Energy pervades our lives, influencing our transportation, industry, agriculture, and building use. Climate change, national security, resource depletion, air and water quality, biodiversity loss, and other challenges demand new technological and social approaches related to energy, including broader public understanding and engagement. In 2012 the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and National Academy of Engineering (NAE) chose Pittsburgh as the pilot city for its Science and Engineering Ambassadors program to select, prepare, and support local experts. These experts provided the perspective of science and engineering to help community members make energy choices in their personal and professional lives. This course brings together prior NAS/NAE Ambassadors and staff, CMU and Pitt students and faculty, and citizens across generations for a series of events on energy topics. Students will review background literature on the energy landscape, read scholarship on energy issues of local concern, and collaborate with partners on public events to communicate energy issues. Through their work, students will increase their own understanding of and ability to engage publicly with energy issues, as well as contribute to the welfare of our local community. Discussions of technical issues enable students without advanced backgrounds in the engineering and the natural sciences to participate fully; students from all disciplines, especially the social sciences and humanities, are welcome to join this interdisciplinary course. NOTE: The course is scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for 2-1/2 hours. We will meet approximately half of those times. This allows us to respect the academic calendars of both universities, and provides flexibility in scheduling collaborative and independent student work.