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## Richard Heinberg

### *Senior Fellow In Residence*

*Richard Heinberg is the author of eleven books including:*

- *Snake Oil* (July 2013)
- *The End of Growth* (August 2011)
- *Blackout: Coal, Climate, and the Last Energy Crisis* (2009)
- *Peak Everything: Waking Up to the Century of Declines* (2007)
- *The Oil Depletion Protocol: A Plan to Avert Oil Wars, Terrorism & Economic Collapse* (2006)
- *Powerdown: Options & Actions for a Post-Carbon World* (2004)
- *The Party's Over: Oil, War & the Fate of Industrial Societies* (2003)

Richard is a Senior Fellow of the Post Carbon Institute and is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost Peak Oil educators. His monthly *MuseLetter* has been included in *Utne Magazine's* annual list of Best Alternative Newsletters. He has written a regular column for the *Ecologist* magazine and has authored scores of essays and articles that have appeared in such journals as *The American Prospect*, *Public Policy Research*, *Quarterly Review*, *Z Magazine*, *Resurgence*, *The Futurist*, *European Business Review*, *Earth Island Journal*, *Yes!*, *Pacific Ecologist*, *Wild Matters*, *The Proceedings of the Canadian Association of the Club of Rome*, *Canadian Dimension*, *Alternative Press Review*, and *The Sun*; and on web sites such as *Alternet.org*, *Resilience.org*, *ProjectCensored.com*, and *Counterpunch.com*.

His books include:

- *Memories and Visions of Paradise: Exploring the Universal Myth of a Lost Golden Age* (1989; revised edition, 1995; British edition, 1990; Portuguese edition, 1991)
- *Celebrate the Solstice: Honoring the Earth's Seasonal Rhythms through Festival and Ceremony* (1993; Italian edition, 2002; Portuguese edition, 2002)
- *A New Covenant with Nature: Notes on the End of Civilization and the Renewal of Culture* (1996; Portuguese edition, 1998)
- *Cloning the Buddha: The Moral Impact of Biotechnology* (1999; Indian edition, 2001;





Japanese edition, 2001; Chinese edition, 2001)

- *The Party's Over: Oil, War and the Fate of Industrial Societies* (2003; British, Italian, German, Spanish, and Arabic editions, 2004-2005; revised North American edition, 2005; Spanish edition, 2007; French edition 2008)
- *Powerdown: Options and Actions for a Post-Carbon World* (2004; British edition 2005)
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- *Blackout: Coal, Climate and the Last Energy Crisis* (2009)
- *The End of Growth: Adapting to Our New Economic Reality* (2011)
- *Snake Oil: How Fracking's False Promise of Plenty Imperils Our Future* (2013)

*A New Covenant with Nature* was a recipient of the 1997 "Books to Live By" Award of Excellence from *Body/Mind/Spirit Magazine*. In 2005, *Powerdown* received *ForeWord magazine's* Bronze Environmental Award. In 2007, *The Oil Depletion Protocol* won *ForeWord's* Gold Environmental Award as well as the Independent Publishers Book of the Year (IPPY) Bronze Award in the category of Current Events.

His books have been translated into eight languages.

Since 2002, he has given over three hundred lectures on oil depletion ("Peak Oil") to a wide variety of audiences—from insurance executives to peace activists, from local and national elected officials to Jesuit volunteers.

He is a recipient of the M. King Hubbert Award for Excellence in Energy Education (2006).

In February, 2007 he addressed the Trade Committee of the European Parliament and served as an advisor to the National Petroleum Council in its report to the U.S. Secretary of Energy on Peak Oil. In October 2007 he addressed members of the New Zealand Parliament. In 2008 he was a Mayor's appointed member of the Oil Independent Oakland 2020 Task Force (Oakland, California), which was convened to chart a path for the city to dramatically reduce its petroleum dependence.

In 2012 Heinberg was appointed to His Majesty the King of Bhutan's International Expert Working Group for the New Development Paradigm initiative.

Heinberg appears in the documentary films *11th Hour* (produced and narrated by Leonardo diCaprio, 2007); *The History Channel's* *Megadisasters* series, episode "Oil Apocalypse" (2007); *Escape from Suburbia* (2007); *What a Way to Go: Life at the End of Empire* (2007); *Crude Impact* (2006); *Oil, Smoke & Mirrors* (2006); the nationally televised PBS documentary *Ripe for Change* (2006); *The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil* (2006); *Blind Spot* (2008); and *The End of Suburbia* (2004).

He has appeared on national radio and/or television (including C-Span) in eight countries: he has appeared on *Good Morning America* (ABC), been interviewed on by Michael Toms (*New Dimensions Radio*), Art Bell and George Noori (*Coast to Coast AM*), Thom Hartmann (*Air America*), and John Batchelor (*WABC*), among many others. He has been quoted in *Time magazine* (October 31, 2005), and his work has been discussed in *Harper's* (August, 2006) and in syndicated articles by Reuters and Associated Press. An extensive interview with him appeared in the August, 2006 issue of *The Sun magazine*.

The September 18, 2006 issue of *The New Yorker* noted that Heinberg's *The Party's Over* was on Bill Clinton's summer reading list; according to Clinton interviewer David Remnick, the former President's copy "was full of underlinings and what looked like

the most serious undergraduate's markings, with lots of exclamation points."

Heinberg has spoken at many colleges and universities, including Stanford University, University of California, Berkeley (Goldman School of Public Policy), Schumacher College (England), Smith College (Mass.), Marlboro College (Vermont), Hartwick College (Oneonta, NY), University of Maryland, University of Vermont (President's Lecture), University of Guelph (Ontario), Lester Pearson College (British Columbia), Glassboro State College (New Jersey), Rockhill College (Kansas City), Virginia Commonwealth University, Young Harris College (Georgia), Blackhawk College (Moline, Illinois), University of California at San Bernardino, UC San Diego, Adelaide University (Australia), University of Toronto, University of British Columbia in Vancouver, University of Michigan, University of Oregon, Auckland University (New Zealand), University of New Hampshire, Tufts University (Boston), Smith College (Mass.), New College of California (San Francisco), Millsaps College (Jackson, Mississippi), Miami University (Oxford, Ohio, Grayson Kirk Distinguished Lecture), Plymouth State University (Plymouth, New Hampshire, Sidore Lecture Series), Hunter College (New York City), Stellenbosch University (South Africa), University of Cape Town, Wits Business School (South Africa), University of Western Australia, and Kobe City University of Foreign Studies (Japan).

For ten years, from 1998 through 2007, he was a Core Faculty member of New College of California, where he taught a program on Culture, Ecology, and Sustainable Community.

In the summer of 2006, he was the recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities teaching fellowship at SUNY Potsdam (NY), where he led a series of eight all-day seminars for selected faculty.

In November, 2005, he delivered a brief invited keynote at an appearance by Prince Charles in San Francisco, and subsequently gave a presentation at

the Prince of Wales's University of Cambridge Programme on Industry and the Environment.

He was selected to deliver the 2006 E. F. Schumacher lecture in Massachusetts and the 2007 Lady Eve Balfour lecture in London.

He has also presented at or for the Smithsonian American Museum of Natural History; Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.; the National School of Government (UK); University of Maryland's Conference on Peak Oil and the Environment; New York Institute of Technology's 50th anniversary conference, "Teetering on the Brink"; the 2009 Waterkeepers Alliance national conference; the 2005 national Mensa Colloquium; Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories; Ruskin Mill Educational Trust (England); the Soil Association 2007 Annual Conference (Wales); the Development Bank of Southern Africa; the Canadian National Farmers Union; the South African Institute of International Affairs; the International Forum on Globalization; the Colombian Society of Engineers (annual conference keynote); UBS Investment Bank; the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco; the Association for the Study of Peak Oil (ASPO) annual workshops (Lisbon, Pisa); the Young Presidents Organization (Guatemala); Progressive Insurance Company; Nike; the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations; the National Solar Energy Conference; the Bioneers Conference; the Sustainable Energy Summit; the Midwest Renewable Energy Fair; the annual FEASTA (Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability) conference in Ireland; the World Affairs Councils of Santa Rosa CA and Peoria IL; American Solar Energy Society; and Solfest.

In addition, he has given presentations to elected leaders in Portland, OR; Eugene, OR; Sebastopol, CA; Bloomington, IN; San Francisco, CA; Stroud, England; and elsewhere.

He is listed in the following volumes of Marquis Who'sWho:

- Who'sWho in America



- Who'sWho in American Education
- Who'sWho in Science and Engineering

Richard is married to horticulturist/herbalist/massage therapist Janet Barocco; they live in a suburban house retrofitted for energy efficiency and food production. Richard's primary hobby is playing the violin. He performs frequently with chamber groups and jazz ensembles.