WE RISE:
Climate Justice Week
Mark your calendars for exciting opportunities to engage in discussion and action around climate change this semester.

April 29
Eric Baack and Jodi Enos-Berlage will give a public lecture titled “What is in our water? Testing for disease-causing organisms in Winneshiek County’s springs, streams, and private wells,” In the summer of 2018, a team of Luther faculty and students, with scientists from the US Geological Service and US Department of Agriculture, tested for disease-causing microbes in springs, streams, and private wells in Winneshiek County using a relatively new DNA technology.

May 1
Jim Hansen will give the 2019 David J. Roslien Lecture on Science and Leadership, entitled “Shape Your Future: Energy, Climate, and Human Rights.” Hansen’s testimony before Congress in 1988 brought climate change to the world’s attention. He continues to use his research at NASA and Columbia University to call for immediate action against climate change.

May 2
DECORAH WALK FOR WATER—Show your Norse spirit and join Decorah Middle School Students on a water-awareness walk to the Upper Iowa River. We will collect buckets of water and carry them through town, emulating the effort it takes for most of the world’s population to get their water. The Water Walk is part of a fund-raising effort, in concert with the ELCA group Water to Thrive, to build a well at a site in Tanzania. We are competing with Wartburg College and Waverly Middle School to see who can raise the most money.

Xiuhtezcatl Martinez, hip-hop artist and Earth Guardians youth director, will perform and speak at Luther College, 7 p.m. on May 2. At age six, Martinez was the youngest person ever to speak before the United Nations. Now, at 18, he travels the world, energizing young people to address climate change. Come listen to his music and hear his message.

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