

PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

Friday, March 4th

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Fossil Free Eugene and Efforts to Build Power and Mass Municipal Climate Policy in Oregon*

The Fossil Free Eugene coalition is a partnership between climate and other progressive groups in the city, and is focused on the landmark campaign for bold municipal climate action that is already having ripples across the state. Listen as members of the coalition discuss their efforts to pass policies to transition Eugene off of gas, build a progressive coalition to gain long term power, and set the state of Oregon up to lead on electrification and climate action. Conversation will include the legal avenues available to cities in light of state preemptions, opportunities for partnership and the intersections between electrification, tenants rights and social justice.

Panelists: Dylan Plummer (Senior Campaign Representative, Sierra Club; Co-Founder and Board Secretary, Breach Collective; Steering Committee, Fossil Free Eugene), Nick Caleb (Breach Collective), & Aimée Okotie-Ovekan (NAACP)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88401897254>

12:00-1:15 PM

Universal Access to Water*

At the foundation of human rights and environmental justice is the universal access to water. Researchers, activists, and lawmakers around the world have struggled not only with universal access to water; but access to clean, sustainable, and renewable sources of water. These panelists come from different backgrounds and perspectives but are each working towards viable solutions for water accessibility in a time where access to water is no longer guaranteed.

Panelists: Heather Tanana (University of Utah Law), Alexandra Cassivi (University of Montreal), & Crystal Tulley-Cordova (Navajo Nation Dept. of Water)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83897542414>

12:00-1:15 PM

Global Vaccine Justice*

Panel discussing the injustices created by exclusive vaccine patents

Panelists: Zain Rizvi (Public Citizen) & Brook Baker (Northeastern University School of Law)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89555372444>

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Mink Fur Farming: A threat to public health and wildlife*

This panel will provide an overview of the fur farming industry in the U.S. and abroad, why it raises concerns for public health and wildlife, and how the U.S. and other countries have responded to outbreaks of COVID-19. We will then summarize efforts to reform the industry through legislation and regulatory changes at the state and federal levels.

Panelists: Zack Strong (Animal Welfare Institute) Hannah Connor (Center for Biological Diversity); Kate Dylewsky (Animal Welfare Institute) Gillian Lyons (Humane Society Legislative Fund)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87116261868>

12:00-1:15 PM

Successful Tactics in River Restoration*

A deepdive into several riversystems that have been improved over the last several decades. This panel will focus on the political legal and science based tactics that have been successful to improve water quality and ecosystem health in these waterways.

Panelists: Mary Lou Soscia (EPA, Columbia River Coordinator), Neil Goeller (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, B.C. Government) Eli Holmes (Willamette Riverkeeper)

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85673538750>

1:15-2:15 PM

American Investments in Wildlife Infrastructure*

Late in 2021, the Biden Administration ushered through one of the largest infrastructure bills this country has ever seen. As part of the bill, \$350 million dollars were set aside to create a new Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program within the department of transportation. Over the next five years, local government agencies and tribes will now be able to apply annually to the Federal Highway Administration for grants that will help reduce wildlife vehicle collisions, (thus protecting wildlife, people, and property) by making our road systems more permeable for wildlife. This panel will explain the growing field of road ecology, its importance to improving biodiversity and fighting climate change, and how this particular environmental issue has gained traction in both state and federal legislation over the past few years.

Kylie Paul (Center for Large Landscape Conservation)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84961884154>

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