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Watch Between Earth and Sky for Free

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The award-winning movie *Between Earth and Sky: Climate Change on the Last Frontier,* produced by SSSA Member David C. Weindorf (Texas Tech University) and co-

sponsored by SSSA, is now available to watch free here: **https://vimeo.com/280366626**.

This beautifully filmed piece uses high-technology video and audio equipment, capturing the beauty of Alaska as well as the visible decay of one of the earth's most important carbon sinks.

“The film examines climate change through the lens of impacts to native Alaskans, receding glaciers, and Arctic soil,” Weindorf says. “The island of Shishmaref has been home to the Inupiaq people for thousands of years. As sea ice retreats and coastal storms increase, the community is faced with a disappearing island. Relocating the community of Shishmaref will cost $200 million. They are losing their jobs, their homes, their community. As the island recedes, they will also lose their history, and their culture will be changed.”

The movie tells its story by mixing interviews with scientists and native Alaskans whose daily lives are affected by climate change. The scientists are on the leading edge of research while the Alaskans are literally on the edge of thawing permafrost that supports their homes and livelihood. Many of the scientists interviewed are SSSA members.

Read more about film here: **https://doi.org/10.2134/csa2017.62.0306**.

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