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Welcome to the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC), the premier annual gathering for environmentalists in the world! This year in its 31st year, PIELC unites thousands of activists, attorneys, students, scientists, and community members from over 50 countries around the globe to share their ideas, experience, and expertise. With keynote addresses, workshops, films, celebrations, and over 120 panels, PIELC is world-renowned for its energy, innovation, and inspiration. In 2011, PIELC received the Program of the Year Award from the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources.

**PIELC 2013, Earth: Too Big to Fail**

The 2013 PIELC Conference Co-Directors are reclaiming the phrase “too big to fail” for the environmental movement. If this status quo can work to justify bailouts for financial institutions, why not to justify a bailout for Earth? We spend our money bailing out banks while we quibble over whether or not to invest in clean energy technologies or improve environmental regulations. True, if humans were gone, the planet would continue to exist. While nature has a way of “bouncing back,” it is undeniable that humans are causing irreparable harm to this planet. Therefore, it is humans who must act now to prevent further species loss, water and air quality damage, and human illness and death.

In this sense, Earth - the holistic system that is our planet and not simply the hunk of rock rotating on its axis through space - is too big to fail.

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Land Air Water (LAW) is the world’s oldest environmental law student society. Student members from the University of Oregon School of Law organize the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference on a wholly volunteer basis. The conference is the premier annual gathering for environmentalists worldwide and is distinguished as the oldest and largest of its kind. To pull it off, PIELC Co-Directors, Gurus, and LAW Officers plan year-round, and are joined by dozens of student volunteers who help with everything from coordinating and recording panels to providing a place to stay. LAW members also sponsor speakers and events at the university, organize volunteer activities, and publish the Western Environmental Law Update (WELU), an annual newsletter on developments in environmental law.

Friends of Land Air Water (FLAW) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by LAW members in 1993. The board of directors is comprised of the students of the University of Oregon School of Law. Its primary purpose in the annual the FLAW also provides a summer stipend program for University of Oregon School of Law students working unpaid positions in environmental law. To learn more, visit [http://www.pielc.org/pages/law.html](http://www.pielc.org/pages/law.html).

**Special thanks to Land Air Water members for organizing this year’s conference:**

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**Complimentary Appetizers Will be Served Prior to the Keynotes in the EMU Gumwood Room**
DOJ. Before joining the Department
Environmental Enforcement Section,
Prior to becoming Deputy Assistant At
ed decisions.

Mr. Behn is the subject of
a documentary film focused on the im
First Nations. Mr. Behn is the subject of
and a Lands Manager for the Saulteau
completed his Juris Doctor degree and
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Bassey has authored books on the
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headed lawsuits against oil companies
leave behind, convinced that the costs of
environmental degradation and hu
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Aroostook County town of Bridgewater
an advisor to the UMO Northern New
years on the Steering Committee of the
servation & Development Council. He
now on the MOFGA Ag Services Com
and was on the Certification Committee
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Jim Gerritsen is currently the President of
Environmental Law Institute, a nationally
recognized non-profit association that
provides resourceful information and
activities in the area of environmental law and
prohibition of trade in endangered species to
Ell. John, was for over two decades, the
Career Attorney, Assistant Attorney General in the
Environment and Natural Resources
Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.
representing the University of Washington
and led settlement negotiations in numerous
complex cases, many with reported
decisions.

Prior to becoming Deputy Attorney At
Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section
DOJ. Before joining the Department

of Justice, he was the Chief Legislative
Council of the Army. After graduating
borne, ranger, and Special Forces units
before attending law school, Mr. Cruden
as President of the El Salvador
Lumbia Bar, the second largest bar in the
knowledge of women and the environment, Energy, and
Natural Resources Department, and a member of the
merican College of Environmental Lawyers.
He has received the Presidential Rank
and awards from the DOJ, ABA, FBA,
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dustry. In 2010, Mr. Cruden was listed by
a national magazine as one of the top
00 lawyers in America. He has written
and lectured extensively in the areas of
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nonprofit law firm that has provided
helpful information to more than 1
local residents to monitor air

Thomas Linzey is an attorney and the
Executive Director of the Center for
Public World Education. Linzey has a
supporter of government and public
rights. He has provided legal representation
for several clients including law firms; businesses;
nonprofit organizations; individuals; and state
and federal government agencies.

General Janet Reno.
His book, The Miner's Case: Evitat
Race, Restoring Power, Transforming
Democracy (Harvard University Press,
2009) is widely regarded as a landmark
work that is critical reading for
environemental law professionals and
scholars.

Ed Whitelaw
Ed is the founder of ECOnorthwest. He
helps communities engage in dialogues
about their economic, natural resource and envi
mental economies, and the economic opportuni
ties that are emerging from this.

Since 1974, Ed has completed economic
consulting projects for a wide range of
nonprofit organizations, businesses;
tribes; and state, local and federal
governments. He has testified before
administrative agencies; na
tional, and judicial bodies on a
variety of subjects, in hearings
on state, regional, and national
issues. He is a member of the
Council for Environmental Policy and
the Oregon Progress
Committee.

All keynote speeches will occur in the
EMU Ballroom, except the Sunday morning breakfast which will occur in
Knight Lane 175.
Thursday, February 28 - Friday, March 1

4:00 – 5:15 P.M. • PANEL 1

Climate Standing After Mass. v. EPA: Precedent, Pitfalls, and Pointers (Organizer: Shiloh Hernandez) (EMU F11)

In 2006, Mass. v. EPA held that some plaintiffs had standing to bring some climate change related claims. Since then, litigants and courts have struggled to determine the limits of standing in climate change related cases. This panel will survey post-Mass. v. EPA climate law cases, present implications for and against this movement.

Panelists: Shiloh Hernandez, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Nathan Shoff, Attorney, Status.

Return of Jaguars to the American Southwest (Organizer: Michael Robinson) (EMU Walnut)

Decades after extermination from their vast U.S. range, today’s jaguars found in Arizona and New Mexico originated in Sonora, Mexico, where they populate protected areas and promotes coexistence. North of the border, a federal proposal to designate jaguar critical habitat would protect ‘sky island’ mountains from mining, but not from livestock, nor would it protect the elk-filled Gila National Forest. Other risks abound. A jaguar killed in 2009 led to calls for “removal but not official’s”; predator-hunting could kill more jaguars.

Panelists: Michael Robinson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity, Diana Bailey, President of Board of Directors, Northern Jaguar Project; Janay Brun, Naturalist and Whistleblower.

Motorized Public Land: Fighting To Get Off the Road to Destruction (Organizer: Sarah Peters) (EMU Maple)

The process for planning where the public can drive on National Forests and BLM lands has been ongoing for the past decade or more. After bad decisions by agencies across the West, conservation-focused organizations have made some big gains in keeping forests quiet and protecting watersheds and wildlife habitat. Panelists will discuss some of the key wins and losses from recent cases.

Panelists: Matt Bishop, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Sarah Peters, Staff Attorney, Wildlands CPR; Cyndi Tuell, SW Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity.

Public Lands No More? (Organizer: Matthew Cline and Michael Harris) (EMU Star)

This panel will present the recent movement by some states to attempt to claim federal lands. Panelists will discuss the legal arguments for and against federal lands, and analyze the arguments and implications for and against this movement.

Panelists: David Garbett, Staff Attorney, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance; Matthew Cline, J.D. Candidate, University of Oregon School of Law.

Environmental Laws and Practice of the Future – Some Truly Creative Speculating by Pros & Practicing Lawyers (Organizer: Lin Harmon) (EMU Metolius)

This panel will feature practicing and aspiring lawyers to think creatively about the future of environmental law and how we will practice it. We will look at the vast changes sweeping over our society, the profession, and the world, and consider whether and how environmental law itself needs to change as well as our approach to law practice. Audience participation is encouraged.

Panelists: Lin Harmon, Professor, Asst. Dean, and Director of Environmental Law Programs, Pace Law School; Michael Harris, Assistant Professor of Law & Director of the Environmental Law Clinic, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; John Denbigh, Distinguished Professor of Law Co-Director, Environmental Law Center, Widener University.

Land, Climate Justice, and Wildlife Conservation in Africa (Organizer: Thuli Brilliant Makama) (EMU Oak)

Climate change has seen a lot of discussions around possible solutions and most of them require land and changes in agricultural systems. Local communities still depend on land, fauna and flora for survival. There is growing competition between these two key aspects. How do we, as lawyers, contribute to finding solutions?

Panelists: Thuli Brilliant Makama, Attorney, Yonge Nawe Friends of the Earth (Swaziland); Efiefihda Lalaktu, LL.M Candidate, University of Oregon School of Law; Bad Angeli, Friend of Lake Turkana (Kenya); Sioloane Simelane, Yonge Nawe Friends of the Earth (Swaziland).

6:00 – 6:30 P.M. • OPENING CEREMONIES (EMU Ballroom)

Come join us to kick off PIECL 2013, EARTH: To Big To Fail! Enjoy a traditional welcoming and opening with representatives from the Grand Ronde Tribes. Next, Professor John Bonine, Land Air Water’s faculty advisor and long-time PIECL supporter and advocate, will introduce the conference and the Co-Directors.

6:30 – 8:15 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (EMU Ballroom)

Ed Whitelaw, Founder, ECONorthwest, environment and natural resource economist.

Nimnno Bassey, Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action (ERA) (Organizer: Thuli Brilliant Makama) (EMU Walnut)

Nimnno Bassey will present a brief overview of ERA’s work in Nigeria with a focus on cases against the Nigerian government. In addition, she will discuss ERA’s work on ‘deep sea oil’ and ‘deep impact’ with the world’s ‘biggest’ climate change conference.

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

Stop by the Bowker 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. • PANEL 2

CLIMATE CRISIS: Affluence, Materialism & Survival (Organizer: Tom Bowerman) (EMU F11)

We now generally understand the catastrophic consequences from global warming. Now we must understand the avoidance mechanisms of American society. Social science must catch up with the physical science. One panelist draws from five years of highly detailed original public opinion research to find requisite support for solutions. The other panelist professor of macro scale sociological research on the intersection of technology and social structure to propose dramatic reorientation towards solutions.

Panelists: Matt Clifford, Attorney, Policy/Intervenionist; Richard York, Professor of Sociology, University of Oregon.

Food Sovereignty as a Legal Concept (Organizer: Nate Bellinger) (EMU Walnut)

Food sovereignty has been touted as a way to address hunger, poverty, and environmental degradation. However, what food sovereignty actually means or looks like remains enigmatic. This panel will contextualize the concept of food sovereignty by talking about food security and the right to food and explore the theoretical and practical differences in these two approaches to talking about food. Additional panelists will use case studies from around the world to consider various approaches to implementing food sovereignty.

Panelists: Michael Fakhri, Assistant Professor, University of Oregon School of Law; Nate Bellinger, Bowker Fellow, University of Oregon School of Law; Megan Vivenzio, Director, Environmental Defense Center, Portland.

The Clean Water Act on its 40th Birthday and the Supreme Court (Organizer: Chris Winter) (EMU Ben Linder)

On this milestone anniversary of the Clean Water Act, the Supreme Court heard argument in two important citizen enforcement cases involving stormwater. The first - NRD’s v. Brown - involves an individual’s right to seek cleanup of stormwater from logging roads. The second - NRD’s v. La County - involves a permit enforcement action for the discharge of sediment laden runoff. The panelists will discuss the two cases, the issues involved, and what the decisions from the Supreme Court may mean for the future of Clean Water Act litigation.

Panelists: Chris Winter, Co-Executive Director, Crag Law Center; Paul Kampcumner, Staff Attorney, Washington Water Law Center; Liz Crosson, Executive Director, Waterkeeper, Alison LaPlante, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice Law Center.

O&C Panel: Privatizing Public Forestlands? (Organizer: Our Forests) (EMU Maple)

Oregon’s congressional delegation is attempting to de facto privatize public forestland by registering federal timberlands in Western Oregon in an industry-led effort to dramatically increase federal logging. This push to log more public timber comes at a time when federal timber sales for a record low price, yet the value of federal timber is being reported at record prices and volumes. Will this extra-devastating effort significantly bolster jobs and revenues to communities or be just a bail out for the Oregon timber industry?

Panelists: Cristina Hubbard, Project Director, Forest Web of Cottage Grove; Roy Koen, Public Interest Forester; Kevin Mathews, Editor in Chief, ArchitectureWeek.

Concerns about Coal Around the World (Organizer: Jennifer Gleason) (EMU Metolius)

Lawyers from Turkey, India, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Kenya will address the impacts of coal on local communities and the environment.

Panelists: Ifeoma Yilma, Dong Ecological Life Foundation (Turkey); Shereeta Nazarny, Community Environmental Monitoring (India); Nelson Pimentel Reyes, INDAGROPA (Democratic Republic of Congo); Evana Mutua, Law Society of Kenya.

Building a Sustainable, Community-Oriented Food System (Organizer: Collette Adkins Giese) (EMU Oak)

This panel will discuss legal strategies for holding government agencies and corporations accountable for pesticide contamination of public health and the environment. Current and ongoing cases will be used to illustrate these strategies.

Panelists: Collette Adkins Giese, Herpetofauna Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rosanna Granata, Senior Associate Attorney, Earthjustice; Jason Rylander, Senior Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Adlai Center, Environmental Health Associate, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides.

LNG Exports in Oregon: Proposals to Ship Gas to Asia (Organizer: Daniel Serres) (EMU Umpqua)

For the past two years, the LNG industry pushed hard to establish LNG import facilities in Oregon. Resistance from Oregon and Washington successfully blocked these efforts. In the past two years, the region has seen a number of local and national governments discuss these issues. The purported gas supply increase is largely due to hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking.” We will discuss the current status of these two proposals, and the legal, political, and community efforts needed to stop LNG exports in Oregon.

Panelists: Daniel Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Dr. Sarah Kellman, Co-founder, ECONorthwest; Fabian Eatherington, Conservation Director, Caucazian Wildlands; Lesley Adams, Western Regional Coordinator, Waterkeeper Alliance.

Endangered Species as a Policy Reform Tool (Organizer: Collette Adkins Giese) (EMU Oak)

This panel will discuss legal strategies for holding government agencies accountable for pesticide contamination of public health and the environment. Current and ongoing cases will be used to illustrate these strategies.

Panelists: Collette Adkins Giese, Herpetofauna Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rosanna Granata, Senior Associate Attorney, Earthjustice; Jason Rylander, Senior Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Adlai Center, Environmental Health Associate, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides.

10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANEL 3

Using Benefit-Cost Analysis in Superfund Remediation (Organizer: Michael Weinerman) (EMU Rouge)

When making decision about remediation alternatives, the Environmental Protection Agency neither considers costs nor conducts cost-benefit analyses of remedial alternatives. Conversely, when stakeholders and local governments discuss these issues, they often omit several categories of economic benefits associated with remediation. Panel members will discuss the appropriate role of economics in remediation decision-making in particular, addressing the full range of relevant economic costs, benefits, and impacts associated with Superfund remediation.

Panelists: Friends of Economic, ECONorthwest; Ed Mullan, Senior Economist, ECONorthwest.

12:00 – 1:30 P.M. • LUNCH (EMU Ballroom)

A traditional welcoming and opening with representatives from the Grand Ronde Tribes. Next, Professor John Bonine, Land Air Water’s faculty advisor and long-time PIECL supporter and advocate, will introduce the conference and the Co-Directors.

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Panelists: Taylor McKinnon, Center for Biological Diversity, Public Lands Campaign Director; Travis Stills, Energy & Conservation Law Attorney; Carl Wuesthoff, BLM’s Big Village Network; Phil Yates, Journalist/Media Consultant.

Nutrient Credit Trading & the Clean Water Act: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back? (Organizer: Guy Alsentzer) (EMU Metolius)

This panel will explore the fundamentals of nutrient credit trading under the Clean Water Act (CWA) in light of a recent challenge to trading’s legality in the context of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Panelists will also discuss nutrient trading’s nexus with the case of Pinto Creek and practical consequences for TMDLs, the CWA, and the Clean Water Act. Panelists will provide advocates a key list of strategies designed to maintain viable nutrient credit trading programs.

Panelists: Michele Merkl, Co-Director, Food & Water Justice Project; Food and Water Watch; Nina Bell, Executive Director, Northwest Defense Center; Thuli Brilliance Makama, Executive Director, Earthwatch; Andrea Issod, Attorney, Sierra Club; Nathan Miller, Air Quality Analyst, National Parks Conservation Association; Matthew Gerhart, Attorney, Earthjustice.

10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. • WORKSHOP I

Navigating the Criminal Courts: A Workshop for Activists & Attorneys (Organizer: Ben Rosenfeld) (EMU Fir)

Political activists want to be represented in a politically sensitive manner. This is a workshop for activist lawyers who represent activists, as well as a know your rights training inside the criminal court system for activists. Topics for lawyers include joint defense, safeguarding the client’s activist communities, and embracing the politics of the case. Topics for clients include demystifying joint court processes, rights, and navigating the law when providing legal support.

Panelists: Janette Brimmer, Attorney, Earthjustice; Andra Issod, Attorney, Sierra Club; Nathan Miller, Air Quality Analyst, National Parks Conservation Association; Matthew Gerhart, Attorney, Earthjustice.

Collaboration for Environmental Advocates: When, How and Why (Organizer: Sean Nolon) (EMU Maple)

Successful environmental advocates use every trick in the book to solve problems. While litigation can be a useful tool to balance power and force recalcitrant parties to the table, few problems are resolved by a single, legal intervention. This workshop will explore how collaboration among all of the involved parties comes to create a winning strategy in which everyone invests (without fossil fuel stocks), the advantages of socially responsible and green investing, and how such investments have performed relative to “traditional” investments.

Panelists: John Streit, President, Chairman of Investment Committee, Portfolio 21; Michael Rauo, Lundquist Professor of Sustainable Management, University of Oregon, Lundquist College of Business.

The Federal Tax Deductibility of Gifts of Water Rights (Organizer: Tompouzis, University of Oregon)

Most land owners know that when it comes to appropriate water rights, it is “use it or lose it.” This historic perspective has had the effect of divorcing beneficiaries from streams and rivers to preserve rights at the expense of in-stream conservation values. Panel participants are members of the Oregon legal team associated with the Northwest Energy Efficiency Plan, which is dedicated to ensuring the protection of water for the benefit of future generations.

Panelists: Richard Petrowski, University of Oregon School of Law; John Meyer, Executive Director, Cottonwood Environmental Law Center.

Student Loan Repayment for Public Interest Lawyers (Organizer: Daniel Zummulo) (EMU Metolius)

Panelists will help participants understand the public service loan forgiveness program, the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, and its provisions for manageable loan payments through Income Based Repayment. In addition, panelists will discuss the practicabilities of the program for exempt nonprofits.

Panelists: Daniel C. Snyder, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbett, P.C.; Jane Steckbeck, Associate Director for Public Service, University of Oregon School of Law; John Meyer, Executive Director, Cottonwood Environmental Law Center.

Ten Common Mistakes to Avoid in Environmental Advocacy (Organizer: Bob Rowen) (EMU Oak)
The panelists will provide guidance for activist advocates in framing their arguments to a governing agency and creating a record for eventual litigation. After the panelists discuss ten common mistakes that could potentially lead to problems, there will be a general discussion where participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and discuss specific problems in framing effective advocacy. Panelists: Bob Rowen, Vice-President, Advocacy, Snowlands Network; Laurie Rule, Senior Attorney, Advocates for the West.

Should Environmental Groups Promote Logging to Restore Forests? (Organizer: Our Forests) (EMU Oak)

Panelists will discuss the benefits and liabilities of promoting the logging of previously unhealthy Western forests. Major environmental groups are joining into these collaborations to approve large scale logging operations across broad forest regions. Given the dismal historical track record for large scale logging operations, it is important to understand what collaborations with industry to increase federal logging? Has this “thinking” proven to be largely beneficial to the forest? Panelists: Ben Keene, Public Interest Foresters; Our Forests; George Wuerthner, Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology; Chad Hanson, Executive Director, John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute; Jon Rhodes, Hydrologist, Planeto Azul Hydrology.

Law, Economics, and the Inescapable Consequences of Fractured Land (Organizer: Michael Weinerman) (LAN 110)

Groundwater is increasingly scarce, but current and future users of groundwater are faced with existing local and federal laws limiting their ability to pump it. Who pays for the quantity of water used in agricultural and fertilizer treatment, drained aquifers, etc.? In this climate, groundwater litigation will only increase. Prevailing as plaintiffs and defendants, panelists will discuss groundwater litigation, drawing on their eclectic experience and knowledge.

Panelists: Paul Whitlow, Founder (Principal, ECONorthwest and University of Oregon Professor Emeritus); Vic Marcell, Talbot, Carmouche & Mandel.

Lawyers as Campaigners: Non-Legal Skills that Help Win Cases (Organizer: Tim Ream) (LAN 141)

Environmental cases are often only a part of a larger campaign. While lawyers lead successful legal campaigns to work for or against others, many find it effective to engage themselves in organizing, media work, and protest planning and implementation to achieve ultimate campaign goals. This panel will discuss the unique ethical challenges that come with the campaigning experience that will share these skills, describe a wide variety of campaigning methods, discuss ways of integrating legal work into these campaigns, and explore unique ethical questions that thereby arise.

Panelists: Kevin Smith, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rebecca K. Smith, Attorney, Public Interest Defense Center, P.C.; Lau- ren C. Regan, Attorney & Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center.

Elk Creek Restoration Collaborative ( Organizer: Stan- ley Petrowsky) (LAN 142)

The panel will discuss the 5th field restoration project, funded by the Northwest Environmental Defense Center. The project is modeled after an innovative grasslands holistic approach to restoration ecology. It incites restoration parameters not traditionally associated with natural restoration efforts. It includes a strong avian and beaver ecology...
Environmental Collective Governance: A Roundtable Discussion of the Practice, Its Payoffs, Pitfalls, and Promises (Organizer: James P. McQuade) (FGT 206)

This roundtable will discuss the practice and the future of environmental collective governance. It will highlight lessons learned from current partnerships, and how they can help us think about future collaboration. What are the conditions that make it successful? What are the legal challenges to collective governance? What is the impact of collective governance on health, safety, economic development, and environmental outcomes? The panelists will discuss these questions and more.

PwC Sustainable Development (Organizer: Dr. Hannah Chalmers, Senior Associate, PwC) (FGT 224)

The panel will discuss the current state of sustainable development and the role of finance in driving change. The discussion will cover topics such as climate change, renewable energy, and circular economy. The panelists will share their insights on how the finance sector can contribute to achieving the SDGs and create a sustainable future.

Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility (Organizer: Dr. Jane Goodall) (FGT 234)

This panel will discuss the importance of sustainability and environmental responsibility in today's world. The panelists will share their experiences and insights on how to create a more sustainable future through education, technology, and policy.

Environmental Law in India: The Role of Courts (Organizer: Mr. Dinesh Prasad Singh) (FGT 244)

The panel will discuss the role of courts in environmental law in India. The panelists will share their experiences and insights on how the judiciary has influenced environmental law in the country and how it can be further strengthened.

The Impact of Climate Change on Coastal Communities (Organizer: Dr. Rebecca Tremain) (FGT 254)

This panel will discuss the impact of climate change on coastal communities. The panelists will share their experiences and insights on how rising sea levels, increased storm surges, and other effects of climate change are affecting coastal communities and what can be done to mitigate these effects.

Environmental Equity and Justice (Organizer: Dr. Jonathan Rose) (FGT 264)

The panel will discuss the issue of environmental equity and justice. The panelists will share their experiences and insights on how to address the disproportionate impact of environmental harm on low-income communities and communities of color.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 274)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 284)

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Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 294)

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Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 304)

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Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 314)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 324)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 334)

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Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 344)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 354)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 364)

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Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 374)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 384)

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Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 394)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 404)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 414)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 424)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 434)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 444)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 454)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 464)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 474)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 484)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 494)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 504)

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Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 514)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.

Environmental Law and Policy for the 21st Century (Organizer: Dr. Sarah Lynn) (FGT 524)

This panel will discuss the current state of environmental law and policy and how it can be reformed to address the challenges of the 21st century. The panelists will share their insights on how to create a more effective and just environmental legal system.
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policies and make recommendations for protecting the ancient forest ecosystem to leave a magnificent and beautiful legacy for future generations. These species have their own struggles over present political and federal court cases related to the interactions between fish hatcheries and wild salmon runs listed under the ESA.

Panellists: Dale Heikken, Conservation and Retention Coordinator, Oregon Wild; Susan Jane Brown, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Kristin Dott, Chief Scientist, Dominiack DellaSala, Ph.D.; President & Chief Scientist, Geos Institute.

Mingling Impacts in Latin America and the Caribbean (Organizer: Liz Mitchell) (LAW 184)

This year’s historically high metal prices, mining companies are assertively moving into new areas of Latin America and the Caribbean. Lawyers from the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Mexico will share their experiences of working on projects that affect forests, water resources, biodiversity, and local communities.

Panellists: Alberto Gómez Barreiro, GALA (Uruguay); Maria Llano Blanco, Defensa Ambiental del Noreste (Mexico); Maria Reynoso Santos, INSAPROMA (Dominican Republic); Felix Nova Paulino, Senator of the Republic (Dominican Republic).

Shutting Down Nuclear Plants (Organizer: Wally Taylor) (LAW 241)

Nuclear power is dirty, dangerous, and expensive. The process favors the industry and is often daunting. This panel will discuss strategies for nuclear shutdowns. We will also be discussing how to use NRC Rule 2.206 petitions to revoke, suspend, or modify a reactor’s license. We will also discuss how to intervene in relicensing proceedings and what issues are not being considered. A significant and relevant topic as our aging fleet becomes eligible for relicensing—third-of-the reactors in the U.S. have the same design and face the same challenges.

Panellists: Wally Taylor, Attorney, Paul Gunter, Director, Reactor Oversight Project, Beyond Nuclear; Deborah Brambati, Staff Attorney, Physicians for Social Responsibility.

The BIGGEST Ticket for Restoring Public Lands in the Face of Climate Change: Curbing Livestock Livestock Livestock (Organizer: Dave Becker) (LAW 242)

Climate change impacts on public lands will increase even as greenhouse gas emissions decline, curtail ecosystem functions and endangering imperiled species. Elimination of livestock grazing—which profoundly degrades ecosystems and exacerbates climate change effects—can effectively reverse many of these impacts. Eliminating this most pervasive use of public lands is the most effective and large-scale approach to help ecosystems become less vulnerable to climate change damage. Panelists will discuss recent scientific developments and legal strategies for curtailing public land livestock.

Panellists: Dr. Robert L. Beacha, Professor Emeritus, Oregon State University; Jonathan J. Rhodes, Conservation Hydrologist, Planet And Hydrology, David Becker, Law Office of David H. Becker, LLC.

Social Media and Environmental Law (Organizer: An- n Eliz Swagge) (LAW 243)

Social media is now mainstream. Join us for a roundtable discussion of how public interest environmental lawyers are using social media to provide information, to network and to advance our goals. Bring your experiences, questions and ideas.

Facilitator: Andrew Gagg, Staff Lawyer & Twitter’s Most Advocate, West Coast Environmental Law; Mike Stark, Communications Director, Center for Biological Diversity.

Preserving Wild Salmon in the Face of Hatcheries (Organizer: Pete Frost) (Many Nations Longhouse)

This panel will discuss federal and court cases related to the interactions between fish hatcheries and wild salmon runs listed under the ESA.

Panellists: Toby Thaler, Attorney, Seattle, WA; Pete Frost, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Joe Busheyhead, J.D. Candidate, University of Oregon School of Law; Katlin Lovell, Native Fish Society.

5:30 – 7:15 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (EMU Ballroom)

Jim Gerritsen, Owner of Wood Prairie Farm and President of the Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association (OSGATA)

John Cruden, President, Environmental Law Institute and former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

7:30 - 9:30 P.M. • L.A.W. STUDENT RECEPTION (Living Learning Center South, Performance Hall)

We invite all youthful activists and students from any school to attend this reception for our generation, vegetarian hors d’oeuvres and a great opportunity to network with peers.

Co-Sponsor: The Environmental Law Students Association - Portland State Sustainability Fund

9:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. PIELC CELEBRATION

(Wheeler Pavilion, Lane County Fairgrounds)

This year PIELC will host our Celebration at Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane County Fairgrounds! Mingle with fellow environmental attorneys, activists and experts over a night of music, food, and conversation. WildDuck Catering, beer from local breweries, and music by GrooveTheft and the Alder Street Band. In an effort to reduce waste, we ask everyone to bring a glass for beer or buy a PIELC pint glass for $6 at the door. Tickets are $10 online when you regist- er for the conference. Tickets will be available at the door for $12 cash or check only. A shuttle bus will run from the West end of the law school to Wheeler Pavilion every half hour starting at 7:30 p.m. Last shuttle leaves Wheeler Pavilion at 12:00 a.m. Downtown drop-off/pick-up on the way at the Hilton Hotel 7th Ave. turn-out. ** Over 21 only. IDs will be checked at the door. **

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Ethics Workshop (8:15 a.m. – 10:15) (Organizer: Lisa Belenky) (LAW 175)

This panel will present an overview of ethical issues faced by public interest attorneys through a discussion of current ethical issues in various states, with an emphasis on Oregon’s ethical rules. The discussion will include world events, technology, electronic discovery, litigation holds, spoliation of evidence, and attorney-client privilege. Ethical issues are not unique to Oregon; check for other state reporting requirements. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Please bring a reusable mug for water.

Panellists: Lisa Belenky, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Ralph Blohm, Co-Executive Director & Staff Attorney, Crag; Law Graduate, Michael V. Nunn, Lawyer-Strategist-Consultant; Rachel Dougherty, Attorney, Greenfire Law.

Move to Amend: A New Constitution for a New Society and Ecology (Organizer: Ashley Sanders) (LA W 184)

Join members of Move to Amend’s national leadership team - Ashley Sanders and Ben Manski - in this three-part workshop that tackles both corporate capitalism and the U.S. Constitution. We will discuss current struggles over present political and federal court cases related to the interactions between fish hatcheries and wild salmon runs listed under the ESA.

Panelists: Toby Thaler, Attorney, Seattle, WA; Pete Frost, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Joe Busheyhead, J.D. Candidate, University of Oregon School of Law; Katlin Lovell, Native Fish Society.

9:00 – 10:15 • PANEL 6

Keep Nestlé Out of the Gorge: Legal and Campaign Update (Organizer: Julia DeGraw) (EMU Ferret)

For the last 18 years, PIELC has used a coalition of groups from across the state called the Keep Nestlé Out of the Gorge Coalition have been fighting to keep a Nestlé water bottling plant out of the Columbia River Gorge. Over 30,000 Oreganians have taken on this campaign calling on the governor, the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to stop a Nestlé water bottling proposal. Part of this fight includes challenging three earthquakes in a line from ODFW to OWRD. This fight over a portion of the first application is currently underway. This panel will provide background and updates, and offer ways to engage on the campaign, as well as offer an update from Crag Law Center staff attorney, Courtney Johnson, on the ongoing legal strategy.

Panelists: Julia DeGraw, Northern Organizer, Food & Water Watch; Courtney Johnson, Staff Attorney, Crag Law Center; Dawn Winalski, Attorney, Keep Nestle Out of the Gorge Coalition

Little Fish, Big Deal (Organizer: Tara Gallagher) (EMU Ben Linder)

Farmed fish are the lifeblood of the ocean ecosystem providing an important link in the food chain and serving as the primary source of protein for larger fish, marine mammals and seabirds. However, these important little fish are under increasing pressure as global demand for protein rises. This panel will discuss new research on the current state of management under state and federal law, the legal battles being fought and what’s on the horizon for these little fish that are a very big deal.

Panelists: Steve Marz, Senior Associate, Pacific Fish Conservation Campaign, Pew Environment Group; Whit Shade, Pacific Counsel and Senior Advisor, Oceana; Selina H sep, Associate Professor, Dept. Fisheries and Wildif, Oregon State University and member of the Lentest Fung Fish Task Force; Jessica Hamilton Keys, Vice President, Strategies 360.

Unpacking Paradise: Fighting Freeways Through Advocacy, Organizing, and Litigation (Organizer: Aruna Prasad) (EMU Ben Linder)

New freeways and expanding existing roads often raise issues in environmental law, land use planning, preservation of habitat for imperiled species, and limiting further urban sprawl. However fighting road building projects can be a difficult and challenging task with competing interests and multiple parties. Panelists will discuss their experiences in organizing, advocacy, and litigation efforts to fight freeway and road construction while also starting a conversation on how best to move forward.

Panelists: SPLASH, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity, Maya-Golden Krasner, Staff Attorney, Communities for a Better Environment; Jeff Miller, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity.

Unsustainable Energy Development & Infrastructure Challenges (Organizer: Elizabeth Erickson) (EMU Alsea)

Focusing on three case-studies of coal, tar sands, and shale gas development, panelists will connect the dots between resource development and impacts to local water supplies, greenhouse gas emissions, and respective environmental impacts. Panelists will discuss legal challenges and strategies, particularly to infrastructure, aiming to stop or mitigating the impacts of unsustainable energy development.

Panelists: Jack Tulehdeke, Attorney, Tulehdeke Law Offices, PC; Jim Murphy, J.D. Candidate, National Wildlife Federation; Gay Almonte, Staff Attorney, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper.

CGS: Last Nuclear Plant standing in the Pacific Northwest (Organizer: Leslie March) (EMU Metolius)

Columbia Generating Station (CGS) is the remaining relic from the WPPS fleet, currently in the challenging legal setting that case continuing to operate CGS is an economic and physical risk to the clean energy future that we in the Northwest envision.

Panelists: Leslie March, Core Team Leader, Sierra Club Nuclear-Free Campaign; Charles Johnson, Director, Joint Task Force on Nuclear Energy; Nancy Mcate, Alliance For Democracy; Miriam German, No Nukes NW.

Why We Should Ditch the Dill Hill: Wilderness Dams and the Impact of Esements (Organizer: Elizabeth W. Erickson) (EMU Ho Ho)

This panel will discuss the increasing trend of Forest Service issuance of easements under the Colorado Dill Hill Act for water conveyance systems in National Forest Wilderness. The discussion will cover the practical and legal implications of such easements using the example of several wilderness dams in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

Panelists: Elizabeth Erickson, Attorney, Erickson Law Office, PLLC; Taluk Brooks, J.D. Candidate, University of Montana School of Law; Dana Johnson, Executive Director, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper; George Nickas, Executive Director, Wilder Watch.

Galvanizing Today’s Youth: Law Students Teaching Environ- mental Law to Undergraduate & High School Students (Organizer: Erin Bay Toft-Dupuy and Zay Plater) (LAW 110)

This panel presents a variety of environmental-law teaching (ELT) options—including courses taught by law students—that focus on introducing undergraduate or high school students to environmental law. Panelists will discuss their experiences and the implications of the young and planting the seeds of effective activism. The panelists will present the audience to consider initiating and implementing this kind of environmental law educational program. Panelists will discuss programs which have been successfully implemented including: Boston College Law School’s Environmental Law Teaching Program; similar programs at Michigan, Tennessee & Wayne State; Oregon School of Law, and provide college program led by undergraduate students who offer a variety of courses to eager high school students. Materials will be distributed.

Panelists: Elizabeth Erickson, Attorney, Erickson Law Office, PLLC; Erin Bay Toft-Dupuy, Staff Attorney, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper; Kyle Loring, Friends of the San Juan; Sharon Jacobs, Clinems Fellow Program, Harvard Law; Laura King, currently teaching ELT.
Utility Regulation and the Fight Against Coal (Organizer: Sarah Jackson) (LAW 141)
Coal-fired power plants in the United States are responsible for roughly one tenth of the world’s CO2 emissions. These plants are owned and operated by regulated monopoly utilities that have a financial incentive to keep their existing plants online, even when continued operation is uneconomic. Panelists will address the basics of utility regulation, motivations of the utilities, the role of emissions regulations in closing old fossil fuels and new facilities, key assumptions that drive coal power economics, and implications for the electric power system. The panelists have experience with the economic, legal, and political aspects of utility planning and coal, bringing a national perspective as well as specific experience in utility cases in the western United States and throughout the U.S.
Panelists: Rachel Wilson, Associate at Synapse Energy Economics; Ben Otto, Energy Associate at Idaho Conservation League; Bob Jonke, Executive Director; Citizens Utility Board of Oregon.

Is it Really Legal to Poison Our Forests? (Organizer: Lisa Arkin) (LAW 142)
Oregon law prevents public access to pesticide spray records kept by private forestry companies, making the study of pesticide applications opaque and impossible. Beyond Toxics gained access to three years of data and subsequently used GIS mapping software to determine patterns of geographic and chemical characteristics. This is a first-of-its kind study of pesticide use in forestry. Panelists will discuss methodology and data analyses, and how the data can be used to support the Endangered Species Act.
Panelists: Laurie Bernstein, Beyond Toxics; member; Eron King, OR Pesticide Action Workgroup; Tim Lindberg, Beyond Toxics; Board, Lisa Arkin, Director, Beyond Toxics.

Frontlines Activist Defense Updates (Organizer: Lauren Ren) (LAW 241)
Activists and attorneys alike: come hear about new legislation, cases, and policy developments related to environmental and animal rights campaigns and actions. Two experienced activist attorneys provide updates and insights from the frontlines to the courtroom.
Panelists: Lauren Ren, Director & Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Jenn Kaplan, Attorney, Law Office of Gilbert Levy.

Here's Your Future: Building Goals for Environmental Law and Policy (Organizer: Scott Schang) (LAW 243)
By 2050, the administration will be the final stages of their careers. There will be 9 billion people on Earth, likely with no new resources to support them. Join this roundtable discussion to inform the Echo Project on the role of environmental protection. What impact do you hope to have by the end of your career? What will be the most pressing issues be? What environmental goals can society realistically attain by 2050?

- What are the metrics of success?
- John Bonine, John Bonine, Ecosystems Director Projects Foundation for Deep Ecology, Chad Hanson, Executive Director, John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute; Dennis Ondom, Ecologist.

Media Matters: The Press and Public Interest Initiatives (Organizer: Adam Keats) (EMU Maple)
Public relations professionals are highly strategic affected by media coverage. An effective media strategy can influence public perception makers, and even sometimes judges and juries, and can end up being the difference between winning and losing. This panel of seasoned veterans of national and local media will discuss their experiences in dealing with the news and provide important tips for lawyers and environmental activists when organizing campaigns, including discussing techniques that work for us and challenges we face, and offering practical tips on their strategies.
Panelists: Zaygmun Plater, Professor, Law of Boston College Law School; Mike Stark, Communications Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Julia Olson, Executive Director; Our Children's Trust; Riki Ott, Author; and Activist.

Offshore Oil Leasing—Slowing the Rush to Dril (Organizer: Denise Grab) (EMU Walnut)
The oil and gas industry is going to offshore oil drilling to new, deepwater areas. Communities and tribes as well as indigenous rights and conservation groups have to work to limit offshore oil drilling to only those projects that are safe and will not have significant impacts on their natural resources. Panelists will discuss past and current regulatory and litigation efforts to ensure responsible decisionmaking in offshore oil leasing.
Panelists: Dana Gold, Government Accountability Project, Senior Editor; Eron King, Beyond Toxics; Holly Harris, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Jevra Brown, Wetlands Specialist with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Darlene Schanfald, Ph.D., Sludge Free WA Coordinator, Institute for Policy Integrity; Holly Harris, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Monica Reimer, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Whir Sheward, Counsel and Senior Advisor, Osano, Pacifica.

Rethinking Forest Health (Organizer: George Wuerthner) (EMU Basswood)
The panel will discuss new insights to forest ecology that may counter-intuitive to most people. Forest thinning is generally considered an ineffective strategy for reducing fire risk, but now that some of the oldest second growth forests are found in burned forests after stand replacement fires. Bark beetles do not increase fire risk. Dead trees are a forest health. Rather than clearcutting millions of acres of forest, we actually have a shortage of large fires. Most of these insights are ignored by federal agencies who use clear of bark beetles and wildfires to gas lease and develop oil leases. Panelists will discuss how various perspectives and actions to address the basics of utility regulation, motivations of utilities, the role of emissions regulations in closing old fossil fuels and new facilities, key assumptions that drive coal power economics, and implications for the electric power system. The panelists have experience with the economic, legal, and political aspects of utility planning and coal, bringing a national perspective as well as specific experience in utility cases in the western United States and throughout the U.S.

Protecting the Human Right to Water (Organizer: Sarah Jackson) (HAI) (LAW 175)
The Clean Water Act implemented 40 years ago dissolved downward municipal and institutional regulatory capacity of local, state, and national governments. In its place, local, state, and national governments have worked to implement a range of rules and regulations to protect our drinking water. These rules and regulations can be complex and confusing. Panelists will cover health and environmental consequences of these rules and regulations, including exploring the economics of compost/fertilizers for gardens, farm, and forest lands. Panelists will address the basics of utility regulation, motivations of the utilities, the role of emissions regulations in closing old fossil fuels and new facilities, key assumptions that drive coal power economics, and implications for the electric power system. The panelists have experience with the economic, legal, and political aspects of utility planning and coal, bringing a national perspective as well as specific experience in utility cases in the western United States and throughout the U.S.
Panelists: Rachel Wilson, Associate at Synapse Energy Economics; Ben Otto, Energy Associate at Idaho Conservation League; Bob Jonke, Executive Director; Citizens Utility Board of Oregon.

Getting Down in the Weeds with Oregon Wetlands Regulations (Organizer: Nick Klingensmith) (EMU Metolius)
The Oregon state wetlands program can play a bigger role in determining the fate of wetlands than more traditional federal counterpart. This panel will describe the general structure of the Oregon program and how the program could and should use wetland process cities to integrate wetlands protections into local land use regulations. It will also cover practical aspects of how wetlands regulations are applied in the field, including permitting processes and mitigation requirements.
Panelists: Jobseyondtrevor, Wetlands Specialist with OR Department of Fish and Wildlife; Dana Gold, Government Accountability Project, Senior Editor; Eron King, Beyond Toxics; Holly Harris, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Monica Reimer, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Whir Sheward, Counsel and Senior Advisor, Osano, Pacifica.

Whistleblowers in the Nuclear Age: Supporting Agents of Change (Organizer: Meredith Crafton) (EMU Rogue)
Experienced attorneys will discuss the effectiveness and shortcomings of state and federal laws meant to protect employees who disclose information regarding illegal, fraud, misuse, abuse of power, wrongdoing, or danger to public health and environmental safety. Panelists will share whistleblower advocacy strategies from years of litigation, mediation and public information campaigns. Special emphasis on the Hanford Nuclear Site, the nation’s largest, most contaminated nuclear site in the United States. The Hanford nuclear site is located on the Columbia River in southeastern Washington.
Panelists: Dana Gold, Government Accountability Project, Senior Editor; Eron King, OR Pesticide Action Workgroup; Jevra Brown, Wetlands Specialist with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Catherine Sheridan, MacDonald Hoague and Bayless; Tom Carpenter; Hanford Challenge; Executive Director; Meredith Crafton.

Using Courts to Protect America’s Last Red Wolves (Organizer: Tara Zuardo) (EMU Oak)
The wolves, which are found across the eastern and southern United States. Designated as an endangered species in 1987, it was declared extinct in the wild in 1980. In 1987, an example of how an species was reintroduced to eastern North Carolina. Panelists will discuss the case history of the wolves’ reintroduction into the state, the wolf’s recovery, threats posed by coyote hunting in the state, and our case to bring a claim for their protection under the ESA.
Panelists: John Bonine, Ecosystems Director Projects Foundation for Deep Ecology; Deb Carter; Senior Attorney & Director; Chapel Hill Office, Southern Environmental Law Center; Jason Rylander, Senior Staff Attorney; Loop Cohen; Wildlife; Kim Wheeler, Executive Director, Red Wolf Coalition.

Underwriters Underwater (Organizer: Gabriel Monro) (EMU Alsea)
The cost of policies to society driven by anthropogenic climate change include a threat to the long-term viability of the risk-sharing industry itself. Both private and government-driven discussions are occurring on how to reduce the expected cost and/or reduction or subsidization to remain viable in the face of anthropogenic climate change. This panel will bring together practitioners and stakeholders to explore legal and regulatory strategies for optimizing risk management and response in the context of climate change and extreme weather events.
Panelists: Robert Liberty, Professor of Law, University of Idaho, College of Law; Jean Hein, Executive Director, Environmental Law Center, UCLA School of Law; Frank G. Wells, Co-director, The Precautionary Grants; Patricia Anne Martin, Executive Director, Safe Food and Fertilizer.

Transitioning From Fossil Fuels (Organizer: Caitlin Lynch) (LAW 141)
Reducing use and power generation from coal and natural gas is an essential step for a sustainable energy future. Thoughtfully preparing for that transition is important as we continue to incorporate alternative technologies into our grid. What economic, political, and social factors influence the cost of switch to clean energy, and what types of policies are needed to help make the transition smooth and safe? What can we do to make one of the largest industries in Oregon the most sustainable? What are the opportunities and challenges in implementing the government's clean energy goals?
Panelists: James Fine, Senior Economist, Environmental Defense Fund; Henry Robertson, Staff Attorney, Great Rivers Environmental Law Center; Blanca Lazo, Staff Attorney, Communities for a Better Environment.

Legal Challenges to Biological Opinions under the Endangered Species Act (Organizer: Mark Fink) (LAW 142)
For property owners and permits that may adversely affect endangered species, the expert agencies are required by the Endangered Species Act to prepare a biological opinion to address whether the action may jeopardize the species or adversely modify its critical habitat, and to establish measures for minimizing species impacts. The panels will discuss the legal requirements for biological opinions, including legal challenges, and will provide an overview of the case law involving legal challenges to biological opinions.
Panelists: Pamela Danley, Partner, Environmental Law; John Zarda, Chief, Legal Division; Diversity; Howard Cratt, Attorney, Meyer Glitzman & Crystal; Kristen Boyle, Attorney, Earthjustice.

Protecting Communities From The Impacts Of Oil Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing (Organizer: Damon Nagami) (LAW 141)
Panelists will discuss various ways communities and local jurisdictions are fighting the impacts of oil and gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Examples include passing local bans/moratoria on fracking, creating local permit requirements, incorporating local zoning ordinances that include drilling and fracking safeguards, participating in the state administrative rulemaking process, lobbying for state legislation, and pursuing lawsuits. Panelists will bring different perspectives from rural and urban, from one of the Western States will also be discussed.
Panelists: Damon Nagami, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Center; Robert Liberty, Professor of Law; Eric Smith, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Seth B. Stokofk, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Physicians, Scientists, & Engineers for Healthy Energy.
Saturdy, March 2

Animal Factories & Antibiotic Resistance: What’s at Stake and What’s Being Done to Turn the Tide? (Organizer: Bruce Braley, Iowa State University)

Antibiotic resistance represents a growing threat to human health. With the connection now established between the use of antibiotics in healthy animals and the crisis of antibiotic resistance in people, what’s being done? Panelists will explain the science, examine the dangers of this problem, and survey recent legal and policy developments bearing on the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in animals—from litigation to administrative (in)action to proposed legislation.

Panelists: Arianna, Health Program, Natural Resources Defense Council; Daniel Dobruck, MD, FAAPC; Physicians for Social Responsibility; Bruce Braley, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute.

False Claims Acts: Another Tool for Environmental Lawyers (Organizer: Timothy J. McMinnis) (LAW 241) This panel will address three fundamental questions concerning the use of False Claims Acts in environmental law cases: When can such a case be filed? How do you go about filing one? And, why would it be either advantageous or disadvantageous to do so? Panelists: Timothy J. McMinnis, McMinnis Law; David A. Nicholas, Attorney and Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Natasha, Attorney, Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Army’s Office of District of Oregon.

What Lawyers and Activists Need to Know About Grand Jurisdictions (Organizer: Lauren Ragan) (LAW 242) Grand juries are one of the tactics used by the feds to disrupt and neutralize organizers’ movement building. No one is immune from potentially being targeted by a grand jury; and once subpoenaed, an activist may be forced to choose between protecting their sources and additional exposures. Founded to resist grand juries and jailed for resisting grand juries, will be on hand to share their insights and updated information.

Panelists: Lauren Ragan, Director & Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Ann Kaplan, Attorney, Law Office of Gilbert Levy; Jeff Hogg, grand jury resister; ben, Roundtable, Attorney, Board Member, Civil Liberties Defense Center

Sea Level Rise -- Addressing Potential Impacts with Local Solutions (Organizer: Kyle Loring) (LAW 243) Although sea levels are rising globally, cities and counties often avoid comprehensively addressing the potential impacts of those rising seas, including the financially costly destruction of natural infrastructure and the ecologically costly destruction of natural habitat. This panel will turn to a case study from the Pacific Northwest, where the coastal city of Westport, having recently experienced sea level rise as the city’s first-hand: (1) sea level rise predictions for the Pacific northwest; (2) a case study of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community’s response to sea level rise; and (3) generally applicable laws and legal doctrines.

Facilitators: Eric Groomstond, Research Geologist and Tribal Liaison, Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Department of Natural Resources; Kyle Loring, Staff Attorney, Friends of the San Juans.

Forests and Protected Areas Under Threat: International (Organizer: Liz Mitchell) (LAW 281) The world’s forests support the water sources, biodiversity, and healthy communities. Advocates from Pakistan, Chile, Guatemala, and India who are working to safeguard forests and protect traditional knowledge and experiences.

Panelists: Qazi Ali Ahtah, Environmental Attorney (Pakistan); Eio Costa Cordoba, Fiscalia del Medio Ambiente (Chile); Rahul Choudal, Legal Director for Forests, Communities and Indigenous Rights in India; Simeon Herskovits, Director and Chief Counsel, Advocates for the Commons.

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

Hilton Kelley, Founder and Director, Community In-power and Development Association (CIDA) and environmental justice activist.

Thomas Linzey, Attorney and Executive Director, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF); Co-founder, Dan Peron, Democracy School.

2:00 – 5:00 P.M. • MCGOWAN GROVE Hike

Explore a threatened ancient forest remnant, a half-hour drive from PIELC. Interpretative grove walk led by public interest forest scientist and community activist. The grove was managed for moderately experienced hikers. Dress warmly, wear boots. Transportation provided: 18 person limit. A van will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. from the West entrance to the law school.

2:30 – 3:45 P.M. • Panel B

Eliminating Corporate Rights and Driving the Rights of Nature into Law (Organizer: Thomas Linzey) (EMU Fir) This panel, led by plenary presenter Thomas Linzey of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), will focus on how over a hundred municipal governments in the United States have adopted local laws that directly challenge corporate rights. The panel will explore the role of bills that have been introduced or sponsored, and additionally, the political and social climate. The panel will consist of Thomas Linzey and Kai Huschke, the Washington Coordinator for CELDF; and will offer nu-t-n-bolts organizing experiences for those who want to replicate this work in their own community.

Panelists: Thomas Alan Linzey, Executive Director, CELDF; Kai Huschke, Coordinator, CELDF.

Pro Se and Proud! People Without Attorneys Going to Court to Enforce Public Interest Laws (Organizer: Richard Maximus Strahan) (EMU Ben Linder) Citizens on their own are rising to the need and challenge to protect natural resources and the public interest in courts of law. They do this without any assistance from attorneys. And they win. This panel will cover all the prejudice that the legal system throws their way. The panel will present and assess the benefits and problems with citizens being the “Green Knights” in a court of law, and unity response to the “pro se” and “pro active”.

Panelists: Zygmunt Plater, Professor of Law, Boston College Law School; Adam Keats, General Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity; Roth Steffes, Ecological and Geographic Resource Manager, Sustainable Oregon; Tylee Kong, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity.

Successful Wolf Recovery in the West: The Rationales to Maintain Federal Protections (Organizer: Nick Cady) (EMU Maple) Later this month, the US Fish and Wildlife Service is expected to delist the gray wolf as an endangered species throughout the lower 48 states with a limited exception for the Mexican gray wolf in the Southwest. This delisting will be a landmark event for the wolf’s ecological effects on our nation’s landscape and will then explore the ecological, legal and scientific implications of this commercial decision and why federal protections are still needed in the West.

Panelists: Noah Greenwald, Center for Biological Diversity, Endangered Species Director; Robert Beschta, Oregon State University, Profes- sor Emeritus.

CAFO: Too Big To Succeed (Organizer: Elisabeth Holmes) (EMU Alsea) For over a decade the Yakima valley residents voiced concerns that Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) threaten the environment, public health, and are agronomically unsustain- able. In 2016, the Yakima County Board of Commissioners voted to ban CAFOs, and ignore EPA’s pleas for action. In 2012, however, EPA’s own study confirmed CAFOs contaminate groundwater. Through the lens of the Yakima Valley and the fact, CAFO’s, EPA’s attempt to ban CAFOs, cases and address Washington’s forthcoming revised CAFO General Permit. This panel is designed for attorneys, activists, and concerned citizens interested in joining the CAFO fight.

Panelists: Charlie Tebbutt, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Teb- butt; Elisabeth Holmes, Staff Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Andrea Rodgers Harris, Attorney, Matson Rodgers, PLLC.

Suction Dredge Mining and Endangered Salmon (Organizer: John Meglern) (EMU Metolius) This panel will explore litigation and legislative strategies to com- bat the negative effects of suction dredge placer mining on en-dangered salmon and other aquatic life. Panelists will draw from their experience litigating in federal and Oregon state courts, as well as review the upcoming court case against the US Forest Service.

Panelists: John Meglern, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Forrest English, Program Director, Rogue Riverkeeper; Allison LaPlante, Staff Attorney and Clinical Professor, Earthrise Law Center at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Less than Equal? Congress’ Efforts to Deny Fee Recoveries under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Organizer: Environmental Law Institute) (EMU Rogue) The purpose of this panel is to examine the legislative attempts to amend the Equal Access to Justice (EAJA) and other statutes to narrowly define or limit the availability of environmental attorneys to recover attorneys’ fees from the government. This panel will dis- cuss the threat these legislative “reforms” to EAJA would pose in particular to the rights of indigenous communities, explore what changes to EAJA could affect environmental litigation, and con- sider possible future developments in the next 113th Congress.

Panelists: John Busc, Legal Director & Interim General Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity; Sean Helle, Legislative Counsel, Earth- rise; Brian Korpics, Law Fellows, Environmental Law Institute; Jim Murphy, Senior Counsel, National Wildlife Federation.

Coal Ash: A Toxic Gift to Future Generations, or the Next Big Coal Industry (Organizer: Dan Galpern) (EMU Umpqua) Fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag, flu gas desulfurization solids, and coal combustion by-products are among the by-products of regional water supplies and ‘highly impacted’ environmental jus- tice communities — including the Moapa Band of Paiutes in Nevada. This panel will examine new approaches to regulating coal ash contamination, and one specific community’s multifac- ted attempt to fight back through protest and legal action.


It’s Still Chinatown: Groundwater Mining in the West (Organizer: Forrest English) (EMU Rogue) What’s happening in the kima Valley, this Panel will apply the facts to CAFO and RCRA permitting, and associated coal facility waste streams threaten local and regional drinking water supplies. This panel will explore the impacts of the proposed and actual coal ash mining projects in the West.

Panelists: Hilton Kelley, Founder and Director, Community In-power and Development Association (CIDA) and environmental justice activist.

Thomas Linzey, Attorney and Executive Director, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF); Co-founder, Dan Peron, Democracy School.

Ocean Acidification (Organizer: Dominique Rossi) (LAW 245) Ocean acidification, sinisterly called the evil sister of climate change, is a grave concern worldwide because it threatens the foundations of marine ecosystems through its impacts on calcifying animals and coral. Acidification poses a heightened threat to states like Oregon in which the seafood industry is integral to the economy and culture. Please join our panelists for a discussion about the science and policy surrounding this issue.

Panelists: Cybrya Hayes, First Lady of the State of Oregon; Burke Hales, Biochemist, College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University; George Waldbusser, Biochemist, College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University; Francis Chan, Marine Zoologist, Oregon State University; Gray Costello, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center.

The Hidden Costs of Electricity: Why All of the Above Won’t Work (Organizer: Sarah Jackson) (LAW 141) The nation’s energy mix has begun to compete with the Renewable Energy Standard as a key public policy vehicle for addressing our electric generating mix in the U.S. Our panel will explore a coal ash driven approach further entrenches unsustainable energy sources without consideration of their full range of impacts. This panel will review the science behind the coal ash problem, including the full fuel-cycles of different generating technologies – from nuclear and fossil fuel generators to biomass plants and renewables. The panel will share legal, policy and political analyses of forms of electricity generation and will provide both an overview as well as a more in-depth analysis of particular technologies.

Panelists: Dr. David von Hippel, Senior Associate, Stockholm Envi- ronment Institute; Jason Jackson, Senior Research Analyst, Civil Society Institute; Sarah Jackson, Associate, Synapse Energy Economics; Rachel Wilson, Associate, Synapse Energy Economics.

Tar Sands Blockade: All the Tools in the Toolbox (Organizer: Ben Jones) (LAW 142) The newest use of legal and policy tools (the Tar Sand’s Blockade) has revised resistance to the Tar Sands and the Keystone XL Pipeline. Working in rural eastern Texas, TSBD has helped landowners fight eminent domain with a legal defense strategy designed to cripple the pipeline and withstand legal, environmental justice, direct action, and legal moniker-wrenching into a massive and dynamic campaign and what lessons we can draw from this experience and move beyond our own local struggles. This panel will provide an overview of the laws governing groundwa-
At the 2012 National Forest Management Act Planning Rule (Organizer: Susan Jane Brown) (LAW 175) The U.S. Forest Service’s 2012 National Forest Manage- ment Planning Rule will guide forest and other natural resource management on more than 193 million acres of National Forests across the country. How can we hope how what, legal action is already underway and what might be expected in the future, the policy issues surrounding the new rule, shared experiences from across the country. Forests, and assess how the public can become involved in this critical process.

Panelists: Mike Alder, The Wilderness Society; Susan Jane Brown, Student, Atascadero-Based Law Student, Jay Lining, Ecologist, Center for Biological Diversity; Jonathan Oppen- heimer, Senior Conservation Associate, Idaho Conservation League.


Can we find a place for a renewable coastal energy source in our already bustling sea? Panelists will provide an overview of Oregon’s marine spatial planning process and the legal framework for planning and permitting, explain the process of finding poten- tial locations for wave energy development and pro- vide examples of areas under consideration, and address ways to find answers to the unknown impacts and effects that may come with the development of this innovative energy source.

Panelists: Susan Allen, Director, Our Ocean; Jason Busch, Execu- tive Director, Oregon Wave Energy Trust; Robin Hartmann, Ocean Policy Manager, Oregon Coast Conservation Coalition; Gus Gates, Oregon Policy Manager, Surfrider Foundation.

Restoring Celilo Falls (Organizer: Vincent Muller) (LAW 245)

Celilo Falls was a series of waterfalls on the Columbia River, 9 miles upstream of The Dalles, and the site of the Columbia River’s only fish ladder. The fishery it sustained, carried deep cultural, historical, and ecologi- cal significance. The falls and its surrounding regions disappeared in 1957 under the reservoir created by the Dalles Dam. Fifty-six years later, people wonder: Is it practicable to restore the Falls? If so, does the federal government have legal and/or moral obliga- tions to restore them? Panelists: Ted Strong, Chief Judge, Yakama Nation; Vincent Muller, Professor of Philosophy, PSU and Executive Director, Celilo Falls Restoration Fund.

Citizen’s Toolkit for Confronting the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex in the 21st Century (Organizer: Scott Yudt) (LAW 242)

With 5,000 strategically deployed nuclear weapons (and thou- sand more in reserve), our nuclear weapons complex still includes nearly a dozen sites. Despite billions spent annually to maintain and modernize these weapons, the government has planned to spend another $180 billion in the next decade to undergo a costly modernization. Nuclear weapons development and testing have also proven to be a horrid environmental nightmare. Panelists will discuss the toolkit for confronting this legacy and hastening the end of U.S. nuclear weapons development.

Panelists: Scott Yudt, Surfrider Oregon Advisory, Meredith Crafton, Hanford Challenge, Policy and Litigation.

Understanding Campaign Finance Reform: Public Perceptions, Legal Background, and the Path Forward (Organizer: Gordon Levitt) (LAW 243)

Is our political system undergirded by corruption? How will money in campaigning destroy democracy? Our panel will talk about unsustainable development and the impact on fragile eco- systems.

Panelists: Clarisa Vega Molina, IDAMHRO (Honduras); Alejandro Serreina Florin, Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (Mexico); Eunice Cuebas Medina, INSIPROMA (Dominican Republic); Fer- nando Orbau Pineda,Defensor Ambiental del doorway (Mexico).

ESA Section 9 Take Cases - Updates and Case Studies (Organizer: Jennifer Gleason) (LAW 181)

This panel will discuss prosecuting section 9 take cases under the Endangered Species Act’s citizen suit provision. After a brief survey of how Section 9 take cases will develop and how they will provide case studies pertaining to: providing proper notice and suing the right defendants; the logistics of pursuing these types of lawsuits; how the various parties in these cases are proceeding; proving take; and obtaining preliminary injunctive relief.

Panelists: Tanya Sanerith, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Di- versity; Howard Turner, Turner, Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal; Dave Becker, Attorney at Law Office of David H. Becker, LLC.

Litigation and Strategy: Solutions-Oriented Strategies for Natural Resource Conflicts (Organizer: How- ard Arnett) (LAW 141)

When multiple parties have significant interests in a shared resource, litigation may not be the best approach. Advantage exists when stakeholders can be brought together to develop an alternative strategy, especially when the various parties need to create a complex web of issues. The panelists will discuss ongoing fisheries conflicts on the Columbia River and forest management disputes in the Northwest, and the ways in which in certain parties have been able to effectively negoti- ate with state and federal agencies. Case studies will be used to highlight what types of opportunities and challenges negotiating brings. Panelists will also explain why some parties may decide not to negotiate agency decisions.

Panelists: Joe Ousman, Deputy Program Manager of the Nez Perce Tribe’s Fisheries Program; Greg Costello, Attorney, Western Environ- mental Law Center; Conflict and Dispute Resolu- tion Masters Program at the University of Oregon School of Law.

Establishing Oregon’s System of Marine Reserves (Organizer: Vania Loredo) (LAW 142)

This panel will outline the state process to establish a network of marine reserves and marine protected areas along Oregon’s coast from a variety of stakeholder perspectives: conservation, policy, non-profit, and business. Panelists will discuss the steps needed to share recommendations on how to support future smart ocean planning in order to create a lasting legacy for future generations on Oregon’s coast - and learn from each other’s experiences. Join this roundtable information and skills exchange.

Panelists: Brenna Bell, Staff Attorney, Bark; Michael Knutson, Post-Legating Monitoring Intern.

Closing the Loop: Post-Legging Monitoring for Forest Defense (Organizer: Brenna Bell) (LAW 243)

Time and again, agency documents assert that adverse environ- mental consequences are avoided because of Best Management Practices (BMPs). Time and again, we’ve asked agencies to demonstrate that this assertion is true – and they can’t. To fill this information void, this panel will provide case studies pertaining to: providing proper notice and suing the right defendants; the logistics of pursuing these types of lawsuits; how the various parties in these cases are proceeding; proving take; and obtaining preliminary injunctive relief.

Panelists: Brenna Bell, Attorney, Bark Law Office; Daniel Snyder, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt.

Cities, Agriculture, and the Destruction of the Earth (Organizer: Cooper Brinson) (LAW 281)

Fossil fuel usage has played a large role in our climate crisis: today, the planet’s life-support systems are being destroyed at an unbelievable pace. Yet most environmentalism limits itself to technological solutions that only scrape the surface. This panel goes to the root of the environmental crisis, asking that of our most pressing problems can be traced back to the emergence of agriculture and industrialization. Panelists will discuss framing a records request, obtain- ing and analyzing relevant files, and making sense of these files.

Panelists: Brenna Bell, Staff Attorney, Bark; Michael Knutson, Post-Legating Monitoring Intern.
ENR’s Native Environmental Sovereignty Project. A light meal will be served. The Native peoples at the University of Oregon welcome all (Many Nations Longhouse) G. Anuta, Trial Attorney, Law Office of Karl Anuta; Chris Winter, and Administrative Record situations.

This workshop instructs participants on how lawyers can effectively use experts in permitting and in litigation, in State and Federal agencies, to advance local enforcement of state laws and to defend against threats to local self-governance, and to reflect on their experiences.

Facilitators: Kai Huoche, Envision Spokane; Paul Cienfuegos, Com- munity Rights PDX; Stoney Bird, Coal-Free Billingsham, Zacharias Baker, Benton County Community Rights Coalition.

Using Experts Effectively (Organizer: Joseph D. Leyda) (EMU Ben Linder) This workshop introduces participants on how lawyers can effi-
ciently manage ecological experts, from both the lawyer’s and the expert’s perspective. An ecological expert will present advice on report wording, information, how to break a difficult or expert, timing and scheduling, report editing and reviewing, and the analytical processes involved in producing an expert report. Two experienced attorneys will present strategies, tips, and observa-
tions on the use of experts in permitting and in litigation, in State Courts (as well as in Federal Court). Discussion will focus particularly on the differences between Open Record and Administrative Record situations.


The Elliott State Forest: How NGOs and the Grassroots are Winning (Organizer: Ben Jones) (LAW 175) For years,森林保护组织 has worked to protect the Elliott State Forest from the poor manage-
ment practices of the State Land Board. Five years ago, timber companies cleared 50 acres of mature temperate rain forest annually. This year nearly all of the logging in the Elliott State Forest has been halted by lawsuit and public pressure. Come learn about the battle to save old growth and to protect the Elliott State Forest from the pressure of the Oregonian Southern coast range.

Panelists: Grace Pettigrew, Cascadia Forest Directors; Frances Eastwood, Activist, Forest Unlimited; Cascadia Wildlands; Sam Schwartz, Coso County Resident.

Local Climate Change Law (Organizer: Benjamin J. Richardson) (LAW 184) This panel investigates how some local governments are addressing climate change in their planning and policy making. It features case studies from the United States, Canada and China. Local climate change law can sometimes play an important role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and planning for adapta-
tion to global warming, despite the lack of action at national or international levels.

Panelists: Benjamin J. Richardson, Professor, University of British Columbia; Jolene Lin, Professor, University of Hong Kong; Melissa Powers, Professor, Lewis & Clark Law School.

Wolves in the Far West: A legal and biological update of Wolves in the Pacific Northwest and California (Organizer: Nicholas Bianco, Senior Associate, World Resources Institute) (LA W 142) Wolves are beginning to re-establish themselves in the Pacific Northwest and California. This panel will focus on the legal developments of the species in these various areas and the legal developments that have accompanied their spread. Learn about these developments from a variety of groups fighting to protect the budding development of this controversial predator species.

Panelists: Greg Castillo, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Kevin Larkin, Executive Director, Wild, Amaney Weis, West Coast Wolf Organizer, Center for Biologi-
dical Diversity; Michael Robinson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity.

Without Further Delay: Reducing Climate pollution under Existing U.S. Law (Organizer: Dan Galpern) (LAW 142) Arresting Climate Pollution under Existing U.S. Law: Can We Get there from Here? A recent essay (by the current author) is unlikely to pass a legislative test, but is certainly not also unlikely to pass a legal test in climate law in the next two years. Nevertheless, under exist-
ing authority of the Clean Air Act and other statutes, the federal government has the authority to act to get near-term goals and set the stage for deeper reductions in U.S. GHG emissions. This panel explores the findings of a recently released report from the World Resources Institute: ‘Can The U.S. Get There From Here?’ Using Existing Federal Laws and State Action to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Panelists: Nicholas Baker, Associate, World Resources Insti-
tute; Dan Galpern, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M Tobbah.

Deep Green Resistance (Organizer: Dillon Thomson) (LAW 141) Since the pruning of Rachel Carson’s book ‘Silent Spring’ fifty years ago and the subsequent launch of the modern environmental movement, virtually all indicators of global ecological health have declined, and the rate of decline is accelerating. It isn’t clear already, it should be: we need a new strategy if we’re to stop the destruction of the vital services that all life needs to live. Members of Deep Green Resistance will be talking about just such a strategy, using historical examples of resistance and social movements to help illuminate a viable way forward.

Panelists: Dillon Thomson, Organizer, Deep Green Resistance; Samantha Lough, Organizer, Deep Green Resistance.

FILM: U.S. debut of “Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching” a film by John Antonelli (of the award win-
ting Mill Valley Film Group) (LAW 175) Can wildlife conservation efforts go too far? Is killing people ever a just punishment for hunting wild animals? This feature length documentary explores what happens when measures to protect wildlife are in conflict with indigenous peoples’ landrights, hu-
man rights and their very survival. Set in the wilds of Swaziland and Zambia, this film illuminates a viable way forward.

During that time, over one hundred thousand endangered animals, predominantly elephants and rhinos, were slaughtered for their tusks. Thuli Brilliance Makama, whose work is featured in the film, will introduce the film and be available for discussion following the film. She will be joined by Efihulafua Lataika who works on similar issues in Tanzania.

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In general, try to show respect at all times, especially to elders in the group. Act as you would in front of your own leaders, spiritual people, and role models.

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Be respectful of silence.

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Do not walk between or interrupt people who are speaking. If you would like to join the conversation, wait for them to give you their attention.

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