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Welcome to the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC), the premier annual gathering for environmentalists in the world! Now in its 29th year, the conference unites activists, attorneys, students, scientists, and community members to share their expertise and insights. With keynote addresses, workshops, films, celebrations, and over 100 panels, PIELC is world-renowned for its energy, innovation, and inspiration.

## Turning the Tides: Creating a Clean and Green Future

With recent developments in both the energy and environmental fields, there has never been a better time for a diverse group of attorneys, activists, scientists, and community members to come together and create new solutions to stop current environmental degradation and work for a cleaner and greener future.

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# PIELC

## at a Glance

### Thursday

2:00 p.m. Registration Opens

3:45 p.m. Panels

6:00 p.m. Keynote Addresses\*

-**Lynn Henning**

-“Deep Green” with a discussion by writer, director, and producer

**Matt Briggs**

**Note: All Thursday events take place in the EMU.**

### Friday

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. Panels

9:00 a.m. ENR Bowerman Presentation & Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Panels

12:00 p.m. “Raging Grannies”

12:30 p.m. Keynote Addresses\*

-**Bruce Nilles & Lori Caramanian (EMU Ballroom)**

2:30 p.m. Panels

4:00 p.m. Panels

5:30 p.m. Keynote Addresses\*

-**Earl Blumenauer & Arjun Makhijani (EMU Ballroom)**

8:45 p.m. Doors Open for PIELC Celebration

9:00 p.m. Music Begins: Featuring *Moon Mountain Ramblers*

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

8:15 a.m. Ethics CLE Workshop

9:00 a.m. Panels

10:30 a.m. Panels

12:30 p.m. Keynote Addresses\*  
-**Carl Safina & Jeremy Wates (EMU Ballroom)**

2:00 p.m. Spencer Butte Hike

2:30 p.m. Panels

4:00 p.m. Panels

5:30 p.m. Student Reception

5:30 p.m. Indigenous Peoples’ Reception

6:30 p.m. UO Alumni Reception

### Sunday

9:00 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. Panels

10:30 a.m. Panels

12:15 p.m. Closing Keynotes\*

-**Humberto Rios Labrada & Vandana Shiva (LAW 175)**

**Note: All Sunday events take place in the law school.**



\* Complimentary Appetizers Will be Served Prior to the Keynote in the EMU Gumwood Room

# Keynote Biographies

## **Congressman Earl Blumenauer**

Earl Blumenauer is the Congressman for Oregon's third district. Congressman Blumenauer has been a lifelong resident of Portland. He received both his undergraduate and law degree from Lewis and Clark. Congressman Blumenauer was elected to the Oregon Legislature in 1972 and then served on the Multnomah County Commission before serving on the Portland City Council.

He served for ten years as the Commissioner of Public Works where he focused on innovative transportation, planning, environmental programs, and public participation. He was elected to Congress in 1996. In Congress, he has been a chief spokesperson for Livable Communities. He has also authored and co-sponsored legislation to preserve and protect public lands, shift the nation's energy policy towards renewable energy and energy efficiency, curb global warming, clean our nation's water bodies, and many others.

Recently, Congressman Blumenauer promoted the addition of a bike lane to Pennsylvania Avenue. Congressman Blumenauer was the Vice Chair of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming in the 111th Congress. He continues to serve as a member of the Ways & Means and Budget Committees.

## **Lori Caramanian**

Lori Caramanian is currently Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science. She has a particular interest in environmentally sustainable hydropower development, and she is working with the Department of Energy and the Corps of Engineers on hydropower projects that increase generation while improving ecosystem function using environmentally sustainable low impact or small hydropower projects.

Additionally, Caramanian represents the Department of the Interior on the Mississippi River and Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. The Task Force is a partnership of federal and state agencies working to address the problem of hypoxia in the Gulf of Mexico. Caramanian is also involved in the Interior's effort to develop sustainable water strategies through WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow).

Previously, Caramanian served as an attorney for the Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division.

While there she received multiple awards for her service to the government. She began her legal career as a staff attorney at Riverkeeper in Garrison, New York. Caramanian earned her law degree and L.L.M. in environmental law from Pace University School of Law.

## **Lynn Henning**

Lynn Henning has emerged as a leading voice calling on state and federal authorities to hold livestock factory farms accountable to water and air quality laws. With her husband, she farms 300-acres of corn and soybeans in Lenawee County within 10 miles of 12 Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).

In 2000, as her small rural community was inundated with CAFOs, Henning and other concerned neighbors to form Environmentally Concerned Citizens of South Central Michigan (ECCSCM), and they began organizing to bring the CAFOs to justice. Henning gathered as much information as possible about CAFO pollution spills, their locations and points of origin. Regularly driving a 125-mile circuit multiple times a week to track CAFO operations and surreptitiously take water samples.

She joined forces with the Sierra Club's Michigan Chapter as a volunteer Water Sentinel in 2001, and became a staff member in 2005. With their support, Henning led efforts to develop water quality monitoring programs to measure pollution levels from CAFOs and document their impact on local watersheds. Henning and ECCSCM developed a body of data on CAFO operations beyond that of Michigan's own regulatory agencies, including the DEQ. She brought her data and tools to state regulators to encourage them to take stronger enforcement action. As a result, the DEQ levied hundreds of citations against Michigan CAFOs for environmental violations. For the first time, in 2008 the DEQ denied a permit to a proposed CAFO facility, based largely on Henning's findings and recommendations of the local citizens group fighting the proposal. While a new permit was later granted, the community is crafting an appeal with Henning's support.

Henning recently helped form a statewide committee made up of representatives of the state departments of agriculture and health, the DEQ and Michigan citizens groups charged with conducting a first-ever assess-

ment of the environmental impacts of CAFOs on public health. Lisa Jackson, current head of the federal EPA, recently stated that her department will take steps toward stricter enforcement of the Clean Water Act rules regulating CAFO waste.

## **Humberto Rios Labrada**

Humberto Rios Labrada is the 2010 Islands and Island Nations winner of the Goldman Environmental Prize. The Goldman Prize is the world's largest and most prestigious annual environmental award that recognizes grassroots activists from each of the world's six inhabited continental regions.

Rios Labrada earned the award by working with farmers to increase crop diversity and develop low-input agricultural systems, encouraging Cuba's shift from agricultural chemical dependence toward sustainability.

Rios Labrada's titles include biodiversity researcher, scientist, professor, and folk singer, all of which are used in the pursuit of sustainability. Rios Labrada established agrobiodiversity learning centers and organized "seed fairs" to encourage farming communities to share their traditional knowledge, best practices, and seeds to enhance crop diversity. Rios Labrada even uses his music to engage communities and express his beliefs in sustainable agriculture.

He is now the coordinator of the National Institute of Agricultural Science's Program for Local Agricultural Innovation (PIAL) and spends his time developing Cuba's sustainable agricultural sector.

## **Dr. Arjun Makhijani**

Dr. Arjun Makhijani is President of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research in Takoma Park, Maryland. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley in 1972, specializing in nuclear fusion.

A recognized authority on energy issues, Dr. Makhijani is the author and co-author of numerous reports and books on energy and environment-related issues. He was the principal author of the first study of the energy efficiency potential of the U.S. economy published in 1971. He is the author of Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy (2007).

In 1989 Makhijani received The John Bartlow Martin Award for Public Interest Magazine Journalism of the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University,

# Keynote Biographies

with Robert Alvarez. He was awarded the Josephine Butler Nuclear Free Future Award in 2001 and the Jane Bagley Lehman Award of the Tides Foundation in 2008; and was named a Ploughshares Hero, by the Ploughshares Fund (2006). In 2007, he was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. He has published articles in journals that include The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists and The Progressive, as well as in newspapers, including the Washington Post.

Dr. Makhijani has testified before Congress and has made numerous television appearances. He has also served as a consultant on energy issues to utilities, including the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Edison Electric Institute, the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, and several United Nations agencies. He and his colleagues are currently in the midst of finishing studies on zero CO-2 electricity systems for Utah and Minnesota.

## **Bruce Nilles**

Bruce Nilles joined the Sierra Club in 2002 and currently directs its Beyond Coal Campaign, the largest component of Sierra Club's new Climate Recovery Partnerships. The beyond coal campaign is working to reduce America's over-reliance on coal, slash coal's contribution to global warming and other pollution woes, end destructive mining, and secure massive investments in clean energy alternatives.

Nilles previously worked as a staff attorney for Earthjustice's San Francisco office, and during the Clinton Administration as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice Environment and Natural Resources Division in Washington, D.C. He received his J.D. and B.S. degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

Nilles was recently named Grist's Eco-hero of the year. He was also listed as one of Rolling Stone Magazine's 100 agents of change. Executive Director of the Sierra Club Michael Brune Bruce has also recently said that Nilles "is running the most successful campaign the environmental movement has seen in more than a decade."

## **Dr. Carl Safina**

Carl Safina's childhood by the sea led him into scientific studies of seabirds and fish. He holds a M.S. and a Ph.D. in ecology from Rutgers University.

During his research and recreational and part-time-commercial fishing, he noticed

rapid declines in marlin, sharks, tunas and other fishes, and sea turtles. This motivated him to become a voice for restoring abundant life in the oceans. Since then, Dr. Safina has worked to put ocean fish conservation issues into the wildlife conservation mainstream. He has helped lead campaigns to ban high-seas drift-nets, re-write and reform federal fisheries law in the U.S., use international agreements toward restoring depleted populations of tunas, sharks, and other fishes, and achieve passage of a United Nations Global Fisheries Treaty.

In 1990, Safina founded the Living Oceans Program at the National Audubon Society, serving for the next decade as vice president for ocean conservation. He is currently Co-Founder and President of Blue Ocean Institute, an organization dedicated to inspiring among humans a closer relationship with the sea and helping more people realize its power and beauty.

Safina authored more than a hundred scientific and popular publications on ecology and oceans. A winner of the prestigious Pew Fellowship, MacArthur Fellowship and Guggenheim Fellowship, Safina has written five books, including his most recent *The View from Lazy Point: A Natural Year in an Unnatural World*.

Safina also appeared recently on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" to report on his experiences and observation during this year's Gulf Oil Spill crisis.

## **Dr. Vandana Shiva**

Dr. Vandana Shiva is trained as a Physicist and did her Ph.D. on the subject "Hidden Variables and Non-locality in Quantum Theory" from the University of Western Ontario in Canada. She later shifted to inter-disciplinary research in science, technology and environmental policy, which she carried out at the Indian Institute of Science and the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India

Dr. Shiva is one of the world's most renowned environmentalists. Time Magazine identified Dr. Shiva as an environmental "hero" in 2003 and Asia Week has called her one of the five most powerful communicators of Asia.

Dr. Shiva has pioneered the organic movement in India and established Navdanya, the country's biggest network of seed keepers

and organic producers.

Dr. Shiva has authored many books including *Soil Not Oil*, *Earth Democracy*, *Stolen Harvest*, *Staying Alive*, *Water Wars* and *Biopiracy*.

## **Jeremy Wates**

Jeremy Wates worked as Secretary to the Aarhus Convention with the Geneva-based United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) from 1999 through May 2010. The Aarhus Convention is the world's most far-reaching legally binding treaty on access to information, public participation in decision-making, and access to justice in environmental matters. Prior to taking up his post as Secretary to the Aarhus Convention, Mr. Wates led the campaign by the European ECO Forum, an NGO Coalition, to persuade governments to start work on a treaty on environmental democracy and then coordinated the input from civil society organizations into the official negotiations over the Aarhus Convention text.

In February 2011, following a period of sabbatical leave, Mr. Wates resigned from his post with the United Nations to take up the role of Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), a network of 143 environmental organizations that represent over fifteen million European environmentalists. In this role, he has pledged to work with the EEB's member organizations in the struggle to reduce Europe's ecological footprint. He will take up the new post in May.

Mr. Wates holds an MA Honors Degree in Philosophy and Social and Political Science from Cambridge University, UK. In the 1980s, he founded the Irish environmental organization Earthwatch, the Irish member of Friends of the Earth International, and led the organization for more than a decade. During this period, he blended environmental activism with raising a family and small scale organic farming in the south-west of Ireland.

Mr. Wates continues to be a driving force for environmental sustainability and participatory democracy in Europe and throughout the world.

**All keynote speeches will occur in the EMU Ballroom, except the Sunday closing keynote, which will occur in Knight Law 175.**

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## Thursday, March 3-Friday, March 4

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### 3:45 – 5:00 P.M. • PANELS

#### **Biomass Incineration: Impacts on Ecosystems, Energy, and Economy (Organized by Samantha Chirillo)**(EMU Walnut Room)

Industrial-scale biomass extraction and incineration increase clearcutting and pesticide poisoning, emit CO<sub>2</sub>, and fail to meet current energy demands or address joblessness. Oregon's forests are particularly vulnerable to wildfire and increasing demands for biomass in surrounding states, putting public forests at greater risk of being sold off to private timber companies while private forests end up as a short-rotation chip wood supply. What can Oregon learn from other states?

**Panelists:** *Samantha Chirillo, Co-Director of Cascadia's Ecosystem Advocates; Mark Robinowitz, Author of the forthcoming book, Peak Choice: Cooperation or Collapse; Roy Keene, Forester; Michelle Morris, Director, Concerned Citizens of Thurston County.*

#### **Subsistence Rights: Humanity in Food and Farming (Organized by Andhi Reyna)**(EMU Coquille/Metolius/Owyhee)

Panelists from all over Oregon will share the importance of protecting and sustaining small farms and our rights in providing for ourselves and our communities. We are at a moment in history where fighting for our subsistence rights is crucial, where bridging social justice gaps is needed, and farmers and farm advocates can make a difference. It is time to embrace the root of what is meant by agriculture: a haven of cultural activity, social life, and food production.

**Panelists:** *Michael "Mookie" Moss, Founder and Farmer, Boone's Farm; Jorge Navarro, organizer, Huerto de la Familia; Larry Brewer, Program Director, Oregon Biodynamic Group; Tao Orion, Co-Director, Aprovecho Forest Research Center; Paul Atkinson, Owner/Farmer, Laughingstock Farm; Dr. Sbarol Tilgner, Owner and Naturapath, Wise Acre Farm, LLC, Northwest Herb Festival. Ocean Health (WCGA), a historic regional ocean pact committing to protect the health of West Coast ecosystems and economies.*

#### **Challenging Firestone Liberia's Environmental Abuses, ELAW (organized by Mark Chernaik)**(EMU Fir)

For several decades, Firestone Liberia has operated one of the world's largest latex rubber processing facilities along the Farmington River, discharging poorly treated effluent, and emitting toxic pollutants. Representing the affected community, public interest advocates in Liberia are seeking to compel Firestone Liberia to change its ways.

**Panelists:** *Alfred Bronnell, Executive Director, Green Advocates (Liberia); Francis Colee, Project Coordinator, Green Advocates (Liberia); Brian Korpics, Student, New York University School of Law.*

#### **Forest Service Travel Management: Litigation Trends and Next Steps (Organized Jane Steadman)**(EMU Rogue)

Determining where we can drive on our national forests is an arduous and controversial decision, which the Forest Service has almost finished, except for the litigation. Panelists will discuss common themes in travel planning litigation (brought by both conservation groups and off-road vehicle advocates), how to avoid backsliding in annual revisions of Motor Vehicle Use Maps, and strategies for achieving conservation outcomes that may not have been achieved through the travel planning process.

**Panelists:** *Jane Steadman, Attorney, The Wilderness Society; Sarah Peters, Attorney, Wildlands CPR; Cyndi Tnell, Center for Biological Diversity.*

### 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (EMU Ballroom)

**Lynn Henning & Matt Briggs**, Writer, Director, and Producer of "Deep Green" (film showing to follow)

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## Friday, March 4

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### 9:00 – 10:15 A.M. • ENR BOWERMAN FELLOW PRESENTATIONS AND BREAKFAST (ENR CENTER)

Please join us for a light breakfast and research highlights from the Oregon Law Bowerman and Brower Fellows. Student fellows will present their individual research as part of four separate, yearlong environmental law research projects. Topics will include legal issues surrounding atmospheric trust litigation, a practice guide for energy law in Oregon, international and domestic mechanisms for addressing ocean acidification, and the ability of states to adopt renewable energy policy in light of federal preemption. John Mellgren, Bowerman Fellow for the Global Environmental Democracy Project; Holly Jacobson, Bowerman Fellow for the Ocean, Coasts and Watershed Project; Yochi Zakai, Bowerman Fellow for the Energy Law and Policy Project; and Sam Roberts, Brower Fellow for the Energy Law and Policy Project

### 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. • ENR CENTER OPEN HOUSE

Stop by the Bowerman Center for Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Law to find out what is happening in the ENR Program and meet the faculty and staff.

### 9:00 – 10:15 A.M. • PANELS

#### **Citizen Stormwater: Cleaning Up Point and Non-Point Sources (Organized of Claire Tonry)**(LAW 141)

Clean Water Act regulation of polluted runoff is always evolving thanks to citizen enforcers tirelessly pushing for better controls. Panelists will discuss recent developments in the municipal, industrial, and construction NPDES stormwater programs, including challenges to individual and general permits, and the battle to address non-point source stormwater pollution through the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

**Panelists:** *Liz Crosson, Executive Director and Baykeeper, Santa Monica Baykeeper; Richard A. Smith, Managing Attorney, Smith & Lowney, PLLC; Jon Mueller, Vice President of Litigation, Chesapeake Bay Foundation.*

#### **BP Oil Spill Litigation (Organized by Jacki Lopez)**(LAW 175)

Nearly one year later, litigation over the BP oil spill continues to move through the court system. Hear a first hand account of the spill and its aftermath; learn about the nation's largest citizens' enforcement action of the Clean Water Act; and get up to speed on the status of the dozens of oil-related lawsuits around the country.

**Panelists:** *Jacki Lopez, Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Charlie Tebbutt, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.; Jonathan Henderson, Coastal Resilience Organizer, Gulf Restoration Network.*

## **Tar Sands (Organized by Robert O'Halloran, Jr. & Elizabeth Brown)**(EMU Fir)

The Athabasca Tar Sands projects pose a major threat to indigenous communities of Alberta, the communities along the proposed industrial corridor leading to the sands, and ecosystems surrounding extraction sites. This panel will discuss problems associated with the tar sands and methods for combating future growth of extraction sites.

**Panelists:** *Nellis Kennedy-Howard, J.D., Honor the Earth National Campaign Associate; Kim Marks, Rising Tide North America/Rainforest Action Network; Marty Cobenais, Indigenous Environmental Network.*

## **Forage Fish and the Food Web - Issues and Challenges (Organized by Paul Engelmeyer)**(LAW 281)

This panel is scientific and political discussion of management issues and challenges of forage fish, such as the recently ESA-listed Eulachon, herring, and sardines, and the food web that depends on these coastal pelagic species.

**Panelists:** *Sam Wright, Fisheries Professional; Dr. Rob Suryan, Associate Professor and Senior Researcher at the Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center; Whit Sheard, Counsel and Senior Advisor, Oceana.*

## **Guide to Using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (Organized by Gerry Pollet)**(EMU Ben Linder)

A guide for citizens, attorneys, and organizations on how to use the Freedom of Information Act, including how agencies seek to circumvent disclosure, how to obtain fee waivers, and counter efforts to avoid disclosure. Discussion of President Obama's Open Government and FOIA Directives – have they made a difference? How you can use these to change agency practices. Sample FOIA requests and materials, along with examples of how agencies try to keep embarrassing disclosures secret.

**Panelists:** *Gerry Pollet, JD, Counsel and Executive Director, Heart of America Northwest/Legal Advocates for Washington; Dave Babr, JD, Private attorney, Eugene.*

## **Wolves, Cougars, and Hunting: Can Fish & Game Agencies Manage Predators? (Organized by George Wuerthner)**(LAW 142)

This panel will look at the ecological influence and social relationships of predators and how hunting may affect these relationships.

**Panelists:** *Bill Ripple, Professor, Oregon State University; Sean Helle, Attorney, Earthjustice; George Wuerthner, Foundation for Deep Ecology.*

## **Public Land Range Management: Change is Coming (Organized by Jim Catlin)**(Many Nations Longhouse)

Both the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management have adopted ecological standards, sometimes putting them in regulations. Based on decades of involvement by the conservation community and long-term scientific studies, this panel explores how the Forest Service and BLM have met these obligations. A number of rulings, some pending, help describe how these agencies may be required to make major changes that favor wildlife and their habitat.

**Panelists:** *Jim Catlin, Project Director, Wild Utah Project; Katie Fite, Biodiversity Director, Western Watersheds Project; Mary O'Brien, Utah Forests Project Manager, Grand Canyon Trust; Michael Reisner, Ecosystem Ecologist, Oregon State University.*

## **Peak Forests—Biomass as a Source of Electricity (Organized by Toby Thaler)**(EMU Alsea/Coquille)

Description: Biomass is being touted in some quarters as part of the “green solution” to our fossil fuel dependence. The Olympic Peninsula (along with the rest of the West Coast) contains huge amounts of biomass, and a number of incinerator/boiler/generator projects have been proposed there. We will briefly describe the economic incentives used to advance these projects and the legal framework for their permitting. The health impacts and energy policy implications will be considered in more depth.

**Panelists:** *Toby Thaler, Attorney, Olympic Forest Coalition; Dr. William Sammons, Pediatric Physician; Jim Lazar, Senior Advisor, Regulatory Assistance Project; Mark Robinowitz, Owner of <http://oilempire.us/>.*

## **Oregon's Coastal State Forests: Safeguarding Our Ecosystem Services (Organized by Nick Cady)**(LAW 110)

The people of Oregon own over 600,000 acres of coastal rain forests which provide valuable public resources such as fish and wildlife habitat, carbon stores, recreation, timber, and clean air and water. The trees are sought after by industry, and the revenues help fund government services. Conservationists object to the massive clearcuts and decry the absence of permanent reserves on the state forests. This panel will discuss proposals by the state to increase logging, efforts to stop them, and alternative revenue-generation opportunities.

**Panelists:** *Josh Laughlin, Campaign Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Bob Van Dyk, Forest Policy Manager, Wild Salmon Center; Francis Eatherington, Conservation Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Steve Dettman, Forest Carbon Program Manager, Ecotrust.*

## **Endangered Species Act Listing (Organized by Jay Tuchton)**(LAW 184)

A backlog of candidate species await protection under the ESA. Currently, there are 254 candidate species awaiting such protection; on average, species wait 20 years. Twenty-four species have gone extinct while waiting on the candidate list. Since 2005, several lawsuits have been filed to speed protection of the candidates.

**Panelists:** *Jay Tuchton, General Counsel, WildEarth Guardians; Noah Greenwald, Endangered Species Director, Center for Biological Diversity.*

## **Extending U.S. Environmental Laws to U.S. Actions Abroad (Organized by Doug Norlen & Brendan Cummings)**(LAW 242)

While environmental laws governing the actions of U.S. federal agencies are among the strongest in the world, application of these laws has generally been limited to actions occurring within the U.S. This panel focuses on efforts to apply laws, such as the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, to U.S. agency actions overseas, including a recently filed lawsuit challenging the U.S. Export-Import Bank's \$3 billion financing of an LNG facility in Papua New Guinea.

**Panelists:** *Brendan Cummings, Senior Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity; Doug Norlen, Policy Director, Pacific Environment; Peter Galvin, International Program Director, Center for Biological Diversity.*

**9:00 – 10:15 A.M. • PANELS (CONT.)****Reinventing Environmental Law to Encourage the Development of Clean Technologies (Organized Jack Jacobs)**  
( EMU Walnut Room)

This panel will explore how to reinvent environmental law to encourage the development of clean technologies. Panelists will discuss the main laws and policies currently in place aimed at incentivizing renewable energy projects and suggest new legislation that could contribute to the growth of the cleantech industry. We will also discuss the increasing role that proactive programs (like rebates and loan guarantees) are playing in environmental protection and show how the law has helped and hindered innovation around the world.

**Panelists:** *Jack Jacobs, Managing Partner, Cleantech Law Partners; John Volkman, General Council, Energy Trust of Oregon; Victor Menotte, Exec. Director, International Forum on Globalization; Sarah Busch, Director of Renewable Energy Policy Program, National Renewable Energy Law; Ethan Elkind, Fellow at Center for Law, Energy & the Environment, UCLA & Berkeley Law.*

**10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANELS****Protecting Pinyon-Juniper: Great Basin Trees Targeted for Biomass (Organized by Katie Fite)(LAW 242)**

Pinyon-Juniper expanses of the Great Basin are often comprised of trees that are several hundred years old. These native trees are vilified by federal land managers, ranchers, and politicians. Looming taxpayer-subsidized agency biomass and fuels-reduction project schemes pose significant threats to native wildlife like the Pinyon Jay and Clark's Nutcracker. Chinese biomass plant builders are involved in promoting biomass in Nevada. Efforts are being made to promote wild land harvest of valuable American pine nuts to advance conservation of the trees and develop a sustainability-based business model.

**Panelists:** *Katie Fite, Biodiversity Director, Western Watersheds Project; Penny Frazier, Wild Land Food Vendor, Goods from the Woods; Rebecca McClain, Institute for Culture and Ecology.*

**Energy Law & Policy in the Rockies: The Year in Review (Organized by Mike Chiropoulos)(LAW 241)**

This panel surveys major developments in energy law and policy, focusing on the Rocky Mountain states. Federally, the Interior's "New Energy Frontier" is taking shape. The vision of a sustainable clean energy economy is being opposed by a "retro" attempt to transform the region into a fossil fuel colony. Topics include leasing reform, life-cycle GHG impact analysis, renewables, the BLM Wild Lands policy, and the greater sage grouse. On the state side, a new Colorado law proposes to replace coal-fired power with natural gas power; New Mexico's Greenhouse Gas cap and trade is under fire; and Colorado's oil and gas rules remain intact.

**Panelists:** *Mike Chiropoulos, Lands Program Director, Western Resource Advocates; Erika Schlenker-Goodrich, Director, Climate & Energy Program, Western Environmental Law Center; Vicki Mandell, Western Resource Advocates; Nathan Maxon, Energy and Public Lands Fellow, Wyoming Outdoor Council.*

**Specialized Environmental Law Courts in China, ELAW (Organized by Rob Westfall)(EMU Alsea/Coquille)**

With China's recent, rapid economic growth, environmental pollution and unsustainable use of its natural resources has become one of the most serious problems that the country has to face. One method to tackle the problem will be the country's newly-formed specialized environmental courts. Dean Xu Xiangmin and Professor Yu Ming of Ocean University of China in Qindao will discuss the formation of one such tribunal dedicated to addressing environmental issues and their legal challenges.

**Panelists:** *Xu Xiangmin, Dean of the School of Law and Political Science at Ocean University of China; Yu Ming, Professor of Law at Ocean University of China; Steve Barnes, University of Oregon School of Law graduate currently residing in China.*

**Recycling - For Saving our Energy Resources & Green Jobs (Organized by Micheal Sunanda)(EMU Boardroom)**

Discussing the social and economic benefits of imposing recycling and reuse programs in new and innovative ways in order to efficiently reuse our products and prevent waste.

**Panelists:** *Julie Daniel, Executive Director, BRING --Recycling-- Planet Improvement Center; Shanne Donnelle, Vice President, Mountain Rose Herbs; Eric DeBur, Media Producer, Nextstep Electronics; Micheal Sunanda, Publisher, Oness press and teacher, Gaia Permaculture.*

**Formerly-Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Clean-up (organized by Beth Wooten)(LAW 282)**

Alaska Community Action on Toxics (<http://www.akaction.org/>) has worked to clean up St. Lawrence Island. This island, given its proximity to Russia, was used as a defense site during the Cold War and is still polluted with PCBs. Most of the island's inhabitants are Siberian Yupik communities. Their traditional hunting and fishing sites have been harmed by the FUDS contamination and their health and well-being is increasingly threatened. ACAT also lobbies federally for TSCA reform and the right to clean air, clean water, and toxic-free food.

**Panelists:** *Pam Miller, Alaska Community Action on Toxins; Vi Waghiyi, Alaska Community Action on Toxins.*

**Challenging Corporate Power (Organized by Scott Parkin)(LAW 243)**

A panel on corporate campaigning for "dirty" energy and the coal industry presented by people from the Rainforest Action Network.

**Panelists:** *Scott Parkin, Senior Campaigner, Rainforest Action Network; Brant Olson, Freedom From Oil Campaign Director, Rainforest Action Network; Kim Marks, Rising Tide North America.*

**National Parks: The Next Generation (Organized by Michael Kellett)(LAW 175)**

A new national parks movement is growing across America. National parks have been proposed for some of our most important natural and cultural treasures. Some activists envision 100 new or expanded national parks by the 2016 National Park Service centennial. The panel will include presentations on why we need new national parks, potential future national parks in the Pacific Northwest, and an overview of new park campaigns and proposals, and how this bold national park vision can become a reality.

**Panelists:** *George Wuerthner, Ecological Programs Director, Foundation for*

*Deep Ecology; Erica Rosenberg, Executive Director, People United for Parks; Sean Smith, Policy Director, National Parks Conservation Association; Michael Kellett, Executive Director, RESTORE: The North Woods.*

**ESA Section 9 Cases: Discussions About Bringing Citizen Suits to Enforce the Take Prohibition (Organized by Tanya Sanerib)**(EMU Ben Linder)

This panel will discuss environmental issues that can best or only be handled by citizen suits under the Endangered Species Act to enforce the prohibition on “take” of listed species; what is entailed in these cases; and some victories and losses.

**Panelists:** *Dan Kruse, Cascadia Wildlands; Tanya Sanerib, Staff Attorney, Craig Law Center; Paul Kampmeier, Attorney, Washington Forest Law Center.*

**Stopping Sprawl & Saving the Planet (Organized by Jessica Bloomfield)**(EMU Rogue)

Sprawling, low-density, auto-dependent development is no longer a purely American phenomenon. In developing and industrialized countries, urban density is declining quickly, and the resulting pattern destroys ecosystems, pollutes water, gobbles up natural resources and contributes to greenhouse gas emissions. For several decades, Oregon and Washington have worked to curb sprawl and can show demonstrable progress in that effort. Panelists will describe the successes and limitations of those efforts and the roles played by the law and public interest lawyers.

**Panelists:** *Robert Liberty, Executive Director, Sustainable Cities Initiative; Tim Trohimovich, AICP, Co-Director of Planning and Law, Futurewise.*

**Recovering From the Spill: NRDA and the Clean-up of the Gulf Coast (Organized by Niki Pace)**(EMU Fir)

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) provision of the Oil Pollution Act allows for the recovery of money from parties responsible for the Gulf Oil Spill to restore environmental conditions to pre-spill levels. This panel will examine the ongoing NRDA process in the wake of the BP oil spill with particular attention paid to the mechanics of NRDA, the problem of evaluating natural resources, individual states’ NRD statutes, and the potential limitations on uses of recovered money. The presentation will build upon first-hand experiences while exploring the NRDA process in the Gulf states.

**Panelists:** *Matthew Freeman, Postdoctoral researcher in Fishery Economics, Louisiana Sea Grant & Louisiana State University AgCenter; Niki Pace, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program, University of Mississippi School of Law; Nicholas Lund, National Sea Grant Law Center Fellow, University of Mississippi School of Law.*

**Obtaining Attorneys Fees under EAJA and Citizen Suit Provisions (Organized by Peter Frost)**(LAW 141)

This panel will outline and discuss current statutory and case requirements, and successful strategies and tips for attorneys to obtain attorney fee awards under the Equal Access to Justice Act and under the citizens suit provisions of certain federal laws.

**Panelists:** *Peter Frost, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Mac Lacy, Attorney, Oregon Natural Desert Association.*

**State Energy Code and Federal Preemption (Organized by Ken Eklund)**(EMU Walnut)

The 2009 Washington State Energy Code met with unprecedented opposition by builders in a federal lawsuit against the code, claiming it was preempted by federal appliance efficiency standards. The State of Washington was joined by non-governmental organizations including EarthJustice, which took an active and leading role in the defense. Key to the defense strategy was the use of technical energy expert resources to counter the plaintiff’s claims. The case ended in a precedent-setting ruling on a Motion for Summary Judgment.

**Panelists:** *Amanda Goodin, Attorney, Earthjustice; Gary Nordeen, Senior Building Science Specialist, Washington State University Extension Energy Program; Ken Eklund, Building Science Team Leader, Washington State University Extension Energy Program.*

**12:30 – 2:15 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** (EMU Ballroom)

**Bruce Nilles & Lori Caramanian**

**2:30 – 3:45 P.M. • PANELS**

**Stunning Proposals to Export West Coast Coal to Asia: How We Will Stop It (Organized by Brett VandenHeuvel)**

(LAW 281)

For the first time, coal giants propose shipping nearly 100 million tons of Powder River Basin coal to Asia from west coast ports, dwarfing the coal burned in the Pacific Northwest. Peabody and Arch Coal want to open the flood gates: we’d ship cheap coal and receive global warming pollution, mercury, and increased strip mining in return. Oregon and Washington ports are targeted for dirty terminals. Learn legal and organizing strategies to stop coal export and how you can help.

**Panelists:** *Brett VandenHeuvel, Executive Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Bill Corcoran, Western Director for Sierra Club (Beyond Coal); Beth Doglio, Campaign Director, Climate Solutions.*

**Death by a Thousand Wells (Organized by Matthew Bishop)**(LAW 243)

With surface water largely allocated across the Northwest, many are turning to “exempt” uses of groundwater (i.e., the use of groundwater allowed without a water right or permit). This panel will focus on the environmental and other challenges posed by increasing reliance on exempt wells and efforts to close the loophole in Oregon, Washington, and Montana. If you care about land use, streamflows, freshwater habitat, and issues posed by rural development, don’t miss this panel.

**Panelists:** *John Devoe, Executive Director, Waternwatch of Oregon; Janette Brimmer, Attorney, Earthjustice; Laura Ziemer, Executive Director, Trout Unlimited’s Montana Water Project; Matthew Bishop, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center.*

2:30 – 3:45 P.M. • PANELS (CONT.)

**Protecting the Northwest from Hanford as a National Radioactive Waste Dump (Organized by Gerry Pollet)**  
(LAW 282)

This panel will discuss the current legal challenges, pending permits and current organizing along the Oregon and Spokane truck routes. What are the risks to the Columbia River, Native Americans, and others who will use the river for thousands of years, and along the I-5 and I-84 truck route through Oregon? Discussion with audience of worst case analyses under NEPA in our era of nuclear threats.

**Panelists:** *Gerry Pollet, Executive Director and Attorney, Heart of America Northwest; Michael J. Chappell, Director, Gonzaga Environmental Law Clinic; Brent Foster, Private Attorney and former Executive Director of Columbia Riverkeeper.*

**Forest Service Management (or lack thereof) of Over-Snow Vehicles (Organized by Forrest G. McCarthy)**(EMU Alesa/Coquille)

The Travel Management Rule is the framework used to designate which trails, roads, and areas on each national forest unit are open to motorized use and where they are not. However, over-snow vehicles were exempted from the 2005 Rule. The resulting lack of regulatory framework for over-snow vehicles in forest planning processes has resulted in user conflict, environmental impacts, and both legal and administrative confusion.

**Panelists:** *Forrest McCarthy, Public Lands Director, Winter Wildlands Alliance; Sarah Peters, Legal Liason/Staff Attorney, Wildlands CPR; Robert Roman, Vice-President/Legal Counsel, Snowlands Networks.*

**Starting an Environmental Law Public Interest Practice (Organized by Elisabeth Holmes)**(LAW 110)

Panelists will provide a variety of experiences and perspectives on the nuts and bolts of starting a private practice in environmental law; starting as a sole practitioner or a private partnership, splitting a practice between private law and public interest law, and developing a practice in sustainability law.

**Panelists:** *Jack R. Tubolske, Esq., Tubolske Law Offices, P.C.; Karl G. Anuta, Esq., Law Office of Karl G. Anuta, P.C.; Becki Kammerling, Law Office of Becki Kammerling.*

**Ethics for Activist and Resistance Defense Attorneys, (Organized by Daniel Gregor)**(EMU Ben Linder)

Panelists with diverse backgrounds in activist defense and resistance law will engage in a roundtable analysis of ethical issues. This will include “standard” ethics questions through the lens of activist defense law, and issues unique to working closely with activists and resistance communities, including attorneys as activists, advising on future actions, working in legal collectives, advising pro se activist defendants, and more. This dynamic discussion will make ethics both interesting and relevant!

**Panelists:** *Ashlee Albies, Creighton & Rose, PC; Daniel Gregor, Attorney, Law Office of Daniel Gregor; Summer Nelson, Attorney, Summer Nelson Law Office; Lauren Regan, Attorney and Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Ben Rosenfeld, Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center.*

**The Future of Western Oregon BLM Lands (Organized by Chandra LeGue)**(LAW 141)

Western Oregon’s BLM forestlands have a complicated history and contain some of the last remaining ancient forests that provide wildlife habitat, recreation, clean water, and other public values. The panel will discuss the legal and political history of these lands - from the O&C Act to the Northwest Forest Plan, and the WOPR to what comes next. Panelists will look at alternatives to past and present policy and management, including historic ties to county funding and forest and watershed restoration.

**Panelists:** *Susan Jane Brown, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Joseph Vaile, Campaign Director, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center; Andy Kerr, Senior Counselor, Oregon Wild.*

**Coordinated Regional Community Planning for a Resilient Future (Organized by Jan Wilson)** (Law 184)

As communities are faced with a future affected by global climate change, a future radically different from the one upon which all land use, water, transportation, energy, and economic development planning has been based for more than a century, we will need to radically change our planning programs in order to respond to the changed ecological and economic landscape ways that ensure a sustainable future for humans and other species. This panel will explore the necessary changes.

**Panelists:** *Jim Just, Farm & Forest Policy Analyst, 1000 Friends of Oregon; Lisa Brown, Staff Attorney, WaterWatch of Oregon; Rob Zako, Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development (DLCD), Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative, Land Use & Transportation Planner.*

**Crafting a New Climate for Coal: Legal Strategies to Gain Optimum Leverage (Organized by Elizabeth Brown)**  
(LAW 142)

Burning coal generates half of U.S. electricity but 80 percent of the power sector’s global warming pollution. Lawyers and activists, working together, seek to force companies and utilities to internalize the full environmental and public health costs of coal. This panel examines opportunities to stop new coal plants and retire existing plants and coal mines, and thus to speed the transition to wider adoption of clean, sustainable energy.

**Panelists:** *Bruce Nilles, Deputy Conservation Director, Sierra Club; Aaron Isherwood, Senior Attorney, Sierra Club Environmental Law Program; Holly Bressett, Project Attorney, Sierra Club Environmental Law Program. Moderated by Dan Galpern, Western Environmental Law Center.*

**Green Politics & the Green Future (Organized by Blair Bobier)**(LAW 241)

Description: Two-party, corporate dominated politics will not create a green future. Green politics will. The Green Party is an international movement and political party dedicated to four core principals of peace, sustainability, democracy, and justice. Greens hold hundreds of elected positions in the U.S. and many cabinet-level appointments throughout Europe and Latin America. This panel will examine challenges Greens face in America’s winner-take-all electoral system and will propose electoral reforms as well as ways to eliminate corporate control of elections.

**Panelists:** *Blair Bobier, Pacific Green Party of Oregon; Kathy Fitzpatrick, Mayor, Mosier Oregon; David Cobb, Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County.*

**Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration in the Arctic (Organized by Tanya Sanerib)(LAW 175)**

This panel will provide an update on offshore oil and gas exploration attempts in the Arctic, the legal tools that have been utilized to work on these issues, and a few recent successes.

**Panelists:** *Tanya Sanerib, Staff Attorney, Crag Law Center; Holly Harris, Project Attorney, Earthjustice; Rebecca Noblin, Alaska Program Director and Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity.*

**The Seattle Area Happiness Initiative: A New Strategy for Sustainability (Organized by John de Graaf)(EMU Fir)**

The Happiness Index, originally developed in Bhutan, goes beyond GDP to measure nine domains of well-being: psychological health; physical health; education; cultural vitality; social connection; time balance; governance; material well-being, and environmental quality. Sustainable Seattle is using a new comprehensive survey to engage Seattle citizens in a broader discussion of happiness and public policy while creating tools to allow other cities to do the same, and to understand how we can both reduce consumption and live better lives. Hear how it's done!

**Panelists:** *John de Graaf, Co-Director, The Happiness Index, Executive Director, Take Back Your Time; Laura Musikanski, Co-Director, The Happiness Index, Executive Director, Sustainable Seattle.*

**Injecting Community Voices and Accountability into Tribal Governance: The Emerging Role of Indigenous Environmental Organizations (Organized by Brad Bartlett)**

(Many Nations Longhouse)

Like their U.S. counterparts, indigenous environmental organizations are working to move their tribal governments away from financially-driven extractive resource development pushed by powerful national and multinational corporations with the support and/or acquiescence of the U.S. Department of the Interior. This panel will focus on the front-line work of the Black Mesa Water Coalition to move the Navajo Nation off of its half-century dependency on big coal, as well as the unique challenges for attorneys representing indigenous NGOs.

**Panelists:** *Wahleah Johns, Co-Director, Black Mesa Water Coalition; Nikke Alex, Navajo Green Jobs; Marie Gladue, Black Mesa Water Coalition; Brad Bartlett, Partner/Managing Attorney, Energy Minerals Law Center.*

**The Black-Backed Woodpecker: The 'Spotted Owl' of Post-fire Forest Ecosystems (Organized by Chad Hanson)(EMU Walnut)**

The Black-Backed Woodpecker is one of the rarest and most unusual birds in North America. It is strongly associated with dense, older forests recently burned at high intensity, or "snag forest habitat." Though this habitat is highly biodiverse, it has almost no protection. Panelists will discuss the habitat requirements of this species, the decline of its habitat over time due to fire suppression and post-fire logging, threats to its conservation, and possible measures to protect its populations.

**Panelists:** *Chad Hanson, Director, John Muir Project; Dennis Odion, Southern Oregon University.*

**4:00 – 5:15 P.M. • PANELS**

**Using the Endangered Species Act to Protect Imperiled Marine Wildlife (Organized by Catherine Kilduff)(LAW 243)**

Many marine species recently protected or under review for protections under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) are commercially harvested fish or marine mammals imperiled by interactions with commercial fisheries. In the face of overwhelming evidence of marine species decline, in the past ten years the National Marine Fisheries Service has been forced to recognize the need to protect species under the ESA. The panelists will discuss the challenges and advantages of using the ESA to protect imperiled marine wildlife.

**Panelists:** *Whit Sheard, Counsel and Senior Advisor, Oceana; Sam Wright, Fish Biologist (for 45 years); Catherine Kilduff, Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity.*

**Deep Green Resistance, (Organized by Lierre Keith & Meredith Holley)(EMU Ben Linder)**

Deep Green Resistance is a fledgling movement that starts where mainstream environmentalists leave off: industrial civilization is incompatible with life. Technology can't fix it, and shopping—no matter how green—won't stop it. To save this planet, we need a serious resistance movement that can bring down the industrial economy. This panel will evaluate strategic options for resistance, from non-violence to guerrilla warfare, and the conditions required for those options to be successful.

**Panelists:** *Derrick Jensen; Lierre Keith - Authors, Deep Green Resistance: Strategy to Save the Planet.*

**Law School Loan Forgiveness Through Practicing Public Interest Law (Organized by Elisabeth Holmes)(EMU Alsea/Coquille)**

Panelists will provide a variety of experiences, perspectives, and logistics on the government's law school loan forgiveness program which is available to individuals who pursue public interest law.

**Panelists:** *John Meyer, Esq., Cottonwood Environmental Law Center; Daniel Snyder, Esq., Law Office of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.; Douglas Quirke, Esq., Oregon Clean Water Action Project; Jane Steckbeck, Associate Director of Public Service Initiatives, University of Oregon.*

**EPA's Pending Rules: New Tools to Phase-Out Coal and Slash Mobile Source Climate Pollution (Organized by Dan Galpern)(LAW 142)**

EPA is slowly rolling out a series of rules aimed at limiting environmental pollution, protecting public health, and preserving a viable global climate system. Learn the details including new or pending limits on GHG pollution, coal ash disposal, mercury emissions and other toxins, ozone precursors, particulates, and water protection. How can these tools best be used to slash pollution from stationary sources and mobile sources, propel the effort to retire coal plants, and hasten the transition to renewable sources?

**Panelists:** *Bruce Nilles, Deputy Conservation Director, Sierra Club; Holly Bressett, Project Attorney, Sierra Club Environmental Law Program; Brendan Cummings, Senior Counsel and Public Lands Director, Center of Biological Diversity.*

4:00 – 5:15 P.M. • PANELS (CONT.)

**Legacy of the Spotted Owl: The 20th Anniversary of the Dwyer Injunction (Organized by Douglas Bevington)**  
(LAW 175)

In 1991, Judge William Dwyer issued a sweeping injunction against logging in northern spotted owl habitat. This ruling transformed environmental law and policy and ultimately led to the Northwest Forest Plan. Twenty years later the spotted owl remains at the center of forest management and litigation in the Pacific Northwest. This panel will bring together participants in the Dwyer injunction and activists working on current strategies to discuss the legacy and future of the spotted owl protection.

**Panelists:** *Andy Stahl, Executive Director, FSEEE; Kristen Boyles, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Dr. Chad Hanson, Executive Director, John Muir Project; Denise Boggs, Executive Director, Conservation Congress.*

**Green Real Estate (Organized by Deborah Curran)**(EMU Walnut)

Green development, the confluence of smart growth and green building principles, has received considerable attention over the past five years across North America. Projects including individual buildings, new neighborhoods, and EcoDistricts are shifting the landscape of what is possible in sustainable and carbon-neutral land development. Using the examples of Dockside Green in Victoria (B.C.), UniCity in Burnaby (B.C.), and EcoDistricts in Portland, the panelists will explore the features of green real estate and their impact in law.

**Panelists:** *Deborah Curran, Professor of Law, University of Victoria; Jill Long, Attorney, Lane Powell.*

**The Future of Outer Continental Shelf Drilling in the U.S. (Organized by Jacki Lopez)**(LAW 110)

How will the nation's worst environmental disaster, the BP oil spill, shape the future of Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas drilling in the United States? Our panelists describe the status of oil and gas activities in some of our nation's most treasured and sensitive waters off the coasts of Alaska, California, and in the Gulf of Mexico, and discuss what implications, if any, the spill has had for the future of OCS drilling in the U.S.

**Panelists:** *Michael Jansy, Senior Policy Analyst, Natural Resources Defense Council; Linda Krop, Chief Counsel, Environmental Defense Center; Rebecca Noblin, Alaska Director, Center for Biological Diversity.*

**Smokey Bear v. Smoky Air: Fire Management for Ecosystem Restoration and Air Quality Protection (Organized by Timothy Ingalsbee)**(LAW 242)

After a century of making warfare on wildfire, federal fire managers are poised to restore the ecological role of fire to many wildland ecosystems, but smoke emissions from wildfires and controlled burns may conflict with desires for clean air. How can we both restore fire-adapted ecosystems and protect air quality? This panel of fire ecologists and fire managers will discuss the policies and practices needed to avoid a clash between forest conservationists and clean air advocates.

**Panelists:** *Dr. Timothy Ingalsbee, Executive Director, Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology; Tom Ribe, Board Member, Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology; Michael Beasley, Assistant Fire Management Of-*

*fice, U.S. Forest Service—Six Rivers National Forest.*

**Clearing Air Everywhere (Organized by Jeremy Nichols)**  
(LAW 141)

This panel will discuss the new national ambient air quality standards being promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency, what they mean, and how activists can use these standards to spur cleaner energy, sustainable communities, and better health protection.

**Panelists:** *Jeremy Nichols, Climate and Energy Program Director, WildEarth Guardians; Mike Harris, Director, University of Denver Environmental Law Clinic; Darin Schroeder, Attorney.*

**Why Nestlé Should Not Be Allowed to Bottle Water in the Columbia River Gorge - Including Legal Arguments and a Track Record of Corporate Irresponsibility (Organized by Julia DeGraw)**(LAW 282)

Nestlé is proposing a water bottling plant that would bottle both Oregon's spring water and Cascade Locks' municipal water in a large facility located along the Columbia River. There was a sixty-day public comment period on a water exchange application pertaining to this project in 2010. This panel includes a presentation on the legal issues raised in public comments submitted on the water exchange, will outline Nestlé's water bottling track record, and will discuss water scarcity and water as a human right.

**Panelists:** *Julia DeGraw, Northwest Organizer, Food & Water Watch; Dawn Winalski, Attorney; Donna Boyd, Mt. Shasta Area Outreach Coordinator, CalTrout; Member, Wintu Tribe of Northern California.*

**Ghana and Liberia Forestry and Mining, ELAW (Organized by Mark Chernaik)**(LAW 184)

Logging and mining companies are increasingly seeking to exploit timber and minerals from West African nations. Public interest lawyers from Liberia, Ghana, and the U.S. will share their experience collaborating to ensure that logging and mining projects proceed in the most sustainable manner possible.

**Panelists:** *Lovesta Brebun, Staff Attorney, Green Advocates; Rockson Akugre, Staff Attorney, Center for Public Interest Law; Dan Kruse, Legal Director, Cascadia Wildlands.*

**Wilderness in the Age of Climate Change (Organized by Erik Fernandez)**(EMU Fir)

The 1964 Wilderness Act authorized protection for places "untrammelled by man." But can Wilderness help to offset impacts to the planet stemming from human-caused climate change? Examining the Devil's Staircase, Crater Lake, and other Wilderness proposals in Oregon, we will see how Wilderness plays an important role in Oregon's approach to climate change. This panel will discuss how Wilderness has evolved into an effective tool in the effort to mitigate effects and adapt to climate change.

**Panelists:** *Erik Fernandez, Wilderness Coordinator, Oregon Wild; Doug Scott, Manager of Policy and Research, Campaign for America's Wilderness.*

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## Friday March 4-Saturday, March 5

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### **A Decade of Clean Water Act Confusion: Navigating SWANCC and Rapanos (Organized by Jim Murphy)**(LAW 241)

Ten years after the Supreme Court case cast doubt on the scope of CWA protections in *SWANCC v. Army Corps of Engineers* (2001), and five years after the Court made the question even more confusing in *Rapanos v. United States* (2006), confusion abounds. Countless waters are at risk of unregulated pollution or destruction, CWA enforcement is crippled, CWA citizen suits have become harder and more costly to bring, and waters are being lost and polluted. This panel will explain the implications of *Rapanos* and *SWANCC* for CWA litigation, explain how litigators can build a CWA suit that can survive a *Rapanos/SWANCC* challenge, and discuss the need for fixing the *Rapanos/SWANCC* problem in the new Administration and how that can be done.

**Panelists:** *Kim Connolly, Professor, State University of N.Y. Buffalo, School of Law; Bruce Myers, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute; Jim Murphy, Wetlands and Water Resources Counsel; Jay Austin, Moderator.*

### **Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Enforcement (Organized by Carrie La Seur)**(LAW 281)

New efforts to litigate the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) of 1977 are underway in the Western U.S. As western coal mining expands and coal threatens to become a major U.S. export with enormous global warming impacts, SMCRA is an under-used tool to force “Big Coal” to internalize its many costs and educate the public about the reality of strip mining impacts. Panelists will discuss their experience with SMCRA enforcement and the strategy behind it.

**Panelists:** *Carrie La Seur, President & Founder, Plains Justice; Brad Barlett, Managing Attorney, Energy Minerals Law Center; Megan Anderson, Staff Attorney Western Environmental Law Center; Aaron Isberwood, Senior Staff Attorney, Sierra Club.*

### **5:30 – 7:30 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS** (EMU Ballroom)

**Earl Blumenauer & Arjun Makhijani**

**PIELC Celebration (9:00- Midnight) (Doors open at 8:45) (Agate Hall)** Tickets are \$10 at the door with your own beverage container (or purchase a LAW mug for \$5). Music featuring the Moon Mountain Ramblers.

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## Saturday, March 5

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**Ethics Workshop (8:15 a.m. - 10:15) (Law 175)**

### **9:00 – 10:15 • PANELS**

#### **Latin America: Impacts of Mining and other Natural Resource Extraction, ELAW (Organized by Liz Mitchell)** (LAW 141)

International advocates will discuss litigation and law reform efforts to counter environmental and human rights abuses caused by multinational mining and resource extraction companies in Latin America.

**Panelists:** *Tania Arosemana, Attorney, El Centro de Incidencia Ambiental (Panama); Mercedes Lu, Research Scientist, ELAW; Pedro Leon Gutierrez, Instituto de Derecho Ambiental (Guadalajara, Mexico).*

#### **Pesticide Pollution is a Danger for Life (Organized by Sviltlana Kravchenko)**(LAW 110)

This panel will explore the impact of pesticides on human health, legal issues, educational campaigns, and bans on pesticides. Additionally, the panel will examine the successful outcome of an ELP project to transport 100,000 tons of pesticides from Ukraine to Germany for utilization. This project can be replicated in other countries.

**Panelists:** *Olena Kravchenko, Executive Director, Environment-People-Law (Ukraine); Kim Leval, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides; Aimee Code, Environmental Health Associate, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides.*

#### **Sustainable Stoves in the Developing World (Organized by Nancy S. Hughes)**(LAW 142)

StoveTeam International’s mission is to assist with the establishment of sustainable factories to produce and sell safe, affordable, portable fuel-efficient stoves in the developing world. This panel will cover various topics surrounding StoveTeam’s work, including establishing factories in the developing world, designing stoves for the developing world, and writing grants for factories in the developing world.

**Panelists:** *Nancy S. Hughes, President, StoveTeam International; Lawrence Winiarski, Technical Director, Aprovecho Research Center; Susie Hanner, Grant writer; StoveTeam.*

#### **A New Model for Eastern Oregon Forests (Organized by Chandra LeGue)**(LAW 184)

Eastern Oregon’s public forests are entering a new era of management focused on a broad agreement on forest health restoration. This new approach has been in the spotlight with Senator Wyden’s Eastside Forest bill introduced in 2009, and in the Skyline Forest Project accepted under the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. Panelists will address the need for restoration in dry eastside forests and collaborative efforts to design and implement active restoration projects at both small and large scales.

**Panelists:** *Tim Lillebo, Eastern Oregon Wildlands Advocate, Oregon Wild; Maret Pajutee, District Ecologist, U.S. Forest Service; Amy Waltz, Fire Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy; Chandra LeGue, Old-Growth Campaign Coordinator, Oregon Wild.*

#### **The Ecological and Human Health Impacts of the Marijuana Industrial Complex (Organized by Tony Silvaggio)** (LAW 282)

This panel explores the environmental and public health impacts of California’s largest agricultural cash crop – cannabis. As industrial cannabis production expands, the damages to ecosystems and human health do as well: de-watering of streams, nutrient loading, unregulated pesticide use, diesel spills, poaching, and other environmental crimes. Panelists discuss these impacts, potential regulatory schemes and their implications, and rural community organizing efforts to educate growers and consumers about the problems generated by industrial cannabis production in our watersheds and communities.

**Panelists:** *Patty Clary, Executive Director, Californians for Alternatives to Toxics; Dr. Tony Silvaggio, Environmental Criminologist, Humboldt State University; Tyce Fraser, Organizer, Grow It In The Sun.*

## 9:00 – 10:15 • PANELS (CONT.)

### **Wildfire, Beetles, and Logging (Organized by George Wuerthner)(LAW 281)**

The panel will look at the ecological benefits of wildfire and beetles and their ecological role in forests as well as address issues such as forest thinning, fire suppression, and how these activities may impact the ecological role of fires and beetles.

**Panelists:** *Doug Heiken, Oregon Wild; Monica Bond; George Wuerthner, Foundation for Deep Ecology.*

### **Winning Ugly: How the Grassroots Defeated Bradwood LNG (Organized by Olivia Schmidt)(LAW 282)**

In 2010, the Anti-LNG coalition successfully defeated Bradwood Landing LNG, a proposal to build the largest fossil fuel project in the region. Organizers of the Anti-LNG movement describe the strategies that defeated Bradwood and continuing efforts to stop remaining Liquefied Natural Gas and pipeline proposals in Oregon. This panel will include a timeline of key moments in the campaign to defeat Bradwood Landing LNG and details the tireless defense against Bradwood Landing LNG and the decision-makers who supported it.

**Panelists:** *Olivia Schmidt, Community Organizer, BARK; Monica Vaughan, Community Organizer, Friends of Living Oregon Waters & Pacific Environment; Dan Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper.*

### **Impacts of Genetically Engineered Organisms: The First Supreme Court Case and Other Litigation Updates (Organized by George Kimbrell)(LAW 241)**

Public interest litigation over the adverse impacts of genetically engineered organisms (GEO) has made significant progress and increased in recent years. 2010 marked the first Supreme Court case (*Monsanto v. Geertson Seed Farms*) on a GEO, GE alfalfa. Other ongoing cases involve GE sugar beets and GE Eucalyptus trees. On this panel, the counsel for these cases will discuss their development, progress, and broader ramifications for environmental law and sustainable agriculture.

**Panelists:** *George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Marc Fink, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Frank Morton, Farmer, Seedsman and Owner, Wild Garden Seeds.*

## 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANELS

### **National Forest Litigation Update (Organized by Marc Fink)(Many Nations Longhouse)**

The panelists are experienced litigators who will provide an update of important cases and developments from 2010 affecting the management of the 193-million-acre national forest system. The panel will strive to include updates from all regions of the country and will address cases affecting the national regulations, regional forest plans, and site-specific projects. Hot topics are sure to include Clean Water Act permitting requirements for logging roads, wildlife viability requirements, and threatened and endangered species.

**Panelists:** *Marc Fink, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rebecca Smith, Attorney, Public Interest Defense Center, P.C.; Rachael Fazio, Senior Attorney, John Muir Project.*

### **Turning Toward Conservation Forestry(Organized by Craig Patterson)(LAW 242)**

Talking about forestry while integrating environmental health, economic vitality, and social equality. We will explore specific examples and different perspectives toward achieving healthy forests and communities and what that might look like. We will address barriers that prevent us from achieving success after we have defined what success is; integrating ecosystems, society, and economy interconnections.

How can we move beyond our present paralysis and build a holistic foundation for rural forested communities and ecosystems alike?

**Panelists:** *Sarah and Ben Deumling, Owners/Operators of the 1,260 acre FSC certified Zena Forest; Norm Johnson, Professor of Forestry, Oregon State University; Craig Patterson, Artistree, Builder, and Designer of Natural Edge Furniture and Small House Kits; Peter Hayes, Board Member, Oregon Board of Forestry.*

### **The BP Oil Disaster, the Aftermath and its Consequences (Organized by Daniel Bowman)(LAW 175)**

When the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded, it began the most devastating ecological disaster in U.S. history. In the following months, BP's so-called cleanup effort has actually worsened the devastation by unleashing toxic dispersants into the already suffering ecosystem. Almost a year later, the political and corporate elite are still trying to distract us into thinking this atrocity is over, but the situation has only worsened. This panel brings together a journalist, a scientist and a community organizer who can help us to better understand the significance of this crisis.

**Panelists:** *Dahr Jamail, Independent Journalist and Author; Sandra Brooke, Director of Coral Conservation, Marine Conservation Biology Institute; Jonathan Henderson, Gulf Restoration Network.*

### **Activist Self-Defense: Beyond Know Your Rights, (Organized by Michael Albers)(EMU Alsea/Coquille)**

This panel will be a cross between personal narratives and a vocational training focused on activist legal self-defense. SHAC 7 Defendant Josh Harper will discuss his experiences with animal and environmental rights over the years, as well as his subsequent arrests and prosecution. Defense attorney Michael Albers will follow up with a street level discussion of the law enforcement tactics that undermine movements and get people locked up.

**Panelists:** *Josh Harper, SHAC 7 Defendant; Michael Albers, Attorney, Working Class Law.*

### **Legacy and the Latest Uranium “Boom”– The Renewed Fight to Protect People and Water (Organized by Jeff Parsons)(LAW 184)**

Rising uranium prices have spawned a new round of uranium speculation centered in the West. This new “boom” threatens many of the communities and landscapes where past mining resulted in severe public health and environmental impacts. Panelists will discuss current efforts to hold the mining industry and government accountable for impacts from past mining, current efforts to resist and change destructive policies, and work aimed to generate energy and income that does not also destroy water, air, and sacred places.

**Panelists:** *June Lorenzo, Laguna Pueblo/Navajo (Dine); former In-House Attorney for the Pueblo of Laguna, New Mexico; Laura Watchempino, Multi-Cultural Alliance for a Safe Environment; Taylor McKinnon, Center for Biological Diversity; Eric Jantz, Attorney, New Mexico Environmental Law Center.*

## **The Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan: Protection or Misdirection? (Organized by Douglas Bevington)**(LAW 110)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently revising its recovery plan for the northern spotted owl. Protections for the owl have been a cornerstone for forest management policies in the Pacific Northwest. However, the new draft recovery plan features controversial claims that could lead to a significant reduction in forest protection. This panel will feature scientists involved with the recovery plan process who will critically evaluate the proposed revisions and discuss the implications for the spotted owl and its forests.

**Panelists:** *Dr. Chad Hanson, Executive Director, John Muir Project; Monica Bond, Scientist, Wild Nature Institute; Dr. Dennis Odion, Department of Environmental Studies, Southern Oregon University.*

## **Federal Forest Policy Folly: Privatization of the Commons, (Organized by Samantha Chirillo)**(EMU Fir)

This panel will explore basic problems with forest legislation by Congressman Peter DeFazio (west of the Cascades) and Senator Ron Wyden (east of the Cascades) that would apply logging and biomass extraction on an industrial scale as “restoration.” Is this legislation based on solid science or more about the politics? Who benefits? Who is omitted from the process, and what is missing from the public discourse? What would the impacts, both ecological and economic, likely be?

**Panelists:** *Samantha Chirillo, Co-Director, Cascadia’s Ecosystem Advocates; Cindy Haws, Executive Director, Umpqua Watersheds, Inc.; Roy Keene, Public Interest Forester; Karen Coulter, Director, Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project.*

## **Practicing with New Meaning; How Sustainability is Transforming the Law (Organized by Barry Woods)**(EMU Walnut)

The influence of sustainability on legal practice has accelerated in recent years, both in terms of office management systems and substantive practice areas. Attorneys in the Pacific Northwest lead the country in adapting sustainability creatively to fit their visions of justice and providing legal service. Panelists from academia, small and large law firms, and a client from a well-established private company, award winning for its sustainable practices, will discuss the concept of sustainability law, whether it exists, and what it means in the nuts and bolts of providing or receiving legal services. The goal of the panel is to inspire other legal professionals to take up the question and create new meaning in their professional lives.

**Panelists:** *Diane Henkils, Attorney, Clean Tech Law Partners/Executive Board of Sustainable Future Section of the Oregon State Bar; Jonathan Kroman, Sole Practitioner, Principal Kroman Law Firm; Dan Rohlf, Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School; Susan Sokol-Blosser, Entrepreneur/Vintner; Chad Marriott, Attorney, Stoel Rives.*

## **Animal Factories and Commodity Crops: Legal Approaches for Combating the Environmental Harms (Organized by Bruce Myers)**(EMU Ben Linder)

This panel will explore legal avenues for addressing the harmful environmental consequences of modern industrial agriculture—from the animal factories that process enormous numbers of animals to the vast seas of commodity crops that support them. Panelists will consider various tools, established as well as untested, for turning the tide. For example, the discussion will cover various CWA approaches (litigation and policy, including from

a water quality perspective), the role of hazardous waste legislation, the CAA, and animal welfare laws.

**Panelists:** *Charlie Tebbutt, Attorney, Law Offices of Charlie Tebbutt; Professor Kathy Hessler, Clinical Professor and Director, Animal Law Clinic, Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School; Bruce Myers, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute.*

## **Nanotechnology and the Environment (Organized by Rodney Allen)**(LAW 281)

This panel will focus on the unique environmental challenges posed by rapid developments in the field of nanotechnology. The panel will discuss both U.S. and European perspectives.

**Panelists:** *George Kimbrell, Lawyer, International Center for Technology Assessment; Dr. Eike Albrecht, Faculty for Environmental Sciences and Process Engineering, Cottbus (Germany).*

## **Rightsizing the Forest Service Road System: A New Opportunity to Create Clean Water, Happy Wildlife, and Green Jobs! (Organized by Bethanie Walder)**(LAW 142)

At 375,000 miles, the national forest road system is large enough to circumnavigate the Earth fifteen times. It’s a major environmental liability for fish, wildlife, rivers and taxpayers. Last fall, the Forest Service announced a new process to identify an ecologically and fiscally sustainable minimum road system by 2015. Learn how you can help ensure this once-in-a-generation “rightsizing” opportunity truly restores fish and wildlife connectivity, improves clean drinking water, and creates green jobs on a forest near you.

**Panelists:** *Bethanie Walder, Executive Director, Wildlands CPR; Vera Smith, National Forest Action Center Director, The Wilderness Society; Lori Ann Burd, Restore Mt. Hood Campaign Manager/Staff Attorney, BARK.*

## **Tangible Solutions, Industrial Hemp Now! (Organized by Loretta Huston)**(LAW 241)

The focus of this discussion will cover the multitude of exploitative environmental issues and the urgency of structuring a plan to revitalize the exceptional value of industrial hemp to help wean us from exhaustive and destructive forms of dirty, toxic lethal fuels, materials, and the fragile food system. We are running out of time, money, and energy. Now is our time to come together to assert and implement our vision for a clean, safe, more sustainable future.

**Panelists:** *Tim Hermach, Native Forest Council; Senator Floyd Prozanski, Oregon Legislature; Todd Dalotto; Dave Seber, Pioneer Hemp Activist.*

## **Legal Strategies to Fight Coal Export on the West Coast (Organized by Lauren Goldberg)**(LAW 141)

As the U.S. cuts back on its coal consumption, coal companies are looking for a new market – China – and are targeting the West Coast for coal export terminals. Washington State is the target for multiple coal export proposals—with proposals ranging from exports of five million to twenty million tons of coal per year. Alaska is already exporting coal overseas. Listen to lawyers on the frontlines discuss legal strategies and new litigation in this latest chapter on climate change advocacy.

**Panelists:** *Jessica Yarnall, Attorney, Sierra Club Environmental Law Program; Lauren Goldberg, Staff Attorney, Columbia Riverkeeper; Brett Vandenhewel, Executive Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Peter Morgan, Project Attorney, Sierra Club Environmental Law Program.*

## 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANELS (CONT.)

### **Impacts of and Alternatives to Big Solar on Public Lands (Organized by Janine Blaeloch)(LAW 243)**

The panelists will describe the policy behind industrial-scale solar development on U.S. public lands; the current status of Big Solar proposals and their footprint; the ecological impact of utility-scale solar on the Southwest desert ecosystem and its species; and the alternative of distributed generation in the built environment. The panel will expose the myths and misconceptions that have driven solar development, and the political factors that have entrenched both the government's approach and NGO's response.

**Panelists:** *Janine Blaeloch, Director, Western Lands Project; Laura Cunningham, Basin & Range Watch; Bill Powers, Principal, Powers Engineering.*

## 12:30 – 2:10 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (EMU Ballroom)

**Jeremy Wates & Carl Safina**

## 2:00 – 5:00 P.M. • SPENCER'S BUTTE HIKE

A van for the hike will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. from the West entrance to the law school. The hike will be guided by Forester Roy Keene who will give an informative tour of the Spencer's Butte area. Ask PIELC volunteers for more information, if needed.

## 2:30 – 3:45 P.M. • PANELS

### **Up In Smoke: Challenging Big Coal in the Western U.S., (Organized by Brad Bartlett)(EMU Ben Linder)**

Coal mining, combustion, and the disposal of toxic coal combustion waste in the West continues to have a devastating impact on human health, and the environment. Coal development has uprooted communities, irreparably damaged precious water supplies, contributed to carbon pollution, and pushed species to the brink of extinction. The Panel will present a diversity of voices working from the field to strategically fight big coal in the Western U.S. and on indigenous lands.

**Panelists:** *Wahleah Johns, Co-Director, Black Mesa Water Coalition; Shannon Anderson, Attorney/Organizer, Powder River Basin Resource Council; Jeremy Nichols, Climate and Energy Program Director, Wildearth Guardians; Taylor McKinnon, Public Lands Campaigns Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Brad Bartlett, Energy Mineral Law Center (moderator).*

### **Ruby Natural Gas Pipeline - Litigation and Mitigation (Organized by Marty Bergoffen)(LAW 282)**

Pragmatism over Principle: Why a settlement instead of litigation over the Ruby Pipeline can achieve better long-term protection for native wildlife and ecosystems. This will include the concerns of the Fort Bidwell Tribe, impacts to endangered fish, and legal claims challenging FERC's and BLM's compliance with NEPA.

**Panelists:** *Arny Atwood, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Dave Becker, Advisor and Attorney, Oregon Natural Desert Association; Debra Ellers, Executive Director of Sagebrush Habitat Conservation Fund; Adam Kron, Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Sam Hough, Attorney, Fort Bidwell Tribe; Marty Bergoffen, Attorney (Chang Mai, Thailand)*

### **The Klamath Settlement: What Is It? How Is It Working? (Organized by Glen H. Spain)(LAW 141)**

In February of 2010, two Klamath Settlement Agreements were signed by nearly forty agencies and stakeholder groups. The settlements were intended to increase sustainable water-use for farmers, recover valuable salmon runs, remove dams, and end decades of basin-wide conflict in the Upper Klamath Basin. One year later, the settlement process is going strong. Find out how the Klamath Basin Settlement works, what it involves, and how it will benefit the Klamath Basin and the region's economy.

**Panelists:** *Glen H. Spain, NW Regional Director, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA); Bud Ullman, Senior Water Attorney, Klamath Tribe; Greg Addington, Executive Director, Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA); Kate Miller, Senior Attorney, Trout Unlimited.*

### **Utility Rates and Rate Structures: Do They Support or Undermine Energy Conservation? (Organized by Craig Patterson)(EMU Alsea/Coquille)**

What message do utility rates and rate structures give to the consumer? Do they support or undermine energy conservation? Do high basic charges and declining block rates undermine energy conservation? What are the barriers to achieving the state goals of 25% renewable by 2025? What path holds the most promise? How effective are our conservation programs? What obstacles will we face attempting to achieve our conservation goals?

**Panelists:** *Bob Jenks, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board; Jim Lazar, Consultant for Regulatory Assistance Project and other National and International Clients; Craig Patterson, Cooperative Utility Member; Katherine Schacht, Board Director, Emerald Peoples Utility District.*

### **Pulling the Plug on Dirty Water with NPDES De-Delegation Petitions (Organized by Laura Murphy)(EMU Walnut)**

The EPA and states have come under fire recently for failing to implement and enforce the Clean Water Act. A flurry of petitions has been filed asking EPA to revoke states' authority to do so, and at least eight petitions are still pending. The petitions spotlight numerous violations of CWA requirements (failure to regulate CAFOs or provide public participation, etc.). This panel will explore the legal framework for de-delegation, and share tips on crafting and using petitions to improve CWA programs.

**Panelists:** *Tarah Heinzen, Attorney, Environmental Integrity Project; Laura Murphy, Staff Attorney & Assistant Professor, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School; Wally Taylor, Attorney, Iowa Sierra Club.*

### **How Can We Protect Public Lands and Promote Renewable Energy Development?(Organized by Lisa Belenky)(LAW 242)**

Renewable energy is necessary and debate about the role that public lands should play as sites for large-scale renewable energy projects is ongoing. Siting renewable energy on public lands in 2010-2011 was largely dominated by the "fast-track" projects to qualify for federal grants and loan guarantees without prior planning. This panel will explore recent experiences with fast-track projects in California and Nevada and the issues that have arisen regarding impacts to resources and compliance with environmental laws as well as laws protecting tribal and cultural resources. We will also discuss recent litigation and

explore alternatives/solutions to improve the siting process for renewable energy projects on public lands.

**Panelists:** *Kristin Ruether, Staff Attorney, Advocates for the West; Gloria D. Smith, Senior Staff Attorney, Sierra Club; Thane Somerville, Attorney, Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & Somerville; Curt Bradley, GIS Specialist & IT Director, Center for Biological Diversity.*

## **Nuclear Power: An Ineffective, Expensive, and Dangerous Response to Climate Change (Organized by Elizabeth Brown)(LAW 184)**

Nuclear power cannot address climate change effectively or in time and undermines safer, cleaner, and cheaper alternatives. Nuclear power is expensive and would not exist without taxpayer-funded subsidies. Furthermore, reactors are vulnerable to attack and regularly release radioactivity into the environment, and after more than sixty years, radioactive waste still remains a problem without a solution. In addition to these issues, this panel will discuss the extreme secrecy at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission involved in the licensing process for proposed and existing reactors.

**Panelists:** *Dr. Arjun Makhijani, President, Institute for Energy and Environmental Research; Kevin Kamps, Radioactive Waste Watchdog, Beyond Nuclear; Diane Curran, Partner, Harmon Curran Spielberg & Eisenberg LLP.*

## **Sawal Nur: The Challenge of Traditional Salmon Restoration Within a U.S. Legal Framework (Organized by NALSA and the Winnemem Support Group of Oregon) (LAW 142)**

The panel will focus on the process the tribe is going through to bring salmon back from New Zealand to their home waters in the U.S. on the McCloud River in Northern California and the establishment of a hatchery. The process of going from a government-to-government relationship, as experienced in New Zealand, to navigating a government ward relationship in the United States and the challenge of interfacing a traditional tribal way of government with a federal and state way of government will also be discussed. Showing of the film *Dancing Salmon Home*.

**Panelists:** *Mark Franco, Head Man, Winnemem Wintu Tribe; Debbie Davis, Tribal Administrator and Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Winnemem Wintu Tribe, Policy Director. Moderated by Charlotte Hodde.*

## **Using the News: Getting Your Story to the Media, a Roundtable with Reporters (Organized by Camilla Mortensen and Nadia White)(EMU Metolius/Owyhee)**

You write great press releases but reporters never pick up your story. You are always “on message,” but the newspaper always gives more press to the other guy. Journalists from a variety of news sources, daily papers to in-depth authors, will discuss how to effectively communicate with the media and get your environmental story heard.

**Panelists:** *Nadia White, Assistant Professor, University of Montana School of Journalism; Winston Ross, Reporter, Eugene Register-Guard; Camilla Mortensen, Reporter, Eugene Weekly; Elizabeth Grossman, Freelance/Independent Journalist and Author; Rachael McDonald, Reporter, KLCC, National Public Radio Member Station.*

## **Wolf Recovery in the Pacific Northwest (Organized by Rob Klavins)(LAW 110)**

The return of wolves is one of the greatest conservation success stories in American history. However, as wolves retake their place on the landscape in places like Idaho and Wyoming, a backlash has grown against the native predator and the people who welcome them back. Wolves returning to the Pacific Northwest do so on a different political, social, and ecological landscape. Learn more about the legal, political, and social issues wolves invoke and how they may be resolved.

**Panelists:** *Rob Klavins, Advocate, Oregon Wild, Roadless Wildlands; Jasmine Minbashian, Special Projects Director, Conservation Northwest; Dan Kruse, Legal Director, Cascadia Wildlands.*

## **Environmental Advocacy in a Post-“Citizens United” World (Organized by Alex Hood and Elisabeth Holmes) (LAW 175)**

This panel will focus on the implications of the *Citizens United* decision on energy corporation and trade association lobbying and on the environmental/climate policy debate. It will also evaluate what constitutes advocacy today in the Twitter and Facebook age and the finances of environmental advocacy and lobbying in Washington, D.C. Panelists include members of Public Citizen which submitted amicus briefs to the Supreme Court during the *Citizens United* litigation.

**Panelists:** *Tyson Slocum, Director, Public Citizen Energy Program; David Donnelly, National Campaigns Director, Public Campaign Action Fund and Director, Campaign Money Watch.*

## **The Dog that Won’t Ever Die: A Walking Tour of the University of Oregon’s Riverfront Research Park (Organized by Allen Hancock)(LAW 281)**

Students and faculty have been opposing the University of Oregon’s plans to build a suburban office park next to the Willamette River for more than twenty-five years. A dissertation could be written about the University’s blatant violation of contracts and land use laws at the Riverfront Research Park. Join us for a tour of the University’s only open space--now imminently threatened by development--to find out what the fuss is all about. (*This tour involves walking about ten minutes in each direction on paved surfaces. The walking tour will leave from the front lobby of the law school. In case of inclement weather, this panel will be conducted in Room 281 of the Law School.*)

**Panelists:** *Allen Hancock, Connecting Eugene.*

## **EcoDistricts (Organized by Carley Dirks)(LAW 243)**

EcoDistricts utilize the most successful elements of sustainable practices like district energy, combined heat and energy, green streets, mixed-use development, and demand management from the environmental, social, and economic fields, and combine them into a single neighborhood. This Panel will discuss the components of EcoDistricts, implementation, benefits, drawbacks, and potential obstacles.

**Panelists:** *John Sorenson, Exec. Dir. N2e Neighborhood Natural Energy.*

**4:00 – 5:15 P.M. • PANELS**

**Using the New Online Protected Area, Species, and Habitat Databases (Organized by James L. Olmsted)**  
(LAW 175)

This panel will describe the work of the Conservation Biology Institute, the Trust for Public Land, Defenders of Wildlife and NatureServe in creating national databases showing protected lands, species, habitats, and other conservation related data. Particular attention will be given to the nearly completed National Conservation Easement Database. Attendees of the presentation will learn how to find these incredibly useful databases on the web and how to manage and use the immense amounts of data they contain. This course is essential to anyone preserving land, habitat, and species on a landscape or regional scale.

**Panelists:** *James L. Olmsted, Esq., Conservation and Preservation Council; Gina LaRocco, Conservation Program Associate, Defenders of Wildlife; James R. Strittbolt, Ph.D., Conservation Biology Institute.*

**Logging Roads & Water: NEDC v. Brown (Organized by Sarah Peters)**(EMU Alsea/Coquille)

In a landmark decision, the 9th Circuit recently reversed a decades old interpretation of Clean Water Act regulations, determining that the ditches, culverts, and other conveyances along logging roads are point sources that should be regulated under the CWA's NPDES program. This decision will have broad reaching impacts on logging road management on both private and public lands. Panelists will discuss the facts behind this particular case, the legal rationale of the decision, and where it might go from here.

**Panelists:** *Paul Kampmeier, Attorney, Washington Forest Law Center; Chris Winter, Co-Executive Director & Attorney, Crag Law Center; Sarah Peters, Legal Liason/Staff Attorney, Wildlands CPR.*

**A Viewing and Discussion of the Film: “Return of the Navajo Boy”**(LAW 184)

An official selection of the Sundance Film Festival and PBS, “Return of the Navajo Boy” is an internationally acclaimed documentary that reunited a Navajo family and triggered a federal investigation into uranium contamination. It tells the story of Elsie Mae Begay, whose history in pictures reveals an incredible and ongoing struggle for an environment justice. There will be a discussion to follow on the topic surrounding the film.

**Panelists:** *Linda Richards, Ph.D candidate in the History of Science, Oregon State University; Oliver Tapaha, Navajo Tribal Member, Oregon State University Native American Longhouse GTA; Shangrila Joshi Wynn, Doctoral Candidate, Environmental Science, Studies and Policy, Geography, University of Oregon.*

**Local Tools for Addressing the Impacts of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) (Organized by Laura Murphy)**(LAW 281)

CAFOs can have devastating environmental, economic, and social impacts on surrounding communities. This panel will explore some local legal tools for dealing with these negative impacts. In particular, we'll look at CAFOs in relation to land use laws. We'll also explore how to use the tax grieving process to receive fair property assessments that account for and shine a spotlight on the negative effects of neighboring CAFOs.

**Panelists:** *Kathy Hessler, Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School, Clinical Director for the Center, Animal Law Studies; Kendra Kimbirauskis, President, Friends of Family Farmers; Laura Murphy, Staff Attorney & Assistant Professor, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School; Sarah Vaile, Attorney and Board member, Friends of Family Farmers.*

**Environmentalism Gone Awry: The War on Invasive Species (Organized by Fritzi Cohen)**(LAW 142)

This panel will give a brief overview of invasion biology's scientific failings, and current scientific perspectives on invasive species. Panelists will cover multiple subjects surrounding the invasive species topic including: attack of the killer environmentalists: from the experimental release of biocontrol agents to the widespread poisoning of plants and animals; Hawaii's environmental war: invasive species control can be far worse than the problem; invasive Spartina grass: ecological disaster or high value ecosystem service provider; view from the looking glass: the dangers of categorizing species as worthy or unworthy; a contemplation of ethical, biological, and ecological implications of our battles against invasive species; and invasion biology - science or pseudoscience?

**Panelists:** *Sydney Ross Singer, Medical Anthropologist & Biologist, Director, Good Shepard Foundation and Institute for the Study of Culturogenic Disease (Hawaii); Dr. James Morris, Director, Belle Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina; Boyce Thorne Miller, Science and Policy Coordinator, Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA); David I. Theodoropoulos, Author, Director, Las Sombras Biological Preserve La Honda.*

**Saving for Flow: Connecting Water Conservation and Flow Protection (Organized by Adam Schempp)**(EMU Walnut)

Water conservation programs and instream flow protection efforts are both relatively common and growing in the Western U.S., but the two are only rarely connected (conservation as a means to improving instream flows). This panel will present and discuss the conduciveness of state water laws in the Western U.S. to utilizing conserved water for instream purposes, examples of innovative and successful models for making the connection in practice, and the future potential for water conservation to benefit instream flows.

**Panelists:** *Lawrence MacDonnell, Professor of Law, University of Wyoming; Adam Schempp, Director of Western Water Program, Environmental Law Institute; Michael Garrity, Washington State Conservation Director, American Rivers.*

**Species Protection in a Warming World (Organized by Bethany Cotton, Center for Biological Diversity)(LAW 141)**

All species will be affected by climate change. Arctic species are at risk as their habitat literally melts around them, while species thousands of miles from the poles are forced inland and to higher elevations by rising temperatures and sea-levels. Panelists will discuss efforts to gain protections for species including the polar bear, walrus, seals, and the Delmarva Peninsula fox squirrel, using GIS technology to demonstrate projected climate impacts, and why rising sea-levels have changed traditional notions of coastal environmental protection.

**Panelists:** *Bethany Cotton, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rebecca Noblin, Alaska Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Edward Richards, Harvey A. Peltier Professor of Law and Director of the Program in Law, Science, and Public Health, Louisiana State University Law Center; Curt Bradley, GIS Specialist and Information Technology Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Kristen Monsell, Wildlife Litigation Fellow, The Humane Society of the United States.*

**Renewable Energy Sprawl in Sagebrush Wildlands (Organized by Katie Fite)(LAW 243)**

The footprint of industrial renewable energy development on wild public lands can cause severe ecological problems. Industrial wind and geothermal facilities result in major new roading, powerlines, habitat fragmentation, and light and noise pollution. Agencies have green-lighted projects without consideration of proper and responsible siting. There often is considerable confusion about what jurisdiction (federal, state, or local) is responsible for approving projects and less protection for the environment in state and local laws and ordinances.

**Panelists:** *Dave Becker, Attorney, Law Office of David H. Becker, LLC; Kristen Ruether, Attorney, Advocates for the West; Katie Fite, Biodiversity Director, Western Watersheds Project; Kevin Emmerich, Co-Founder, Basin and Range Watch.*

**Grazing on Public Lands: A Sustainable Use? (Organized by Joe Bushyhead and Molly Fales)(LAW 241)**

How can public lands be used sustainably? This panel will be a constructive conversation between opponents and advocates of public lands grazing and will seek to find the common ground between ranchers and environmental advocates.

**Panelists:** *Mark Salvo, Director of the Sagebrush Sea Campaign, Wild Earth Guardians; Jim Catlin, Wild Utah Project; Rick Knight, Professor of Wildlife Conservation, Colorado State University; Dennis Moroney, Professor of Range Management at Cochise College, Arizona, Past President the Society for Range Management- Arizona Section, and rancher.*

**2010: Clean Air Act Year in Review (Organized by Dave Bender)(EMU Fir)**

A review of the how the Clean Air Act has fared in the courts under the Obama Administration. We will review the major Clean Air Act cases and other developments that took place in 2010. We will also take a brief look ahead at important cases that are pending and discuss how things might change with the new Congress.

**Panelists:** *David Bender, McGillivray Westerberg & Bender LLC; Paul Cort, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Adriano Martinez, Project Attorney, Natu-*

*ral Resources Defense Council.*

**Wolf Recovery in the Pacific Northwest - Continued from 2:30 p.m. Panel (Organized by Rob Klavins) (LAW 110)**

**Beyond Green Scare: effective media in the age of terror laws, (Organized by Dean Kuipers)(LAW 242)**

Rod Coronado was jailed for accepting a friend on Facebook. Activists are prosecuted as terrorists for chanting and chalking sidewalks. Faced with potent and ill-defined laws like the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, the Patriot Act, and new sentencing and parole guidelines, activists can be empowered by knowing the 2011 landscape for legal protest.

**Panelists:** *Lauren Regan, Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Ben Rosenfeld, Attorney, Law Office of Dennis Cunningham, Board Member, CLDC; Karen Pickett, Media Strategist, Roots of Change Media Education Project; Dean Kuipers, writer and editor, Los Angeles Times (moderator).*

**The APA in the Post-McNair World, (Organized by Jack Tuholske)(LAW 282)**

This panel will address the controversial Ninth Circuit *Lands Council v. McNair* decision focusing on the nature of deferential review and how to overcome it. It will include a discussion of increasing abdication of judicial responsibility as a tenant of conservative judicial activism.

**Panelists:** *Jack Tuholske, Visiting Professor, Vermont & Montana Law School; Rebecca Smith, Private Practice Attorney, Missoula, Montana; Tom Woodbury, Attorney, Western Watersheds.*

**5:30 – 7:30 P.M. PAUL PERSONS STUDENT**

**RECEPTION** (Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid Street)

We invite all youthful activists and students from any school to attend this reception for organic, vegetarian hors d'oeuvres and a great opportunity to network with peers. Located on the west side of campus (next to Rennie's Landing). Many thanks to Misha Dunlap for making this event possible.

**5:30 - 7:30 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RECEPTION**

(Many Nations Longhouse)

The Native peoples at the University of Oregon welcome all indigenous conference attendees and their allies to this reception. A light meal will be served. *Co-sponsors: The Native American Law Student Association (NALSA), The Native American Student Union (NASU), and ENR's Native Environmental Sovereignty Project.*

**6:30 -8:30 ALUMNI RECEPTION** (Lewis Lounge, Knight Law Fourth Floor)

All University of Oregon School of Law alumni and current students are welcome to attend a reception in the Lewis Lounge. Take the elevator by the north entrance.

## 9:00 – 10:15 A.M. • PANELS

### **Navigating the Criminal Courts: For Activists and Their Attorneys (Organized by Ben Rosenfeld)(LAW 241)**

We will provide an overview of the criminal trial process, with emphasis on issues which commonly arise in activist cases, including maintaining solidarity among co-defendants and other targeted members of the community; educating one's lawyers about the politics of the case and embracing those politics; and fostering productive as well as secure communication between clients and attorneys. This is a panel for both activists and lawyers.

**Panelists:** *Ben Rosenfeld, Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Lauren Regan, Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center.*

### **Restoring Food and Trade Sovereignty at Home and Abroad (Organized by Samantha Chirillo)(LAW 142)**

U.S. farm and trade policies have caused the loss of food security at home and abroad. Although the problem started during the Great Depression, U.S. farm policy since the 1950s and more recent 'free trade' agreements have subsidized petrochemical-intensive agribusiness, reduced the demand for and price of local food, and forced many family farmers out of business while disempowering communities. Grassroots efforts to rebuild community food systems and pass comprehensive trade reform (the TRADE Act) are making headway.

**Panelists:** *Sarah Kleeger, Open Oak Farm, Adaptive Seeds, Southern Willamette Valley Bean & Grain Project; Mary Ann Jasper, Sales and Distribution Coordinator, Stafford Farms; Willamette Seed & Grain, LLC, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition's Local 6 Food Action team; Robert Roth, Founding Member, Lane County Fair Trade Campaign.*

### **White-Nose Syndrome and the Dying of the Bats (Organized by Mollie Matteson)(LAW 141)**

White-Nose Syndrome is a newly emergent disease in bats. It first appeared in 2006 in upstate New York and has since spread throughout the eastern U.S. and into Canada. This devastating illness, which has caused mortality rates up to 100% in some Northeast bat colonies, threatens to bring about the extinction of one or more species and is poised to move into the West. This panel will discuss the threat to bats and what can be done to help protect them.

**Panelists:** *Mollie Matteson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity; Pat Ormsbee, Bat Specialist, U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management; Nina Fascione, Executive Director, Bat Conservation International; Dr. Winifred Frick, NSF Bioinformatics Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California Santa Cruz & Boston University.*

### **The Right FIT for Oregon: Successful Renewable Energy Feed-In Tariffs and Community-Scale Energy Generation (Organized by Ray Neff)(LAW 110)**

A well-designed Feed-in Tariff (FIT) is the most effective policy to encourage widespread adoption of renewable energy and growth throughout the industry. It democratizes the grid by requiring electric utilities to offer all customer-generators a guaranteed, fixed price for all energy related by renewable sources and fed into the utility network. Oregon's Solar Pilot Program that launched in July 2010 has been well received. While not a true FIT, with improvements it can achieve its true economic and environmental potential.

**Panelists:** *Judy Barnes, Co-Founder & Outreach Coordinator, OREP; Mark*

*Pengilly, Attorney, Legislative Liaison; Jennifer Gleason, Staff Attorney, Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide; Ray Neff, Research Coordinator, OREP.*

### **Dioxin from Phone Poles: Poison in Your Back Yard (Organized by William Verick)(LAW 281)**

Utility poles are ubiquitous – they're near school day care centers and in back yards. These poles bleed large amounts of dioxin into the soil and into waterways. The Ecological Rights Foundation has sued California's Pacific Gas & Electric under the imminent and substantial endangerment provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and as unpermitted discharges that violate the Clean Water Act. The panel will present regulatory framework, sampling results, a how-to for interested activists.

**Panelists:** *William Verick, Mateel Environmental Justice Foundation; Fredric Evenson, Ecological Rights Foundation; Patricia Clary, Californians for Alternatives to Toxics.*

### **Environmental Impact Assessments in Estonia, Hungary and Slovakia, ELAW (Organized by Maggie Keenan) (LAW 184)**

This panel will cover the topic of EIAs as it pertains to Estonia, Hungary, and Slovakia. Each panelist will discuss their public interest environmental law organization's work; including Estonian Environmental Law Center's work with communities to make their voices heard in decisions about proposed infrastructure projects, including roads, railways, ports, oil terminals, factories, wind parks, and landfills; Via Iuris' (Slovakia), work to expand citizens' rights to participate in decisions about land use; and Environmental Management and Law Association's (Budapest) work on air and noise pollution, environmental conservation, and promoting good environmental regulation in local government.

**Panelists:** *Kart Vaarmari, Executive Director, Estonian Environmental Law Center, Tallinn, Estonia; Imrich Vozar, Attorney, Via Iuris (Center for Public Advocacy), Banská Bystrica, Slovakia; Szilvia Szilágyi, Attorney, Environmental Management and Law Association, Budapest, Hungary.*

### **Klamath-Siskiyou Discussion and Documentary: "A Wild American Forest" (Organized by Julie Norman) (Law 175)**

This panel will show the new PBS documentary showcasing the wildlands and conservation issues of Klamath-Siskiyou region and follow with an update on Klamath-Siskiyou wildlands campaigns.

**Panelists:** *Dave Willis, Executive Director, Soda Mountain Wilderness; Julie Norman, Program Coordinator, Geos Institute*

## 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANELS

### **Rural Oregon: Not a Dumping Ground for Dirty Development Projects (Organized by Jody McCafree)(LAW 142)**

Coos County has been hit hard by difficult economic times and a slew of environmentally damaging, multinational development projects. Grassroots Citizens groups have formed and developed alliances to fight these highly funded projects. Coos County has a vast potential and opportunity to develop local, sustainable and renewable industries instead of large-scale, polluting ones. Panel members will discuss the problems we are facing fighting these environmentally unsound projects as well as potential solutions.

**Panelists:** *Jody McCafree, Executive Director, Citizens Against LNG; Julie Jones, Co-President, Bandon Woodlands Community Association; Cameron La Follette, Land Use Director, Oregon Coast Alliance; David Petrie, Coos Tribesman.*

### **Coming Clean and Green with Information Disclosure (Organized by Dr. Troy Abel)(LAW 242)**

The panelists provide a contemporary analysis of environmental right-to-know in different contexts from North America to the European Union. The collection and use of environmental information is grounded in the normative claim that the public has a right to know about the environment that they live in. Professor Melious will introduce the contemporary legal framework for right-to-know, Stephan and Abel will focus on North American initiatives, and Kravchenko will examine multilateral efforts in the European Union.

**Panelists:** *Jean Melious, Associate Professor of Environmental Law, Western Washington University; Mark Stephan, Associate Professor of Political Science, Washington State University; Dr. Troy D. Abel, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies, Western Washington University;*

### **Sustainable Cities Year, (Organized by Jessica Bloomfield)(LAW 184)**

The Sustainable City Year (SCY) program is a partnership between the University of Oregon's Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI) and one city in Oregon each academic year. This year, over 500 students in Twenty-eight University of Oregon and Portland State University courses are collaborating with the City of Salem on fifteen projects that focus on Salem's sustainability and livability. Courtney Knox from the City of Salem and three UO faculty who are teaching SCY courses will discuss specific projects and the unique opportunity that SCY provides for students and partner cities.

**Panelists:** *Robert Young, Assistant Professor, Planning, Public Policy, and Management, University of Oregon; Jan Wilson, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Courtney Knox, Project Manager, City of Salem; Jason Germany, Assistant Professor, Product Design, University of Oregon.*

### **The Occupation of the US Navy in Vieques, Puerto Rico and the Struggle that Continues (Organized by Daniel Romero) (LAW 282)**

The United States Navy used Vieques, Puerto Rico for naval training and testing from 1941 to May 1, 2003. In the panel Tania Morales will talk about what this meant for Vieques and its people. Daniel will briefly talk about what he learned from his last visit to Vieques this past February. There will be a presentation of a short documentary about Vieques (made by Puerto Rican film director Mariem Perez) along with time for a Q & A.

**Panelists:** *Tania Morales, Daniel Manzanilla Romero.*

### **Problems with Palm Oil (Organized by Brihannala Morgan)(LAW 241)**

Indonesia and Malaysia's forests and peatlands provide support not only for communities and biodiversity, but are some of the world's richest stores of carbon. The destruction of these forests for palm oil plantations not only threatens habitat of endangered species like orangutans, it also threatens our global climate. While industry threatens to undermine efforts to provide a viable certification for sustainable palm oil, communities fight to maintain the rights to their land and carbon. Communities in America are supporting these efforts through international solidarity and conscious consumerism.

**Panelists:** *Brihannala Morgan, Executive Director, The Borneo Project; Gabriel Wynn, Green Empowerment; Joy McEwen, Owner, Diggin' Livin' Farm & Apiary.*

### **Oregon Community Solar Development: Challenges and Pathways Forward (Organized by Sam Roberts) (LAW 141)**

A discussion of the status of community solar developments in Oregon including tools to promote implementation and a discussion of the challenges and opportunities for community solar development in Eugene.

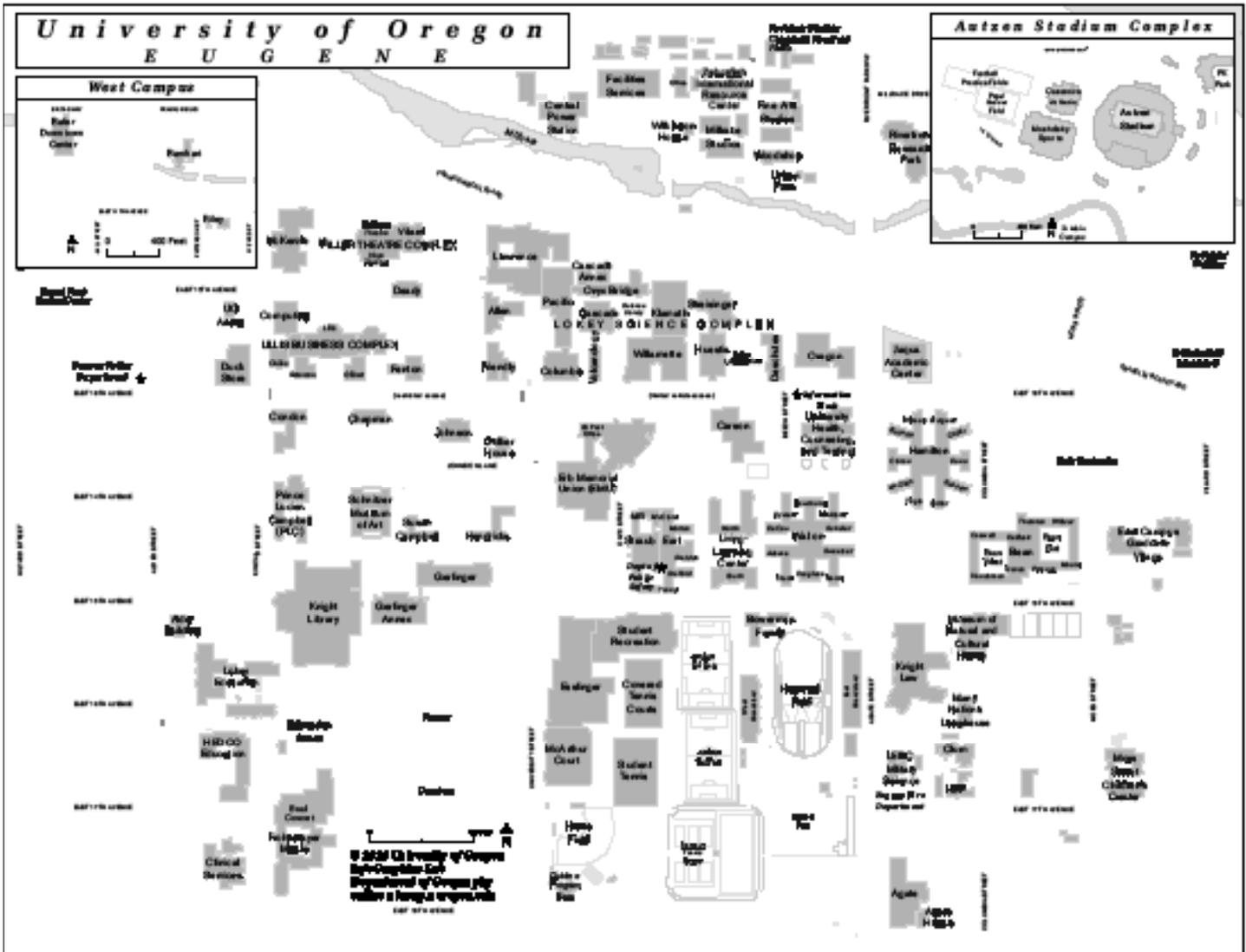
**Panelists:** *Sarah Mazze, Climate Education Program Manager, THE Climate Leadership Initiative, University of Oregon Institute for Sustainable Environment & The Resource Innovation Group; Joshua Skov, Principal and Co-Founder of Good Company, Chairman of the City of Eugene Sustainability Commission; Sam Roberts, David Brower Fellow, Energy Law and Policy Project.*

### **Klamath-Siskiyou Discussion and Documentary: "A Wild American Forest" - Continued from 9:00 a.m. panel (Organized by Julie Norman) (LAW 175)**

## 12:30 – 2:15 P.M. • CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (LAW 175)

**Dr. Vandana Shiva & Humberto Rios Labrada**

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## Special Events Schedule

Saturday, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Friday, March 4 – 9:00 – 10:15 A.M.

**• ENR BOWERMAN FELLOW PRESENTATIONS AND BREAKFAST (ENR CENTER)**

Please join us for a light breakfast and research highlights from the Oregon Law Bowerman and Brower Fellows: student fellows will present their individual environmental law research projects. (ENR Open House to follow until 4 P.M.)

Friday, 9:00 – 12:00 A.M.

**• PIELC CELEBRATION** Tickets are \$10 at the door with your own beverage container (or purchase a LAW mug for \$5). Music featuring the Moon Mountain Ramblers.

Saturday, March 5 – 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

**• SPENCER'S BUTTE HIKE**- Meet at the West entrance of the law school. There will be a shuttle to pick you up and a guided hiking tour by forester Roy Keene.

**• PAUL PERSONS STUDENT RECEPTION**- (Wesley Center, 1236 Kincaid Street) We invite all youthful activists and students to attend this reception for organic, vegetarian hors d'oeuvres and a great opportunity to network with peers. Located on the west side of campus (next to Rennie's Landing). Many thanks to Misha Dunlap for making this event possible.

**Saturday, 5:30 - 7:30 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RECEPTION** (Many Nations Longhouse)

The Native peoples at the University of Oregon welcome all indigenous conference attendees and their allies to this reception. A light meal will be served. *Co-sponsors: The Native American Law Student Association (NALSA), The Native American Student Union (NASU), and ENR's Native Environmental Sovereignty Project.*

**Saturday, 6:30 -8:30 ALUMNI RECEPTION** (Lewis Lounge, Knight Law Fourth Floor)

All University of Oregon School of Law alumni are welcome to attend a reception in the Lewis Lounge. Take the elevator by the north entrance.

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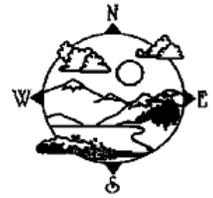
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