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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Peak Oil and Sustainable Architecture Expert Guy McPherson to Give Free Presentation at Austin History Center, Sunday January 9, 2011: *Durable Living: Preparing for Climate Change and Energy Decline***

**MERCER ISLAND, Washington — December 15, 2010** — The world's climate is changing at an accelerating rate with profound implications for ecosystems and humans. In addition, the world's energy supply is rapidly declining which is leading to a significant contraction of the world's industrial economy. How will these unprecedented phenomena influence our ability to protect global ecosystems while ensuring a just future for Earth's inhabitants? What is the role of architecture and activism in light of climate change and energy decline?

Please join University of Arizona professor emeritus Guy McPherson in a presentation that describes the nature of our current predicaments, offers a series of assumptions based on forecasts for climate change and energy decline, gives a general template for action, and delivers a series of practical solutions.

#### **About the Event**

Dealing with the two sides of the fossil-fuel coin — reduced energy availability and global climate change — will require enormous courage, compassion, and creativity. In addition to inspiration and motivation, communities need practical solutions to mitigate for climate change and energy decline. McPherson's presentation and following Q&A session are appropriate for individuals who are just beginning to learn about climate change and energy decline, as well as professionals with a strong understanding and grasp of the current situation. This free presentation and Q&A session will take place at the [Austin History Center](#)'s Meeting Room, located at 810 Guadalupe Street in the heart of Austin, Texas on Sunday, January 9, 2011 from 4:00 to 5:45pm.

This event is made possible by the generous support of Austin-based environmental groups, [Design~Build~Live](#) and [Crude Awakening Austin](#).

#### **About Guy McPherson**

Guy McPherson is Professor Emeritus of Natural Resources and Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at University of Arizona. He has held positions with various academic institutions, as well as The Nature Conservancy, and has published more than 100 scholarly papers and 9 books. McPherson's contemporary presentations stress the importance of individual and societal action in light of ongoing global change and energy decline, while highlighting the importance of living in a durable manner.

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