Short bios of Oldenburg Renewable Energy Commission (OREC) members, June, 2019

Mike Cambron grew up in Peoria, IL and studied Mechanical and Industrial Engineering at Iowa State University in Ames, IA. During his career he worked in the computer, consumer electronic and medical device industries in various engineering and manufacturing roles. He has been fortunate to live and work outside the U.S.A. in Scotland, Singapore, Norway, Mexico, Germany and Sweden. Having spent three of the last four years in Europe, Mike saw first-hand the steps being taken across the EU to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and is working to enact some of these changes here in Indiana. Mike and his wife Mary K. live in Batesville. Mary K. was formerly an art teacher at Batesville High School. Their son, Andrew is currently the German teacher at BHS.

Richard Cartwright has served with various ecological groups in the past such as the North American Bioregional Coordinating Council, the Food & Growers Board, and currently as a lifetime member of Indiana Nut & Fruit Growers Association. Past participation on Citizens' Advisory Groups include City of Tucson, Arizona Sign Code Committee, Batesville Indiana Tree Committee, and Southeast Indiana Solid Waste District. Employment includes: head gardener with Michaela Farm from 1993-2003, owner/operator of a landscaping business in the Batesville area from 2004 to 2016, and currently as an inventor of toys and gardening tools sold online and locally. Current activities include creating paintings while living lightly on the land with his wife, Mary, in their owner built off-grid strawbale home in Oldenburg Indiana.

Annette Grisley, OSF, is an Oldenburg Franciscan who grew up in Indianapolis and entered the Oldenburg Franciscan Congregation after high school. For 23 years she taught in elementary schools in Indiana and Ohio. She served as Music Minister/ Pastoral Minister for 12 years in Ohio and then as Pastoral Associate for 16 years in Dayton, Ohio. While there she was involved with LEAD which stands for Leaders for Equality and Action in Dayton. She is interested in working on justice issues and has recently become involved with climate justice issues. On July 1, 2019 she began a six year term on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg.

Steve Kristoff grew up in Hammond, Indiana. He studied Astrophysics at Indiana University

Bloomington, then earned a Ph.D. in Medical Biophysics at the IU Medical Campus at IUPUI. He

has taught biological and physical sciences at several institutions including Marian College (now

University), Thomas More College, Oldenburg Academy, and Ivy Tech Community College. He

recently retired after over 30 years of teaching. Steve lives in Oldenburg with his wife, Renana

Gross, in a house built in 1887. They recently had 14 solar panels installed on their house.

Don Lamping, was born and raised in southeastern Indiana. Graduating from Greensburg High School, he went on to study conservation, business and technology at Vincennes and Indiana Wesleyan Universities where he received his A.S., B.S. and M.B.A. degrees.  Throughout his career in business he pioneered CRM (Customer Relationship Management) efforts within the healthcare companies of Hill-Rom and Zimmer-Biomet.  Today he leads the sales engineer efforts for [Salesforce.com](http://salesforce.com/) at Cardinal Health, Hill-Rom and Cook Medical.  Don is passionate about his family and his heritage; in his spare time, he can be found learning the “old ways” related to his faith, farming, homesteading, hunting, fishing, and making music. Don and his wife Beth live on Lake Santee and are in the process of developing their off-grid farm in the Oldenburg area.  They have been blessed with five sons: Evan, Matthew, Eric, Benjamin and Michael.

Mary Meyer, a native of the Oldenburg/Batesville area with family farm roots here, returned to the area in 1992 when the Sisters of St. Francis started the revitalization of Michaela Farm, working with them initially on creating bioregional and permacultural events to attract kindred souls. Previous to returning, she was part of IMAGO, an ecological education community in Cincinnati. She and her husband Richard Cartwright designed, built and live in the first documented strawbale house in Indiana which was part of an ecological demonstration in the earlier days with Michaela Farm. They've lived off the grid since moving into their house in 1996 and have had solar panels before it was popular, installing them in 2000 & 2004 with an upgrade in 2018. Mary's community involvements have ranged from the global to the local: ranging from being part of the North American Bioregional Coordinating Council, to creating the regional Simply Living Seminars, and being a past board member of the Food and Growers Association. Mary has been a massage and yoga movement therapist for 27+ years, and is branching out as a life coach and facilitator.

Betty Lou Walsman grew up in a small town in Western Kentucky. She studied at Vanderbilt University and the University of Kentucky. Betty Lou was married and had 2 daughters while she taught high school science and math in Northern Kentucky. Betty Lou then completed Medical School, Pediatrics Residency and Neonatology Fellowship at Univ. of Ky. She practiced Medicine in Cincinnati during which time she met and married David Walsman from Batesville IN. They moved and worked in Indianapolis. Upon retirement, Betty Lou and David moved aboard the sailing vessel Decade Dance in which they sailed up and down the Western Coast of the United States and Canada for about 8 years. Then they sailed down to Mexico where the boat is now in a marina and visited every winter. When not sailing in winter months, she and David live a simple life in rural Oldenburg where they recently installed solar panels to lower their carbon footprint.

David Walsman was born and grew up in Batesville IN. David attended college at the University of Cincinnati and graduated from Indiana University. David and his first wife joined the Peace Corps and served in El Salvador for two years. Then the bilingual couple traveled extensively in South America including managing a tourist house in the Galapagos Islands. They returned to Batesville where he joined his father and uncle in the running of Walsman’s Fine Furniture. That building now houses Amack’s Well Coffee House. They raised one child, Josh, who lives in Chicago. David also opened two furniture stores in Indianapolis IN. In 2001 David retired and moved aboard sailing vessel Decade Dance with his second wife Betty Lou. Since 2008 they have made their spring, summer, and fall home on acreage they call Walsman Woods just north of Oldenburg IN. David designed and constructed their camp-like setting. He is an avid gardener and nature conservator. David is often found creating in his fully equipped wood and metal shop.

Daryl Werner grew up on a farm outside of Oldenburg and studied Education and Educational Leadership at Indiana University Bloomington earning a Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate from IUB.  He taught high school Economics, History, and Geography, before transitioning to school administration.  Currently, Daryl is the Principal of Manchester Elementary and lives just outside Oldenburg with his wife, Deidre, and two children, Heidi and Hudson.  He has driven an electric car for the last seven years and has had roof top solar panels, which produce ~50% of the family’s power, for the last two years.

Claire Whalen, OSF, is an Oldenburg Franciscan, and a professional educator, who in her retirement years chooses to promote sustainable living on our planet Earth especially in the food and energy sectors. Known for her work at Michaela Farm and with the Food and Growers Association, Claire is currently focusing her volunteer efforts on climate change impacts. Claire led a solarizing team in southeast Indiana during 2017 and 2018 that facilitated installation of 35 new solar energy systems in area homes and businesses. She is now leading a new study group for the town of Oldenburg. Several OREC members are training with IU’s 2019 Resilience Cohort to prepare a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for that community. Claire earned a bachelor degree from Marian College (now University), a master’s from Butler University, both in Indianapolis, and her doctorate from the University of Cincinnati. She taught at the elementary level and at the collegiate level. She served as academic dean at Marian College before moving to Oldenburg as the education program director at Michaela Farm.

**New members, August, 2019**

Brian Mason grew up in Zionsville, Indiana. He is a graduate of Denison University, where he studied economics and history. He also earned master’s degrees from Bluffton University in education, Purdue University in sports management, and Ohio State University in kinesiology. Brian is in his third year as an assistant football coach at the University of Cincinnati. Prior to joining the University of Cincinnati, he worked for the football programs at Bluffton, Butler, Kent State, Purdue and Ohio State. He married his wife, Rachel, in 2018.  They moved to Oldenburg to accommodate both of their jobs. In their spare time, the couple enjoys running, reading and traveling the world. They have visited 18 countries together.

Rachel Stark-Mason grew up in Columbus, Indiana. She is a graduate of Indiana University, where she studied journalism and psychology. Rachel is a writer and content strategist for the NCAA in Indianapolis. Prior to this role, she was a reporter whose byline appeared in a variety of local and national media outlets. Rachel and her husband, Brian, who works in Cincinnati, married in 2018 and relocated to Oldenburg to accommodate both of their jobs. In their spare time, the couple enjoys running, reading and traveling the world. They have visited 18 countries together.