

Everyone's talking "green jobs." But where are they? With the state's unemployment rate stuck at the 9% range, how can Connecticut get in the green jobs game? Join the Connecticut Mirror at the first in a series of discussions of the major public policy issues facing Connecticut.

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Date: *Wednesday March 16, 2011*
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: *Kroon Hall, Yale University*
195 Prospect Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511 [Map it](#)

Cost: *Free and open to the public.*

Speakers:

- Dan Esty, Commissioner-Designate, Proposed Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Elliot Ginsberg, President & CEO, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology
- Elizabeth Karter, Executive Director, Connecticut Venture Group
- Michael Meotti, Commissioner of Higher Education
- Kevin Walsh, Managing Director, Renewable Energy, GE Energy Financial Services
- *Moderator:* Stewart J. Hudson, President, Tremaine Foundation

Agenda

8:30 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:45 am **Welcome & Introduction:** Jim Cutie, CEO and Publisher, the CT Mirror and the Connecticut News Project

9:00 am **Financing Green Jobs**
"Show me the money" - the ins and outs of financing green, clean energy business ventures in an era of government deficits

- Elizabeth Karter, Executive Director, Connecticut Venture Group
- Kevin Walsh, Managing Director, Renewable Energy - GE Energy Financial Services

10:00 am **Educating and Training a Green Workforce**
From R&D to engineering to the trades, is Connecticut producing the right workforce for a green, clean energy economy? Are there jobs awaiting those with the right skills?

- Elliot Ginsberg, President & CEO, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology
- Michael Meotti, Commissioner of Higher Education

11:00 am **Charting a New Course for Connecticut**
The role of a combined Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

- Dan Esty, Yale Professor and Commissioner-Designate, Proposed Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection

11:30 am **Roundtable**
In an era of deficits and austerity, what's the best role for government, financiers, business, and citizens to take to create the climate for green jobs? Moderated discussion among all the panelists with audience Q&A.

12 pm **Networking Lunch**

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Event Speakers



Liddy Karter, Executive Director, Connecticut Venture Group

Elizabeth (Liddy) Karter joined [Connecticut Venture Group](#) as its Executive Director in January 2011. Ms. Karter, an experienced entrepreneur and investor, has worked in angel groups and venture capital and has been active in funding clean tech companies. Her role with CVG will working with the Connecticut Technology Council to develop joint opportunities to promote technology and entrepreneurship in Connecticut. Ms. Karter founded Karter Capital Advisors, which offers expertise in the financial, banking, software and manufacturing sectors. Her prior experience also includes roles with Morgan Stanley. Ms. Karter earned her undergraduate degree from Columbia University and her MBA from Yale University.



Kevin Walsh, Managing Director, Renewable Energy, GE Energy Financial Services

Kevin Walsh leads [GE Energy Financial Services'](#) Power & Renewable Energy group, which invests in thermal and renewable energy projects and engages in venture investing in energy. Renewable energy is a strategic growth initiative at GE Energy Financial Services, which has invested more than \$4 billion since 2004 in wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal and biomass energy projects globally. Mr. Walsh's group also makes equity investments in thermal electricity-generating, transmission and distribution assets. Mr. Walsh is a cum laude graduate of Fairfield University. He is also a graduate of General Electric's Financial Management Program.



Michael Meotti, Commissioner of Higher Education

Recently reappointed [Commissioner of Higher Education](#), Mike Meotti oversees the Department of Higher Education which develops public policies guiding Connecticut's higher education system, conducts research and analysis, reviews proposals for licensing and accrediting academic programs and institutions, regulates private occupational schools, makes recommendations regarding public college and university budgets and tuitions and fees, among other federal and state functions. A past president of the United Way of Connecticut and the Connecticut Policy and Economic Council, Mr. Meotti also served eight years in the State Senate during which he was Assistant Majority Leader and vice-chair of the Education Committee. Mr. Meotti earned his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.



Elliot Ginsberg, President & CEO, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology

Elliot Ginsberg has served as President and CEO of the [Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology](#) (CCAT) since 2007. CCAT works with universities, industry and government to promote the region as a leader in technology, clean energy and next generation manufacturing. Mr. Ginsberg previously served as Chief of Staff to Congressman John Larson, as a Superior Court magistrate, Commissioner of the State Department of Human Resources, and as an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut's School of Social Work. Mr. Ginsberg earned his undergraduate degree in economics from Franklin & Marshall College and his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law.



Daniel C. Esty, the Commissioner-Designate for the proposed Department of Energy and Environmental Protection,

is the Hillhouse Professor of Environmental Law and Policy, with appointments at both the Yale Law School and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. He is also the Director of the [Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy](#) as well as the [Center for Business and the Environment at Yale](#). Professor Esty's research has focused on "next generation" regulation and the relationships between the environment and trade, competitiveness, governance, and development. He is the author or editor of nine books and numerous articles on environmental policy issues. In 2007 - 2008, he served as an Obama campaign advisor on energy and environmental issues and as a member of the Presidential Transition Team. Professor Esty has also served in various senior positions in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Professor Esty earned an A.B. from Harvard, an M.A. as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, and a J.D. from Yale.



Stewart Hudson joined the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation (EHTF) as its President in 2001. Mr. Hudson is a recognized expert in environmental policy and programs, as well as trade, development, and investment matters. EHTF is a national leader in addressing climate and energy issues; supports contemporary visual arts; and funds education programs related to learning disabilities. Mr. Hudson has served as the Executive Director of the Jane Goodall Institute, and as Vice President and other senior positions at the National Wildlife Federation. He was a Senior Legislative Aide to U.S. Senator Lowell Weicker from 1981-1985. He holds a B.A. in History from Yale University, and M.A. in International Development from American University.

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