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## Sunday, October 26, 2014

### Michael Mann's UCLA Schtick

At the "[UCLA Hammer Forum on Climate Change](#)" held this past week, which I was unfortunate to attend, [the only speakers were warmists Michael Mann](#) and UCS scientist [Brenda Ekwurzel](#). I [previously covered the litany of misrepresentations of UCS chief of climate science education Dr. Ekwurzel](#), and now provide my written notes on the misrepresentations in Dr. Mann's presentation and answers to written questions carefully selected by the moderator.

I shot one photo of the audience of mostly aging-hippie-types, before being told photos, video, and audio recording were prohibited. About 150 people attended the public event, but at least 25% of the seats in the theater were empty. The lady who sat down next to me immediately said "if there are any climate deniers here, I'm going to smack them," and then proceeded to sleep through most of the event. I was surprised that there were so few Generation-Y college-age attendees at the UCLA Hammer Museum, apparently not too much concern about the whole "inter-generational justice" climate change thing Mann discussed.



- Started presentation claiming the evidence for AGW is "straightforward and not controversial."
- Said CO2 levels have not been as high as today for "several million years" [[debunked](#)]
- Said there are multiple lines of evidence for AGW, using the [repeatedly debunked image from SkS](#)
- Claimed IPCC report is "conservative" and that climate scientists are "conservative" in their projections of climate change
- Said natural variation cannot explain recent climate change [[debunked](#)]

- Said climate change we are allegedly experiencing now is "dangerous" and we will soon be inhabiting a "different planet"
- Said with "business as usual" there will be 4-5C warming by 2100, and 8-10C warming in the Arctic [[debunked](#)]
- Said use of polar bears as the "poster child" for AGW was a "mistake" because it gave the "false impression that climate change is a distant thing" despite it allegedly happening "everywhere"
- Said he doesn't have to convince the people in the audience from Southern California that climate change is real: "just look at the historic drought" [[debunked](#)]
- Claimed flooding from Florida king tides (which are controlled by gravitation from the Moon and Sun and have occurred for millennia) "used to happen only once a year," but allegedly due to AGW, "will happen once a month."
- Said due to climate change, the surge from Sandy was 13 feet instead of 12 feet and that this caused flooding of an extra 25 miles inland [[debunked](#)]
- Claimed sea level rise of 3-6 feet by 2100 [[debunked](#)]
- Discussed his Scientific American article on 2036 doomsday scenario [[debunked](#)]
- Said "California drought was made worse" by climate change, and is "the worst ever seen" [[debunked](#)]
- Said Senator Inhofe, Heartland Institute, Republicans in general, and "climate deniers" are all allegedly funded by the Koch brothers.
- Said Inhofe was scheduled to give a speech at a Heartland meeting, but had to cancel because he was ill from swimming in a lake with an algal bloom due to "unprecedented heat in Oklahoma" (implying that was man-made)
- Showed his thoroughly debunked hockey stick [[containing 'Mike's trick to hide the decline'](#)] and called it an "icon" of the IPCC that is now part of a "veritable hockey league" of other "hockey sticks" since "every study says recent temperatures are unprecedented." [[debunked](#)]
- Said you don't even need his hockey stick to know that AGW is real because of the greenhouse effect described [incorrectly] by Arrhenius in 1896.
- Says the Republicans get their climate science from a journal...(long pause)... "The Wall Street Journal"
- Said Republicans are "the party of anti-science"
- Said the only debate Congress should be having is "how to deal with this problem, and not pretend the problem doesn't exist"
- Showed the picture of his daughter at an aquarium with a polar bear diving for a fish behind her, as [Anthony has already commented upon](#). Using this picture as a prop, said AGW is a problem of "intergenerational ethics" and that he didn't want his daughter to one day have to tell her kids that "polar bears used to exist, but we damaged their home."
- With that tear-jerker of an ending, Mann finished his presentation.

Additional notes on Mann's responses to written questions from the audience (which were first carefully [filtered by the moderator](#)):

- Said "scientists are the most conservative people on the planet" and that "science has self-correcting machinery." Said that if a scientist commits fraud or makes a mistake, "you'll be found out" by other scientists, and that one "gets ahead in science by proving other people wrong" [conveniently failing to mention that Mann himself is potentially the most "caught out" scientist in history, by McIntyre & McKittrick, [Wegman, and the NAS](#), [Richard Mueller](#), and many others].
- Said that "for thousands of scientists to conspire and the oceans and atmosphere to play along" would be necessary for AGW to be a "hoax"
- Said climate skeptics "are not real skeptics," they are just "denialists"

- Said the IPCC claims "are as certain as science can be about anything"
- Said "in many ways, China and India are ahead of us on fighting climate change"
- Said there's no reason why renewables can't replace fossil fuels
- Said Koch brothers are funding ALEC and the "campaign of denial"
- Said North Carolina is trying to "outlaw Teslas"
- Said CO2 lifetime in the atmosphere is "centuries" and that even if man-made emissions completely stopped now, warming would continue for "centuries" [[debunked](#)]
- Said CO2 emissions must be reduced 5-10% *per year* starting now, that he said that many years ago, "but I'm really serious this time!" [accompanied by Cheshire smile]
- Said Exxon is planning for a carbon tax of \$60/ton, meanwhile "funding the disinformation campaign"
- In answer to audience question, "Can capitalism be defeated to stop the destruction of the natural world?" [which received applause from the UCLA aging-hippie-commie audience], Mann said it was the other speaker's turn to answer.
- Said there are 5 times more fossil fuels available than necessary to warm the planet by 2C, which if all were burned, would allegedly warm the planet 10-14C
- Said "we are already seeing dangerous climate change"

Following the presentations and questions, the fake-Nobelist went to the lobby for book signings [[the back cover of which says he shared the Nobel Peace Prize](#)], guarded by 3 UCLA police officers nearby [I've attended many other events in this same theater and never seen any UCLA police officers at any other events].



The great Mann smiling for a fan



Perhaps 20-25 attendees bought Mann's book for signing .

I asked if I could stand in the line to ask Dr. Mann a question without having to buy his book first, and was told no.

On the way to the theater parking lot, I noticed the bicycle rack was empty, and the anti-capitalism and anti-fossil fuel attendees driving off in their fossil-fueled vehicles.

Related:

[Michael Mann loses the Nobel Prize – again](#)

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<http://junkscience.com/2014/10/24/exclusive-report-from-ucla-michael-mann-stunned-when-asked-about-nobel-prize-fakery/> .

**Report on October 23, 2014 UCLA Hammer Museum Event “Tackling Climate Change Nationally and Globally”**

**By Michael Greer (@thetalentscout)**

**October 24, 2014**

Last night I went to the Hammer Museum to hear Michael Mann of Penn State and Brenda Ekwurzel of the Union of Concerned Scientists speak about global warming.

I arrived early and was given a seat in the front row. Some ushers came around and passed out index cards to write questions for Q&A. I was disappointed as I intended to ask Mr. Mann why he fraudulently claimed he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. We were also told there were no pictures or videos allowed to be taken.

The theater filled, interestingly, with an abundance of what I'd call hippies — a lot of Birkenstocks, beards, long hair, leather vests over t-shirts. A tall, wild haired man in tennis shoes, shorts and baseball t-shirt sat in the seat next to me. He greeted me warmly, holding out his hand for me to shake and said his name was Mark, and asked my name. I told him my name as he slouched down in the seat, folding his hands on his chest and stretching his feet out in front of him. He asked what brought me there. I told him I came to hear Michael Mann. He asked what my interest in him was. I told him I would probably disagree with everything he had to say. With that he sat straight up and turned his back to me to talk to the people on the other side of him. When the program started he got out a clip board to take notes. It had sign up sheets on it that said, "Citizens Climate Lobby".

The moderator, Ian Masters, gave a rather long speech saying there was no doubt that there was global warming (he didn't use "climate change") and that man was causing it with use of fossil fuels. He spoke about the insanity of the deniers. He said how Australia had been the pioneer nation that had embraced the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> but recently a "thuggish" PM Tony Abbott reversed their cap-and-trade laws. I had to put my hands on either side of my face to keep my head from exploding.

Michael Mann is a pudgy, bald man in a ruffled suit, but his vanity is revealed by the fact his shoes had two inch heels and lifts. His power point presentation began with these words, "The science is straightforward".

He said that last year atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> passed the 400 parts per million level (to which I wanted to shout out, "the more CO<sub>2</sub> the greener the planet"). He said we are warming and will continue warming. He said we have warmed a little less than one degree Celsius but if we don't change course we will warm 4 or 5 degrees Celsius in the near future. He said the ocean was warming, the poles were melting and the sea levels were rising.

A picture of a polar bear appeared on the screen and he said they picked the polar bear to be the poster child of global warming to garner sympathy, and that the melting poles would eliminate their habitat. He showed a picture of flooding in Florida. He said their seasonal high tides have caused flooding in the past but the rising seas will cause it to be a permanent problem. To his credit he said hurricane Sandy was not caused by global warming, but that it was made worse by it.

Michael Mann showed graphs and charts we've all seen before. He said he was thrust into the center of this debate because of his hockey stick chart. He claimed dozens of studies have supported his theory. He showed a picture of one Republican Congressman who agreed with him.

The next slide said, "Why No Action." The first slide after, "Why No Action" was a picture of Senator James Inhofe. Mr. Mann thinks the Senator is standing in the way of green energy and the solutions to this global problem. This is the portion I thought was revealing. Mr. Mann said there has been no action because Big Oil, the Republican party (lead by Senator Inhofe) and the evil Koch brothers have poured lots of money in opposing the solutions (translation: don't vote Republican). He must have mentioned the Koch brothers five or six times during his talk.

Next to speak was Brenda Ekwurzel, Ph.D. with the Union of Concerned Scientists, whose stated purpose is education aimed at increasing support for strong climate legislation (again, don't vote Republican). She started by saying there has been an unprecedented increase in CO<sub>2</sub> not seen in 800,000 years. She spoke of being at the arctic in 2011 and there was open water for miles due to the melting poles. She said the ice at the poles has decreased 52%. She spoke of how forest fires are worse because the warming is causing them to dry out (she fails to mention the Federal government not allowing forests to be logged, maintained or cleaned out). She showed pictures of dead crops in the San Joaquin valley as a sign of draught being caused by global warming (again failing to mention the Federal government turning off the water to the valley).

Ian Masters then took over the Q&A portion of the program. He started by saying "scientists don't make things up". Michael Mann elaborated by saying he couldn't make things up because other scientists would challenge him. "We hold each other accountable", was his answer. But then he calls those who hold him accountable, "deniers". He said deniers say he is paid by the government to support their policies. He said yes, they get government grants but that money doesn't go into their pockets, it's for their research.

Even though I couldn't ask my question out loud, I did write it on an index card and passed it to the usher. I had put a star on the back of the card so I could tell when Mr. Masters read my card. He made a face as if he ate something sour and put my card on the table. Someone asked why we didn't just have all cars run on batteries. The reply was "limited funding". Another question was why we didn't burn CO<sub>2</sub> as fuel. Ms. Ekwurzel said it was too expensive to capture once in the atmosphere. She said CO<sub>2</sub> would remain in the atmosphere for centuries. Neither of the speakers mentioned the effect of cloud cover and movement or the Sun on climate.

Someone had pointed out the empirical evidence showed 18 years of no warming and asked how they explained that. Ms. Ekwurzel said some of the techniques they used to collect the data were flawed and when corrected show that wasn't true. Mr. Mann said many environmentalists think nuclear is a good alternative to fossil fuels but, although he admitted nuclear energy was not his area of expertise, he didn't think it was a viable choice.

Several people asked about a revenue neutral carbon tax. One asked, "How can Capitalism be destroyed to save the environment". About ten people applauded enthusiastically. To her credit, Ms. Ekwurzel didn't think that was necessary but some combination of free markets and regulations was the solution. But she emphasized how critical the situation was. She said we are seeing the arctic sheets disappearing even faster than we believed.

Mr. Mann again slammed the Republicans. He said the House Science Committee denies global warming. He said we don't presently have a carbon tax because the evil Exxon Oil Company was funding disinformation. He said Grover Norquist even supported a carbon tax for a minute until "the brothers from Kansas" got to him.

After the program Mr. Mann signed his book in the lobby. I stood in line with his book. When I reached him I didn't hand him the book to sign. I opened it and pointed to where it states he won the Nobel Peace Prize and asked him why he made that fraudulent claim. He looked as if I had hit him. A woman standing near said I was rude. I put the book back on the table and left.

I thought the most important and revealing statement made by Mr. Mann was the closing statement he made in response to what “people” could do. He said because this threat has been so politicized the citizens around the world needed to band together “under one flag” to solve the problem globally.

Date: Fri, 24 Oct 2014 14:52:34 -0700  
To: "David J. Stensrud" <david.stensrud@psu.edu>  
From: "James E. Enstrom" <jenstrom@ucla.edu>  
Subject: UCLA Hammer Forum Allows No Speaker to Counter Mann

October 24, 2014

David J. Stensrud, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Stensrud,

I am writing to make you aware of the fact that Distinguished Professor Michael E. Mann just participated in the October 23 UCLA Hammer Forum, which refused requests by me, Dr. Willie Soon, and meteorologist John Coleman to allow an additional speaker to present views on climate change that differ from those of Dr. Mann. Please read all the messages below in order to understand the requests that were made. It is very sad for science that individuals from two major taxpayer-funded public universities would organize and participate in a public forum that did not allow diverse scientific points of view to be presented. Many of us are working hard to change this unacceptable situation.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter. I would greatly appreciate a response.

Sincerely yours,

James E. Enstrom, Ph.D., M.P.H.  
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Date: Sat, 18 Oct 2014 15:23:53 -0700  
To: Michael E. Mann <mann@psu.edu>  
From: "James E. Enstrom" <jenstrom@ucla.edu>  
Subject: Important Issues Related to October 23 Hammer Forum

October 18, 2014

Michael E. Mann, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Mann,

I am writing to make you aware of the growing controversy regarding the October 23 Hammer Forum in Westwood Village, at which you are the featured speaker. The controversy is described in the email messages below, which began with my October 14 request and ended with Claudia Bestor's October 17 refusal to allow any additional Forum speakers, specifically, Dr. Willie Soon or meteorologist John Coleman.

You do not know me, but I have had a long and distinguished scientific career at UCLA and I believe very strongly in honest science and objective presentations of scientific evidence. For your information, I obtained my Ph.D. in experimental elementary particle physics at Stanford University from Nobel Laureate Melvin Schwartz, who obtained his Ph.D. from Nobel Laureate Jack Steinberger, who obtained his Ph.D. from Nobel Laureate Erico Fermi, who was the first scientist named in an August 2, 1939 letter written by Nobel Laureate Albert Einstein. I have a long history of making scientifically accurate, but politically incorrect, discoveries. I have made another such discovery regarding the October 23 Hammer Forum and I have formulated a hypothesis that an activist political agenda underlies this Forum.

My hypothesis is that this Forum was initiated by environmental activist groups, like the Union of Concerned Scientists, in order to provide a rallying point for the countless environmental activists who live in Congressional District 33, which includes Westwood Village and UCLA. For the past 40 years this area has been represented by Congressman Henry Waxman, co-author of the Waxman-Markey Bill, aka "American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009." One of the candidates in the hotly contested race to replace Waxman is Democratic State Senator Ted Lieu, who is supported by all of the environmental activists and by Waxman himself. Furthermore, Lieu's campaign website states "Climate change is the single greatest threat to California, our nation's future and our environment. As a member of Congress, I will champion legislation to reduce carbon pollution in the U.S." The timing of this Forum supports my hypothesis because it takes place 12 days before the November 4 General Election.

Because I have received no response from Ann Philbin, Darin Klein, or Ian Masters, and because I received a flat rejection from Claudia Bestor, I decided to examine their backgrounds. Based on Los

Angeles County Registrar records, all three of the state employees at the Hammer Museum are registered Democrats and Australian Ian Masters is not a registered voter. Based on the State Worker Salary Database, the 2013 salary of Hammer Museum Director Ann Philbin was \$440,000, making her one of the highest paid state employees in California. Her 2013 salary was even higher than the 2013 salary of \$425,000 for UCLA Chancellor Gene D. Block. My conclusions are: 1) political factors underlie the Hammer Forum, 2) this publicly supported Forum does not reflect the scientific and political diversity of the taxpayers in California and the United States, and 3) the Forum violates Block's recent call for diversity and equity at UCLA.

I want to make sure that you are aware of all of these facts before you participate in this Forum. I request that you respond to my email message before October 23. At this point my email message has only been sent to you, Willie Soon, and John Coleman. There will be no further distribution of this email message until John Coleman speaks to or attempts to speak to Hammer Museum officials on Monday.

Thank you very much for your careful consideration of my email message and the email messages below.

Sincerely yours,

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October 20, 2014

<http://heartland.org/press-releases/2014/10/20/weather-channel-founder-challenges-ucla-offer-balanced-climate-change-deba>

## **Weather Channel Founder Challenges UCLA to Offer Balanced Climate Change Debate on Thursday**

*Hammer Museum Event Featuring Michael Mann and Brenda Ekwurzel on Global Warming Requires an Alternative to Alarmism with No Basis in the Latest Science*

John Coleman, founder of The Weather Channel, is urging UCLA's Hammer Museum to provide balance to a presentation titled "[Tackling Climate Change Nationally and Globally](#)" on Thursday, October 23. The presentation, according to the museum's website, will "examine the issue" that "despite the overwhelming scientific consensus that global warming is a danger to the planet, little progress has been made to reduce CO2 emissions." The only presenters are controversial global warming alarmists Michael Mann and Brenda Ekwurzel.

In an open letter to UCLA and the Hammer Museum, Coleman notes [many esteemed scientists](#) and climate experts [dispute the hypothesis](#) that human activity is causing catastrophic global warming and that carbon dioxide emissions need to be curbed drastically to reduce the "danger to the planet."

Coleman's open letter below was sent to the *Los Angeles Times* as well as the television stations KCBS, KTLA, and NBC4 in Los Angeles.

Dear UCLA Hammer Forum officials,

There is no significant man-made global warming at this time, there has been none in the past and there is no reason to fear any in the future. Efforts to prove the theory that carbon dioxide is a significant "greenhouse" gas and pollutant causing significant warming or weather effects have failed. There has been no warming over 18 years. William Happer, Ph.D., Princeton University, Richard Lindzen, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Willie Soon, Ph.D., Harvard Smithsonian Observatory, John Christy, Ph.D., University of Alabama and 9,000 other Ph.D. scientists all agree with my opening two sentences. Yet at your October 23 Hammer Forum on Climate Change you have scheduled as your only speakers two people who continue to present the failed science as though it is the final and complete story on global warming/climate change. This is [a] major mistake.

I urge you to re-examine your plan. It is important to have those who attend know that there is no climate crisis. The ocean is not rising significantly. The polar ice is increasing, not melting away. Polar Bears are increasing in number. Heat waves have actually diminished, not increased. There is not an uptick in the number or strength of storms (in fact storms are diminishing). I have studied this topic seriously for years. It has become a political and environment agenda item, but the science is not valid.

I am the founder of The Weather Channel and a winner of the American Meteorological Society honor as Broadcast Meteorologist of the Year. I am not a wacko flat-Earther. Nor am I a "paid shill" (as has been claimed) of the Koch Brothers. I am a serious professional. I am strongly urging you to reconsider your plan.

I will be pleased to discuss this matter with you and answer questions. I will be happy to provide links to all of the points I have made in this email. As a quick scientific reference you may wish to look at the website of the [Nongovernmental \[International\] Panel on Climate Change](#).

My best regards,

John Coleman

To interview Mr. Coleman a policy advisor at The Heartland Institute please contact Heartland Institute Director of Communications Jim Lakely by phone or text at 312-731-9364 or via email at [jlakely@heartland.org](mailto:jlakely@heartland.org).

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Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2014 10:23:48 -0700  
Subject: Re: a follow-up to Dr. Jim Enstrom's request for either Willie Soon (me) or John Coleman to be added as speaker in the upcoming Oct 23 event at Hammer Forum

Dear Dr. Soon and Dr. Enstrom,

Thank you for your input and your offer to participate in our Hammer Forum on October 23rd. However our program and topic are set and our speakers have already been finalized and we are not going to add any additional speakers.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Bestor

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**From:** Willie Soon [<mailto:romeosoon@gmail.com>]  
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**Cc:** James E. Enstrom; MrWXGUY  
**Subject:** a follow-up to Dr. Jim Enstrom's request for either Willie Soon (me) or John Coleman to be added as speaker in the upcoming Oct 23 event at Hammer Forum

Dear Ian Masters, Darin Klein and Ann Philbin,

I am writing to offer my personal assistance to your most interesting public forum at Hammer museum featuring Dr. Mike E Mann and Dr. Brenda Ekwurzel.

To add flavor for your program, I can confess to be a Trojan with all my academic training and degrees from USC. More details of my scientific and professional standings that are relevant to Hammer Forum can be seen in: <http://climatechangeawards.org/willie-soon/>

I am sure that Dr. Mann and Ekwurzel will be happy to finally have someone speak in opposition to their so-called "consensus"-based anti-science paradigm.

I will be happy if you can reply to all of us about this request in adding me or John Coleman, founder of the Weather Channel to your program. I understand that my unusual request may be not welcomed but your silence on this matter will reflect poorly on your public forum.

Thank you.

Cordially,

Willie Soon  
Cambridge, MA, USA

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<http://ianmasters.com/content/contact-us>

October 15, 2014 11:40 PM PT

Dear Mr. Masters,

I have not received a response from Darin Klein or Ann Philbin to my October 14, 2014 email message below regarding my request to add a third speaker to the October 23, 2014 Hammer Forum that you are moderating. This is a very important request on a very important scientific matter and I now request a response from you. Weather Channel Founder John Coleman and I are both interested in discussing this request with you, particularly since this Hammer Forum is affiliated with UCLA.

Since time for any change is short, please call or email me as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely yours,

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**From:** James E. Enstrom [<mailto:jenstrom@ucla.edu>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014 2:58 PM

**To:** Darin Klein

**Cc:** Willie Soon; Steve Milloy; John Coleman; Office Of Ann Philbin; Ann Philbin

**Subject:** Request for Third Speaker at October 23 Hammer Event

October 14, 2014

Darin Klein  
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Dear Mr. Klein,

I understand from the office of Ann Philbin that you are the person who organized the October 23, 2014 @ 7:30 PM climate change event featuring Drs. Michael Mann and Brenda Ekwurzel ( <http://hammer.ucla.edu/programs-events/2014/10/tackling-climate-change-nationally-and-globally/> ).

Also, I understand that the public description of this event was corrected on Monday after Steve Milloy contacted Ann Philbin. As a very objective scientist who has spent essentially his entire career at UCLA, I strongly believe that UCLA-related events should present scientific subjects, particularly controversial subjects, in a fair and balanced manner. Thus, I request that you consider adding to the October 23 event a third speaker who holds scientific views on climate change that differ from those held by Drs. Mann and Ekwurzel. My personal recommendation for a third speaker is Dr. Willie Soon, a world-renowned astrophysicist and climate change expert. If you need a layman's explanation as to the importance of a balanced presentation on climate change, Weather Channel Founder John Coleman has agreed to speak with you and Ann Philbin over the telephone. Since time for any change is short, please respond as soon as you can.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely yours,

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## Michael Mann loses the Nobel Prize – again

[Anthony Watts](#) / [2 weeks ago](#) October 14, 2014



Yesterday I was privileged to be cc'd in some communications between Steve Milloy (of [junkscience.com](#)) and UCLA. The communications dealt with yet another false claim of Michael Mann being a “Nobel Prize Winner” in an announcement about an upcoming talk of his, as seen below:

Despite the overwhelming scientific consensus that global warming is a danger to the planet, little progress has been made to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Climatologists **Brenda Ekwurzel** and **Michael Mann** join us to examine the issue. Ekwurzel works with the Union of Concerned Scientists leading education aimed at increasing support for strong climate legislation. Mann shared the Nobel Prize with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and is the author of *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches From The Front Lines* and *Dire Predictions: Understanding Global Warming*.

Milloy wrote:

*From: Steve Milloy  
Date: Monday, October 13, 2014 at 1:40 PM  
To: Nancy  
Subject: Request for correction of event promotion  
Ms. Lee,*

*This [UCLA promotion](#) incorrectly promotes Michael E. Mann as a Nobel Prize winner (see highlighted text).*

*Mann is not a Nobel laureate and did not share the Prize.*

*I request that you correct this error,*

*Thank you for your attention,*

*Steve Milloy  
Potomac, MD*

The reply from Ms. Lee said:

*From: Nancy Lee*

*Subject: Re: Request for correction of event promotion*

*Date: October 13, 2014 at 9:14:09 PM EDT*

*To: Steve Milloy*

*Thanks for pointing out this error, Steve. We have corrected the information in the program description online and on-site.*

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*Nancy Lee*

*Manager, Public Relations*

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Good for her, and +10 to Steve Milloy.

This is how it reads today on their website.

Despite the overwhelming scientific consensus that global warming is a danger to the planet, little progress has been made to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Climatologists **Brenda Ekwurzel** and **Michael Mann** join us to examine the issue. Ekwurzel works with the Union of Concerned Scientists leading education aimed at increasing support for strong climate legislation. **Mann contributed to the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007,** and is the author of *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches From The Front Lines* and *Dire Predictions: Understanding Global Warming*.

Nobel prizes; easy come, easy go.

Mann's talk at UCLA is on [Thursday Oct 23, 2014 7:30PM](#), and I doubt that it will be any different from [the one I saw in Bristol](#), replete with incomplete data and cherry picked time periods to ignore "the pause". If anyone wants to go to ask questions, here is the address:

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