

## APPENDICES

These appendices provide the most detailed published encyclopedia of the fossil fuel divestment movement that we are aware of. The charts and directories provide a timeline of events; information on the institutions that support divestment, have divested, and have rejected divestment; key people on both sides; and information on the finances and characteristics of the institutions that have divested.

### Appendix I: Timeline

**October 2006.** Bill McKibben, a visiting professor at Middlebury College, and six students organize Step It Up, the forerunner organization to 350.org, which becomes the home of the fossil fuel divestment campaign.

**2008.** Step It Up morphs into 1 Sky, which focused on organizing a US grassroots environmental movement, and 350.org, which worked internationally.

**2011.** 1 Sky merges with 350.org as a single global environmental group. 350.org begins focusing on the Keystone XL pipeline.

**Fall 2009.** The Sierra Student Coalition's Campuses Beyond Coal campaign urges colleges to shut down on-campus coal power plants. Its network of 60 campaigns become of the roots of the fossil fuel divestment campaign.<sup>645</sup>

**October 2010.** The student group Swarthmore Mountain Justice forms at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, to oppose coal mining and demand divestment from the "sordid sixteen" fossil fuel companies with "the dirtiest environmental and human rights records."<sup>646</sup> The group forms after Peace and Conflict Studies professor and Quaker activist George Lakey takes students on a fall break trip to visit activists in West Virginia coal country.

**June 2011.** Student groups meet at the Wallace Global Fund in Washington, DC to launch a series

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<sup>645</sup> "History," Campuses Beyond Coal, Sierra Club. <http://content.sierraclub.org/coal/campuses>. For instance, the Beyond Coal Campaign at UNC began in October 2009 to rally support for closing the university's coal power plant, but by September 2011 the campaign switched to focusing on divesting from "filthy fifteen" coal companies. "Students Rally in Rain, Call on UNC Trustees Divest from Coal," Coal Free UNC, September 2011. <https://coalfreeunc.wordpress.com/2011/09/>.

<sup>646</sup> *Fossil Fuel Divestment 101*, Swarthmore Mountain Justice.

of divestment campaigns called Divest Coal. In August, they support six campus campaigns.<sup>647</sup> These include Swarthmore Mountain Justice (the only pre-existing divestment campaign), Earlham College's Earlham Reinvestment,<sup>648</sup> Cornell University's KyotoNow!,<sup>649</sup> Colby Alliance for Renewable Energy, and two supported by the Sierra Student Coalition, the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.<sup>650</sup>

**November 2011.** The Carbon Tracker Initiative in London releases a report warning about fossil fuel companies' "stranded assets."<sup>651</sup> The report argues that companies have in their reserves enough fuel to release five times more carbon dioxide than is compatible with the 2 degree C warming, deemed the maximum safe amount by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

**January 2012.** Hampshire College, the first school to divest from South Africa during apartheid, is considered the first academic institution to divest from fossil fuels. The college adopts a new Policy on Environmental, Social and Governance Investing that requires all companies in which it invests to meet certain environmental and social standards, thereby screening out fossil fuel companies.<sup>652</sup>

**July 2012.** Divestment activists at Swarthmore College and Earlham College go on a "Divest Coal Frontlines Listening Tour" in Appalachia, where they meet local activists and participate in resistance efforts against coal mining. Joining with Radical Action for Mountain People's Survival (RAMPS), the students joined a "Mountain Mobilization" on July 28, which shut down Hobert mine, the largest strip mine in West Virginia, for three hours.<sup>653</sup> With six divestment campaigns to date, the students work to arrange for campaigns to begin on another six campuses in the fall.<sup>654</sup>

647 "Imagine a Fossil Free Future," *Wallace Global Fund*. <http://wgf.org/divest-invest/>.

648 "Earlham College REInvestment Campaign: Home." <https://earlhamreinvestment.wordpress.com/>.

649 "Cornell KYOTONOW!," *DivestNow Cornell*. <https://cukyotonow.wordpress.com/spread-divestment/>.

650 Stewart Boss, "Coal Divestment Strategy Kicks off in Chapel Hill," *We Are PowerShift*, September 15, 2011. <http://www.wearepowershift.org/blogs/coal-divestment-strategy-kicks-chapel-hill>.

651 "Unburnable Carbon – Are the world's financial markets carrying a carbon bubble?" *Carbon Tracker Initiative*, revised September 2014. <http://www.carbontracker.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Unburnable-Carbon-Full-rev2-1.pdf>.

652 "Hampshire College Adopts Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investing Guidelines," Hampshire College, January 3, 2012.

653 Ali Roseberry-Polier and Margaret Christoforo, "From Education to Direct Action on the Divest Coal Frontlines Listening Tour," *Waging NonViolence*, August 2, 2012. <http://wagingnonviolence.org/feature/from-education-to-direct-action-on-the-divest-coal-frontlines-listening-tour/>.

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**August 2012.** Bill McKibben's article "Global Warming's Terrifying New Math" in *Rolling Stone* goes viral.<sup>655</sup> McKibben argues that fossil fuel companies have five times more carbon energy reserves than is safe to burn, and that to keep global warming to 2 degrees Celsius, 80 percent of all fossil fuel reserves must be left in the ground.

**Summer 2012.** The divestment movement counts 50 campaigns on college campuses.<sup>656</sup> Early joiners include Brown University, Harvard University, and Columbia University.

**November 2, 2012.** Bill McKibben launches a "Do the Math" speaking tour at 21 cities in the United States. 350.org launches the Go Fossil Free: Divest from Fossil Fuels! campaign across the country, calling for institutions to divest from fossil fuel companies.

**November 5, 2012.** Unity College in Maine divests from fossil fuels.<sup>657</sup>

**November 29, 2012.** Go Fossil Free counts 100 active divestment campaigns.<sup>658</sup>

**December 2012.** The city of Seattle commits to divest its daily operational budget, the first city in the world to do so.

**February 2, 2013.** Sterling College in Vermont divests from fossil fuels.<sup>659</sup>

**February 2013.** The first national student divestment activist "convergence" is held at Swarthmore College. PowerUp! Divest Fossil Fuels draws students from 77 colleges and universities who develop coordinated messages and strategies.<sup>660</sup>

**March 11, 2013.** College of the Atlantic in Maine divests from fossil fuels.<sup>661</sup>

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660 Phil Aroneanu, "Students Divest Convergence Brings Hundreds Together to Power up Student Movement," 350.org, February 24, 2013. <http://gofossilfree.org/students-divest-convergence-brings-hundreds-together-to-power-up-student-movement/>.

661 "COA Divests! College of the Atlantic. <http://news.coa.edu/2013/03/12/coa-divests/>.

**April 10, 2013.** Green Mountain College in Vermont divests from fossil fuels.<sup>662</sup>

**April 29, 2013.** Eleven students at Rhode Island School of Design hold the first sit-in for fossil fuel divestment, demanding immediate divestment.<sup>663</sup> One day later they leave, having secured an invitation to give a formal presentation to the board.

**May 2, 2013.** 350.org declares #FossilFreedom day of action, with 50 protests and rallies.

**May 4, 2013.** At a specially convened meeting of the Swarthmore College board of trustees with students, staff, and faculty to discuss fossil fuel divestment, 100 students with Swarthmore Mountain Justice disrupt the meeting and take over the microphones to demand divestment and explain a host of grievances, including the low number of matriculations by racial minorities, the lack of protection from sexual abuse, and the emotional insecurity of gay students.<sup>664</sup> When one student in the audience stands up to request that the meeting return to order, Mountain Justice activists clap her down.<sup>665</sup>

**May 23, 2013.** San Francisco State University Foundation divests from direct holdings in coal and tar sands.<sup>666</sup> On April 3, 2014, the foundation reaffirms its commitment to divest.<sup>667</sup>

**Summer 2013.** Fossil Fuel Divestment Student Network forms.

**October 3, 2013.** Harvard President Drew G. Faust releases a statement on the Harvard divestment campaign, affirming climate change as “one of the world’s most consequential challenges” but rejecting divestment as a dangerously “instrumentalizing” the endowment that supports academic functions.<sup>668</sup>

**October 23, 2013.** Foothill-De Anza Community College Foundation in California divests from direct holdings in fossil fuels and directs investment managers to “minimize investments in commingled assets

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662 “Green Mountain College Board Approves Divestment of Fossil Fuel Holdings,” Green Mountain College. May 14, 2013.

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665 “Student Testimony at Swarthmore Board Meeting,” *SwarthmoreInterACTS*, May 9, 2013. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TS3Xa9UMZu8>.

666 “San Francisco State University Foundation Board Meeting,” *San Francisco State University*, June 6, 2013. [http://sfsufdn.sfsu.edu/sites/sites7.sfsu.edu.sfsufdn/files/assets/pdf/Board\\_Meeting\\_Minutes\\_6-6-2013\\_signed\\_accessible.pdf](http://sfsufdn.sfsu.edu/sites/sites7.sfsu.edu.sfsufdn/files/assets/pdf/Board_Meeting_Minutes_6-6-2013_signed_accessible.pdf).

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668 Drew Faust, “Fossil Fuel Divestment Statement,” Harvard University Office of the President, October 3, 2013. <http://www.harvard.edu/president/fossil-fuels>.

that include fossil fuel companies.”<sup>669</sup>

**October 31, 2013.** Naropa University in Colorado freezes investments in fossil fuels and pledges to divest within five years “from direct ownership and any commingled funds that include fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds.”<sup>670</sup>

**December 9, 2013.** Facing decisions by college trustees to reject divestment, Go Fossil Free launches “#RejectionDenied,” a Twitter hashtag and the name of a reactive strategy meant to “escalate” campaigns and overturn rejections.<sup>671</sup>

**December 10, 2013.** Peralta Community College District in California pledges to divest from fossil fuel companies within five years.<sup>672</sup>

**February 22, 2014.** Prescott College in Arizona pledges to divest from fossil fuels within three years.<sup>673</sup>

**April 2014.** San Francisco State University hosts a second divestment convergence, with more than 200 students attending.<sup>674</sup>

**April 5, 2014.** Pitzer College in California announces that by the end of the year it will divest from all direct holdings in fossil fuel companies.<sup>675</sup> The college also pledges to reduce its carbon footprint 25 percent below current levels by the end of 2016; establish a Campus Sustainability Taskforce; and create the Pitzer Sustainability Fund within the endowment to invest in “environmentally responsible investments.”

**April 25, 2014.** In California, Humboldt State University, which hasn’t held direct investments in fossil fuel companies for more than a decade, adopts a “stricter” investment policy. The university will make

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670 “Responsible Investment,” Naropa University. <http://www.naropa.edu/about-naropa/mission/sustainability/investment.php>.

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672 “Peralta Trustees Pass Resolution to Divest From Fossil Fuel Companies,” Peralta Community College District, January 31, 2014. <http://web.peralta.edu/blog/peralta-trustees-pass-resolution-to-divest-from-fossil-fuel-companies/>.

673 “Prescott College Commits to Fossil Fuel Divestment Resolution,” *Prescott College News*. <http://www.prescott.edu/experience/news/fossil-fuel-divestment-resolution.html>.

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675 “Pitzer College and Robert Redford Announce Breakthrough Fossil Fuel Divestment-Climate Action Model,” *Pitzer College*, April 12, 2014. <http://pitweb.pitzer.edu/communications/2014/04/pitzer-college-robert-redford-announce-breakthrough-fossil-fuel-divestment-climate-action-model/>.

“reasonable attempts” to “reduce the size of indirect investments” in fossil fuel companies and other “concerning sectors,” such as casinos, tobacco, utilities, aerospace and defense, and alcohol.<sup>676</sup>

**May 1, 2014.** Harvard student Brett A. Roche '15 is arrested for blocking access to Massachusetts Hall during Divest Harvard protests.

**May 6, 2014.** Stanford University divests from direct investments in coal companies.<sup>677</sup>

**Summer 2014.** The Divestment Student Network forms the “Escalation Core” to orchestrate more aggressive actions. Students take “#BankOnUs” pledges to continue organizing and protesting despite administrations’ rejection of divestment.

**June 2014.** The British Medical Association becomes the first medical organization to divest from fossil fuels.

**June 10, 2014.** Union Theological Seminary announces that it will divest all “separately managed accounts” from fossil fuels, withdraw from any fossil fuel-exposed commingled funds that “are not central to our portfolio,” and “indicate our desire” for other fund managers to create fossil fuel-free options.<sup>678</sup>

**June 23, 2014.** University of Dayton, a Jesuit university in Ohio, will eliminate fossil fuel holdings from its domestic equity accounts. It announces that it “will develop plans to eliminate fossil fuel from international holdings, invest in green and sustainable technologies or holdings, and restrict future investments in private equity or hedge funds whose investments support fossil fuel or significant carbon-producing holdings.”<sup>679</sup>

**September 20, 2014.** One day before the People’s Climate March in New York City, the PCM Youth Convergence draws thousands of student activists for training in organizing divestment campaigns, launching “UnKoch My Campus” efforts to reject funding from the Charles Koch Foundation, and promoting environmental justice.

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676 “Humboldt State University Targets Fossil Fuels and More,” *Humboldt State Now*, April 30, 2014. <http://now.humboldt.edu/news/humboldt-state-university-targets-fossil-fuels-and-more/>.

677 “Stanford to Divest From Coal Companies,” *Stanford News*, May 6, 2014. <http://news.stanford.edu/news/2014/may/divest-coal-trustees-050714.html>.

678 “Divestment: Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York Votes Unanimously to Divest from Fossil Fuels,” Union Theological Seminary, June 10, 2014. <https://utsnyc.edu/divestment/>.

679 “Dayton Divests,” University of Dayton, June 23, 2014. [https://www.udayton.edu/news/articles/2014/06/dayton\\_divests\\_fossil\\_fuels.php](https://www.udayton.edu/news/articles/2014/06/dayton_divests_fossil_fuels.php).

**September 21, 2014.** Organized by the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, the People's Climate March in New York City draws 400,000 people, by 350.org's count<sup>680</sup> to demand "climate justice." The *New York Times* reported the number as 311,000.<sup>681</sup>

**September 22, 2014.** The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, heir to John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil wealth, announces that it will reduce its exposure to coal and tar sands to 1 percent of the portfolio by the end of the year. Regarding oil and natural gas investments, the trustees will perform a "comprehensive analysis" and "determine an appropriate strategy for further divestment over the next few years."<sup>682</sup>

**September 23, 2014.** At the Climate Summit in New York City, the UN releases "Economic Drivers: Divest-Invest Global Movement Action Statement and Action Plan."<sup>683</sup> A newly created "secretariat" surveyed all divestment and reinvestment pledges. It does not include any colleges or universities in its list of divesting institutions.

**November 2014.** Students at Syracuse University occupy the president's office demanding divestment from fossil fuels, along with racial diversity, more support for victims of sexual assault, and reprieve from other grievances.<sup>684</sup>

**November 2014.** Canada's first Fossil Free Convergence brings together 80 student divestment activists.<sup>685</sup>

**November 2014.** Seven student members of Divest Harvard file a lawsuit against Harvard for failing to divest from fossil fuels. The suit, *Harvard Climate Justice Coalition v. Harvard*, alleges that by investing in fossil fuel companies whose products contribute to climate change, the university is guilty of "mismanagement of charitable funds" and "intentional investment in abnormally dangerous activities." They also argue that Harvard's investments embroil it in funding climate change denial, have "a chilling

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680 "People's Climate March, Fossil Fuel Divestment and Flood Wall Street," *350.org*, September 22, 2014. <http://350.org/press-release/peoples-climate-march-fossil-fuel-divestment-and-flood-wall-street/>.

681 Lisa W. Foderaro, "Taking a Call for Climate Change to the Streets," *New York Times*, September 21, 2014. [http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/22/nyregion/new-york-city-climate-change-march.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/09/22/nyregion/new-york-city-climate-change-march.html?_r=0).

682 "Divestment Statement," *Rockefeller Brothers Fund*, September 2014. <http://www.rbf.org/content/divestment-statement>.

683 "Economic Drivers: Divest-Invest Global Movement Action Statement and Action Plan," UN *Climate Summit 2014*, September 23, 2014. <http://www.un.org/climatechange/summit/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2014/09/FINANCING-Divest-Invest-Global-Movement.pdf>.

684 Dave Tobin, "SU Students Plan Protest Today to Call for More Racial Diversity; More Student Input for Campus Policies," *Syracuse.com*, November 3, 2014. [http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/11/su\\_students\\_plan\\_protest\\_today\\_to\\_call\\_for\\_more\\_racial\\_diversity\\_and\\_student\\_inp.html](http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2014/11/su_students_plan_protest_today_to_call_for_more_racial_diversity_and_student_inp.html).

685 Kate Aronoff, "Fossil Free Canada Convergence Deepens an International Movement," *Waging Non-Violence*, November 14, 2014. <http://wagingnonviolence.org/2014/11/fossil-free-canada-convergence-deepens-international-movement/>.

effect on academic freedom," and undermine both the graduates' quality of education and their job prospects.<sup>686</sup> (In March 2015, a judge dismisses the case.<sup>687</sup>)

**December 10, 2014.** California State University-Chico states that it will divest from fossil fuels within four years.<sup>688</sup>

**December 15, 2014.** California Institute of the Arts, which has no direct investments in fossil fuels, will withdraw 25 percent of its indirect investments in fossil fuels and seek to "eliminate exposure to the most carbon-intensive companies such as coal producers over the next five years."<sup>689</sup>

**January 14, 2015.** Goddard College in Vermont divests from fossil fuels.<sup>690</sup>

**January 26, 2015.** The University of Maine System divests from direct investments in coal companies.<sup>691</sup>

**January 30, 2015.** University of Maine Presque-Isle announces unexpectedly that in 2014 it completed divesting from fossil fuels, a process it claimed to begin in 2013.<sup>692</sup>

**February 2, 2015.** The New School in New York announces its divestment from fossil fuels, along with the creation of a climate change curriculum intended to form students into "climate citizens."<sup>693</sup>

**February 10, 2015.** Pushing back against divestment activists, the Environmental Policy Alliance releases a cartoon video, "Breaking Up With Fossil Fuels is Hard to Do," depicting a boy named Joe breaking up with his girlfriend, the oil barrel Fossil Fuels, without whom he has no electricity, modern technology, or consumer goods.<sup>694</sup>

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688 "University Foundation Board Approves Divestment of Fossil Fuel Holdings" California State University, Chico News, December 12, 2014. <http://www.csuchico.edu/news/current-news/12-12-14-divestment.shtml>.

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692 "UMPI Foundation Board Completes Total Divestment from Fossil Fuels," University of Maine-Presque Isle, January 30, 2015.

693 "The New School Unveils Comprehensive Climate Action Plan," *The New School*, February 2, 2015. <http://www.newschool.edu/pressroom/pressreleases/2015/ClimateAction.htm>.

694 "Breaking Up With Fossil Fuels is Hard to Do," *Environmental Policy Alliance*, February 10, 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/>



**February 13-14, 2015.** 350.org organizes Global Divestment Day, with 450 events in 60 countries.<sup>695</sup>

**February 20, 2015.** Natalie Portman, Cornel West, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and others endorse Divest Harvard.<sup>696</sup>

**February 20, 2015.** Brevard College, a Methodist-affiliated college in North Carolina, says it will divest from fossil fuels by 2018.<sup>697</sup>

**February 25, 2015.** The “multidenominational” Pacific School of Religion in California will divest from fossil fuels.<sup>698</sup>

**March 16, 2015.** The *Guardian*, partnering with 350.org, launches a petition to urge the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Wellcome Trust to divest from fossil fuels. In the first 24 hours, 60,000 people sign the petition.<sup>699</sup>

**March 19, 2015.** “Divestment spring,” an intentional nod to the “Arab Spring,” begins with a sit-in at Swarthmore College. Activists with Swarthmore Mountain Justice vow to remain in the finance building until Swarthmore Board Investment Committee Chair Chris Niemczewski and Board Chair Gil Kemp agree to develop a plan for divestment.<sup>700</sup> On March 23 Swarthmore alum and UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres endorses the Swarthmore sit-in.<sup>701</sup> On April 20 after 31 days, the sit-in ends when the board of trustees agrees to consider at its next meeting the students’ proposal. On May 3, 2015, the board formally rejected divestment for a second time.<sup>702</sup>

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697 “Brevard College Commits to Fossil Fuel Divestment,” *Brevard College*. <https://brevard.edu/news-events/news/brevard-college-commits-fossil-fuel-divestment>.

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**March 26, 2015.** Twenty students at University of Mary Washington stage a sit-in for divestment.<sup>703</sup>

**March 27, 2015.** William Bowen, president emeritus of Princeton University and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, denounces divestment in the *Washington Post* as “bad policy,” “partisan,” inconsistent with continued use of fossil fuels, and disrespectful of donors who gave to further universities’ educational, not political, purposes.<sup>704</sup>

**March 31, 2015.** Syracuse University announces it will divest from direct holdings in fossil fuels and “will also direct its external investment managers to take every step possible” to screen out fossil fuels in their funds.<sup>705</sup> Later the university acknowledges it did not have direct holdings in fossil fuels.

**April 1, 2015.** The *Guardian* announces its plan to divest from fossil fuels.<sup>706</sup>

**April 1, 2015.** About two dozen members of Bowdoin Climate Action begin sitting outside the president’s office, demanding divestment.<sup>707</sup> Two days later, on April 3, they leave after meeting with President Barry Mills.<sup>708</sup>

**April 9, 2015.** 48 Yale students sit outside the president’s office, asking for divestment. They meet afterward with President Peter Salovey and present their request.<sup>709</sup> That evening, at the building’s closing hour, 19 students who refuse to leave are cited for trespassing and escorted out. Fossil Free Yale decries these “arrests” and solicits donations to pay the citation fees.<sup>710</sup>

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704 William G. Bowen, “Demanding Universities to Divest Is Often Bad Policy,” *Washington Post*, March 27, 2015. [http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/demanding-universities-to-divest-is-often-bad-policy/2015/03/27/1382fbc4-d401-11e4-ab77-9646eea6a4c7\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/demanding-universities-to-divest-is-often-bad-policy/2015/03/27/1382fbc4-d401-11e4-ab77-9646eea6a4c7_story.html).

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