Our natural world provides us with some of the best stories—from the small particles that make up everyday objects to the majestic skies. We are surrounded by amazing narratives, our climate being one of them. However, instead of starting from the story's beginning, we have strangely begun somewhere in the middle with little idea about how we got here or what's going to happen next.

Dr. Gavin Schmidt, renowned climate scientist, will discuss how new observations of past climate change allow us to begin at the beginning of the climate story, gain a better appreciation of where we are now, and where we may be headed.

As a scientist, telling these stories is part of the job, yet sometimes the message gets lost in translation. In this lecture Dr. Schmidt will also discuss how scientists must not only share discoveries with all audiences, but help others learn, communicate, and act on this knowledge. Understanding the story will ensure Earth's climate narrative it is being shaped by and for all its characters.