

Dr. Kathie Dello Director / State Climatologist

Dr. Kathie Dello is the state climatologist of North Carolina and the director of the North Carolina State Climate Office at North Carolina State University. She is the 5th permanent director and first woman to hold this position at the NCSCO in the office's history. Kathie also serves as the co-director of the NOAA Carolinas Climate Adaptation Partnership (CAP/RISA), which moved to NC State in late 2021.

Kathie is involved with climate resilience planning and impacts assessment. She is also a proficient science communicator, and frequently collaborates with local and national media, NGOs, and other climate organizations. She works closely with North Carolina's state agencies to help them understand their climate risk. She led Oregon's first Climate Assessment in 2010, and was a co-author in 2017 and 2019. Kathie was a lead author for the 2020 North Carolina Climate Science Report and a member of the Climate Advisory Panel. She has also participated in adaptation planning in New York and Oregon, and was a technical advisor to North Carolina's 2020 Risk and Resilience Plan. Kathie is an author on the Southeast chapter of the 5th National Climate Assessment.

Kathie comes to us from Oregon State University, where she was the associate director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute and the deputy director of the Oregon Climate Service for almost 10 years.

She has a Ph.D. in Environmental Sciences from Oregon State University, a Master's in Geography and a Bachelor's in Atmospheric Science from the State University of New York at Albany.