# Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future topical lunch summary:

TITLE: James Balog, filmmaker and photographer of "Chasing Ice"

**HOST:** Frank DiSalvo and Lauren Chambliss

DATE: April 8, 2013 - Costello Room in Banfi's at the Statler Hotel

### **Summary:**

The topical lunch with James Balog sparked a conversation about how different forms of communication – particularly the visual – can change people's attitudes by speaking to their hearts, rather than their heads. Jim Balog discussed how he got involved in the project, and how the storyline in Chasing Ice became not just the glaciers, but the human story of the team's effort to film glacial ice shields over time, placing and monitoring very sensitive equipment in the harshest of conditions. Faculty discussed their own efforts to reach beyond the science and communicate more of the story of what they do, through video and other means. Balog shared anecdotes about people who viewed the film who said they now get the climate change issue, when before they didn't really believe in it. The lunch, held in Taverna Banfi, was attended by Jim Balog's family and David and Pat Atkinson.

#### **Attendees:**

Last Name	First Name	NetID or email	Dept (if known)	College (If known)
Atkinson	David & Pat			
Balog	James Sr.			
Balog	Stephen & Rosalie			
Chambliss	Lauren	elc55	ACSF	
DiSalvo	Frank	fjd3	ACSF	

## Participant RSVP (attending):

Last Name	First Name	NetID or email	Dept (if known)	College (If known)
Dieterich	David	dd355		
Greene	Chuck	chg2	EAS	
Harvell	Drew	cdh5	ACSF	
Hess	Peter	pgh25	BEE	CALS
Hoffmann	Michael	mph3	CUAES	CALS
Ingraffea	Anthony	ari 1	CEE	
Kassam	Karim-Aly	ksk28	DNR	CALS
Sachs	Aaron	as475	HIST	
Schember	Helene	hrs6	ACSF	
Wolfe	David	dww5	HORT	

### Regrets:

Last Name	First Name	NetID or email	Dept (if known)	College (If known)
Clark	Christopher	cwc2	Ornithology	
Grantham	Deb	dgg3	CSS	CALS
Howarth	Robert	rwh2	BIOES	
Lewenstein	Bruce	bvl1	COMM	