

Author and Activist Alan McGowan of Citizen BOAS Recently Featured on Close Up Radio

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 26, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Citizen BOAS, a groundbreaking initiative created by renowned author and science expert Alan McGowan, proudly announces its launch with the publication of McGowan's latest book, "The Political Activism of Anthropologist Franz Boas, Citizen Scientist." This new venture is working hard to blend the principles of scientific research with civic engagement to address contemporary social and environmental challenges.

Alan McGowan, a veteran in the fields of science communication and policy advocacy, is now focusing his efforts on promoting the legacy of Franz Boas, a pivotal figure in American

anthropology and a pioneer of public-engaged science. McGowan's publication explores Boas's dual role as a scientist and a citizen, emphasizing his significant contributions to debunking misconceptions about racial superiority and advocating for free speech and democracy.



A Citizen Scientist's Legacy

Franz Boas, acclaimed as the father of American anthropology, dedicated his career to bridging scientific inquiry with public policy issues. His research dismantled prevailing theories of racial hierarchy, emphasizing the importance of cultural environmental influences. Boas's work extended beyond academia by ardently participating in political activism, strongly opposing the United States' involvement in World War I, and advocating for intellectual freedom.

In "The Political Activism of Anthropologist Franz Boas, Citizen Scientist," McGowan narrates how Boas championed scientific integrity and public action, offering a blueprint for contemporary

scientists to effect positive change in society.

Melding Science with Public Dialogue

Citizen BOAS is fostering a dialogue between scientific communities and the public, encouraging a mutual understanding and action on pressing issues such as racism and climate change. McGowan, an experienced communicator, advocates for this exchange, highlighting the need for scientists to actively engage in public discourse.

“We live in an era where scientific discoveries must traverse beyond research papers to enter public consciousness,” says McGowan. “Citizen BOAS is born out of the conviction that scientists should actively participate in societal conversations, just as Boas did, to bridge divides and foster informed decision-making.”

A Call to Action in Climate Change

Beyond the book, Alan McGowan is working hard to address urgent environmental concerns, such as global climate change, urging policymakers and the public to intensify their focus on sustainable practices and renewable energy. McGowan stresses the need for a comprehensive public debate on renewable resources and technological advancements to mitigate environmental impacts.

“Climate change demands critical action, far beyond intermittent political agendas,” adds McGowan. “We need a partnership between science and public policy—a bridge towards a sustainable future, knowing the challenges of resource scarcity and technological transitions ahead.”

McGowan is committed to enhancing public understanding of scientific endeavors. Through the historical lens of Boas’s activism, Citizen BOAS shines a light on the necessity for inclusive representation in academia and employment, ensuring opportunities for diverse voices and perspectives.

Moreover, Citizen BOAS works to develop initiatives connecting seasoned scientists with the public and students, enhancing appreciation for science as a humankind-shaping force. McGowan believes, “Educators and scientists must proactively reach out, demystifying science and helping society recognize the value of scientific insights and discoveries.”

Towards the Anthropocene and the Future

Citizen BOAS’s mission resonates with today’s age of uncertainty, as McGowan embarks on his next literary venture focused on the Anthropocene—the era marked by significant human impact on Earth. By examining future uncertainties, such as the environmental effects of renewable technologies, McGowan encourages the integration of indigenous knowledge and adaptive

practices crucial for sustainable living.

“We are in a constant negotiation between technological advancement and environmental stewardship,” observes McGowan. “Understanding and integration of diverse knowledge systems can lead us toward more responsible and thoughtful resolutions.”

About Citizen BOAS

Citizen BOAS is dedicated to enhancing the intersection between scientific exploration and civic responsibility. Created by Alan McGowan, author of “The Political Activism of Anthropologist Franz Boas, Citizen Scientist,” Citizen BOAS is working hard to inspire public engagement informed by scientific understanding, driving positive impacts in societal and environmental landscapes.

Close Up Radio recently featured author and activist Alan McGowan in an interview with Jim Masters on February 20th at 10am Eastern

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For more information, connect with Alan McGowan at <https://www.citizenboas.com/> and <https://www.c-span.org/program/book-tv/the-political-activism-of-anthropologist-franz-boas-citizen-scientist/639623>

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