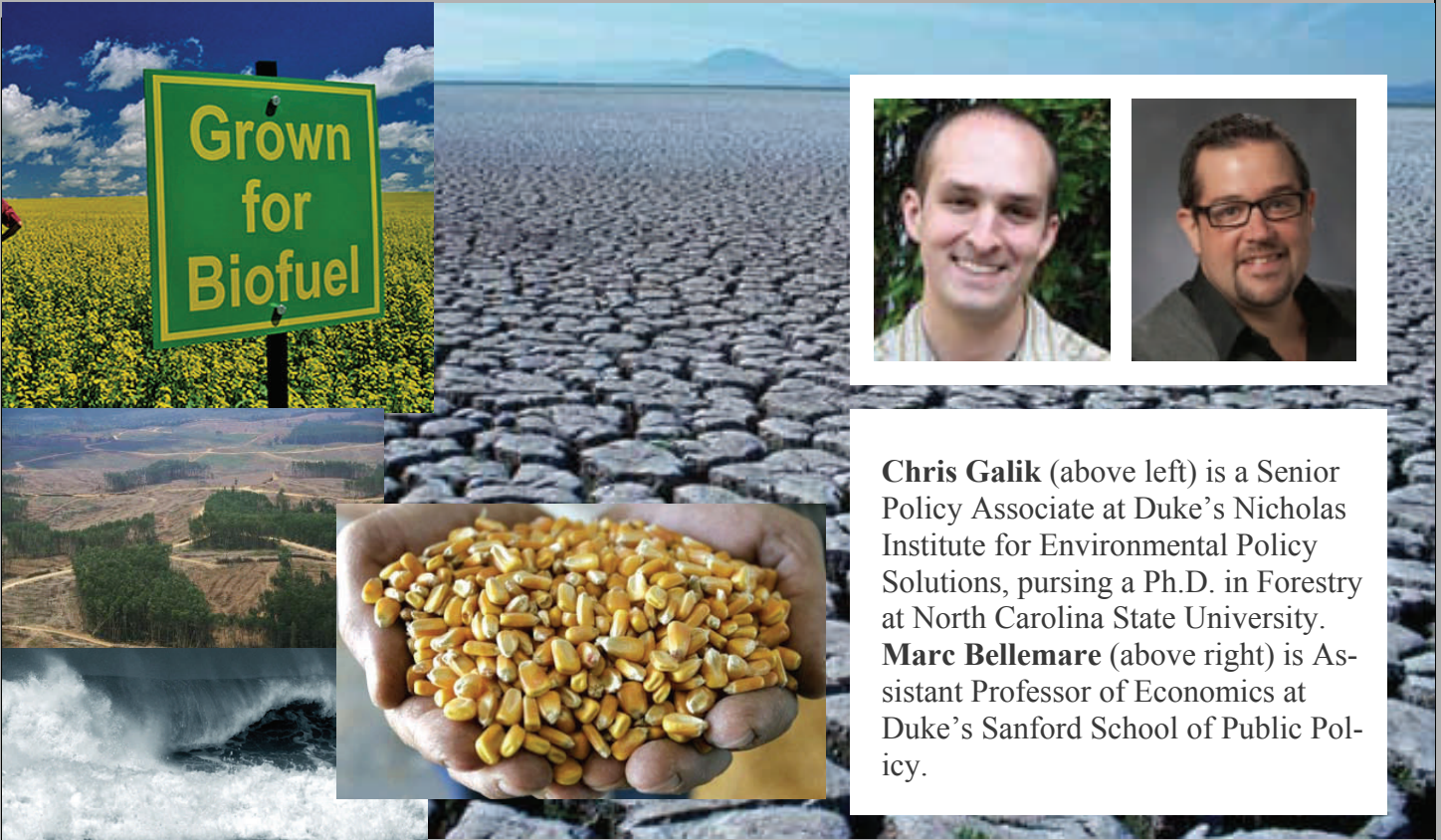


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Chris Galik, Duke and NCSU, and Marc Bellemare, Duke, speaking on “Food, Fuel, Prices, and Conflict.”



Chris Galik (above left) is a Senior Policy Associate at Duke’s Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, pursuing a Ph.D. in Forestry at North Carolina State University. **Marc Bellemare** (above right) is Assistant Professor of Economics at Duke’s Sanford School of Public Policy.

What role should biofuels play in our energy future? Advocates argue that, by reducing carbon emissions and weaning us away from fossil fuels, biofuels will help free us from over-dependence on foreign supplies and liberate our foreign policy. Moreover, by slowing down the rate of climate change, they will head off a security threat of considerable magnitude. Critics argue that the cultivation of crops for fuel encourages deforestation, thereby exacerbating climate change. Growing biofuels diverts water resources more needed elsewhere and drives up food prices, with especially adverse consequences in poorer societies. Biofuels are thus not a security solution but a security challenge. In our fourth Energy and Security luncheon-seminar, two scholars, a political economist and a policy expert working on the intersection of biofuels and climate policy, will lead a discussion of these and related questions.

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