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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC), the premier annual gathering for environmentalists in the world! Now in its 34th year, PIELC unites thousands of activists, attorneys, students, scientists, and community members from over 50 countries to share their ideas, experience, and expertise. With keynote addresses, workshops, films, celebrations, and over 130 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, and in 2013 PIELC received the American Bar Association Law Student Division's Public Interest Award.

PIELC 2016, A LEGACY WORTH LEAVING

"A Legacy Worth Leaving" is a response to the drastic need of daily, direct action of individuals in their communities. Cohesive leadership models must acknowledge that individual participation directs society's impact on interdependent community and global systems. Diversity of cultures, talents, and specialties must converge to guide community initiatives in a balanced system. Each has a unique role that can no longer be hindered by the complacent passive-participation models of traditional leadership schemes. Building community means being community.

This year at PIELC, we will be exploring alternative methods of approaching current ecological, social, and cultural paradigms. First, by examining the past – let us not relive our mistakes. Then, by focusing on the present. Days to months, months to years, years to a lifetime; small acts compound to the life-story of a person, a place, a planet. What legacy are you leaving?

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- 1) Connect to the "UOguest" wireless network (do NOT connect to the "UOwireless" network).
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- 4) Enter identifying information and change your password when prompted. This will be your password for the duration of the conference.
- 5) If you have issues with your login or password, please stop by the wireless table and speak with a volunteer.

Please Note:

WiFi login information is given to conference pre-registrants in their registration packet. Please stop by the wireless table if you would like to request wireless access during the conference and did not pre-register for it. Alternatively, you can use an ethernet cable to access the internet through a number of wired ports in classrooms and common areas.

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Want to help make this year's conference as close to carbon neutral as possible? Land Air Water is teaming up with the non-profit Friends of Trees: 100% of your carbon offset donations go towards a volunteer tree planting scheduled for Earth Day this year.

Since 1989, Friends of Trees has planted half a million trees in the Portland-Vancouver and Eugene-Springfield metro areas. Their mission is to bring people together to plant and care for city trees and green spaces. Additional information is available at www.friendsoftrees.com.

You can offset the emissions associated with your travel to this year's PIELC by:

- 1) Calculating your donations based on air miles, car miles, and nights spent in a hotel using our carbon offset calculation: <http://www.pielc.org/pages/carboncalc.html>
- 2) Donate the calculated amount in the area designated on the registration page: <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?430918>
 - Open the registration window by clicking the link above.
 - Click "I have already registered and want to edit my registration" and log in.
 - Click the "Make Additional Purchase" link to access the donation area for carbon offsets. Donations may be made in increments of \$5, \$10, and \$25. We encourage you to round up!

Remember, 100% of your donation goes to the folks at Friends of Trees!

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Stop by the info desk, flag down a PIELC volunteer, or check our website at www.pielc.org.

CONFERENCE SPONSORS

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, Coordinators, and LAW Officers plan year-round, and are joined by dozens of student volunteers who help with everything from running the information desk to providing attendees 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 consists of alumni of the University of Oregon School of Law. Its primary interest is the annual PIELC. FLAW also provides a summer stipend program for University of Oregon School of Law students working in unpaid positions in environmental law. To learn more, visit <http://www.lawfriends.org/>

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

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The University is currently renovating and expanding the Erb Memorial Union. Because of the construction, some rooms and entrances used in past conferences are unavailable this year. We suggest entering the EMU from the corner of 13th Ave. and University St. Thank you for your patience!

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

LAW strives to provide a broad spectrum of opinions and asks attendees to respect the various viewpoints you will encounter at PIELC. Listen. Question. Engage. Debate. But always do so with respect. The statements and opinions at PIELC belong solely to the individual speakers, and do not represent the position of the University of Oregon, Land Air Water, or Friends of Land Air Water. LAW requests that attendees respect the facilities, volunteers, and presenters that make PIELC possible.

PIELC 2016

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

8:00 a		7:30 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School)
9:00 a		Panel 2 8:30 - 9:45 a.m.
10:00 a		Workshop #1 "Wolfshop" 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a		Panel 3 10:05 - 11:20 a.m.
12:00 p		Keynote 2 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Ragin' Grannies Live Performance 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Ocean Yuan; Lai Huineng; Dr. Jiwen Chang; Cao Yin
1:00 p		
2:00 p	2:00 p.m. -- Registration Opens (EMU Lobby)	
3:00 p		Panel 4 2:20 - 3:35 p.m.
4:00 p	Panel 1 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	Panel 5 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
5:00 p		Workshop 2 "Feralia"- Environmental Activist Strategies 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
6:00 p	Opening Ceremonies -- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Keynote 3 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Sandor Katz Kierán Suckling Andrew Kimbrell
7:00 p	Keynote 1 Peter Neill Dr. Dalee Dorough 6:00- 8:15 p.m.	Ed Parbor, Pacific Crest Trail Photo Reception and Talk 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
8:00 p		Indigenous Peoples' Reception 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
9:00 p		PIELC 2016 Roost at the - Hi-Fi Music Hall - 7 p.m. Doors; 21+
10:00 p		Adventure Galley Casey Neill and the Norway Rats Fringe Class Hamilton Beach
11:00 p		\$15 Advance; \$20 at the door
12:00 a		

AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

	8:00 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School)	8:00 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School)
8:00 a	Morning Yoga; Warrior Sisters Self-defense 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	
9:00 a	Workshop 3 Sewage Sludge - In Your Water, In Your Food 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Panel 10 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
10:00 a	Panel 6 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Ethics Workshop 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a	Panel 7 10:35 - 11:50 a.m.	Panel 11 10:35 - 11:50 a.m.
12:00 p		
1:00 p	Keynote 4 - 12:10 - 2:00 p.m. Mari-Lynn Evans Director - Blood on the Mountain Mark Titus Director - The Breach	Keynote 5 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. Apache Stronghold - Closing Ceremonies -
2:00 p		
3:00 p	Panel 8 2:20 - 3:35 p.m.	
4:00 p	Panel 9 3:55 - 5:10 p.m.	Workshop 4 Frontline of Resistance CLDC 3:45 - 5:45p.m.
5:00 p		
6:00 p	Student Reception Many Nations Longhouse 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.	UO ENR Alumni Reception 5:30 - 7:15 p.m.
7:00 p		
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9:00 p		
10:00 p		
11:00 p		

PIELC 2016 FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

2:00 p

3:00 p

4:00 p

5:00 p

6:00 p

UPRIVER
2:20 - 3:50 p.m.
Straub Hall 156

American Inspiration: Wilderness 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Straub Hall 156	The Great Bear Sea 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Many Nations Longhouse
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The Doctrine of Discovery
9:00 - 10:30
Straub Hall 156

Blood Lions
10:35 - 12:05 p.m.
Straub Hall 156

Gaining Ground
2:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Straub Hall 156

The Breach
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
LAW 110

Blood on the Mountain
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Straub Hall 156

2:20 - 3:50 P.M. • STRAUB HALL 156

UPRIVER*

UPRIVER is a 1-hour film that tells the story of Oregon's Willamette River and the unique "Oregon way" of river and watershed conservation. The Willamette flows from Eugene to Portland, and its watershed houses two-thirds of Oregon's population, along with the state's most productive agricultural lands. Not surprisingly, the intensive human footprint on this landscape has led to the big ecological problems that you find on nearly all large river systems in the US. Fortunately for the Willamette, Oregonians have a legacy of making big efforts for their rivers... and we may now be seeing one of the most ambitious river conservation efforts that's ever been made.

Panelists: *David Hulse, University of Oregon; Dana Dedrick, Long Tom Watershed Council; Joe Moll, McKenzie River Trust; Kate Myer, Willamette National Forest; TBC*

*Following the screening, panelists who are intrinsically connected to either the film or issues presented will give a short presentation, or provide a forum for Q & A.

4:00 - 5:30 P.M. • STRAUB HALL 156

American Inspiration: Wilderness*

Following a screening of the video--"AMERICAN INSPIRATION: WILDERNESS"--the panel will discuss the vital significance of wilderness in nature and designated wilderness in particular for mankind and for all life on earth. It will argue the supreme importance of wilderness now, today, in the face of a determined campaign by exploitative industries and their representatives to deny the reality, discourage the preservation, and ultimately effect the elimination, of the last remaining wild lands on earth.

Panelists: *Paul Edwards, Alliance for the Wild Rockies; Denise Boggs, Executive Director, Conservation Congress; George Nickas, Executive Director, Wilderness Watch; George Wuerthner, Wildland Authority and Writer*

*Following the screening, panelists who are intrinsically connected to either the film or issues presented will give a short presentation, or provide a forum for Q & A.

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The Great Bear Sea

Synopsis: Along British Columbia's north Pacific coast, the Great Bear Sea is a wild expanse of ocean where whales, wolves, bears and humans thrive in rich coastal ecosystems. The Great Bear Sea is also a place where worlds collide – a place full of historic conflicts, emerging struggles over ocean resources, and globally leading solutions. Now 18 First Nations and the Province of British Columbia (Marine Planning Partnership) have crafted marine plans for the Great Bear Sea to protect marine ecosystems and build sustainable coastal economies. In *The Great Bear Sea*, meet people and communities along the coast of British Columbia who are working to implement the marine plans — to sustain their marine environment, livelihoods and cultures.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 - 10:30 A.M. • STRAUB HALL 156

The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code

Dakota filmmaker Sheldon Wolfchild's compelling documentary is premised on Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, a book based on two decades of research by Shawnee, Lenape scholar Steven T. Newcomb. The film tells the story of how little known Vatican documents of the fifteenth century resulted in a tragic global momentum of domination and dehumanization. This led to law systems in the United States and Canada and elsewhere in the world, that are still being used against Original Nations and Peoples to this day. The film concludes with traditional teachings developed over thousands of years that provide a much needed alternative for humans and the ecological systems of Mother Earth at this time.

10:35 - 12:05 P.M. • STRAUB HALL 156

Blood Lions

"This film was made with one very simple objective – to do something for the lions of South Africa. Most of them exist in appalling conditions, exploited at every stage of their lives. The team involved in this film want to change this situation before it is too late. On one level our film is an exposé. Even the people in our own country do not know that lions are being bred for the bullet here – and that is totally legal. We want to show the world what is going on, who is involved, the impact on the animals and how much money is being generated by this industry. On a different level, it is a film about our relationship with another species with whom we share this planet. It is an invitation to re-examine our attitudes towards an iconic animal. If those who see our film begin to see themselves in this world with new eyes, then we have achieved our goal."

Director's Statement – Bruce Young

2:15 - 3:35 P.M. • STRAUB HALL 156

Gaining Ground*

From farms in Oregon's fertile Willamette Valley to under-served communities of color in Richmond, California, *GAINING GROUND* reveals the ingenuity and courage of these diverse urban and rural farmers, committed to serving and empowering their communities. The documentary interweaves experiences of urban farmer-activists in inner city Richmond, California; a small family farm in rural Oregon converting from a commodity dairy to a sustainably grown produce farm; and a large farm in the Willamette Valley transitioning from grass seed to organic grains.

The stories in *GAINING GROUND* document the courage and effort it takes to question your assumptions, values and practices and be willing to do something different. The protagonists demonstrate the commitment and tenacity it takes to make meaningful change.

Panelists: *Barbara Bernstein, Producer, Gaining Ground; Elaine Velazquez, Director, Gaining Ground; TBD*

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4:00 - 5:30 P.M. • LAW 110

The Breach

The Breach is a riveting story of the journey of wild salmon and their precarious situation in the ecosystem of the American river system—specifically here in the Pacific Northwest. Filmmaker and fishing guide Mark Titus delves into the lore and reality of wild salmon in the Northwest, including interviews with Russ Busch, campaigner for the removal of Washington State's Elwha Dam, and Ray Troll, renowned fish artist and activist. Is removing dams enough? With spectacular footage of salmon—from baby fry to spawning—Titus takes us on the powerful journey of the patron fish of the Northwest.

Director Mark Titus will be featured as a keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon.

4:00 - 5:30 P.M. • STRAUB HALL 156

Blood on the Mountain

Blood on the Mountain is a searing investigation into the economic and environmental injustices that have resulted from industrial control in West Virginia. This new feature documentary details the struggles of a hard-working, misunderstood people, who have historically faced limited choices and have never benefited fairly from the rich, natural resources of their land. *Blood On The Mountain* delivers a striking portrait of a fractured population, exploited and besieged by corporate interests, and abandoned by the powers elected to represent them.

Director Mari-Lynn Evans will be featured as a keynote speaker on Saturday afternoon.

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Thursday Keynotes:

Peter Neill

Peter Neill is the founder and director of the World Ocean Observatory (W2O), an online forum for information and educational exchange about the world ocean. He will be presenting themes captured in his new book *The Once and Future Ocean; Notes Toward a New Hydraulic Society* and will be available for a book signing after his keynote at the Opening Ceremonies at PIELC, on Thursday evening.

Neill's keynote will analyze and transform our relationship with the world's most promising and imperiled natural element: the ocean and the inter-connected cycles of water, essential for all aspects of human survival in the 21st century.

Neill provides a persuasive argument for "why the ocean matters" and how its sustainability and careful use, from mountain-top to abyssal plain, can establish a new paradigm for value and social behavior around which to build a new post-industrial, post-consumption global community. This fundamental shift is directed toward the creation of a "new hydraulic society" wherein water in all its cycles and conveyances will determine how we live – from our buildings and cities to the structures of governance by which we succeed in an increasingly populated world. Neill calls for a new ocean ethos and offers concrete examples of technologies and applications that already exist but have been suppressed by complacency and political subversion financed by exhausted vested interests.

Neill's presentation on *The Once and Future Ocean* will offer a bold vision for a practical and possible future, based on a revolutionary paradigm shift that can be implemented through the political will of thousands of citizens of the ocean who understand the necessity for change, the logic of a new moral alternative, and the reality of the consequences if we fail to act in time.

Dalee Dorough

Dr. Dalee Sambo Dorough (Inuit-Alaska) holds a Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). Dr. Dorough is currently an Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Alaska Anchorage; Alaska Member of the Inuit Circumpolar Council Advisory Committee on UN Issues; and Member of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Serving as an Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for two consecutive three-year terms, she held the position of Chairperson from 2014-2015. She was also a member and Chairperson of the UN Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples.

Dr. Dorough has a long history of direct involvement in the discussion, debate, and negotiation of the UN Declaration on the

Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). She was an active participant in this work from 1985 up to adoption of the UN Declaration by the UN General Assembly on September 13, 2007. Dr. Dorough was also a direct participant in the two-year revision process of International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention No. 107, which resulted in the adoption of C169 Concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries on June 27, 1989 by the ILO. She specializes in public international law, international human rights law, international relations, and Alaska Native self-determination. In addition, she has experience in the administration, management and coordination of statewide, national and international organizations as well as estimating and oversight of federal, state and private construction contracts.

Friday Afternoon Keynotes:

At this year's Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, we have very special visitors from overseas. PIELC is proud to welcome for Friday afternoon's keynote address three top environmental professionals from China. They hail from the legal, business, and academic worlds across the Pacific. Hosting it all will be Eugene resident Ocean Yuan.

Ocean Yuan

Ocean Yuan came to Oregon in 1990 with \$500 his father borrowed from his friends in rural China. At the time, \$500 was approximately equal to an entire year's income for a typical Chinese family. Ocean made the most of his opportunity, and graduated from the Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon in 1993. After spending many years starting up and working for multinational electronics companies around the United States, he returned to Eugene in 2009 to start his own solar power business. Today, Grape Solar, Inc. is the largest product and service provider for retailers like Costco and Home Depot. Ocean lives in Eugene with his wife and daughter. He is living, breathing proof of the American Dream's continued inspiration.

The United States is facing environmental disaster, but we are not the only ones. The United States and China, as the two biggest polluters in the world, have a shared responsibility to confront environmental degradation, the most pressing issue of our time. Please join us at PIELC 2016 for the unique opportunity to engage with the individuals confronting the environmental issues in China.

Lai Hueneng

Lai Hueneng was born in 1969 in Suichang, within the Zhejiang Province of China. After receiving his masters degree from Zhejiang University, Mr. Lai started working in media, a field he has pursued ever since. Now, Mr. Lai is Vice President of Xiaokang Magazine, a subsidiary of Qiushi Magazine, the most influential and authoritative state-owned magazine in China.

In the 1980s, China launched a modernization program to achieve what became known as a "Xiaokang society," or moderately prosperous society. Their goal was to advance a strong economy and promote democracy, scientific

and technological achievement, education, and a harmonious living environment for all Chinese citizens. China set 2020 as the goal to achieve their Xiaokang society. Xiaokang Magazine's mission is to research and report on the impact the goal of a Xiaokang society has on Chinese citizens.

The incredible speed at which China's economy has advanced over the past 30 years has strained the environment. Xiaokang Magazine's research provides insight into China's environmental and urbanization policy news agencies like CNN have called controversial. At this year's Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, join us as Mr. Lai shares his insight and fascinating research rarely seen anywhere else.

Dr. Jiwen Chang

Dr. Jiwen Chang is a Professor for the Social Law Research Department at the Institute of Law for the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). He is also a research fellow and vice director-general for the Research Institute for Resources and Environmental Policies at the Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council, China's cabinet. The Institute is one of the top 10 most influential think-tanks in the world.

Dr. Chang made United States news in 2010 as a principle author of China's Anti-Animal Abuse Law, aimed at stopping the consumption of dog and cat meat. Dr. Chang also authored China's environmental protection law. He is currently writing laws to expand wildlife protection in China, and can provide insight into China's environmental policy widely unavailable to a United States audience, until now.

At this year's Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Dr. Chang will speak on the environmental successes and shortcomings of Chinese environmental policy. China and the United States, as the two most powerful nations in the world, have a shared responsibility to protect the environment for future generations. Please join us as we learn from Dr. Chang's wealth of experience and knowledge to develop our own visions for the future of the environment around the world.

Cao Yin

Although Cao Yin is still young by scholarly standards, he has already been called "China's Jeremy Rifkin." Mr. Cao is the driving force behind the Internet + Smart Energy movement driving China to reinvent their energy industry. This will be Mr. Cao's first visit to the United States.

Mr. Cao graduated from prestigious Fudan University in Shanghai, China. After graduating, Mr. Cao worked on an impressive range of projects. Mr. Cao is currently the Principle Analyst of Cinda Security Co., Ltd., helping China value and privatize state assets. Mr. Cao also serves as strategic advisor for several famous companies, including internet and social media giant Tencent, one of China's three largest internet companies, together referred to as BAT (Baidu, Alibaba, and Tencent). Mr. Cao's vision drives companies to move towards sustainable, smart energy technology, with the

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ultimate goal of globalizing the energy grid.

Mr. Cao's vision for a global energy-trading market envisions solutions to the global energy pollution crisis and would begin to eliminate reliance on coal power, without resorting to dangerous tactics like nuclear energy. This year's Public Interest Environmental Law Conference is an opportunity to engage with one of China's greatest young minds. Please join us for this unique and incredible opportunity.

Friday Evening Keynotes:

Sandor Katz

Sandor Ellix Katz is a fermentation revivalist. His books *Wild Fermentation* (2003), *The Revolution Will Not Be Microwaved* (2003), and *The Art of Fermentation* (2012), along with the hundreds of fermentation workshops he has taught around the world, have helped to catalyze a broad revival of the fermentation arts. A self-taught experimentalist who lives in rural Tennessee, the New York Times calls him "one of the unlikely rock stars of the American food scene."

The Art of Fermentation received a James Beard award, and Sandor was honored with the Craig Claiborne Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Foodways Alliance in 2014.

Kieran Suckling

Kieran Suckling is the executive director of the Center for Biological Diversity. Since founding the Center 25 years ago, Kieran has devoted his life to protecting endangered species and their habitats, winning the protection of over 500 species and 240,000,000 acres of critical wildlife habitat. Kieran traveled to Harney County and the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to organize counter-protests against the armed, right wing militia in order to speak up for the importance of public lands and native peoples from the occupied land itself.

Recognizing that cultural and biological diversity are inextricably linked, Kieran will discuss how the racist, fundamentalist militia movement that reared its head at the Malheur seeks to destroy native cultures, wildlife and public ownership of land and water. He will discuss the immeasurable value of our public lands and what we can do to stop the ideology of the Bundy militia movement from spreading.

Jarvis Kennedy

Jarvis Kennedy is a Burns Paiute Tribal Councilman of the Burns Paiute Tribe, born and raised in Burns, Oregon. Jarvis is a spokesperson for the Tribe. He spoke out against the occupation of the Malheur from the beginning and continues to do so. Jarvis is also a mens traditional dancer who loves to sing Native American songs to keep his Paiute traditions alive.

Andrew Kimbrell

Andrew Kimbrell is an internationally recognized public interest attorney, public speaker, and author. He is the founder and Executive Director of Center for Food Safety. He also is Director of the San Francisco based Center for Technology Assessment, co-founder of Foun-

ation Earth, and President of the Board of Humane Farm Animal Care (that administers the Certified Humane label).

As an attorney, Kimbrell has successfully challenged federal agencies in several historic court cases. He initiated the court challenge that resulted in a U.S. Supreme Court victory forcing, for the first time, EPA regulation of greenhouse gases and their impact on climate change. He also pioneered the legal strategy that led to the Supreme Court ruling that DNA is not patentable due to being a "product of nature." Through his leadership at CFS, Kimbrell has been at the forefront of legal challenges to genetically engineered crops and lawsuits forcing FDA to adopt new food safety regulations. His legal work has also helped maintain the integrity of organic standards.

As an author and public speaker Kimbrell has been a leading proponent of regenerative forms of agriculture and organic policies. He is the editor of the nationally renowned book *Fatal Harvest*, *The Tragedy of Industrial Agriculture* and the author of *Your Right to Know: Genetic Engineering and the Secret Changes in Your Food*. Kimbrell's articles and editorials have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Harpers*, *USA Today*, and numerous other print and new media publications such as *The Huffington Post*.

He has testified numerous times before the U.S. Congress and has been a featured speaker at dozens of colleges and universities around the country and other public forums including Google Author Talks, *Slow Food Nation*, *Bioneers* and *Ecofarm*. He is featured in several documentaries including "The Future of Food," "FRESH," and a critique of genetic engineering, "Life Running out of Control."

Kimbrell is also a noted expert on a wide range of technology and economic issues. His works in this area include his international best-selling book "The Human Body Shop: the Engineering and Marketing of Life" and the printed versions of his influential E.F. Schumacher lectures, "Cold Evil: Technology and Modern Ethics" and "Salmon Economics."

In addition to his legal degree Kimbrell also has a graduate degree in Psychology and has often written in the field including his book, "The Masculine Mystique."

Kimbrell's many accolades include a spot on the *Utne Reader* list of the world's leading 100 visionaries, and *The Guardian* recognizing him in 2008 as one of the 50 people "most likely to save the planet."

Saturday Afternoon Keynotes:

Mark Titus

Mark Titus is a writer and director and founder of August Island Pictures in Seattle. He's studied acting at the University of Oregon, directing at Vancouver Film School, and directing actors with Judith Weston.

Mark spent his 20s as an Alaskan fishing guide and during that time, began working on the craft of screenwriting – finishing several screenplays while living in the wilderness. In 2004, Mark Titus' third script, *TSONOQUA*

won the Washington State Screenplay Competition.

Since then, he has written and directed brand films for clients like: Amazon, T-Mobile, Microsoft, the United Nations Development Programme and Washington's Lottery.

As a filmmaker, Mark Titus directed the short documentary, *Fins* in 2003 as part of the Seattle International Film Festival's Fly Film-making Program. The three short films he's produced since have screened at film festivals worldwide.

Mark Titus spent the last 4+ years writing and directing the award winning documentary film, *The Breach*. It won Best International Documentary at its world premiere film festival – the 2014 Galway Film Fleadh in Ireland. *The Breach* was selected as one of ten Best of Fest films at the Palm Springs International Film Festival in January 2015 and the Jameson Dublin International Film Festival, March 2015.

Mari-Lynn Evans

Mari-Lynn Evans is the Executive Producer of many television and video programs including *The Appalachians* (a three hour APT series for PBS); *Coal Country* (Discovery Planet Green); *Living Well: A Guide to Healthy Aging Changes*; and the children's television program *Geezbo's Alley*; the documentary *Standing in the Safety Zone*; and *John Glenn: The International Year of Older Adults* for PBS. She also executive produced, *Body, Mind and Spirit Integrative Medicine*; a 13-week series for American's Health Network and the Fox Health Network.

Ms. Evans is also a media and brand development consultant to international corporate and government organizations and has been a lead consultant to Procter & Gamble. She is the recipient of several National Institutes of Health awards including the US Small Business Administration Tibbetts Award. She was also the Founder and President of ADULT CARE, adult day care centers, which she sold to SUMMA Hospitals. At SUMMA she was VP of Geriatrics and founded the Center for Senior Health. She has also been President of the Boards of Summit AIDS Housing, OASIS with the May Foundation, ACCESS Shelter for Women, Women's Network, WEGO. She was one of Akron's Extraordinary Women (Akron Beacon Journal) and Woman of the Year for Women's History/Akron.

She is the 2010 West Virginia Filmmaker of the Year, and was awarded Best Film for both *The Appalachians* and *Coal Country*.

Sunday Afternoon Keynotes:

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3 - FRIDAY, MARCH 4

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

**6:00 – 8:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS
(EMU Ballroom)**

4:00 - 5:15 P.M. • PANEL 1

Unpacking the Paris Climate Agreement (Student Organizer: Edna Odhiambo) (EMU Gumwood)

This panel will focus on a brief overview, tackle key issues of the impact on climate change, and address the next steps to ratifying the Paris Climate Agreement. Panelists will also identify policy issues post-Paris, and hold a brief Q & A session.

Panelists: *Edna Odhiambo, Fulbright Scholar, University Of Oregon L.L.M Candidate; Elizabeth Northrop, Research Analyst, World Resources Institute; Jennifer Huang, International Climate Fellow, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions*

*** Pedal Power: Oregon Bicycle Law and Advocacy (EMU Maple)**

Part bicycle law clinic and part bicycle advocacy workshop, this panel will host a conversation about your rights and responsibilities on a bike in Oregon and how advocates and attorneys build support for better road safety in the community and the legislature.

Panelists: *Charley Gee, Attorney, Swanson, Thomas, Coon & Newton; Carl Larson, Portland bike advocate; Alexis Biddle, University of Oregon School of Law, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, 2017*

*** Litigating to Rein in Wildlife Services, Wild- life Killing Activities (EMU Oak)**

Wildlife Services is a controversial program within the USDA responsible for killing millions of native wild animals every year, including wolves, grizzly bears, otters, foxes, coyotes and birds, with almost no oversight or accountability. The program employs incredibly cruel tools to kill wildlife including aerial gunning, leghold traps, snares and poisons. Panelists will discuss legal efforts in Nevada, Oregon, Washington and at the Ninth Circuit to bring this rogue program into compliance with federal environmental laws.

Panelists: *Bethany Cotton, WildEarth Guardians, Wildlife Program Director; John Mellgren, WELC, Staff Attorney; Nick Cady, Cascadia Wildlands, Legal Director*

What Exxon Knew About Global Warming, and What it Did Anyway (EMU Ballroom)

Attorney Pawa will make a “courtroom” presentation on what “Exxon Knew About Global Warming and When it Knew It.” The presentation is based, in part, on documents that recently have come to light, which show that in-house Exxon scientists warned senior management about the serious dangers of global warming years ago, but Exxon nonetheless embarked on an aggressive campaign, that continues to this day. Panelists will offer critique on the presentation

Panelists: *Panelists: Matt Pawa, Attorney, Pawa Group; Brent Newell, Executive Director, Center on Race Poverty; William Carroll Muffett, President, Center for International Environmental Law; Michael Axline, Miller Axline & Sawyer*

5:30 – 6:00 P.M. • OPENING CEREMONIES (EMU Ballroom)

Join us in opening PIELC 2016: A Legacy Worth Leaving with a blessing, welcoming speech, and introduction to this year’s conference.

Peter Neill - World Ocean Observatory, Founder and Director

Dalee Dorough - Dr. Dorough (Inuit-Alaska), Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002). Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Alaska, Anchorage; Alaska Member of the Inuit Circumpolar Council Advisory Committee on UN Issues; and Member of the International Law Association Committee on Implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. • OPEN HOUSE • ENR CENTER (LAW 225)

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, staff, and students.

8:30 – 9:45 A.M. • PANEL 2

*** Clean Air Act Year in Review (LAW 175)**

Back by popular demand, the 2016 edition of the award-winning best seller. Proving that history is, in fact, prologue, we will once again review the biggest cases and rules implementing the Clean Air Act since the last edition of this panel. In addition to a thorough review of the most important cases of the year, the panel will also elicit Clean Air Act predictions of the future (Is NSR enforcement finally dead? Will the Clean Power Plan survive? Is Texas the worst venue for Clean Air Act litigation?)

Panelists: *David Bender, Attorney Bender Westerberg LLC; Paul Cort, Attorney, Earthjustice; Adrian Martinez, Attorney, Earthjustice*

*** Desperate Environmentalism (LAW 141)**

Today’s greens are “corporate social responsibility consultants,” “industrial efficiency experts,” and “clean energy entrepreneurs.” If this is environmentalism at all, it is “desperate environmentalism,” characterized by appeasement, relying on utilitarian efficiencies, and private sector indulgences. It champions voluntary pledges, corporate tweaks, and commodification of nature. Desperate environmentalists angle for the least-bad of the worst options, rather than the robust and enforceable safeguards that once defined the movement. However, we can look to the past to create a better future.

Panelist: *Josh Galperin, Yale Law School, Clinical Director and Lecturer in Law, Environmental Protection*

The Oregon Herbicide Reform Movement: Past, Present, and Future (Organizer: Emma Sloan) (LAW 242)

Last year at PIELC we revealed our documentary Drift, and the importance of proper media ethics. This panel will continue this discussion, using stories to create meaningful change within the herbicide movement. As we look back on strategies used to ban herbicides on federal land, we also look forward to the future. Why are we reliant on herbicides? What can be done to reduce the effects of herbicides on the environment and to our health?

Panelists: *Marla Waters, U of Oregon, 2017; Carol Van Strum, Author - A Bitter Fog; Jason Gonzales, Forest and Watershed Organizer at Oregon Wild; Emma Sloan, Oregonians for Human and Env. Health*

*** The Clean Power Plan in Flux: The Current Status of State Implementation and Strategies for Moving Forward. (Student Organizer: Ariel Stavitsky) (Law 243)**

State implementation of the Clean Power Plan (CPP) was well under way across the country when the U.S. Supreme Court stayed the Plan last month. This panel addresses the implications of that decision and where and how CPP state implementation might progress in light of the now changed regulatory landscape.

Panelists: *Jessica Shipley, Senior Policy Analyst of Oregon Department of Energy; Angus Duncan, Founder and President of Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Chair of the Oregon Global Warming Commission Representative of Sierra Club's Climate Litigation team*

Bees and Butterflies in Decline (LAW 281)

A world without bees and butterflies would be grim indeed, and sadly many of these remarkable creatures are in steep decline. Panelists will share amazing facts about the 4,300 species of native solitary bees in North America and their primary threats, discuss efforts to get the monarch butterfly protected under the Endangered Species Act, discuss the role of pesticides in pollinator declines, and address our current litigation to protect them.

Panelists: *Kelsey Kopec, Native Pollinator Researcher, Center for Biological Diversity; Tierra Curry, Senior Scientist, Center for Biological Diversity; Lori Ann Burd, Environmental Health Director, Center for Biological Diversity*

Where Deer and Antelope Play: Reducing and Retiring Public Lands Grazing (EMU Maple)

The vast majority of federal public lands in the west that can be grazed by private livestock are grazed by private livestock – at a continuing subsidized cost to both western ecosystems and taxpayers (except the grazing permittees). The myth of the Marlboro man still romances western legislatures and much of the U.S. Congress, as evidenced by lack of substantive grazing reform and ineffective enforcement of even existing law and regulation. This panel will explore aspects of the problem, with an emphasis on voluntary grazing lease buyouts in several locations that have been a win-win-win solution for the public, ranchers, and the land.

Panelists: *William Sherlock; Zack Mittg*

Implementing Ecosystem Based Management: Connecting Caretakers of the Oregon Coast with Transformative and Practical Legal Tools (EMU Oak)

Ecosystem-Based Management is an environmental management strategy that recognizes and considers the full array of interactions within an ecosystem, including human activities and development. Stressors on coastal ecosystems don't adhere to political boundaries creating laws that fail to protect the whole ecosystem. The panelists will address the challenges of successfully implementing ecosystem-based management into statutes and propose policy suggestions on how ecosystem-based management may be better implemented into current federal and Oregon state laws.

Panelists: *Professor Richard Hildreth, University of Oregon, School of Law; Alexandra Hoffman, U of O Law, 2016; Brent Sutton, U of O Law, 2017; Elizabeth Pettit, U of O Law 2017; Tara*

Brock, Senior Associate, The Pew Charitable Trusts

E-lephants in the Room: How Electronics Impact Climate Change (EMU Gumwood)

Hourly Internet traffic now exceeds the annual traffic from year 2000. Everything that produces, stores, transports, processes and displays data requires electricity. Current attempts to reduce energy use--i.e. solar power--can generate harmful electromagnetic radiation and, moreover, give us the idea that we can use electronics as much as we want. Katie Singer will describe our electronic ecosystem, including federal telecom laws and realistic solutions (which start with awareness that we've got problems).

Panelists: *Katie Singer's most recent book is An Electronic Silent Spring (Rudolph Steiner Books, 2014). A consultant with the Electromagnetic Radiation Policy Institute, her work addresses telecom law, electronics' impacts on wildlife, reducing wireless tech use to calm behavior in children with autism and more. Her website is www.electronicsilentspring.com.*

*** Writing to Save the World (Straub 145)**

This legal writing panel will dive into effective writing techniques for environmental advocacy. We will explain five of the most effective and persuasive writing techniques according to science and the collective experience of hundreds of writing professionals. The panel will also provide examples of how to use those techniques, including showing you how to better organize your writing for maximum persuasion, how to write clearly and concisely, how to write persuasively for your particular audience, and how and why you should use narrative (or storytelling) to make your writing more effective. The panel will even show a method for outlining effectively that is directed to those who hate outlining.

Panelists: *Miyoko Sakashita (Center for Biological Diversity) Professor Lance Long (Stetson University, College of Law) Professor Joan Rocklin (University of Oregon, School of Law)*

*** Organizing Strategies for Forest and Climate Defenders (Organizer: Courtney Rae) (Many Nations Longhouse)**

The global activist movement toward a fossil fuel free infrastructure is thriving. At the same time the conservation movement is losing ground, even though deforestation is the second largest cause of climate change and scarcity of clean water is becoming the greatest environmental justice concern on the planet. Focusing on National Forests in the Pacific Northwest and related management policy, panelists will explore the connections between forests, carbon, climate, and the opportunity for the two movements to find common ground in protecting carbon-dense temperate rainforests as an essential part of the climate solution.

Panelists: *Doug Heinke, Conservation and Restoration Coordinator, Oregon Wild; Brenna Bell, Staff Attorney, Bark; Lenny Dee, Founder, 350PDX; Kimberly Baker, Public Land Advocate, Environmental Protection Information Center*

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. • WORKSHOP 1

WOLFSHOP (LAW 110)

The purpose of this workshop is to provide an update on wolf recovery in Oregon, Washington, and California. We will have an opportunity to hear from wolf advocates from various organizations discussing recent issues and potential future issues with wolf recovery.

Panelists: *Amaroq Weiss, West Coast Wolf Organizer, Center for Biological Diversity; Rob Klavins, Northeast Oregon Field Coordinator, Oregon Wild;*

Dr. Adrian Treves, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison; John Mellgren, Attorney, WELC; Michael Robinson, Center for Biological Diversity

10:05 – 11:20 A.M. • PANEL 3

Who Controls the Public Lands: The Bundy Gang Fiasco (LAW 175)

The hostile take over of the Malheur NWR in Harney County Oregon is part of a broader agenda to disfranchise Americans of their national patrimony. This panel will discuss who should control the West and the role the federal lands play in rural economies, and how anti-government armed militants are part of a broader effort to reduce regulations that protect the environment. Driven by underlying racism, religious fanaticism, and delusional interpretation of the Constitution, the growing anti-government movement is a threat to free speech and public lands.

Panelists: *George Wuertner, Foundation for Deep Ecology; Kieran Suckering, Executive Director Center for Biological Diversity; Jennifer Goad, Center for Western Priorities*

The Fallacy of Green Energy (Organizer: Max Wilbert) (LAW 141)

From the White House to major protest movements, wind and solar are hailed as the solution for the future. Activists and the US Military, in uncommon alignment, both promote alternative power. But these technologies have major environmental and social justice consequences that are rarely discussed. Our panelists are grassroots land defenders challenging the idea that green energy is the right means to reach a sustainable future and asking that we re-center the natural world.

Panelists: *Max Wilbert, Deep Green Resistance, Great Basin; Dillon Thomson, Deep Green Resistance*

*** The Case Against Pollution Trading: Case Studies of Failed Market-Based Approaches to Reducing Air and Water Pollution (Organizer: Tarah Heinzen) (LAW 242)**

Faced with inadequate progress reducing climate change emissions and water pollution under federal anti-pollution laws, states are increasingly turning away from mandatory source-specific requirements and towards market-based pollution trading schemes. However, trading programs raise significant concerns regarding environmental justice impacts, effectiveness, transparency, accountability, and enforceability. This panel will discuss the implementation of several existing trading programs, as well as programs in development that threaten to undermine existing pollution controls and future progress.

Panelists: *Brent Newell, Legal Director, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; Guy Alsentzer, Executive Director, Upper Missouri Waterkeeper; Tarah Heinzen, Staff Attorney, Food & Water Watch*

Organizing in opposition to LNG in Oregon (LAW 243)

The Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline is proposed to cut through 232 miles of federal, state, and private Oregon land and end at Jordan Cove in Coos Bay. The LNG facility would be the biggest climate polluter in the state of Oregon if built and have numerous adverse affects on land and waterways. There are many who are trying to stop this project, whether it be for the economy, the environmental and climate impacts, or for private prop-

erty rights. Each of these organizers is here to discuss their methods and unique experiences in organizing in Southern Oregon, and to answer your questions about mobilizing around diverse communities.

Panelists: *Emmalyn Garrett, Southern Oregon Rising Tide; Deb Evans, Landowner, Hair on Fire Oregon; Stacey McLaughlin, Landowner, Pipeline Awareness Southern Oregon; Jody McCaffree, Citizens Against LNG*

*** Addressing the Local Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing (LAW 281)**

The well-documented rise of fracking has introduced social, economic, and environmental problems across different levels of government. The role of the federal and state governance is well documented. Less discussed is the role of local governments. In this panel we will explore the scope of federal and state laws and the gap they leave. We will describe fracking's uniquely local impacts and provide detailed guidance on how local governments can act to fill this gap while avoiding state preemption.

Panelists: *Joshua Galperin, Clinical Lecturer, Yale Law School; Allison Sloto, Pace University School of Law; Grace Heusner, Yale Law School, 2016*

*** Suction Dredge Mining: Restraining Recreational River Mining (Straub 145)**

Suction dredge mining in rivers and streams in the west uses machines to vacuum up gravel and sand in search of gold. Suction dredging pollutes waterways with sediment and historic mercury, hurts a range of fish and wildlife such as endangered salmon, and harms culturally sacred sites and recreational resources. This panel will provide a brief overview, and then discuss the current legislative and legal landscape of suction dredge mining on the West Coast.

Panelists: *Forrest English, Program Director, Rogue Riverkeeper; Jonathan Manton, Principal, Sawnee Services; Pete Frost, Attorney, WELC; Jonathan Evans, Environmental Health Legal Director, Center for Biological Diversity*

*** Let's Have Fun With FOIA! Deadlines, Contempt, and Special Counsel Referrals (EMU Maple)**

This panel will describe and demonstrate the power of the Freedom of Information Act in the context of ongoing litigation in Colorado, focusing on the recent case of *Rocky Mountain Wild Inc. v. The Forest Service*, filed in the United States District Court for the Court of Colorado.

Panelists: *Matt Sandler, Staff Attorney, Rocky Mountain Wild; Travis Stills, Executive Director, Attorney, Energy & Conservation Law; Alli Melton, Counsel, Energy & Conservation Law*

*** Washington CAFOs: Pollution, Politics, Permits and Prevarication (EMU Oak)**

In 2015, citizens secured a groundbreaking legal decision in Washington state holding that manure is solid waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The parties agreed to an unprecedented Consent Decree that dramatically changes manure management at CAFO facilities. This panel will discuss the Consent Decree and its ramifications for the dairy industry nationwide, as well as the political machinations of the dairy industry in response to the lawsuit and agency efforts to regulate discharges using state and federal water pollution control laws.

Panelists: *Charlie Tebbutt, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt; Dan Snyder, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt; Andrea Rodgers, Attorney, WELC*

Know Your Rights For Activists (Many Nations Longhouse)

Lauren Regan, Director & Staff Attorney Civil Liberties Defense Center. Come learn (or make sure you are up to date) on your rights to protest, engage with police, and other related topics. Attendance at a CLDC KYR training is a prerequisite if you are interested in becoming a CLDC KYR trainer in your community or campaign.

Panelists: *Lauren Regan, Director, Staff Attorney, CLDC*

11:30 A.M. • MUSICAL PERFORMANCE The Corvallis and Eugene Raging Grannies (EMU Ballroom)

12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EMU Ballroom)

Lai Huineng - Vice President of Xiaokang Magazine, a subsidiary of Qiushi Magazine, the most influential and authoritative state-owned magazine in China.

Dr. Jiwen Chang - Professor for the Social Law Research Department at the Institute of Law for the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Research fellow and vice director-general for the Research Institute for Resources and Environmental Policies at the Development Research Center (DRC) of the State Council, China's cabinet.

Cao Yin - Principle Analyst of Cinda Security Co., Ltd.; Strategic advisor for internet and social media giant Tencent.

Ocean Yuan (Moderator) - Founder, Grape Solar, Inc.

2:20 – 3:35 P.M. • PANEL 4

Does thinning work to preclude large wildfires? (LAW 110)

Federal and state agencies no longer have a social license to log merely to enhance the revenue of timber companies, so they have adopted wildfire prevention as their new rationale for logging. The agencies have embarked on a massive logging/thinning program to reduce fuels in our public forests on the presumption that fuel reductions will reduce large fires. Large fires (pejoratively termed catastrophic) are weather driven, not fuel driven events that occur when climate/weather is conducive to fire spread. Not only is the scientific evidence for fuel reduction effectiveness ambiguous at best, most scientific reviews conclude they don't work under severe fire weather. Furthermore, there is growing scientific evidence that forest ecosystems require large fires to function properly so thinning/logging, even if it were effective, degrades forest ecosystems. The only proven way to protect homes and communities is to reduce the flammability of the structure and its surroundings. The panel will discuss why fuel reductions fail, and why ecologically it is important to celebrate large fires.

Panelists: *George Wuertthner, FDN for Deep Ecology; Dr. Dominick DellaSala, President and Chief Scientist, Geos Institute; Karen Coulter, Blue Mountain Biodiversity Project; Dr. Tim Ingallsbee Director, Western Fire Ecology Center for the American Lands Alliance*

Towards a Black and Green Future (LAW 175)

John Zerzan, co-editor of Black and Green Review, will be joined by publication contributors Ian Erik Smith and Jeriah

Bowser to discuss the current state of anti-civilization analysis as well as the significance of this new publication for shaping and engaging the discussion in the anarchist milieu. **Panelists:** *John Zerzan, Co-Editor, Black and Green Review; Jeriah Bowser, Chair of the Hampton Institute's Ecology and Sustainability Dept.; Ian Erik Smith, Black and Green Review Contributor*

*** Access to Public Records; Citizen Use of FOIA Laws (LAW 184)**

A guide for citizens, attorneys, and organizations on how to use the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and state public records laws. The panel will address the framing of a records request, obtaining fee waivers, how agencies seek to circumvent disclosure (and ways to counter these efforts), how to appeal and litigate FOIA claims, and how to use these laws to change agency behavior. Sample FOIA requests and written materials will be made available.

Panelists: *JDave Bahr, Attorney, Bahr Law Offices, P.C.; Daniel Snyder, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.*

The Ecology of a Police State 2.0 (LAW 141)

This is a continuation of the well-attended panel that occurred last year at PIELC, though it will also be accessible to any new comers as well. It will further explore the intersections between the epidemic of mass incarceration and the environmental degradation which occurs, directly and indirectly, as a result of it, focusing on the immediate impacts of pollution from these often-overpopulated human warehouses and the environmental racism of where prisons are built/how they operate. This panel will include a presentation on the use of mapping software to illustrate the geographic dispersal of the problem nationwide and some reoccurring themes in the realm of toxic prisons.

Panelists: *Ahmed Gaya, Rising Tide Seattle; Paul Wright, E.D., HRDC; Amory Ballantine, Prison Ecology Project; Tony Silvgaggio, Assistant Professor, Sociology Humboldt State Uni.; Panagiotti Tsolkas, Prison Ecology Project Coordinator, HRDC*

Bad News Bears: The Premature & Irresponsible Push to Remove Protections from Yellowstone's Grizzlies (LAW 142)

Thanks to 40 years of ESA protections, grizzly bears in the Yellowstone region are making a comeback. But the government stands ready to derail the immense progress this iconic species has made. This panel will discuss the devastating impacts a delisting rule might bring to Yellowstone's infamous bears. Panelists will explain the numbers underlying the government's false claim of victory, human/bear conflict situations at the root of record mortality rates, genetic/connectivity concerns, and the legal ramifications underlying a delisting rule.

Panelists: *Bonnie Rice, Sierra Club, Senior Campaign Representative Greater Yellowstone/N. Rockies; Andrea Santarsiere, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Kelly Nokes, Carnivore Campaign Lead, WildEarth Guardians*

*** How to Start and Run a Public Interest Law Practice (LAW 241)**

Are you experiencing sleepless nights wrestling with how you will align your passion, ethics, and reason you went to law school with the current state of the job market? Worry no more! Just start your own law practice and/or nonprofit legal organization!! Come here how 4 women created their own jobs and are thriving! You can do it too!

Panelists: *Rebecca Smith, Dana Johnson, Lauren Regan, Melissa Wischerath*

* Listing Species 101: An Endangered Species Act Petition Primer (LAW 242)

The Endangered Species Act is one of our nation's strongest environmental laws, but it doesn't protect species until they are formally listed as threatened or endangered. Anyone can petition the federal government to list a species; but how? Experts in petitioning will walk you through the process, from deciding whether your petition should go to the Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service, to submitting comments on positive findings, to what to do if your petition is rejected.

Panelists: Taylor Jones, Endangered Species Advocate, WildEarth Guardians; Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney, Animal Welfare Institute; Collette Adkins Giese, Amphibian and Reptile Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity

The Public Trust Doctrine and Wolves (Student Organizer: Rance Shaw) (LAW 243)

Under the Public Trust Doctrine, wildlife is an asset held in trust by government, to be managed and conserved for the benefit of the whole public. Although it has frequently been invoked to protect game species, the Public Trust Doctrine encompasses predators and prey species alike. This panel will discuss the legal and scientific basis for carnivore management according to trust principles.

Panelists: Professor Mary C. Wood, University of Oregon School of Law; Dr. Adrian Treves, University of Wisconsin

Keep it in the Ground: The Campaign to Stop Federal Leasing of Public Fossil Fuels (LAW 281)

Federal leasing programs contribute significantly to U.S. and global greenhouse gas emissions. This panel will discuss the mitigation potential of leaving unleased public fossil fuels in the ground and show that President Obama has clear authority to stop new federal leasing. The panel will also discuss the current state of the emerging "Keep It in the Ground" campaign, including major milestones and strategies to fight federal leasing from the streets to the courtroom.

Panelists: Taylor McKinnon, Campaigner, Center for Biological Diversity; Michael Saul, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Marissa Knodel, Climate Campaigner, Friends of the Earth; Tim Ream, Climate and Energy Campaign Director, WildEarth Guardians; Ruth Breech, Senior Campaigner, Climate & Energy, Rainforest Action Network

What's The Story? Getting Your Environmental Story In The Media - Environmental investigative journalism and breaking news (LAW 282)

You were "on message" but the reporter didn't use those quotes. You had a protest, but the media didn't show or focus on the event, not the issue you wanted to draw attention to. You have a huge story, but you can't get the local paper to bite. Reporters from alt weeklies, daily papers, magazines and national public radio will talk about what it takes to get a story, what makes a good press release, and how to give a good quote. Get a behind-the-scenes look at what makes the media tick, so your story gets heard.

Panelists: Camilla Mortensen, Associate Editor, Eugene Weekly; Jeff Burnside, President, Soc'y of Env. Journalists, Senior Investigative Reporter, KOMO Seattle; Katie Campbell, Organizer, EarthFix

* Whispering Pines vs. Wild Rides: Securing Quiet Space on our National Forests for Winter Wildlife (Straub 145)

More quiet winter wonderlands could be just around the bend. This panel will discuss the Forest Service's obligations

under the new subpart c portion of the Travel Management Rule, finalized in January 2015. We will discuss successful legal strategies for securing more quiet space on our National Forests based on recent wins in federal court. And we will identify likely future legal battles due to shortcomings of the subpart c rule and the Forest Service's ongoing struggle to properly apply minimization criteria in the winter travel planning process.

Panelists: Hilary Eisen, Recreation Planning Coordinator, Winter Wildlands Alliance; Marla Nelson, Rewilding Attorney, WildEarth Guardians; Laurie Rule, Senior Staff Attorney, Advocates for the West; Alison Flint, Counsel and Planning Specialist, The Wilderness Society

South-Western Oregon BLM Resource Management Plan (Many Nation's Longhouse)

The Resource Management Plans (RMP) for Western Oregon will determine how the BLM will manage 2.5 million acres of land to further the recovery of threatened and endangered species, provide for clean water, restore fire-adapted ecosystems, produce a sustained yield of timber products, coordinate management of lands surrounding native tribes, and provide for recreation opportunities. These panelists each offer a different perspective on the public process in which these plans must follow to become binding.

Panelists: Brodia Minter, Attorney Cascadia Wildlands; Joseph Vaile, Executive Director at Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center and Dominick Dellasala is President and Chief Scientist of the Geos Institute in Ashland Oregon.; Dominick DellaSala, Geos Institute; Susan Jane Brown, Attorney, WELC

* Commenting to Preserve for Litigation, Machiavelli, and Game Theory: What's the Best Way? (Global Scholars Hall 117)

Have you ever thought: "why am I writing these detailed legal and scientific comments to this agency on their proposed action, if they are just going to read them and take the same action, but adjust their final decision to document such comments, making it much more difficult to successfully challenge in court?" If so, this panel is for you. Come discuss best practices and record building in anticipation of litigation.

Panelists: Andrew Hawley Staff Attorney, Northwest Environmental Defense Center; Jamie Saul Assistant Clinical Professor, Earthrise Law Center, Lewis and Clark Law School; Sylvia Wu, Staff Attorney, Center for Food Safety

Moderator: George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety

* The Importance of Utility and Tax Laws for the Transition to Renewable Energy (Global Scholars Hall 130)

Climate impacts are escalating, and greenhouse gas reduction has never been more urgent. We must be working just as hard to encourage renewable energy as we are working to keep fossil fuels in the ground. Laws governing electric utilities and incentives for renewable energy have a critical role to play. Many environmental attorneys and activists have already made the leap into the wonky world of utility regulation, but there is a need for even stronger advocacy across the country. This panel will discuss key provisions of PURPA and FERC regulations designed to encourage renewable energy, as well as current policy issues, such as state implementation, net metering, stranded investment, avoided cost, integration fees, tax credits, and portfolio standards.

Panelists: Teresa Clemmer, Counsel, Bessenyey & Van Tuyn LLC; Professor Melissa Powers, Lewis and Clark Law School

3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. • WORKSHOP 2

“Feralia” Environmental Activist Workshop (LAW 175)

Despite more than 60 years of efforts, key indicators of the health of the planet are heading in the wrong direction. This interactive workshop will invite participants to join 6 different categories of action in a fun but hard-hitting, multi-part workshop that aims to point participants towards the most effective strategies.

Panelists: *Derrick Jensen, Author; Samantha Krop, Teacher, Academy of Arts and Academics; Jonah Mix, Deep Green Resistance*

4:00 – 5:15 P.M. • PANEL 5

Sage Grouse Plans and ‘Not Warranted’ ESA Decision - Conservation Victory or Sell-Out? (LAW 110)

Sage grouse land-use plan amendments spanning 10 western states and Endangered Species Act protections is one of the most hotly debated conservation issues of our time, and is a major controversy within the conservation community. Some hail the plans and non-listing as a landmark success, others a wasted opportunity. Central to the public (and legal) debate is the adequacy of federal grouse plans, whether they meet Endangered Species Act certainty of implementation and science-based effectiveness requirements.

Panelists: *Josh Osher, Western Watersheds Project; Erik Molvar, Sagebrush Sea Campaign Director, WildEarth Guardians; Steve Holmer, Senior Policy Advisor, American Bird Conservancy*

“Say My Name:” Making Rock Stars of Pioneering Megafauna (LAW 184)

How can activists increase support for species protection? Sometimes it involves making rock stars of individual animals like Cecil the lion, Journey the wolf, and Macho B the jaguar. What are the pros and cons of naming charismatic animals to win hearts and minds and spur conservation of entire species? Panelists will discuss this convention as it relates to wolves and jaguars in particular, with a focus on an ongoing media campaign to draw attention to America’s only known jaguar.

Panelists: *Randy Serraglio, Southwest Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity; Amaroq Weiss, West Coast Wolf Organizer, Center for Biological Diversity; Mike Stark, Communications Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Russ McSpadden, Communications Associate, Center for Biological Diversity*

What’s The Story? Getting Your Investigative Environmental Story In The Media - In-depth environmental journalism (LAW 141)

The local media did a short story, but you know the issue you are delving into is the next Flint water disaster or The New Yorker’s “The Big One” and it needs in-depth coverage. Some environmental stories need an investigation, not a quick story. How do you get your story out to a journalist who will really dig into documents, record, and write an in-depth story? Journalists who have written for and edit major environmental publications will discuss the ins and outs of how the media gets a big story and investigates in and how you can effectively communicate your story so it gets heard.

Moderator: *Camilla Mortensen, Associate editor Eugene Weekly*

Panelists: *John Platt, Freelance journalist, articles appearing in Scientific American, Consumers Digest, Today’s Engineer and more; Valerie Brown, Freelance environment/health/climate journalist in*

Science, Scientific American, High Country News and more Jason Mark, Editor in chief Sierra

*** Trapping, Trapping Standards, and Wildlife Well-being (or lack thereof) (LAW 142)**

This presentation will explore domestic and international wildlife trapping mechanisms, standards, agreements, regulations, & statistics, the damage they inflict, the Best Management Practices (BMP) trap-testing program, trapping on national wildlife refuges, and associated litigation to challenge trapping both target and non-target species (including endangered and threatened species). It will also include background on trapping techniques and damage done to wildlife by traps set by the USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services program. Learn about why trap standards are a sham and what should be done to eliminate cruel traps.

Panelists: *Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney, Animal Welfare Institute; Brooks Fahy, Director, Predator Defense; Jean Su, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rachel L. B. Stevens, Staff Attorney and LLM Fellow, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic and Vermont Law School*

*** Paying the Farmer Not to Pollute: Nonpoint Sources of Agricultural Pollution in Washington Waters (LAW 241)**

This panel will present a White Paper on nonpoint sources of agricultural pollution in Puget Sound and the voluntary incentive programs used to mitigate the pollution problem. Panelists will describe the pollution problem, the legal structure in Washington used to prevent nonpoint sources of agricultural pollution, analyze the voluntary incentive programs implemented in Washington to pay farmers not to pollute, and make recommendations on what needs to be done to meaningfully address this massive pollution problem. Panelists will also present science-based Best Management Practices created in consultation with scientific experts.

Panelists: *Andrea Rodgers, WELC, Attorney; Sarah Matsumoto, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt; Zyanya Breuer, University of Washington School of Law Student, Class of 2016; Jake Brooks, Attorney*

Why Collaboratives are Bad Public Policy (LAW 242)

Collaboratives are popular on most national forests in the West. The idea behind collaboratives bring together diverse perspectives to help recommend forest management. The unfortunate effect is that the most collaboratives represent industry. The few “environmentalists” on collaboratives usually are selected for their “buy in” into logging. The panelists will explain why collaboratives do not fairly represent public interests.

Panelists: *Gary McFarlane, E.D., Friends of the Clearwater; Michael Gariety, E. D., Alliance for Wild Rockies; George Wuerthner, Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology*

*** Is Your Case Limited to the Administrative Record? (LAW 243)**

Is the Court’s review limited to an agency-developed administrative record when deciding claims under the Endangered Species Act, Administrative Procedure Act, and other statutes? This panel discusses the differences between citizen suit claims and claims under the APA, the current law on whether citizen suit claims are limited to an administrative record, when APA claims are not limited to the record, and exceptions that allow extra-record evidence in a record review case.

Panelists: *Brian Knutsen, Attorney, Kampmeier & Knutsen PLLC; Dave Becker, Attorney, Law Office of David H. Becker LLC; Stephanie Parent, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity*

*** Don't UMINe It: Protecting water and arid landscapes from uranium mining and milling through laws, regulations and reform (LAW 281)**

This panel addresses the Atomic Safety Licensing Board's decision in the Ogallala Sioux Tribe's challenge to the Dewey-Burdock ISL uranium mine in the Black Hills. Panelists will explore the implications of the Colorado Dept. of Health and Environment cease and desist order for "ablation" uranium processing technology.

Panelists: *Jeff Parsons, Senior Attorney, Western Mining Action Project; Travis Stills; Executive Director and Attorney at Envergy & Conservation Law; Anne Mariah Tapp, Director, Grand Canyon Trust's Energy Program*

Our Daily Bread: Why our daily food choices matter. (LAW 282)

The description of the 2016 PIELC conference mentions "the drastic need of daily, direct action of individuals in their communities." There is one decision that we each make every day that has a profound and far-reaching impact upon the local and global environment: the food that we buy and consume. Our panel will discuss how our daily food purchasing decisions can be the most powerful and meaningful way to take daily direct action to protect and better our world.

Panelists: *Charlie Tilt, Owner, Hummingbird Wholesale; Lynne Fesenden, Director, Willamette Farm & Food Coalition; Bret Diamond, Board of Directors, Willamette Valley Sustainable Foods Alliance; David Clark, Board of Directors, Willamette Valley Sustainable Foods Alliance*

Power of the People in 8 Year Fight to Stop Nestle in Oregon (Straub 145)

A broad coalition of groups has been fighting a Nestle's water-bottling proposal in Oregon for 8 years. The past year Oregonians experienced a nearly state-wide drought, two Columbia River fishing tribes came out against the bottling proposal and Hood River County residents launched a historic ballot measure to protect Hood River County's water. This panel will discuss how a diverse coalition, along with strong grassroots support can create real significant change.

Panelists: *Julia DeGraw, Senior Northwest Organizer, Food & Water Watch,; Aurora del Val, Director, Local Water Alliance; Courtney Johnson, Staff attorney, Crag Law Center*

What's Up with WOTUS? A Critique of EPA's New Clean Water Rule and Survey of the Pending Litigation (Straub 252)

The panelists will present an overview of the EPA and the Corps' new "Clean Water Rule," which defines the phrase "waters of the United States" for purposes of Clean Water Act jurisdiction. The panelists will discuss the Rule's strengths and weaknesses, survey the current status of the myriad litigation concerning the Rule in courts across the country, and review the legal decisions and political processes that led the agencies to promulgate the Rule in the first place.

Panelists: *Jamie Saul, Assistant Clinical Professor and Staff Attorney, Earthrise Law Center at Lewis & Clark Law School; Craig Johnston, Professor of Law and Clinic Director, Earthrise Law Center, Lewis & Clark Law School; Pat Parenteau, Professor of Law and Senior Counsel, Vermont Law School*

*** Endangered Species and Pesticides (Organizer: Amy van Saun) (EMU Maple)**

Over 1 billion pounds of pesticides drench the US annually, and many of them pose grave threats to threatened and endangered species. Despite the clear mandate of the Endangered Species Act, the EPA has overwhelmingly failed to consider the impacts of pesticides on our nation's most imperiled species. This panel will discuss those failures, their impacts in the real world, and how our current litigation may finally push EPA to comply with the law and protect bees, birds, fish, and maybe even humans from toxic pesticides.

Panelists: *George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Lori Ann Burd, Staff Attorney, Env. Health Program Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Amy van Saun, Legal Fellow, Center for Food Safety; Dr. Nathan Donley, Scientist, Center for Biological Diversity*

Community Based Efforts to Protect Oregonians from Harmful Industrial Logging Practices (Organizer: Jason Gonzales) (EMU Oak)

Helicopters spraying dangerous chemicals over communities, corporations converting healthy forests into developments, clearcuts destroying habitats for endangered species. These are the tragedies rural Oregonians face every day. This panel will discuss what is happening in local communities to address these issues in small towns and counties around the state.

Panelists: *Nancy Webster, Citz. of Rockaway Beach for Watershed Protection; Cameron La Follete, E.D., Oregon Coast Alliance; Eron King, Oregon Comm. Rights Network; Max Beeken, Coast Range Forest Watch*

A Proposal to Establish Douglas-Fir National Monument (Global Scholars Hall 117)

Some species of magnificent trees have received national recognition to honor and protect that tree in a significant portion of its range. We propose the establishment of a 750 square mile national monument to the Douglas-fir tree, to be located in the Santiam River watershed of the Oregon Cascades. The monument could become a template for 21st century forest restoration and management, lead to improved wildlife habitat, enhanced water quality, significant carbon sequestration, and new opportunities for non-motorized outdoor recreation.

Panelists: *Stephen Sharnoff, Research Associate, University of Berkley; Andy Kerr, Czar, The Larch Company, Ashland, OR and Washington, DC.; Dominick DellaSala, Ph.D., Pres. and Chief Scientist of GEOs Institute*

What Every Environmentalist Needs to Know About Their Food (Global Scholars Hall 130)

Panelists share critical information for massive change and stewardship for the earth by discussing the politics, facts and laws of food consumption in the U.S. with a focus on the applicable laws and environmental impact of the continued practice of eating if the world were to follow its current trend. Garcia is in her 16th year of law practice in California with The Animal Law Office. Oatman is the author of Whole Earth Diet and founder of Whole Earth Wellness.

Panelists: *Christine Garcia, Lead Counsel, The Animal Law Offices; Laura Oatman, Founder and Author, Whole Earth Wellness*

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

Sandor Katz - Fermentation Revivalist. Author *Wild Fermentation* (2003), and *The Art of Fermentation* (2012)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 - SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Kieran Suckling - Founder and Executive Director of Center for Biological Diversity, Mr. Suckling will be speaking on the Bundy Militia Movement

Jarvis Kennedy - Burns Paiute Tribal Councilman of the Burns Paiute Tribe, born and raised in Burns, Oregon. Jarvis is a spokesperson for the Tribe. He spoke out against the occupation of the Malheur from the beginning and continues to do so.

Andrew Kimbrell - Founder and Executive Director of Center for Food Safety. Mr. Kimbrell will be speaking on regenerative forms of agriculture and organic policies.

6:00 – 8:00 P.M. • ED PABOR •

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**UO Law School - Second Floor Atrium
Reception and Gallery Talk**

**7:30 – 9:00 P.M. • INDIGENOUS PEOPLES'
RECEPTION**

(Many Nations Longhouse)

The University of Oregon welcomes all indigenous conference attendees and their allies to this reception. Enjoy a light meal and live music.

Co-Sponsors: *Native American Law Student Association, ENR's Native Environmental Sovereignty Project, University of Oregon Native American Student Union.*

7:00 P.M.(Doors) • PIELC ROOST

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SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 – 8:50 • ACTIVITIES

RISE & SHINE YOGA (LAW 241)

FREE

Activate your inner environment. Prepare your body, mind, and spirit to receive and integrate the weekend's teachings. Certified yoga instructor Nicky Ulrich will help you start your day with fun, energy, and enthusiasm! Be prepared to move. **Mats generously provided by Mudra . Street clothes okay.**

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOP - (Back Lawn, if Raining then LAW 281)

FREE

Warrior Sisters self defense training is empowerment based self-defense that incorporates awareness, verbal boundaries, and a range of physical self-defense techniques.

Instructor: *Samantha Krop; Brianna Martinez; Rebecca Krop*

8:30 A.M. – 10:30 P.M. • WORKSHOP 3

SEWAGE SLUDGE (LAW 175)

Sewage Waste Is Allowed In Soil, Food and Compost. Why? Your Right To Know.

Millions of tons of toxic municipal and industrial sewage wastes -- a mixture of stormwater, residential, industrial and medical contaminants and pathogens -- are annually disposed on farms, in forests and sold to the general public as compost/fertilizer. Governments promote this toxic sludge disposal despite clearly recognized harm to human and environmental health, as well as to our soils and waters.

This 2-hour workshop pinpoints consequences of these practices in Washington State and British Columbia, leaving time for audience discussion.

Panelists: *Darlene Schanfeld, Ph.D., WA State Sierra Club, Sewage Sludge Free WA Project Leader; Leona Antoine, 1st Nation Dir., Friends of Nicola Valley; Chris Wilkie, Executive Director, Sound Keepers Alliance, Seattle, WA; Richard Honor, Ph.D., The Precautionary Group*

9:00 – 10:15 • PANEL 6

*** Killing for Sport: Trophy Hunting v. Conservation (LAW 110)**

After several well-publicized trophy hunts in 2015, including the killing of Cecil the lion by Dr. Walter Palmer and the killing of a rare black rhino by professional hunter Corey Knowlton, conservationists and governments world-wide are reassessing whether such hunting has any real conservation benefit to imperiled species. This panel will present the arguments for and against trophy hunting as a conservation tool and will discuss the legality of importing such trophies into the U.S. and other western countries.

Panelists: *Jeff Pierce, Litigation Fellow, Animal Legal Defense Fund; Dr. Craig Packer, Lion Research Center (University of Minnesota); Adam Roberts, CEO, Born Free USA; Michael Harris, Director, Friends of Animals' Wildlife Law Program*

*** Fighting Aerial Spray and Water Quality Violations on State and Private Forestlands (LAW 184)**

Experts discuss the legal obstacles, political challenges and strategies being employed to effect positive change in the management of Oregon's state-owned public and private industrial forestlands. While industry says Oregon has the most-advanced laws in the nation, rural citizens are at serious risk from toxic drift, trout and salmon are on the brink and clear-cutting continues. Panelists will discuss recent court cases and Board of Forestry decisions, as well as legislative proposal and initiatives being advanced by local citizens and conservation groups to challenge the status quo and secure meaningful reform.

Panelists: *Lisa Arkin, Executive Director, Beyond Toxics; Jason Gonzales, Organizer, Oregon Wild; Mary Scurlock, Coordinator, Oregon Stream Protection Coalition; Ralph Bloemers, Staff Attorney, Crag Law Center*

*** Undermining the Federal Coal Program: Trends and Victories (LAW 141)**

More than 40% of all coal produced in the nation is federal coal. When burned, this coal contributes to more than 10% of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, making the Federal Coal Program a root contributor to climate change in America. Yet federal agencies continue to balk at analyzing the climate impacts of their

coal proposals. This panel presents recent efforts and successful strategies, including the Secretary of Interior's recent order on the future of the Federal Coal Program, to force federal agencies to analyze the climate impacts of coal production and combustion

Panelists: *Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, Staff Attorney, WildEarth Guardians; Shiloh Hernandez, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Nathaniel Shoaff, Staff Attorney, Sierra Club; Ted Zukoski, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice*

Part 1: Government and Corporate Spying on the Earth Defense Movements (LAW 142)

In part 1 of this 2 part series, CLDC will provide case examples, tips, and traps regarding government and corporate surveillance of climate activists and frontline communities, their campaigns, and their lawyers, and why everyone needs to take security issues seriously to be a serious activist, advocate or attorney. CLE Credits.

Panelists: *Lauren Regan, Cooper Brinson, and Amanda Schemkes; Civil Liberties Defense Center Attorneys*

*** Seeing the Forest (LAW 241)**

This presentation and panel will use the new video documentary "Seeing the Forest" to discuss the restoration of Siuslaw National Forest after the spotted owl crisis. Themes will focus on how litigation shapes forest policy, restoration principles, citizen activism and collaboration, and naturalness as a forest policy goal.

Panelists: *Jim Furnish, Forest Service Deputy Chief (Ret); Author "Toward A Natural Forest"; Niel Lawrence, Senior Attorney, National Resource Defense Council; Gordon Grant, USDA Forest Service, Research Hydrologist*

Citizen Science and Forest Management (LAW 242)

From pre-dawn mornings in dense Coast Range forests, to the rugged backcountry of Eastern Oregon, to high in the canopy of towering old-growth and the iconic slopes of Mt. Hood, these groups are using citizen science to protect threatened forests in the Pacific Northwest. Learn how teams of volunteer ecologists are changing forest management one survey at a time.

Panelists: *Max Beeken, Co-Director, Coast Range Forest Watch; Karen Coulter, Co-Director, Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project; Fox Cascadia, Founder, Northwest Ecosystem Survey Team; Michael Krochta, Forest Watch Coordinator, BARK*

The Beef Between Public Lands Grazing, Western Wildlife, and Meat Production (LAW 243)

The ecological costs of livestock grazing exceed that of any other western land use. Grazing wreaks havoc on rivers, deserts, grasslands and forests alike. More than 175 threatened or endangered species are harmed by a highly subsidized livestock industry that uses 270 million acres of our public lands.

At current consumption rates livestock grazing is not sustainable. The demand for meat and its catastrophic environmental impact are the untold story behind the militia occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Panelists: *Pam Hardy, Central Oregon Field Representative, Oregon Wild; Erik Molvar, Sagebrush Sea Campaign Director Wild Earth Guardians; Dan Morse, Conservation Director, Oregon Natural Desert Association; Ken Cole, Idaho Director, Western Watersheds Project*

OPEN MIC (LAW 281)

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Leisure Time, Life Satisfaction and the Environment (LAW 282)

Several Swedish cities are now experimenting with six-hour workdays and 30-hour weeks. Part of the catalyst for these experiments are studies done by the Chalmers Institute of Technology in Gothenberg, Sweden, for the Swedish EPA. Their preliminary findings are that shorter workweeks increase life satisfaction while appreciably reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This panel will make the case that shorter work time should be part of both climate change and quality of life discussions, as well as improving health and social connection. The panelists will include time to engage the audience for ideas about how to put these issues on the agenda in US policy circles and how best to communicate them to wider audiences. It is possible that this panel could include CLE credits but we aren't sure about that.

Panelist: *John de Graaf, President, Take Back Your Time; Randall Burtz, Professor of Recreation, Western Washington University*

Engaging Youth and Local Communities in Climate Action (Straub 145)

In 2013, young people in Eugene formed the Youth Climate Action Now (YouCAN) Campaign to advocate for their right to a safe and stable climate system. Less than a year later, Eugene City Council adopted a Climate Recovery Ordinance, requiring carbon neutrality, fossil fuel reductions, and a carbon budget based on the best available science. Panelists discuss lessons learned in Eugene, similar youth-led actions taking place elsewhere, local government's role in reducing carbon emissions, and how to further engage youth in the environmental justice movement.

Panelists: *Coreal Riday-White, Our Children's Trust, Staff Attorney / YouCAN Program Manager; Matt McRae, Climate and Energy Policy Analyst, City of Eugene; Hannah Sohl, Co-founder / Director, Rogue Climate; Samantha Krop, Teacher, Academy of Arts and Academics*

*** Public Interest Litigation in China (Straub Hall 245)**

This panel will provide an overview of the development of public interest litigation in China, and possibly other countries. For many years, environmental litigation in China consistent of seeking compensation for harm after the fact, but there was no legal avenue to prevent harm. In China recent Judicial Interpretations by the Supreme People's Court have opened the door for NGOs to file "citizen suit" cases against polluters and unauthorized resource extraction. Dozens of new cases are pending.

Panelists: *Professor Jack Tuholske, Vermont Law School; Patti Goldman, Managing Attorney, Earthjustice*

*** Water Privatization: The New Push to Turn Water into Gold (Global Scholars Hall 117)**

Drought conditions throughout the country, increasingly common in an era of climate change, have increased pressure on public water systems. Although this scarcity may sometimes contribute to innovation and efficiency, it is also fueling strong appetites for profit. Renewed efforts to privatize public resources with market "innovations" face growing criticism for weakening accountability and hampering efforts to provide clean, safe drinking water. Meanwhile, bottling operations dry up riparian ecosystems, shifts to permanent crops harden demand for unpredictable supplies, and residents of cities like Flint, Michigan receive contaminated water while public officials largely ignore them. This panel features lawyers and activists actively confronting water privatization, and working for democratic control over perhaps

our most precious shared public trust resource.

Panelists: *Julia DeGraw, Senior Northwest Organizer, Food & Water Watch; Roger Moore, Partner, Rossmann and Moore, LLP; Lisa Belenky, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Lisa Belenky, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity*

*** The 2015 Climate Change Paris Agreement: Legal & Political Perspectives Global Scholars Hall 130)**

In the wake of the historic Paris Agreement on climate change of December 2015, this panel explains the legal history of the UNFCCC and subsequent treaties, the substantive and legal binding mechanisms of the Paris Agreement, the enforcement of the Paris Agreement under U.S. law, and the actions we can take as lawyers and citizens in the U.S. to compel our government to act on climate. Attorneys participating in the Paris conference will share their perspectives and U.S. groundwork.

Panelists: *Jean Su, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Clare Lakewood, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rachel Stevens, Staff Attorney, Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic at Vermont Law School; Tarah Heinzen, Staff Attorney, Food & Water Watch*

*** Oregon's Legacy of Land Use Protection: A Workshop for Practitioners And the Public (Global Scholars Hall 131)**

Oregon's land use protections are based on a system of state and local planning designed to preserve critical resources, while directing growth and ensuring citizen involvement. This panel will provide an overview of the history and framework of Oregon land use law; before walking participants through the land use process from the first local hearing to practice before the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals and the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Panelists: *Zack P. Mittge, Senior Associate, Hutchinson Cox; Maura Fahey, Associate Attorney, Crag Law Center; William H. Sherlock, Shareholder, Hutchinson Cox*

*** Creating a Legacy: Reflections on Work and Life (Global Scholars Hall 132)**

Days to months, months to years, years to a career and a lifetime: lessons and perspectives from three lawyers with decades of experience practicing public interest environmental law while trying to create meaningful lives.

Panelists: *Grove Burnett, Attorney & Founder of Vallecitos Mountain Retreat Center; Mike Axline, Partner, Miller, Axline & Sawyer; Karin Sheldon, President, Four Echoes Strategies*

Community-Based Strategies for Achieving Environmental Justice in California's Rural Communities (Many Nations Longhouse)

Youth have a unique role in environmental activism. With the emerging threat of climate change, youth have a responsibility to use their collective and individual voices arguably more than any other time in history. This panel, composed entirely of youth, will discuss how the organization iMatter has launched a national campaign to enable kids to make a difference by aiding them in creating youth-led grassroots movements across the country that affect their communities' opinion and policy towards climate change.

Panelists: *Leticia Corona, Community Advocacy Director, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; Ashley Werner, Attorney, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; Hallie Turner, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, iMatter*

10:35 – 11:50 A.M. • PANEL 7

*** Atmospheric Trust Litigation Update (LAW 110)**

Since 2011, Our Children's Trust has been working to elevate the voice of youth and secure the legal right to a healthy atmosphere and stable climate system. Youth have filed unprecedented constitutional and public trust legal actions against governments across the U.S. and abroad. Attorneys involved in the TRUST Campaign will give an update of the atmospheric trust legal actions, with an emphasis on Washington State, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Oregon.

Moderator: *Nate Bellinger, Attorney, Our Children's Trust*

Panelists: *Andrea Rodgers, Attorney, WELC; Ryke Longest, Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Clinic and a Clinical Professor of Law at the Duke University School of Law; Chris Winter, Co-Executive Director, Crag Law Center; Kenneth Kristl, Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic at Widener University Delaware Law School*

*** The Taking of One Species to Protect Another: Ethical and Legal Implications (LAW 175)**

Historically, there have been limited circumstances of humans' deliberate killing of animals to protect the environment. Removal of goats from San Clemente Island and Northern pike from Lake Davis come to mind. In recent years, the government has embarked on far larger culling programs. The intentional removal of thousands of barred owls and double crested cormorants will be the largest such measures to date. This panel will discuss the legal and ethical issues associated with this form of conservation.

Moderator: *Michael Harris, Legal Director, Friends of Animals*

Panelists: *Daniel Rohlf, Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School; Jennifer Best, Assistant Director, Friends of Animals' Wildlife Law Program; Theo Summer, Animals Ethics, Advocate for Nonhuman Animals*

*** Fishing for Solutions: Moving toward Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (LAW 184)**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) has set us on a path toward curbing overfishing and rebuilding depleted ocean fish populations in U.S. waters. However, the collateral damage from years of unsustainable fishing practices on habitat and wildlife, coupled with emerging threats related to global climate change, demand new measures to improve the health of our oceans. This panel will examine the history, management structure, important case law, and current efforts to incorporate ecosystem-based management under the MSA.

Panelists: *Tara Brock, Senior Associate, The Pew Charitable Trusts; Katie Cleveland Bright, Ocean Conservancy; Andrea Treece, Staff Attorney, EarthJustice; Catherine Kilduff, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity;*

This War Has Two Sides: Moving the Environmentalist Movement from Defense to Offense (LAW 141)

The American environmentalist movement has existed for more than fifty years, yet all around us the destruction of the planet is accelerating. Why have our efforts failed to stop the violence, and how can we work to finally present a serious challenge to the industrial system? Come listen to members of Deep Green Resistance discuss the missing piece in the environmentalist movement's strategy: Strategic, effective militancy in defense of the planet.

Panelists: *Jonah Mix and Dillon Thomson, Deep Green Resistance*

*** Part 2: Making Email Encryption Work for Security and Confidentiality (LAW 142)**

Lawyers and activists who do not encrypt their emails put themselves and others at risk of surveillance and cannot ensure their client communications remain confidential. Encryption is much easier to use than it once was--we will teach you easy-to-use software to send and receive encrypted emails. Before the workshop, visit tinyurl.com/pielc-encrypt to download required software and bring a laptop (Mac/PC/Linux) with you for a hands on learning experience. CLE Credits.

Panelists: *Lauren Regan, CLDC Director/Attorney; Prof. Glencora Borradaile, Oregon State University; Michele Charrete Rising Tide*

Using Pressure Campaigns to Stop Capitalism from Killing the Earth (LAW 241)

Pressure campaigns have long been used for anti-vivisection, labor, anti-globalization, and other types of organizing, and it is a model that can be used to apply strategic, effective pressure to the corporate State that is killing the earth. Join us for a discussion of pressure campaigns as a way to disrupt capitalist markets in order to force substan

Panelists: *Amanda Schemkes, Organizer, No New Animal Lab; Justin Kay, Organizer, No New Animal Lab*

Permanent Peoples' Tribunal on the Human Rights Impacts of Fracking (LAW 242)

Tribunal judges will determine whether sufficient evidence exists to indict certain nation-states for failing to respect the human rights of citizens due to permitting fracking. Findings from preliminary mini-tribunals and mini-hearings in other countries will be presented during plenary hearings in March 2017 in the US and UK. Benefits include foregrounding human rights norms, developing a large, categorized repository of vetted expert and personal testimony, and testing legal arguments for possible use in future national or international courts.

Panelists: *Dr Tom Kerns, Director, Environment and Human Rights Advisory; Bruce Baizel, JD, Energy Program Director, Earthworks*

*** Preventing the Feds from Mooting your Case: Exceptions to Mootness (LAW 243)**

As a case progresses, an agency often takes actions that may appear to moot your case. Panelist will explain the rules for mootness and how you can survive a motion to dismiss, even if it appears that your case is moot, using the "voluntary cessation" and "capable of repetition" exceptions to mootness. Panelist will also explain the relationship between mootness, ripeness, and standing.

Panelists: *René Voss, Attorney, Natural Resources Law; Matt Kenna, Attorney, Public Interest Environmental Law and of Counsel, WELC; Scott L. Nelson, Attorney, Public Citizen Litigation*

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*** Spills, Fracking and Polar Bears: Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic (LAW 282)**

The last year has been filled with a variety of news and legal developments related to offshore oil and gas -- Shell pulling out of the Arctic; the Plains All American Pipeline rupturing

near Santa Barbara causing the largest oil spill in California in decades; and the Obama Administration's proposals to allow drilling and seismic exploration in the Atlantic. Panelists will discuss each of these issues as well as offshore fracking in the Pacific and the current state of offshore leases and drilling in the Arctic. Panelists will also explore legal tools that can be used to fight offshore drilling, including the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act, and provide updates on recent cases regarding offshore oil and gas drilling.

Panelist: *Sierra Weaver, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center; Maggie Hall, Staff Attorney, Environmental Defense Center; Kristen Monsell, Staff Attorney, CBD*

*** Endangered Species and Forest Management (Straub Hall 145)**

Changes to the implementation of the Endangered Species Act and to the Northwest Forest Plan are affecting the recovery of the Northern Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet and Coho Salmon and restoration of the late-successional forests of the Pacific Northwest. The panel will explore recent policy changes and research on forest management practices and make recommendations for ESA implementation and changes to the Northwest Forest Plan.

Panelists: *Doug Heiken, Oregon Wild, Northern Spotted Owl; Nick Cady, Cascadia Wildlands, Red Tree Vole; Greg Haller, Pacific Rivers Council, Coho Salmon; Steve Holmer, American Bird Conservancy, Marbled Murrelet & Northwest Forest Plan*

*** Climate Change, Interstate Water Compacts, and the Death of Our Western Rivers (Straub Hall 245)**

Our western rivers face intense challenges in the coming decade based on flow declines due to climate change and the continued enforcement of archaic interstate water compacts that allocate water between states based on unrealistic flow predictions of the past. The Rio Grande Basin is currently experiencing the effects of such climate-induced flow reductions and serves as an excellent case study demonstrating the looming threats to our western rivers. Panelists will discuss (through the lens of the Rio Grande Basin) how interstate compacts work and who benefits and who loses when compacts are enforced.

Panelist: *Jen Pelz, Wild Rivers Program Director, WildEarth Guardians; Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, Staff Attorney, WildEarth Guardians*

The Future of the Elliott State Forest: Uncertain and At Risk (Global Scholars Hall 117)

Spurred by a successful ESA take case in 2014 and due to shifting public attitudes toward forest management, declining timber revenues resulted in Oregon selling a portion of the Elliott State Forest to private timber companies. Cascadia Wildlands challenged the sale in state court, arguing the State had no authority to sell the Elliott. In response to continued declining revenue, the State Land Board authorized a protocol to facilitate the sale of the entire Elliott State Forest. The goal is to sever the ties with the Common School Fund trust obligation that mandates the forest raise revenue from timber sales on the forest for schools. Conservation and recreation groups are advocating the State's decision maintain public access to the forest and protect the wildlife and recreation values of the forest.

Panelists: *Dan Kruse, Attorney, Legal Counsel for Cascadia Wildlands; Robin Meacher, Attorney, Umpqua Regional Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Max Beeken, Coast Ranch Forest Watch*

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*** The Legacy of Fracking: Impacts, Strategy, and Activism in Frontline Communities and State-wide Campaigns (Global Scholars Hall 130)**

Panelists will lead a discussion on the impacts of extreme extraction on public health and the environment, particularly in frontline communities. Panelist will discuss legal strategies, frontline communities at the forefront, successful organizing mechanisms, and statewide campaign strategy. Panelists will finish with ideas to wield creative legal tools and uplift frontline struggles across the US. The panel will end with a Q&A session.

Panelists: *Ash Lauth, California Anti-Fracking Campaigner, Center for Biological Diversity; Madeline Stano, Staff Attorney, Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment; Maya Golden-Krasner, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Jessica Hendricks,*

Holding Oregon's 'Thin Green Line' (Global Scholars Hall 131)

As companies push to transport coal, oil, and gas across the region, we organize to stop them. Oregon based panelists have organized to stop the Pembina propane export terminal and pass Portland's proactive Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Ban and are working to stop oil-by-rail, the Tesoro Savage oil terminal and the Oregon LNG and Jordan Cove projects. We will discuss the opportunities and obstacles of working with broad coalitions of unconventional allies to build broad collective power.

Panelists: *Mia Reback, Lead Organizer, 350PDX; Professor Nicholas Caleb, Concordia University; Grace Warner, Organizer, Southern Oregon Rising Tide and Coast Range Forest Watch; Emmalyn Garrett Organizer, Southern Oregon Rising Tide and Portland Rising Tide*

The Ongoing Indigenous Legacy of a Sacred Responsibility for Rivers: Winnemem and Pit River (Global Scholars Hall 132)

Chief Caleen Sisk of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe and Morning Star Gali, the Pit River Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, present the ongoing Indigenous legacy -- their sacred responsibility to their traditional territories and water in order to exist. Using film and speaking from their combined experience Chief Sisk and Morning Star Gali tell what tribes face to protect their rivers and lifeways against the treacheries of unjust policies, laws which do not work for indigenous peoples, and destructive corporate projects.

Panelists: *Chief Caleen Sisk, Winnemem Wintu; Morning Star Gali, Pit River Tribal Historic Preservation Officer; Perla Lucio, Coalition Against Environmental Racism; Misa Joo, Pacific/Asian Community Alliance*

*** Honduras' Abolishment of Human Rights and What the United States Can Do About It (Many Nations Longhouse)**

In mid-2014, the Honduran Congress adopted the Establishment of Zones for Employment and Economic Development Law, a new type of Special Economic Zoning that represents the classic conflict between the corporate model of exploitation of resources/labor and the protection of human rights and the environment. This panel will discuss the national context in which such a law was passed and the threats of violations of domestic and international human rights protections, specifically ILO 169 about Tribal or Indigenous groups. Because of the implications for trade and investment, the use of an environmental collaborative mechanism under CAFTA-DR is proposed..

Panelists: *Heather Wolford, Community and Labor Organizer; Mark*

Sullivan, Attorney at Law; Tyler Ingraham, Western New England University School of Law, JD Candidate, 2017; Laura Palmese, University of Oregon School of Law, LL.M Candidate

12:10 – 2:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EMU Ballroom)

Mark Titus - Writer, Director. Mark will be speaking on his newest film, *The Breach*, a riveting story of the journey of wild salmon and their precarious situation in the ecosystem of the American river system—specifically here in the Pacific Northwest.

Mary-Lynn Evans - Director, Producer. Mari-Lynn will be speaking about her latest feature film, *Blood on the Mountain*, a searing investigation into the economic and environmental injustices that have resulted from industrial control in West Virginia.

2:20 – 3:35 • PANEL 8

*** The Marijuana Business in Oregon: Environmental, Tax, and Regulatory Concerns (LAW 110)**

The panel will discuss some of the major environmental concerns (water use, electricity use, pesticide use, packaging and transportation requirements, carbon dioxide emissions, etc.) surrounding the growing of recreational marijuana. Each state is different and our panel will focus on Oregon's administrative and regulatory requirements, including any updates on any legislation during the 2016 session. We will discuss the Oregon fee and tax structures, the revenue generated, where the funds go, and federal income tax issues.

Panelists: *Cassie Peters, Attorney at Law, Marijuana Practice in Eugene OR; Nancy E. Shurtz, Professor at the University of Oregon School of Law; Jesse Sweet, Oregon Liquor Control Commission*

*** ESA Injunctions under Sections 4, 7 & 9 (LAW 184)**

Attorneys John Meyer and Matt Kenna will discuss their recent case *Cottonwood v. U.S. Forest Service*, and Injunctive Relief for programmatic section 7 cases. Attorney Tanya Sanerib will discuss injunctions under Section 9 "take" cases of the ESA. Finally, attorney Chris Winter will discuss injunctive relief for section 4 listing cases. Each panelist will discuss their topics and allow questions and discussion through their presentations.

Moderator: *Matt Kenna, Attorney*

Panelists: *John Meyer, Staff Attorney, WildEarth Guardians; Tanya Sanerib, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Chris Winter, Executive Director, Crag Law Center*

Transboundary Mining in Shared Watersheds of B.C. and Alaska (Student Organizer: Annie Montgomery) (LAW 141)

In Northwest British Columbia, a modern-day gold rush is underway that could threaten Southeast Alaska's salmon, rivers, fishing and tourism jobs, and unique way of life. Spurred by weakened environmental regulations and the construction of a massive new power line, at least ten large-scale mines are in some stage of advanced exploration, environmental review, permitting or operation in this region that is quickly becoming one of the largest mining districts in the world.

Alaska's congressional delegation, and several dozen Alaska municipal governments, tribes, commercial and sport fishing

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organizations, NGOs, businesses, and thousands of Alaskans have called on the U.S. Department of State for action under the Boundary Waters Treaty to protect the water and ecosystems—and the cultures, fisheries and way of life dependent on them—in the Taku, Stikine and Unuk watersheds.

Panelists: *Jill Weitz, Trout Unlimited / Salmon Beyond Borders, Operations Manager; Kenta Tsuda, Attorney, Earthjustice; Jennifer Hanlon, Environmental Specialist, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Association*

Following Nature's Lead for Civil Disobedience: Building a New Direct Action Movement Community by Community (LAW 142)

As nature goes on the offense with ever increasing catastrophic climatic events, our activism stays stuck in the 1970s. Our organizing has refused to confront a structure of law that protects environmentally destructive corporate behavior. This panel is about the growing Community Rights movement and how communities are “occupying the law” to dismantle the corporate state, legalize sustainability and secure nature’s rights, and the convergence of community rights with direct action aimed at physically stopping harmful corporate projects.

Panelists: *Kai Huschke, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund Organizer; Rob Dickinson, Organizer, Oregonians for Community Rights; Mary Grace Hickok, Organizer, Cascadia Forest Defenders*

*** Landmark Climate Lawsuit: Youth vs. United States (LAW 241)**

In 2015, 21 youth, along with climate scientist Dr. James Hansen, acting as guardian for future generations and his granddaughter, filed a landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit against the U.S. government. The lawsuit claims the U.S. government, by allowing and promoting the development and use of fossil fuels, has knowingly and deliberately caused dangerous climate change, thus violating plaintiffs’ constitutional due process and equal protection rights. **A hearing in the case is scheduled for March 9th in Eugene’s federal court.**

Panelists: *Julia Olson, Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel, Our Children’s Trust; Philip Gregory, Attorney, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP; Daniel Galpern, Law Offices of Daniel M. Galpern; Jacob Lebel, youth plaintiff*

*** Paradise Illegally Leased: BLM Authority to Cancel Leases and Three Compelling Campaigns Driving that Outcome. (LAW 242)**

The Rocky Mountain Front, Thompson Divide, and the Wyoming Range are iconic western landscapes, and some of the last best places. These cherished public lands are also burdened with a legacy of irresponsible and illegal oil and gas leasing by the Bureau of Land Management. This panel will explore the legal deficiencies plaguing existing oil and gas leases in these special places, the BLM’s authority to cancel those leases, and the campaigns pushing the agency to do exactly that.

Panelists: *Peter Hart, Staff Attorney, Wilderness Workshop; Michael Freeman, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Peter Aengst, Senior Regional Director (Northern Rockies), The Wilderness Society; Lisa McGee, Program Director, Wyoming Outdoor Council*

What Every Environmentalist Needs to Know About Capitalism & How it Relates to Movement Building (LAW 243)

Panelists will provide an overview of the functional mechanisms of capitalism, paying particular attention to the effects of capitalism on environmental movements and environmental law.

The goal of this panel is to give attendees a clear, concise, and scientific understanding of exactly how and why capitalism is the driving force behind the destruction of the planet.

Moderator: *Lauran Regan*

Panelists: *Cooper Brinson, Staff Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Dr. Jamil Jonna, Civil Liberties Defense Center*

Legal Trends and Non-traditional Engagement on Western Forest Service Land (LAW 281)

This panel will explore already approved and proposed timber sale and salvage projects in Colorado and Oregon as case-studies for identifying and discussing trends and the legal issues that have come into play. In addition to litigation trends, the panel will also explore how collaboration has and can be used to successfully achieve conservation goals of NEPA compliant process and decisions that also protect wildlife and old-growth forests.

Panelist: *Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, WELC; John Melgren, Staff Attorney, WELC; Alli Melton, Red Lady Program Director for High Country Conservation Advocates*

*** Citizen Participation: How to Restore Public Trust in the National Contingency Plan (LAW 282)**

EPA solicited public comments regarding the National Contingency Plan (NCP) in 2015. The resulting proposed rule did not address key deficiencies in the NCP, including: lack of response to risks related to unconventional oil & gas; lack of meaningful citizen participation in oil spill contingency planning; and lack of adequate public health and worker safety protections. The panelists will discuss research into legal remedies for these and other deficiencies as part of a larger interdisciplinary project during 2016-2018.

Panelist: *William Fitzgerald, Esq., Boston College, Lecturer in Law; Dr. Riki Ott, Director ALERT, a Project of Earth Island Institute*

*** In Pursuit of a Sustainable Future for our National Forests: Erasing the Road Footprint (Straub Hall 145)**

Our National Forests boast the most extensive road network in the world, nine times larger than our Federal Highway System. Over the next few years the Forest Service must reduce that network to reflect funding levels and address the extensive adverse impacts on fish, wildlife, and wildlands. This panel will discuss the Forest Service’s legal duty to identify a Minimum Road System and how to get involved to ensure our forests move towards a fiscally responsible and ecologically sustainable future.

Panelists: *Marla Nelson, Rewilding Attorney, WildEarth Guardians; Josh Hicks, Assist. Dir. of the Nat’l Forest Action Center, The Wilderness Society; Greg Dyson, Public Lands Dir., WildEarth Guardians*

Blood on the Mountain: Mountaintop Removal and Economic Transition in Appalachia (Straub Hall 245)

Panelists will describe the current status of mountaintop removal, as well as efforts to help promote just economic transition in the region. Nick Mullins, a fourth generation underground coal miner from southwestern Virginia, turned to coal mining to support his family and give his children a better future, only to realize the true cost of coal and the legacy it was leaving for future generations. Mullins is featured in the award-winning film *Blood on the Mountain*, screening at the PIELC film festival. Mari-Lynn Evans, producer of

the film, will describe her work with mountain residents and labor allies to produce a powerful film that shines a public spotlight on the coal atrocities in Appalachia, as well as her work to save Blair Mountain -- the site of a famous 1921 battle in Logan County, WV over coal miners' right to unionize. Attorney Aaron Isherwood will talk about the Sierra Club's work with Appalachian communities to fight mountaintop removal in court and to promote a just economic transition..

Panelists: *Aaron Isherwood, Managing Attorney, Sierra Club; Nick Mullins, Appalachian Community Activist; Mari-Lynn Evans, Director and Producer of Blood on the Mountain*

Litigating for Climate After the Paris Agreement (Global Scholars Hall 117)

Panelists: *Michael Wara, Associate Professor and Justin M. Roach, Jr. Faculty Scholar, Stanford Law School; Professor Patrick McGinley, School of Law, West Virginia University; Joe Lovett, Appalachian Mountain Advocates, West Virginia; James Hopkins, Associate Clinical Professor, Indigenous People's Law and Policy Program, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona*

Materials and Waste Management in the Developing World: The Caribbean, Latin America, and Ukraine—Case Studies (Global Scholars Hall 130)

This panel will explore the emerging role of sustainable materials management in developing new legacies and new narratives in the Caribbean, Central America, and elsewhere; waste management and associated environmental pollution and risk management in war-impacted eastern Ukraine; and hazardous waste disposal in western Ukraine. How direct individual action and leadership is impacting a staid waste management paradigm, marine debris, and associated environmental and social justice issues. A focus on interdependent communities and the connection to, impact on, and construction of integrated global systems. Why the management of discarded materials (waste) is a critical public interest environmental issue; why it is a proxy for sustainability.

Panelists: *Mark Lichtenstein, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Sustainability; National Recycling Coalition, Inc., Board of Directors Member and Immediate Past-President; Laura Palmese, Mesoamerican Reef Leadership Program, Fellow; University of Oregon student; Alla Voytsikhovska, Environment People Law; ELAW Fellow*

Transforming Suburbia With Permaculture (Global Scholars Hall 131)

“Transforming Suburbia With Permaculture” will describe exciting citizen based actions that are transforming suburbia. The presentation will “visit” suburban properties that are producing more food, energy and water on site. The panel will describe emerging neighborhood networks for mutual assistance, education and putting public property to positive new uses. The presentation will explain “allies and assets.” The goal is to live within modest and sensible economic and ecological limits and to green our culture and economy.

Panelists: *Jan Spencer, Suburban Permaculture; Ravi Logan, Prout Institute; Jessica Jackowski, Friendly Neighborhood*

Forest Offsets: Another Climate Change False Solution? (Global Scholars Hall 132)

The text of the Paris climate accord mentions “forests” more than a dozen times - but the term “fossil fuels” does not appear once. Is there scientific validity in offsetting industrial pollution and the burning of fossil fuels through the

use of forest based carbon credits, and what are the “on-the-ground” impacts for forests and communities from dependence on forest offsets? This panel exposes the assumptions and false solution risks of dependence on forest offsets in contemporary climate policy.

Panelists: *Gary Graham Hughes, California Advocacy Campaigner, Friends of the Earth - USA; Daphne Wysham, Center for Sustainable Economy, Climate and Energy Program; Brian Nowicki, California Climate Policy Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Dr. John Talberth, Senior Economist, Center for Sustainable Economy*

Climate Change, International Law, Next Steps (Many Nations Longhouse)

Is the December 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change a good blueprint for a carbon-free future or a failure of international “politics as usual”? How can US lawyers ensure it makes a difference in local and national policy? Can it be used in lawsuits in the US or other countries? Can lawyers for citizen groups play a role in negotiating such international agreements?

Panelists: *John E. Bonine, UO Law School, B.B. Kliks Professor; Noah Sachs, Professor, University of Richmond School of Law and Director, Mirhige Center for Environmental Studies; John C. Dernbach, Professor of Law, Director, Environmental Law and Sustainability Center, Widener University Commonwealth Law School; Professor Tim Duane, University of Santa Cruz*

3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. • WORKSHOP 4

Direct Action, SLAPP Suits, and Police Misconduct on the Front Lines of the Environmental/Animal/Climate movements (LAW 175)

CLDC attorneys will take a look at the last few years in terms of observations and trends regarding direct action and civil disobedience prosecutions, SLAPP suits, and police tactics and misconduct used against activists and their campaigns.

Panelists: *Lauren Regan, Cooper Brinson and Amanda Schemkes, CLDC Attorneys*

3:55 – 5:10 P.M. • PANEL 9

*** Advocating for Communities During Environmental Disasters: From Flint, Michigan to Richmond, California (LAW 184)**

From Flint, Michigan to Southeast Los Angeles, communities across the country are facing environmental hazards from man-made or natural disasters. This panel will focus on current legal and extralegal campaigns responding to communities in great environmental crises. Environmental justice advocates will share their work on behalf of residents fighting for access to clean air, land and water in the places they live, work, play and pray. Panelists will explore current environmental regulatory schemes, challenges to success, and policy solutions..

Panelists: *Roger Lin, Staff Attorney, Communities for a Better Environment; Ingrid Brostrom, Senior Attorney, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; Yana Garcia, Associate Attorney, Earthjustice; Madeline Stano, Staff Attorney, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment*

Lessons Learned from Carnivore Reintroductions (LAW 141)

The benefits to carnivore conservation through reintroduction are manifold; as umbrella species, their presence signifies healthy ecosystems. However, there are many challenges

unique to reintroducing carnivores: they require a lot of habitat; they may be real or perceived threats to humans and their property, including livestock; and they require prey. This panel will discuss lessons learned from wolf reintroductions across the United States with an eye toward preparing for grizzly and Florida panther reintroductions in their historic ranges.

Panelists: *Jaclyn Lopez, Florida Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Sierra Weaver, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center; Michael Robinson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity; Michael Dax, New Mexico Outreach Representative*

Things That Go Bump in the Night: Why the Future of Sustainable Human Population Advocacy Depends on the Reproductive Rights Movement (LAW 142)

There are over seven billion people on the planet and scientists believe we have entered the sixth mass extinction. This time it is caused by geologic or cosmic factors, but by human activities, including an unsustainable human population. Turning the tide requires population advocacy to reinvent away from the population control measures of the past and promote solutions that expand reproductive rights. This panel will discuss ways to acknowledge pitfalls and bring the population conversation into the twenty-first century.

Panelists: *Leigh Moyer, Population Organizer, Center for Biological Diversity; Mary Poffenroff, Instructor, San Jose State University*

*** Don't Be "Captured" by the ESA: Applying ESA Protections to Captive Animals (LAW 241)**

Following a decade of USDA APHIS documented violations, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, with local plaintiffs, sued a "roadside zoo" for gross violations of basic animal husbandry practices under the Endangered Species Act. One of the first cases of its kind to apply the ESA to protected species in captivity, this case went to trial for 4 days in October 2015. A decision is expected in February 2016. The panelists will discuss building and litigating this case.

Panelists: *Elisabeth ("Eli") Holmes, Attorney, Blue River Law, P.C.; Jessica Blome, Senior Staff Attorney, Animal Legal Defense Fund; Jeff Pierce, Legal Fellow, Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Wild Lands and Public Lands – Do They Have a Future? (LAW 242)

Panelists will investigate the future of wild lands and public lands under the Wilderness Act, the aftermath of which has been carried out over the last half-century.

Panelists: *Pam Hardy, Attorney, Oregon Wild; Peter A. Appel, Alex W. Smith, Prof. of Law, U of Georgia, School of Law; Mike Anderson, Senior Associate, The Wilderness Society, WA D.C.*

REGENERATIVE: The Awe Inspiring World Beyond Sustainable (LAW 243)

An in-depth look at soil carbon connection.

Panelists: *Fimian Makepeace, Co-Founder/ Policy Director, Kiss The Ground; Calla Rose*

OPEN MIC (LAW 281)

Time slots will be for one half-hour only and will be prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis, using the sign-up sheet on the door. Please note the L.A.W. Statement of Inclusion and be respectful of people's time.

Beyond Banners (LAW 282)

Environmental groups or activists tend to advocate for a particular place or cause without acknowledging the Indigenous People and their role in the situation of their environment. In understanding of the people's relationship with their rooted place, only then, can justice be rightly sought. Panelists will discuss what it means to decolonize within the realm of activism, and share their experiences as Indigenous activists, settlers, and allies from the Klamath and beyond.

Panelists: *Annelia Hillman -Yurok Tribal Member, Klamath Justice Coalition; Sharon Lungo – Organizer for Ruckus (Oakland) and IP3 (indigenous Peoples Power Project); Jenny "Stormy" Staats – Klamath Justice Coalition, Klamath Media Project; (Kanus Manuel - TBD)*

*** 52 Years and Counting: Can Title VI of the Civil Rights Act be Effective in the Struggle to Achieve Environmental Justice (Straub Hall 145)**

It can be difficult for traditional environmental regulatory actions and litigation to address issues of environmental justice affecting overburdened low-income communities of color. While some have declared Title VI of the Civil Rights Act a toothless tiger, recent Title VI settlements and efforts underway at EPA, DOJ, and other federal agencies provide hope that Title VI can be used to craft creative solutions to address longstanding racial and environmental injustice. The panel will discuss Title VI, recent settlements involving environmental justice issues, and reform efforts and activism to make Title VI more effective.

Panelists: *Kelly Haragan, Director Univ. of Texas School of Law Environmental Clinic; Erin Gaines, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Attorney, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Sponsored by the Ottinger Family Foundation; Alexis Strauss, Deputy Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency Region 9; Marianne Engelman Lado, Senior Staff Attorney, Earthjustice*

*** The Lacey Act: Reviving a Historic Law to Deal with New Threats to Wildlife (Straub 245)**

Despite being over 100 years old and not widely known, the Lacey Act continues to be an important federal wildlife law for the United States that can continue to be utilized to respond to new wildlife threats. Panelists will specifically discuss the use of this law to prevent the threats of invasive species and disease and to facilitate implementation of foreign laws, as well as a current legal challenge to the Lacey Act's control of interstate movement of wildlife.

Panelists: *Elise Pautler, Amphibian & Reptile Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Collette Adkins, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Jenny Loda, Amphibian & Reptile Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Nick Whipps, Legal Fellow, Center for Biological Diversity*

Maize cultures, Restoration of Indigenous Foodways and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (Straub 251)

This panel will explore how we can unwind the legacy of a colonized agricultural ethic and relearn a different agricultural ethic through learning from traditional corn cultures. What can corn cultures teach us about reciprocity and respect and ways of comporting ourselves with the natural world? How can revitalization of Indigenous knowledge help provide a solution to the crisis we are facing? Looking at the deep role of Indigenous corn cultures in the maintenance of maize, what kinds of legal instruments and legislation could be developed to ensure that traditional knowledge, and its wider applications, is respected, preserved, and maintained?

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Panelists: *Kaylena Bray, Haudenosaunee/Seneca, Cultural Conservancy, Garden and Social Media Consultant; Keir Johnson, Intertribal Agriculture Council, Pacific Region; Devon Pena, Professor of anthropology, ethnic studies, and environmental studies U. of Washington. Founder & Co-President The Acequia Institute.; Karen Swift, Attorney; Maize Solidarity Collaborative*

The Fire Next Time: Fire Planning in Forest Plan Revisions (Global Scholars Hall 117)

Three National Forests in California are undergoing Forest Plans Revisions that will become the model for other Forests. This offers strategic opportunity to shift the agency's paradigm from "fighting" all backcountry wildfires to working with wildfires to reduce fuel loads and restore ecosystems. Three former Forest Service firefighters will offer tips on how to critically analyze and provide fire-related comments in the NEPA process to prevent unsafe, costly, destructive firefighting actions, and instead promote ecological fire management.

Panelists: *Timothy Ingalsbee; Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology; Rich Fairbanks, FUSEE, USFS Fire Planner (Ret.); Mike Beasley, FUSEE, USFS Fire Chief (Ret.)*

Healthy Soils to Mitigate Climate Change & Restore Ecosystems (Global Scholars Hall 130)

Deforestation, erosion and industrial agriculture has caused the decay of soils and in consequence, the release of carbon that contributes with greenhouse effects. While the fight to stop fossil fuel extraction and consumption, is essential, it is only half of the equation required if we are serious about mitigating climate change. Non-sustainable management of soils through industrial agriculture causes over 30% of planetary carbon emissions. In fact within industrialized nations up to 1/3 of the total global warming effects have been attributed to an unsustainable food production system. In this presentation we will learn scientific facts about soil and carbon sequestration. We will learn about the legislation related to the California Healthy Soils Initiative in California focused in protection and restoration of soil organic matter (soil carbon) in soils to ensure climate change mitigation and food and economic security.

Panelists: *Jenny Lester Moffitt, Deputy Secretary California Department of Food and Agriculture; James Cassidy, Senior Instructor, Soil Physics & Organic Agriculture; Courtney Rae, Community organizer at BARK; Miguel Robles, Core Organizer of the Soil Not Oil Coalition*

Combining Litigation with Community Engagement to Limit the Impacts of Transportation and Urban Sprawl on Climate Change (Global Scholars Hall 131)

Climate activists are succeeding, in coalition with environmental justice advocates, at innovative community engagement efforts: litigation plus grassroots organizing. California's SB 375 law mandates regional transportation planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). The California Air Resources Board established future GHG reduction goals. This panel identifies four case studies where activists challenge conventional transportation and land use planning road-widening and sprawl and are succeeding at reducing future air pollution, GHG emissions, and inequities in transportation funding for underserved communities.

Panelists: *Gary Lasky, Sierra Club Tehipite Chapter (Legal Chair), Uni. of New Mexico School of Law (J.D. candidate); Amy Bricker, Partner, Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, LLP.; Ashley Werner, Staff Attorney, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability; Lynne*

Plambeck, Pres., Santa Clarita Org. for Planning and the Envir.

*** We need an Intervention for (Rule 24) Intervention: Fixing Intervention Standards to Give NGOs the Same Rights as Corporations (Global Scholars Hall 132)**

Before the Ninth Circuit's 2011 decision in Wilderness Society, industry's ability to intervene in cases challenging government actions was limited. Now, industry seemingly can intervene at will. Are there any limitations left? At the same time, unlike industry defendant-intervenors, the caselaw has created a singularly high burden for nonprofits seeking to serve the same function. Can we even up the playing field? Discuss with practitioners, share experiences, and let's figure out some solutions.

Panelists: *Tom Buchele, Clinical Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School; George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Scott Jerger, Partner, Field Jerger LLP*

LNG in Oregon- Regulatory and Legal Issues (Many Nations Longhouse)

The fossil fuel industry wants to put liquefied natural gas (LNG) pipelines and plants right through Oregon's rivers, forests, coastal zones, and many Oregonian's backyards. Oregon LNG is trying to put in an LNG facility in Warrenton, near Astoria, and the Jordan Cove Energy Project and Pacific Connector Pipeline are proposed in Southern Oregon. These projects face many legal and regulatory hurdles, both on a federal and state level. Come to this panel to find out more about the permitting processes required for LNG facilities and where these proposed projects are in that process.

Panelists: *Dan Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Courtney Johnson, Crag Law Center, Staff Attorney; Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Forrest English, Program Director, Rogue Riverkeeper*

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

STUDENT RECEPTION - MANY NATIONS LONGHOUSE

We invite all youthful activists and students from any school to attend this reception. It is a great opportunity to network with peers and learn about the community at UO Law. Snacks provided.

ALUMNI RECEPTION (GERLINGER LOUNGE) - SECOND FLOOR GERLINGER HALL

All University of Oregon School of Law alumni and current law students are welcome to attend a private reception in the Gerlinger Lounge.

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9:00 -11:00 A.M. • LEGAL ETHICS CLE WORKSHOP (LAW 175)

1.75 of ethics credits pending approval in Washington and Oregon; check for other state reporting requirements. Coffee and pastries will be provided, please bring your reusable mug for coffee.

This panel will present an overview of ethical issues faced by public interest attorneys through a discussion of current ethical rules in various states. The workshop will focus on a discussion of the shortcomings of the current ethics rules and discuss proposals for reforms that would clarify and strengthen lawyers' obligations to protect the environment. This year's workshop will include special features such as a

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discussion of panelist Professor Tom Lininger's recent article, "Green Ethics for Lawyers," which includes a discussion about recommendations for reform of the ABA Model Rules in order to create ethical duties for lawyers to protect the environment.

Panelists: *Professor Tom Lininger, Orlando John and Marian H. Hollis Professor, University of Oregon School of Law, Eugene, OR*

9:00 – 10:15 P.M. • PANEL 10

Ain't It Good to Know You've Got a Friend: Why Intervening on The Side of The Government Is Worthwhile (LAW 110)

Sometimes the Federal government gets it right when it makes conservation-minded decisions, which puts environmental advocates in the position of defending agency actions. Intervening on the side of the government is important for many reasons. Come hear about how intervenors impacted the direction of federal litigation over the proposed Pebble Mine, drilling in the Arctic Refuge, building a road through Wilderness, and Park Service authority over rivers within Alaska's National Parks. As a bonus, we will also touch on strategies for managing other intervenors!

Panelists: *Suzanne Bostrom, Trustees for Alaska, Staff Attorney; Michelle Sinnott, Staff Attorney, Trustees for Alaska*

Diagnosing Major Ecological Threats to the Great Basin (LAW 184)

The stark desert floors and sublime mountain peaks of the Great Basin are rarely a priority for many environmentalists. This needs to change. In a time when deforestation is intensifying climate change, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is laying waste to millions of acres of ancient pinyon-juniper forests across the Great Basin. Meanwhile, public lands ranching is causing so much desertification the region may soon look like Iran. Finally, the Southern Nevada Water Authority plans to steal water from rural communities to support Las Vegas. Come learn how you can help protect the Great Basin.

Panelists: *William Falk, Deep Green Resistance; Katie Fite, Board Secretary, WildLands Defense; Max Wilbert, President, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute;*

The TPP, Keystone XL and Climate Change: How Bad Trade Deals Undermine Our Movement (LAW 141)

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a proposed trade agreement that would set rules governing approximately 40% of the global economy, expediting the export of fossil fuels and giving transnational corporations new tools for attacking environmental laws. This panel will focus on the TPP, controversial Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) system, which TransCanada is currently using under a much smaller trade agreement to demand \$15 billion in U.S. taxpayer compensation after its permit for the Keystone XL pipeline was rejected.

Panelists: *M. Shannon, Oregon Fair Trade Campaign, Executive Director; Adriana Voss-Andreae, Executive Director, 350PDX; Brian Manning, Greenpeace, Organizer; Julia DeGraw, Food and Water Watch, NW Organizer*

Fighting Back Against "Gag" and Other Efforts to Silence Environmental Advocates (LAW 142)

"Gag" laws, and lawsuits, have proliferated recently, but industry attempts to silence environmental advocates are nothing

new. These most recent "gag" laws have built upon a history of suppressive statutes that violate the constitutional rights of activists, advocates, whistleblowers, and undercover investigators, and have now evolved to apply beyond the environmental and agricultural contexts. A broad coalition of environmental, animal welfare, food safety, and free speech organizations have banded together to challenge these laws around the country, so far with great success. This panel will discuss how "gag" and similar laws affect environmental advocacy, and the efforts to challenge these laws before and after they are passed.

Panelists: *Josh Osher, Public Policy Consultant & Montana Director, Western Watersheds Project; Cristina Stella, Staff Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Kathy Hessler, Clinical Professor & Director, Lewis & Clark Law School Animal Law Clinic;*

*** Ecosystem-scale Habitat Protections: Tools Under the Endangered Species Act (LAW 241)**

While Endangered Species Act practice often considers impacts on a single-species, property-by-property, project-by-project basis, there exist ESA tools that take a more comprehensive approach towards conserving candidate and listed species. This panel will discuss initiatives that proactively protect and manage imperiled species habitat at a range-wide and ecosystem scale.

Panelists: *Michael Martinez, Special Assistant, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Jacqui Brown Miller, Attorney, Cascade Pacific Law PLLC*

Water as Human Right (LAW 242)

This panel will focus on the need to develop a human right to water in the United States. It will also discuss the need to develop a broader Environmental Justice Infrastructure to mobilize support for radically transforming the existing property rights foundation of most water rights.

Panelists: *Dayna Jones, Law Clerk and JD Candidate, Lewis and Clark Law School; J. Justin Woods, JD, MPA, Pace Univ. LL.M Candidate & Adj. Prof. of Public Admin.*

OPEN MIC (LAW 281)

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10:35 - 11:50 P.M. • PANEL 11

Talk is Cheap - Critique of Being Green (LAW 110)

It is the rare environmentalist whose environmental behaviors and values align. What gets in the way? Although environmentalists who walk the talk do exist, these panelists discuss pitfalls that often steer people with strong environmental values into excessive consumption, ethnocentrism, and inspire weak attempts at getting GHG-limiting policies passed. These concepts will be illustrated via the Makah Native American tribe's struggle for whaling rights, and socio-psychological research that reveals basic cognitive properties like perception and emotion may be misguiding our intentions to make the world a greener place.

Panelists: *Miles Gordon, UOregon, Clark Honors College, 2016 Degree Candidate; Robin Quirke, PolicyInteractive, Research Associate; Marcus Mayorga, Ph.D. Candidate, UOregon.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The Role of Youth in Climate Change Activism (LAW 184)

Youth have a unique role in environmental activism. With the emerging threat of climate change, youth have a responsibility to use their collective and individual voices arguably more than any other time in history. This panel, composed entirely of youth, will discuss how the organization iMatter has launched a national campaign to enable kids to make a difference by aiding them in creating youth-led grassroots movements across the country that affect their communities' opinion and policy towards climate change.

Panelist: Aaron Riffenburgh Kirby, iMatter, Speakers Bureau Coordinator; Annemarie Manley, iMatter, Membership coordinator Hallie Turner, Speakers Bureau Coordinator, iMatter;

From Paris to PNW: Direct Action in the Modern Age (LAW 141)

A discussion of the latest tactics from the frontlines of environmental direct action. What worked and what did not. Doing Direct Action with diverse communities, with and without the lawyers. And just what ARE we going to do next? (Wouldn't you like to know...)

Panelist: Maralena Murphy, Portland Rising Tide; Graham Clumpner, GIVOICE and Mosquito Fleet; Mick Garvin, Cascadia Forest Defenders, Overlord; Elizabeth Lakes

Floods, FEMA, Fish & Wildlife (LAW 142)

Floodplains are invaluable ecosystems, providing essential wildlife habitat, improving water quality, and reducing flood damage. 90% of Oregon's wildlife species depend on floodplain habitat for at least part of their life cycle. Yet, rampant development in floodplains puts wildlife - including imperiled species like salmon and orca - at risk. Unfortunately, government policies like our National Flood Insurance Program allow and even subsidize irresponsible development. Learn how communities can work together to accommodate growth while protecting imperiled species and valuable floodplain habitat.

Moderator: Quinn Read, Defenders of Wildlife, NW Program Representative

Panelists: Bonnie Shorin, Program Analyst, National Marine Fisheries Service; Laura Guderyahn, City of Portland Ecologist; Bob Sallinger Conservation Director Portland Audubon Society; Giulia Good Stefani Attorney, Marine Mammal and Southern California Ecosystems Projects Natural Resources Defense Council

Models of Biodiverse Forestry as Alternatives to Oregon's Industrial Timber Practices (LAW 241)

Four expert Oregon foresters will showcase practices that promote a vital and resilient forest economy. The forestry model of the future will conserve biological diversity, the ecological functions of the forest and economic benefits to local communities. Eschewing the false dichotomy of environment versus economic benefits, speakers will provide the rationale, data and analysis comparing ecologically-driven functions with industrially-driven functions in commercial forestry. This panel provides highly practical analyses and a philosophical framework necessary for any effort to reform Oregon's industrial forest practices.

Panelists: David Eisler, Owner Shady Creek Forests Products, Lane County; Peter Hayes, owner, Hyla Forests, Washington County; Ben Deumling, Co-owner, Zena Forest, Polk County;

Banning Aerial Herbicide Spraying: Time to End this Unjust and Toxic Assault on Our Communities and Environment (LAW 242)

Over forty years, Oregonians have fought back against unjust corporate aerial spraying of toxic herbicides drifting onto adjacent properties that severely impacts the health of families, livestock, food crops, wildlife and watersheds. Despite tireless efforts, within the regulatory and legislative process, little has changed while chemical trespass continues unabated with few protections. Panelists will address the Community Bill of Rights vs. conventional legislative process, the risks to forest ecology, why timber companies get away with this practice and our new initiative to ban aerial spraying here in Lane County.

Panelists: Roy Keene, Forest Consultant and Private Timber Broker; Eron King, Founding Organizer, Freedom from Herbicides Alliance; Tao Orion, Permaculturist Teacher and Consultant; Rob Dickinson Freedom from Herbicides Alliance Organizer

Climate Disobedience and the Necessity Defense (LAW 243)

This panel will discuss the recent trend in climate disobedience actions to offer a necessity defense, showcasing the Delta 5 trial in Bellingham this January, and introducing two organizations - the Climate Disobedience Center and Climate Defense Project - recently launched to support this effort. The panel of activists, including leaders of the Shell No! and Lobster Boat Blockade, and legal experts will consider the legal, narrative and political value of the necessity defense and other legal tools, such as pro se defense and barriers to their use.

Panelists: Ken Ward, Climate Disobedience Center/Lobster Boat Blockade; Tim DeChristopher, Climate Disobedience Center Founder; Abby Brockway, Delta 5 Defendant; Ahmed Gaya, Rising Tide North America; Joseph (Ted) Hamilton, Climate Defense Project

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State Policy Barriers to Distributed Solar Expansion and Grassroots Efforts to Promote Access (LAW 282)

It's clear that we need a 100% renewable energy system by mid-century to avoid the worst consequences of climate change, but not all renewable energy is created equal. Even climate-friendly sources can have disastrous impacts to wildlife and habitat at large scales. In contrast, distributed solar generation (DG) within the already-built environment can minimize environmental harm while advancing energy justice. Despite DG's huge potential, there are significant policy barriers to its diffusion. This panel highlights state-level fights over DG access.

Panelist: Rosalind Jackson, Director of External Relations, Vote Solar; Bret Fanshaw, Solar Program Coordinator, Env. America; Strela Cervas, Co Director, California Env. Justice Alliance

**12:10 – 2:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS
(EMU Ballroom)**

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- Closing Ceremonies -

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