

PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

Friday, March 4th

1:30-2:30 PM

Youth-Led Petition for 100% Renewable Energy in Florida by 2050*

This panel will discuss an ongoing petition for rulemaking effort being pursued by young Floridians with support from Our Children's Trust ("OCT"). Petitioners are a collection of young Floridians 25 years old or younger who filed a petition to initiate rulemaking with Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services requesting that FDACS promulgate an administrative rule that sets a goal to increase the use of renewable energy in Florida's electricity sector. The panel will discuss the petition's legal framework, the political challenges facing the petitioners, the science underlying the petition, the feasibility of achieving the renewable energy goals set forth in the petition, and the next steps for the petitioners and the overall effort.

Panelists: David Schwartz (Staff Attorney, Our Children's Trust), Paul Rink (Senior Fellow, Our Children's Trust), Anders Carlson, Ph.D. (Energy & Climate Analyst, Our Children's Trust), Delaney Reynolds (Youth Petitioner)

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84240783758>

1:30-2:30 PM

Water, Pollinators & Public Spaces: A Local Model for Collaborative Pesticide Policy Reform*

Dorris Ranch is a highly prized and popular community asset for residents of Eugene and Springfield, Oregon. After hearing community concerns about the use of harsh insecticides, fungicides and herbicides, local environmental justice nonprofit Beyond Toxics filed a public records request revealing contracts confirming harsh chemical use. After urging Willamalane Parks and Recreation District to respond to community concerns, a collaborative effort ensued and a new plan for non-toxic management was put into motion. While exploring deficiencies in state-level laws and regulations governing the actions of private operators in public parks, this panel aims to explain and celebrate the ways in which a local entity listened and effectively responded to community concerns about toxic chemical exposure in a public area and how other local entities can use this approach as a model for resolving conflicts, preserving historically significant areas, and prioritizing public and environmental health.

Panelists: Lisa Arkin (Executive Director, Beyond Toxics), Jennifer Eisele (Pesticide Program Manager, Beyond Toxics), & Michael Wargo (Superintendent, Willamalane)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84432623439>

2:30-3:45 PM

John Leshy Keynote Address*

John Leshy is emeritus professor at U.C. Hastings College of the Law and former Solicitor (general counsel) of the U.S. Department of the Interior. On March 1, Yale University Press will publish his book *Our Common Ground*. It's the first comprehensive history of America's public lands, those managed by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, in more than a half-century. It recounts the political decisions that led to the U.S. government stewarding this nearly one-third of the nation's real estate primarily for conservation, recreation and other broad public purposes. John's talk will highlight the main themes of this history and lessons it offers for dealing with contemporary challenges like climate change, biodiversity loss, and the dramatic increase in visitation.

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85711392233>

3:30-5:00 PM

"New Normal" Needs a New Constitutional Amendment*

As an advocate trying to protect the environment, your opponents are almost certainly the wealthy, a large corporation, an entity funded by them, or a government agency overly influenced or beholden to them. The political, legal, and economic playing fields are slanted in favor of large monied interests more today than at any time since the Gilded Age. Only a constitutional amendment abolishing corporate constitutional rights and returning power to regulate campaign financing to the People's elected representatives can restore balance to our political system and legal institutions.

Panelists: John Fiorella (Move to Amend); Ben Manski (George Mason University); Karen Coulter (Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project); Kai Huschke (Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83732959332>

4:00-6:00 PM

"Living Landscapes" Nature Walk

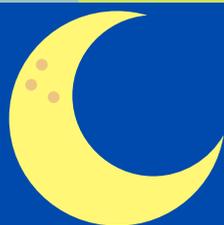
Please join us for this in-person event!

Meet at the edge of Pioneer Cemetery on E 18th Ave. & Potter St.

This nature walk will be guided by Whitey Lueck. He lives in Eugene, Oregon, where he makes his living, in part, as an instructor for the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Oregon. He shares his tidy and nature-friendly urban homestead—where he grows all of his own fruits and vegetables and produces most of the electricity he uses—with a small flock of hens, his honey bees, and the general public, as his property is open to all. The nature walk will be lead near the campus neighborhood and consist of talks about how to make landscaping more nature friendly.

Whitey Lueck (University of Oregon)

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



PIELC AFTER PARTY!
6:30 PM

Falling Sky Brewery
1334 Oak Alley
Eugene, OR 97401

Food will be available on a first come first serve basis.

Proof of vaccination required upon entry

