

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN AN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT AROUND CLIMATE CHANGE.**

According to data collected by NASA AND NOAA, the top five warmest years on record have all occurred since 2010. This warming marks a significant shift from the relatively stable climate of the Holocene (the geological period of the past 10,000 years) into the less stable, more uncertain climate of what is now being called the Anthropocene.

Climate change is a phenomenon on a global scale, but what is the lived experience of the individual living on a warming planet? In these early 'warmest years,' what kinds of changes are people noticing in their local landscapes and their local weather patterns? How is climate change affecting the way people conduct their day-to-day living? How does it affect the way people plan for their future? What does it feel like, emotionally, to be living through this moment of change?

THE WARMEST YEARS ON RECORD is an oral history project that collects audio-recorded interviews that detail people's perceptual, sensorial, emotional and psychological experiences of climate change. Since 2018, Brooklyn-based artist Rachel Garber Cole has been conducting interviews in New York City and State that seek to answer the question, "When you think about climate change, what do you think about and how does it feel?"

THE WARMEST YEARS ON RECORD is partnering with The History Center in Tompkins County to collect interviews from people living in and around Ithaca New York, from June 24<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>. We invite you to share your personal stories about living in these early years of climate change. All interviews collected during this time will live both in the records of THE WARMEST YEARS ON RECORDS and The History Center in Tompkins County's Oral History archive. Selections of stories will be accessible through The History Center's new Story Vault.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS. IF YOU LIVE IN OR AROUND TOMPKINS COUNTY AND ARE INTERESTED IN TALKING, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**If you are interested in participating or have questions about the project, please contact Rachel Garber Cole at [thewarmestyearsonrecord@gmail.com](mailto:thewarmestyearsonrecord@gmail.com).**

**BIO:**

Rachel Garber Cole is a Brooklyn-based interdisciplinary artist who works primarily in video and performance. Rachel's background is in theater, and her practice is deeply influenced by musical, performative, and text-based traditions. Her current work explores the emotional and psychological experiences of climate change and seeks to build language and context through which we can process this historical moment of warming. Recent work has been exhibited with The Aquifer: The Florida Review Online, Aggregate Space Gallery, Flex Fest, Field Projects,

NARS Foundation, Present Company, Mill Valley Film Festival, Sedona Film Festival, Grrrl Haus Cinema, and the Bushwick Film Festival. Rachel is the recipient of the Brooklyn Art Council's Community Arts Fund, and the Brooklyn Art Council's SPARC Grant, and has attended residencies at the Prairie Center of the Arts, The Studios of Key West, Crosshatch's Hill House, the Ucross Foundation, NARS International Residency Program, and the Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts. Rachel also hosts a monthly Bring Your Own Film film/video open mic in Brooklyn.