



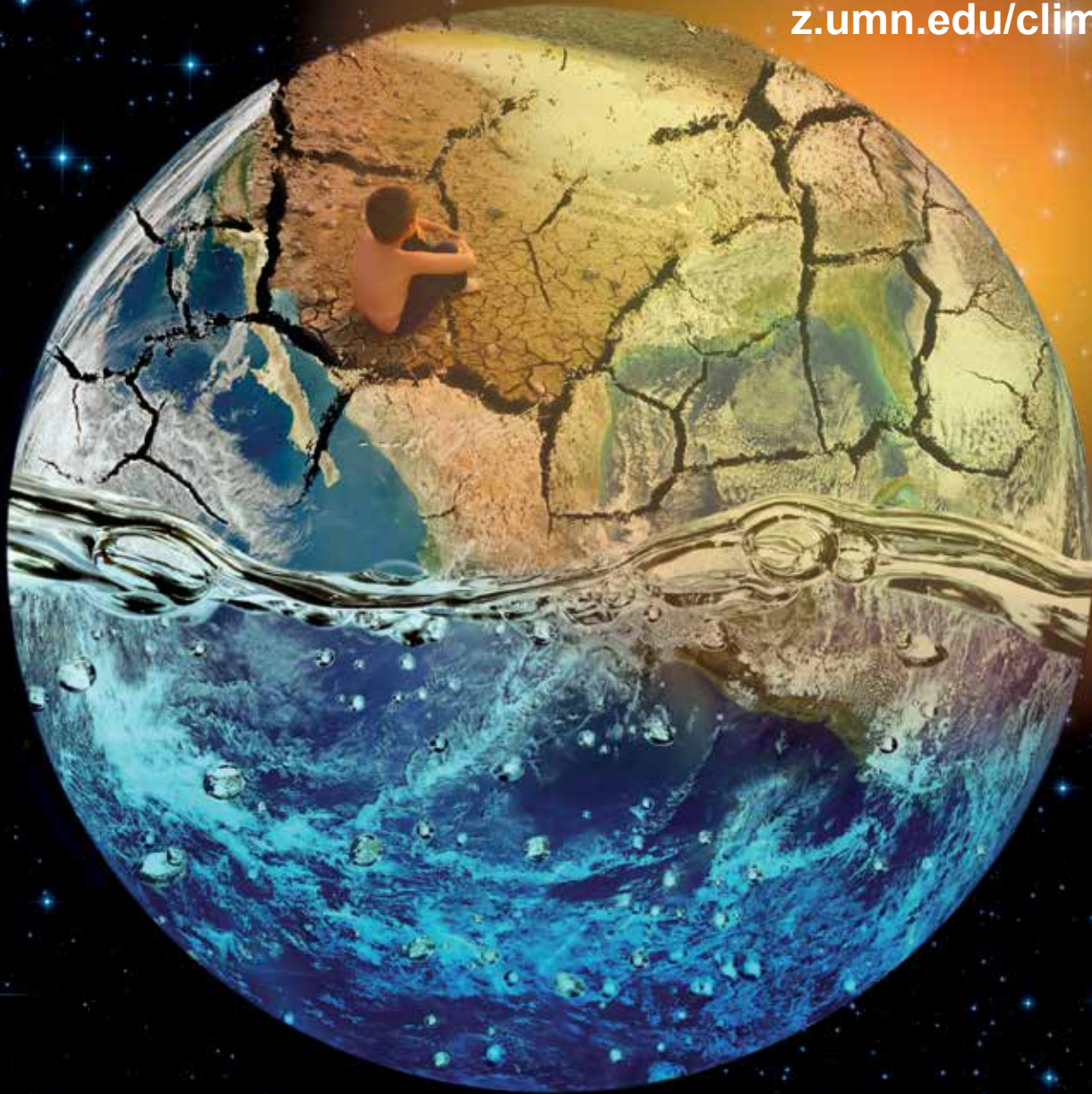
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Climate change. There is scientific consensus that our planet is in danger because of fossil fuel emissions. There is also scientific agreement that we can—and we must—take actions to adapt to climate-related changes and to mitigate the risks of future changes. Because the details of climate change are so complex and, in some cases, imprecise and still evolving, it is sometimes hard to see the big picture: our Earth is in trouble. The actions required of individuals, businesses, communities, and nations are immense. Despite the science, the complexity of climate change and the undeniable sacrifices and actions we must take to survive, contribute to confusion—even denial—about the immediacy and gravity of the threats and the opportunities. We developed this volume to assert that climate change is the most compelling public health challenge of our time. I thank our guest authors, all of whom shared their knowledge and their innovative work. I am especially grateful to Kristin Raab, an effortless writer and keen thinker, who was continuously available for guidance and help with this volume. Bill Toscano, always a generous colleague, not only authored a great article, but he also shared many references and ideas with me that strengthened this volume. Carrie Vogelsang offered her encouragement and introduced me to two fine public health professionals (Colleen Moran and Elena Grossman) who made wonderful contributions. My colleague, Sara Benning, was (as always) a sharp editor, who gave this project the full measure of her considerable organizational and creative skills. Julie Longo is simply an artist: she made this volume look good. And Tory Bruch never hesitated to respond to requests with grace and skill. This volume thus represents the ideas, the passions, and the creativity of many fine people. I hope their efforts inspire, educate, and stimulate you to expand your knowledge about climate change and to make a commitment to make the individual changes—and support the policies—that will allow our Earth to survive and thrive.

—Wendy L. Hellerstedt, MPH, PhD

Note: Many of the sources we cited in this volume are federal sources. As we go to press (May 2017), we are aware that some US government websites will delete or modify information on climate change.

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