detrimental to efforts that seek to enlarge rather than constrict the spectrum of possibility for responses to climate challenges. To make this more concrete, I will discuss some factors and features that shape media treatment of climate stances taken up by candidates in the US Republican Primaries, which culminate in spring 2012. Overall, I will situate issues like these in the wider context of a 'cultural politics of climate change', where formal climate science and governance link with people's everyday activities in the public sphere.

***EVERYONE IS WELCOME.*** The discussion starts at 6:30 in the Mercantile Room (no food service there). Come before 6 PM to leave yourself time to get something to eat, or stay and eat afterwards. We end around 8 PM.

There's no charge. The Wynkoop is generously providing the facility; we buy our own drinks. It is first come, first seated, and **seating is limited** so that everyone can take part in the discussion.

The Colorado Café Scientifique is organized by an informal group of faculty from CU and institutions up and down the Front Range, as well as science fans from industry, government and elsewhere. We welcome your input, including ideas for speakers and topics. Bring them with you to the next Café, or e-mail them and any questions to [John.Cohen@UCDenver.edu](mailto:John.Cohen@UCDenver.edu)

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