

# PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

## Saturday, March 5th

**3:00-4:30 PM**

### Earth Refuge Keynote Address\*

Stephanie Hader and Yumna Kamel are the co-founders of Earth Refuge, a legal think tank dedicated to climate migrants. The organisation works to fill the gap in protections for communities displaced by climate, whilst providing context about this underreported issue for a wider audience. Together, they will be presenting the current legal landscape facing climate migrants, its shortcomings, and the organisation's novel approach to producing customised legal solutions through consultation with affected communities.

**Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89659148104>**

**4:45-5:45 PM**

#### Wildfire Management in the Pyrocene

"Treadmilling to Tragedy: The USFS Wildfire Crisis Strategy"

&

"Smokey Bear Says: Help Wanted. Inquire Within"

This panel will feature experts addressing needed changes in wildfire policy and fire/forest management with the "new normal" of large-scale, long-duration, high-intensity wildfires driven by climate change.

**Panelists: Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director, Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology (FUSEE) & Michael Beasley, retired National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service fire manager**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85172309969>**

**5:00-6:00 PM**

#### The Sustainable Groundwater Act of 2014: Analyzing the Effects and Shortcomings of California's Landmark Groundwater Statute\*

Eight years after the implementation of California's landmark groundwater regulatory scheme, two experts in groundwater analysis will discuss the implementation and myriad, multifaceted effects of the law. Panelist Mark Lubell, the Director of the Center for Environmental Policy and Behavior at UC Davis, specializes in water studies and environmental systems. Lisa Beutler will bring her expertise as an accomplished strategist and consultant for SMGA implementation. Together, the two will offer a range of scientific, social, and economic perspective in discussing this foundational venture in groundwater management.

**Panelists: Mark Lubell (UC Davis), Lisa Beutler (StanTec), & Mariana Rivera-Torres (EDF)**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88525797217>**

**4:45-5:45 PM**

#### Tackling Toxicity: Environmental Justice in West Eugene\*

In West Eugene, 550,000 pounds of toxic emissions were released in 2019 alone, accounting for 96% of all the emissions released in the entire city of Eugene, Oregon, that year. Polluted air in West Eugene persists due to outdated zoning laws, housing located near major polluting sources, and inadequate air quality protections. Air pollution levels like those in West Eugene are linked to heart ailments, lung disease, asthma attacks, cancer, and an overall reduction in life expectancy. These conditions have become the lived experience of the West Eugene community. This panel will share the history of major sources of pollution in West Eugene and how community members formed a "Core Team" to fight for better air and soil quality, increased livability, and healthier families and neighbors.

**Panelists: Lisa Arkin (Executive Director, Beyond Toxics), Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault (West Eugene Community Organizer, Beyond Toxics), Travis Knudsen (Public Affairs Manager, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency), Lin Woodrich (Co-Chair, Active Bethel Citizens), Mira Mason-Reader (West Eugene Community Member), & Matt Walton (West Eugene Community Member), & Josey Heston (West Eugene Community Member)**

**Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81524173974>**

**\*Pending CLE accreditation in the State of Oregon**