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## **Being a climate musk ox: fighting doomism and despair with harm reduction, feminist leadership, and ice age resilience**

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Description: Climate change is undermining our ecological and human communities, forcing us to grapple not only with its impacts, but also our ways of knowing, our lifeways, and how we solve problems. In this talk, I'll share lessons about vulnerability and resilience from the prehistoric record, and how these "natural experiments" can help us to prepare for the challenges of the coming century. But importantly: what do we do about it? We're long past the old framework of "hawks" or "doves" when it comes to climate action -- its impacts are already here, and they are affecting vulnerable communities the first and the most. Instead, I'll argue why being a climate "musk ox" can help us transition from grief and despair to action, embodying tools and lessons from public health and social justice movements.



Dr. Jacquelyn Gill is an Associate Professor at the University of Maine, with a joint appointment in the Climate Change Institute and the School of Biology and Ecology. Her group investigates the influences and interactions of climate change, extinction, and people in the prehistoric record, to inform fundamental questions about biodiversity and conservation. She is the co-founder and co-host of Warm Regards, a podcast about life in a warming world.