1. Full name of your Program Work Team (PWT):

Community and Energy

2. Please identify your PWT’s greatest accomplishments over the past year.

Campus based faculty Jenny Ifft, Rich Stedman, Max Zhang and PWT Co-Chair David Kay applied for Atkinson Center Academic Venture Fund resources focused on the implications of the State’s planned build out of renewable energy. Though the full proposal was not selected, ACSF advised the team to submit a smaller and more exploratory Rapid Response Fund request focused on solar energy. After the RRF was awarded, the PWT members were invited to participate in an October webinar focused on the upsurge of commercial scale solar energy leasing activity in NYS. The webinar had four goals:

1) to inform educators about the new project funded by the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, entitled Identifying and Anticipating the Key Issues Affecting the Transition to Large-Scale Solar in New York
2) to enable educators to provide the project team and each other with updates on what is happening related to solar and other renewable energy issues in NY counties
3) to assess the current level of involvement of educators in renewables issues in their counties, and the kind of campus support educators would like to see in this topical area, and
4) to assess the level of interest of individual educators in being involved with the ACSF project as it unfolds.