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Lara Whitely Binder is a Senior Strategist at the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group (CIG). Since joining the CIG in 2000, Lara has worked extensively with communities, organizations, and individuals in the Northwest to address the impacts of climate variability and change. Lara also assists the CIG with its strategic planning and efforts to disseminate information on climate impacts and risks to decision makers, and conducts research designed to support adaptation.

Recent climate adaptation work includes assisting municipal and tribal governments with adaptation planning, including the City of Seattle (ongoing), City of Tacoma (2015-16), the Stillaguamish Tribe (2015-2017), and the Yakama Nation (2015-2017). Lara is also working with researchers in Oregon and California on research related to understanding the different dimensions of identifying successful adaptation to climate change, and is partnering with Portland State University on defining research needs related to climate change-induced migration. In 2012, she facilitated Washington Governor Christine Gregoire's Blue Ribbon Panel on Ocean Acidification, the nation's first state-level effort to address the impacts of ocean acidification.

Recent publications include *State of Knowledge: Climate Change in Puget Sound* (2015; coauthor), *The Sound Transit Climate Risk Reduction Project* (2013; lead author), *Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation in Washington State: Technical Summaries for Decision Makers* (2013 – coauthor), *Ocean Acidification: From Knowledge to Action, Washington State's Strategic Response* (2012; co-editor and co-author), "Preparing for Climate Change in Washington State (*Climatic Change Journal*, 2010; lead author), and *Preparing for Climate Change: A Guidebook for Local, Regional, and State Governments* (2007; co-author).

Lara earned her Master's Degree in Public Affairs at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs in 2002.