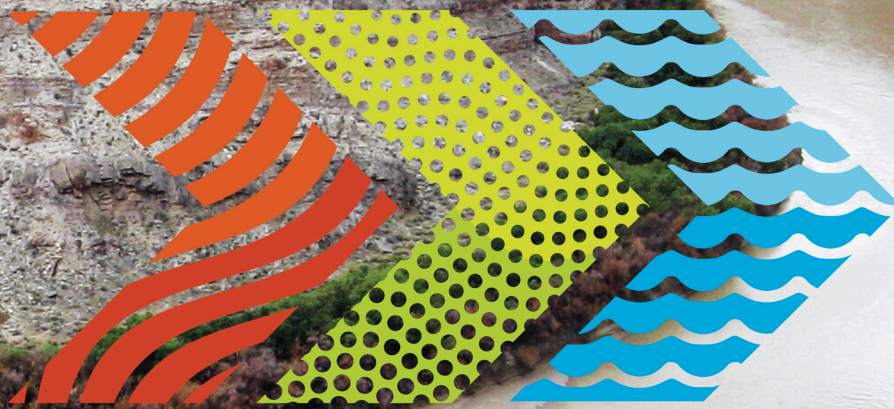


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7:30 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School)

Panel 2
8:45 - 10:00 a.m.

Wolfshop
9:15 - 11:15 a.m.

Panel 3
10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Keynote 2
11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Bill McKibben (video)
Gary Nabhan
Cyril Scott

2:00 p.m. -- Registration Opens
(in the EMU Lobby)

Panel 4
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Panel 1
4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

Panel 5
3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Opening Ceremonies -- 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Keynote 3
5:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Keynote 1
6:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Amy Goodman (video)
Kathleen Dean Moore

Janelle Orsi
Severine von Tscharner Fleming

Indigenous Peoples' Reception
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

PIELC Celebration
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
featuring live music by
Gaye Lee Russell

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AT A GLANCE

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School)

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens (Law School)

Panel 6
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Ethics Workshop
8:15 - 10:15 a.m.
(1.75 credits)

Yoga and 5k Fun Run 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Panel 10
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Panel 7
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Panel 11
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Keynote 4
12:15 - 2:00 p.m.
Xiuhtecatl Roske-Martinez
Wahleah Johns

Keynote 6
12:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Malia Akutagawa
Rugemeleza A.K. Nshala

Panel 8
2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

McGowan Grove Hike
meet outside law school at 2:00 p.m.

Panel 9
3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Forestshop
3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Student Reception
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

UO ENR Alumni Reception
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Keynote 5
7:15 - 9:15 p.m.
Helen Slottje
Derrick C. Evans

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Complimentary Appetizers Will be Served Prior to the Keynotes

KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHIES

Malia Akutagawa

Malia Akutagawa is an Assistant Professor of Law with both the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's William S. Richardson School of Law and Hawai'i inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge.

Malia is part of Hui 'Āina Momona, a consortium of scholars throughout the university community charged with addressing compelling issues of indigenous Hawaiian knowledge and practices, including the legal regime and Native Hawaiian rights associated with mālama 'āina, and with focus on cross-disciplinary solutions to natural and cultural resource management, sustainability, and food security.

She has served in many various outlets, from Director of the Molokai Rural Development Project, to staff attorney with the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, where she worked on Hawaiian access, gathering, burial, land use and water rights cases. Malia coordinated the 1993 Molokai Subsistence Study, which served as the impetus for passage of Act 271 by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1994 allowing for the designation of "community-based subsistence fishing areas," and a successful pilot project run by Hawaiian Homesteaders of Hui Mālama O Mo'omomi of an important traditional subsistence fishery on Molokai's northwest shore.

Malia's work focuses on the integration of Hawaiian traditional ecological knowledge and best practices into natural resource management at the local level and in collaboration with government. She has presented testimony as an invited panelist before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs' Oversight Hearing on Impacts of Environmental Changes on Treaty Rights, Traditional Lifestyles, and Tribal Homelands.

Derrick Christopher Evans

Derrick Christopher Evans is a sixth-generation native of coastal Mississippi's historic African-American community of Turkey Creek, founded in 1866. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston College, where he taught civil rights history as an adjunct professor from 1992 to 2005. Evans also taught middle-school American history and social studies in the Boston public school system from 1991 to 2001 and taught history and African-American studies at Roxbury Community College. In 1997, Evans co-founded Epiphany School, a full-service and tuition-free independent middle school for low-income children and families from Boston neighborhoods.

Evans is the co-founder of the Gulf Coast Fund for Community Renewal and Ecological Health, which directs financial, technical and collegial support to grassroots community groups addressing the region's challenges of poverty, racism, gender inequality and environmental destruction. He is also the co-founder of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives, which works to conserve and restore the culture and ecology of the Turkey Creek community and watershed.

Severine von Tscharnher Fleming

Severine is a farmer, activist, and organizer based in the Champlain Valley of New York. She is founder and director of The Greenhorns, a grassroots cultural organization with the mission to promote, recruit and support a growing movement of young farmers and ranchers in America. She is also a board member of the Schumacher Center for a New Economics, which sponsors The Agrarian Trust, a new initiative working to build a national network, tools, templates, and pilot projects to support new farmers with land access and opportunity. Severine is founder and organizer of Farmhack, an open-source community for farm innovation, which helps farmers connect, design, and sell appropriate, adaptable tools for sustainable farm systems. She is editor-in-chief of The 2013 New Farmers Almanac.

She attended Pomona College and University of California at Berkeley, where she graduated in 2008 with a B.S. in Conservation/AgroEcology. She co-founded the Pomona Organic Farm, UC Berkeley's Society for Agriculture and Food Ecology, and the National Young Farmers Coalition.

Amy Goodman

A widely renowned independent journalist, Amy Goodman is host and executive producer of Democracy Now! Amy co-founded Democracy Now! in 1996.

Goodman is dedicated to reporting environmental issues that corporate media chooses to ignore or marginalize. Her work informs activists and the public with critical intelligence about the array of environmental crises of today. In her words, Democracy Now! fills a "huge niche" created by mainstream media's "knowing so little about so much." Democracy Now! regularly covers issues related to climate change and the climate movement.

As an investigative journalist, Goodman produced the documentary "Drilling and Killing: Chevron and Nigeria's Oil Dictatorship" about a conflict between the military and protestors of Nigeria's and Chevron's environmental and human rights abuses. The radio documentary won the George Polk Award in 1998 and helped raise awareness of the environmental crisis in the Niger Delta. The documentary is an example of the countless stories highlighted by Goodman in her career to bring the facts to the public and environmentalists so people can take action to change the currents in the tides of the environmental movement.

Wahleah Johns

Wahleah is a founding member and the Solar Project Manager at Black Mesa Water Coalition. Black Mesa Water Coalition advocates for environmental justice and sustainable development on the Navajo Nation. Wahleah grew up atop Black Mesa on Navajo lands in northeastern Arizona, where Peabody Energy ran what was the largest strip-mining operation on Indian land in the country. The mine drew three million gallons of water per day to pipe its coal slurry from Hopi to Navajo country and across state lines to a generating station in Nevada.

Angered by the fossil fuel industry's exploitation of their land and water, a group of students at Northern Arizona University founded Black Mesa Water Coalition in 2001. Wahleah Johns became co-director of the coalition as they launched a campaign to halt environmental degradation on tribal land and replace extractive industries with sustainable alternatives. In July 2009, the Navajo became the first American Indian nation to enact green jobs legislation, aimed at democratizing tribal decision-making and speeding the transition to a more sustainable future. Presently, Wahleah is leading an initiative to transition Black Mesa's reclaimed mining lands into solar farms.

Bill McKibben

Bill McKibben is an author and environmentalist. His 1989 book, "The End of Nature," is regarded as the first written for a general audience about climate change and has appeared in 24 languages. He is founder of 350.org, the first planet-wide, grassroots climate change movement. The Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, he was the 2013 winner of the Gandhi Prize and the Thomas Merton Prize, and holds honorary degrees from 18 colleges and universities. Foreign Policy named him to their inaugural list of the world's 100 most important global thinkers, and the Boston Globe said he was "probably America's most important environmentalist."

A former staff writer for the *New Yorker*, he writes frequently a wide variety of publications around the world, including the *New York Review of Books*, *National Geographic*, and *Rolling Stone*. He lives in the mountains above Lake Champlain with his wife, author Sue Halpern.

Kathleen Dean Moore

Kathleen Dean Moore is a philosopher, writer, and activist who inspires people to protect the natural world with both head and heart. She is a Distinguished Professor Emerita of Philosophy at Oregon State University (OSU), where she helps students explore the ethical dimensions of environmental problems. She has written books reflecting on the depths of human experience and the intimacy of our relationships with nature, including "Holdfast: at Home in the Natural World" and "Riverwalking: Reflections on Moving Water." Her most recent work, "Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril," is a collection of environmental wisdom from revered figures including the Dalai Lama, Gus Speth, and E.O. Wilson. Moore is exquisitely skilled at weaving poetry with principle and infusing reason with care as she exudes a love of place for her home in Oregon and on the earth.

Moore is the co-founder and Senior Fellow of the Spring Creek Project at OSU, which brings together environmental scientists, philosophers, and writers outdoors in iconic Northwest landscapes to explore the many varied ways of understanding humans' relationships with nature.

KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHIES

Gary Nabhan

Gary Paul Nabhan is an award-winning writer of nature, farming and food essays, a pioneer in the collaborative conservation movement, and a proponent of conserving the links between biodiversity and cultural diversity. He serves as the W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair in Sustainable Food Systems at the University of Arizona Southwest Center. By promoting a holistic view of cultural and ecological interactions, Gary has helped forge “the radical center” for collaborative conservation among farmers, ranchers, indigenous peoples, and environmentalists in the West.

As author or editor of twenty-four books, Gary has explored many issues at the nexus of food, ecology, and conservation. 2013’s “Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land” educates farmers on how to adapt agricultural practices to the increasingly arid landscapes brought on by climate change. 2014’s “Cumin, Camels, and Caravans: A Spice Odyssey” tracks the historical relationship between the spice trade and culinary imperialism. 2014’s “Stitching the West Back Together: Conservation of Working Landscapes” explores collaborative conservation opportunities for the West’s varied landowners and stakeholders to conserve large swaths of habitat across multiple jurisdictions.

Rugemeleza A.K. Nshala

Rugemeleza Nshala is the co-founder of Lawyers’ Environmental Action Team (LEAT), the first public interest environmental law organization in Tanzania, where he served as President and Executive Director from 1994-2003.

In 2002, LEAT represented a group of small scale miners in Bulyanhulu who were forcibly evicted from their mines by the Tanzanian police. During the eviction, roughly 65 miners are alleged to have been buried alive. Nshala was charged with sedition for speaking out against the government’s human rights abuses.

In 2013, LEAT helped communities in Ukonga-Mazizini win an order from the Ministry of the Environment to close a polluting abattoir. LEAT brought a case against the National Environmental Management Council (NEMC) for its failure to enforce the Environmental Management Act of 2004, Tanzania’s framework environmental law, against polluting industries including factories, mines, municipal authorities, and cut flower farms.

Recently, Nshala has been working on behalf of communities fighting extractive industries in East Africa. He presented his expertise at the Law Society of Kenya’s Annual Conference in September 2014.

Nshala has an L.L.M. and Doctorate in Juridical Sciences in International Investment Law from Harvard Law School and a Masters of Environmental Management from Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. He has researched and written widely on human rights, wildlife, and environmental protection.

Janelle Orsi

Janelle Orsi is an attorney and mediator focused on helping individuals and organizations share resources and create more sustainable communities. Through the Law Office of Janelle Orsi, she works with cooperatives, community gardens, cohousing communities, ecovillages, and others doing innovative work to change the world.

Janelle is the author of “Practicing Law in the Sharing Economy”, and co-author of “The Sharing Solution: How to Save Money, Simplify Your Life & Build Community,” a practical and legal guide to cooperating and sharing resources of all kinds. In 2010, Janelle was profiled by the American Bar Association as a Legal Rebel, an attorney who is “remaking the legal profession through the power of innovation.” In 2012, Janelle was one of 100 people listed on The (En)Rich List, which names individuals “whose contributions enrich paths to sustainable futures.”

Previously, she was Executive Director of Women Defenders, a professional organization of women defense attorneys and has worked in a range of legal practice areas, including criminal defense, youth law, immigration, adoptions, LGBT rights, and estate planning. She has worked with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Legal Services for Children, the Youth Law Center, and the San Francisco Juvenile Public Defender. Prior to becoming an attorney, Janelle worked in the fields of nonprofit development, education, and social science research.

Helen Slottje

Helen Slottje and her husband David Slottje are the architects of New York’s local fracking ban strategy. By using a clause in the state constitution that empowers municipalities to make their own local land use decisions, Helen and David successfully helped over 200 communities in New York say no to natural gas hydraulic fracturing.

The Slottjes formed the Community Environmental Defense Council (CEDC) in 2009 to coordinate their efforts against fracking. Through that organization, the Slottjes have provided thousands of hours of pro-bono legal representation throughout New York. The legal strategy used by the Slottjes and CEDC relies on the “home rule” doctrine, a legal principle that prioritizes local community rights over the benefits of a single private property owner. CEDC believes that citizens have a right to insist that the community’s interests come before the shareholder’s profits, and that communities have the right to refuse to allow industry to hide behind the call for profits while polluting water, air and natural resources.

In April 2014, Helen was chosen as the North American recipient of the Goldman Environmental Prize. Helen and David not only continue their work with New York municipalities but also travel across the country to spread their pioneering legal strategy with other communities under attack from the gas industry.

Cyril L. Scott

Cyril Scott is the President of the Rosebud Lakota Sioux. President Scott was born and raised on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. Upon graduating from high school, he travelled around the country, working in the private sector. In 2005, he was elected to the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council as a representative for the Antelope District. In 2014, President Scott was elected as president of the Tribal Council. In his acceptance speech, President Scott said to the Rosebud Public: “I promised the people of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe ‘sustainable economic development’ and it’s a promise that I aim to keep! Without a local, tribally-driven, self-sustaining economy our people, our elders and youth will always be subjected to the federal government in a bad way.”

In pursuit of this promise, President Scott and his community are actively engaged in opposing the Keystone XL Pipeline. In a November article President Scott proclaimed, “The House has now signed our death warrants and the death warrants of our children and grandchildren. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe will not allow this pipeline through our lands.”

Xiuhtezcatl Roske - Martinez

Xiuhtezcatl Martinez is a 14-year-old environmental activist from Boulder, Colorado, who came into the world through the Aztec culture on his father’s side and environmental activism on his mother’s side. Since age six, he has been publicly advocating for real action on climate change.

Xiuhtezcatl is the Youth Director of Earth Guardians, a non-profit environmental organization that is committed to protecting the water, air, earth, and atmosphere. He was one of the youngest speakers at the 2012 Rio+20 United Nations Summit in Rio, Brazil.

His work has taken him from advocating for climate recovery before the U.S. Supreme Court through his involvement with Our Children’s Trust to working with members of the Boulder City Council and local county commissioners to encourage a statewide ban on hydraulic fracturing.

Xiuhtezcatl and his brother, Itzcuahtli Roske-Martinez, perform using original songs, rap, and dance to promote social activism, and pass the energy forward to the next generations of concerned, caring, and creative people.

Xiuhtezcatl has helped found International Earth Guardian Crews across Africa, India, Australia, Brazil, and Europe. He is passionate about spreading his message of hope, inspiration, and the importance of acting now to avoid further damage to our ecosystems.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 - FRIDAY, MARCH 6

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

4:00 - 5:15 P.M. • PANEL 1

Creative Disruption (Organizer: Mary Democker) (EMU Ballroom)

The stakes have never been higher, yet mainstream media generally ignores the global environmental crisis. Meanwhile, concerned Americans often focus on lifestyle changes instead of confronting big polluters. How do we reach, inspire, and mobilize people to ignite the climate movement? Art, music, and the written word can be powerful tools to mobilize distracted or despairing citizens to political action. Panelists will discuss “creative disruption” – artistic and legal actions unexpected and compelling enough to grab attention and disruptive enough that business-as-usual is impossible.

Panelists: Kathleen Dean Moore, Author, Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril, Distinguished Professor Emerita of Philosophy, OSU; Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez, Co-founder of Earth Guardians, Youth Director of RYSE; Mary Wood, Professor of Law, University of Oregon; Mary DeMocker, 350 Eugene; Bill McKibben, Founder, 350.org (via video call)

Improving the Northwest Forest Plan (Organizer: Chandra LeGue) (EMU Oak)

Protections afforded fish, wildlife, old-growth forests, and streams in the Northwest Forest Plan were once ruled to be the bare minimum needed for federal agencies to meet their legal obligations. But rather than improving on the Plan, there has been significant pressure to weaken protections over the past 20 years. Panelists will make the case that NWFP protections should be strengthened, by exploring science and examples of the importance of stream protections, climate refugia, and habitat connectivity.

Panelists: Dominick DellaSala, Geos Institute, President & Chief Scientist; Chuck Willer, Coast Range Association, Executive Director; Doug Heiken, Oregon Wild, Conservation & Restoration Coordinator

***Climate Change and Land Use Law (Organizer: Steve McCoy) (EMU Maple)**

Oregon’s land use program has provisions for both mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. Work is being done to plan growth in a way that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and reduces exposure to hazards that result from climate change. The panel will discuss both the current provisions of Oregon’s land use laws and proposed legal hooks related to climate change.

Panelists: Mary Kyle McCurdy, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Policy Director and Staff Attorney; Steven D. McCoy, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Farm and Forest Staff Attorney; Rebecca Lewis, UO Planning, Public Policy and Management, Professor

Integrating Technology with Environmental Enforcement (Organizer: John Fentis) (Student Organizer: Will Carlon) (EMU Alsea/Coquille)

Technology is advancing by leaps and bounds. This panel discusses the role, if any, technology plays with regard to environmental enforcement. The panel also focuses upon privacy concerns as well as opportunities for abuse by regulatory personnel.

Panelist: John M. Fentis, California District Attorneys Association, Environmental Project Director

Assessment of the Use of Conservation Easements for Working Lands in Oregon (Organizer: Alejandro Orizola) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee)

To date, the use of conservation easements in Oregon has focused on preserving open space, habitat for fish and wildlife, and recreational lands. Compared with other states, conservation easements have seen limited use as a tool for protecting Oregon’s working landscapes, including farm, for-

est and ranch lands (working lands). This panel will explore the current applicability and existing restrictions on the use of conservation easements and the development of a strategy to increase their use in Oregon by addressing subjects such as the impact of Oregon’s land use laws in the use of easements and on its appraisal for state and federal tax purposes, existing incentives and programs in other states.

Panelists: William Fritz Paulus, Attorney at Law; Alejandro Orizola, UO LLM Graduate

5:45 – 6:15 P.M. • OPENING CEREMONIES (EMU Ballroom)

Join us in opening PIELC 2015: Changing Currents with a blessing, welcoming speech, and introduction to this year’s conference.

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

Amy Goodman, Investigative Journalist, Host, Founder and Executive Producer of *Democracy Now!* (appearing via video)

Kathleen Dean Moore, Philosopher; Author; Co-Founder and Senior Fellow of the Spring Creek Project; Distinguished Professor Emerita of Philosophy at Oregon State University

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. • ENR CENTER OPEN HOUSE (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. Join Professor Mary Wood at 3:30 p.m. to discuss her book, “Nature’s Trust.”

8:45 – 10:00 A.M. • PANEL 2

***Predator Control on Federal Land (Organizer: Katie Strong) (LAW 110)**

This panel will focus on legal issues related to preventing predator control on federal land by presenting four case studies: one from Alaska and three from Idaho, both states where state agencies are highly aggressive with their efforts to reduce carnivores. These case studies illustrate different avenues for challenging these efforts and protecting predators on federal lands including National Park, Forest Service, and BLM lands.

Panelists: Katie Strong, Trustees for Alaska, Staff Attorney; Andrea Santarsiere, Center for Biological Diversity, Staff Attorney; Katherine O’Brien, Earthjustice, Associate Attorney; Kristin Ruether, Western Watersheds Project, Senior Staff Attorney

***Injunctive Relief under the ESA Post-Winter and Monsanto (Organizer: Shiloh Hernandez) (LAW 184)**

Considerable uncertainty and inconsistency plague ESA injunction jurisprudence both in the Ninth Circuit and district courts throughout the circuit. Further muddying this situation are two recent decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court, *Monsanto v. Geerston Seed Farms* (2010), and *Winter v. NRDC* (2008). This panel seeks to clarify the ESA injunction jurisprudence in the Ninth Circuit, discuss how Monsanto and Winter affect this jurisprudence, and discuss how Monsanto and Winter affect final relief following success on the merits.

Panelists: Shiloh Hernandez, WELC, Attorney; Dave Becker, Attorney, Law Office of David H. Becker, LLC; Matt Kenna, Attorney, Public Interest Env’t Law and WELC

Little Fish, Big Deal: Protecting West Coast Forage Fish (Organizer: Gilly Lyons) (LAW 141)

Sardines. Anchovies. Herring. And don't forget the mighty smelt. These fish may be small, but they play a huge role in the Pacific Ocean's food web - providing vital nourishment for our most cherished ocean wildlife (including salmon, orcas, and sea birds) and supporting the West Coast's tremendous diversity of marine life. With global demand for forage fish on the rise, learn what's happening at the state and federal levels to protect these little heroes of the sea.

Panelists: Caren Braby, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Marine Resources Program Manager; Paul Engelmeyer, Audubon Society of Portland, Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary Manager; Andrea Treece, Earthjustice, Staff Attorney; Gilly Lyons, Pew Charitable Trusts, Officer/U.S. Oceans

***Atmospheric Trust Litigation Update: Lessons Learned and Moving Forward in 2015 (Organizer: Elizabeth Brown) (Law 242)**

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 filed unprecedented legal actions based on the Public Trust Doctrine against governments across the U.S. and abroad. Attorneys involved in the TRUST Campaign will give an update of the atmospheric trust legal actions, including their U.S. Supreme Court effort, decisions from high courts of states, and cases moving forward on the merits.

Panelists: Julia Olson, Our Children's Trust, Executive Director and Counsel in Federal Atmospheric Trust Case; Philip Gregory, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP, Attorney in Federal Atmospheric Trust Case; Andrea Rodgers-Harris, Attorney & Of Counsel, Western Environmental Law Center; Nate Bellinger, Our Children's Trust, Climate Law Fellow

***Rethinking Force Majeure in an Era of Climate Change (Organizer: Myanna Dellinger) (LAW 243)**

The doctrine of force majeure, "act of God," rests on the notion that man is separated from nature and that only nature causes extreme weather events. Modern science has proved this false. The panel will question whether it makes sense to continue to allow parties to escape torts and contractual legal liability when science has proved that, people - not any universal power - are causing many of the problems for which parties to litigation may later seek to avoid responsibility.

Panelists: Professor Denis Binder, Chapman University School of Law; Attorney Michael Cooper, The Ploughshare Group; Professor Myanna Dellinger, Western State College of Law; Greg Munro, University of Montana School of Law, Interim Dean

***Forest Service Winter Travel Management Coming Your Way (Organizer: Bob Rowan) (EMU Oak)**

Forest Service winter travel management (subpart c) is required by a new Federal rule, as ordered by a federal district court. In response to this and a second lawsuit specific to national forests in California, the Forest Service has already commenced travel management under the new rule in five forests in the central Sierra Nevada and far southern Cascades. This panel will discuss background events leading up to the rule, the substance of the new rule, how the winter travel planning process will unfold, lessons learned from wheeled vehicle travel management (subpart b) and how some national forests previously engaged in successful and unsuccessful efforts at winter travel management. Over-snow-vehicle impacts to sustainable recreation, species, and ecosystems will be discussed.

Moderator: Bob Rowan, Chairman, Snowlands Network

Panelists: Laurie Rule, Senior Staff Attorney, Advocates for the West;

Cailin O'Brien-Feeney, Policy Director, Winter Wildlands Alliance; Sarah Peters, Wild Places Program Attorney, WildEarth Guardians

Assessing Water Quality Impacts of the Jordan Cove LNG Terminal and Pacific Connector Pipeline in Southern Oregon (Organizer: Courtney Johnson) (EMU Maple)

In order to export natural gas from Canada and the Rockies to Asian markets, Jordan Cove LNG would dredge 5.65 million cubic yards of sediment from the Coos Bay estuary for its terminal. Pacific Connector would construct a 232-mile, 36-inch gas pipeline, crossing 400 waterways and approximately 239 acres of wetlands. State and federal agencies are currently accepting public comments on the project. Panelists will discuss the impacts on water quality from the proposed project and the agencies' review of the proposal.

Panelists: Courtney Johnson, Crag Law Center, Staff Attorney; Taylor David, Klamath Tribes, Council Member; Lesley Adams, Waterkeeper Alliance, Western Regional Coordinator; Forrest English, Rogue Riverkeeper, Program Director

New Science, Messaging, and Ecological Importance of Wild Fires in a Changing Climate: Moving from Fire Phobia to Pyrodiversity (Organizer: Dominick A. DellaSala) (EMU Walnut)

New science from North America and around the globe is beginning to turn the corner on an ecological appreciation of fire's ecosystem and biodiversity benefits; although, there remains a fire-phobic lag with the public, land managers, and even some conservation groups. This panel is a primer on post-fire ecology, pre- and post-fire management, and new insights on communications and legislative tactics for co-existing with fire. With climate change and new public lands threats, it is a must for forest activists.

Panelists: Dominick A. DellaSala, Chief Scientist, Geos Institute; Chad Hanson, John Muir Project, Fire Ecologist; Tim Ingalsbee, Association for Fire Ecology, Co-Director; Randi Spivak, Center for Biological Diversity, Director Public Lands Program

***California Environmental Quality Act Year in Review (Organizer: Adam Keats) (EMU Dining West)**

This panel will review and discuss major developments in CEQA law in the past year and what can be expected in 2015. With an unusual number of CEQA cases being reviewed by the California Supreme Court (and an opinion in one expected to be released just before PIELC), the discussion promises to be very relevant and interesting. Topics will likely include the escalating battle over cost shifting and administrative records, latest developments greenhouse gasses and CEQA, and federal preemption issues.

Panelists: Adam Keats, Center for Biological Diversity, Senior Counsel; David Pettit, National Resources Defense Council, Senior Attorney; Babak Naficy, Attorney at Law; Stuart Flashman, Attorney at Law

***Closing the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station (Organizer: John Meyer) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee)**

For the last 100 years the United States has been operating a sheep research station high in the mountains of southwest Montana and eastern Idaho. The U.S. Sheep Experiment Station is located in the heart of one of the most important travel corridors for grizzly bears and other carnivores in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Come learn about illegal grizzly bear killing by the federal government, our legal challenges to shut down the station down, and efforts by Congress to keep the station open.

Panelists: John Meyer, Cottonwood Environmental Law Center, Executive Director; Ken Cole, Idaho Director of the Western Watersheds Project, NEPA Coordinator; Sarah McMillan, Senior Attorney, WildEarth Guardians; Natalie Havlina, Attorney, Law Office of Natalie Havlina

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Winning the Economic Wars in Court (Organizer: Jake Glicker) (EMU Umpqua)

As our world shifts from abundance to scarcity, environmental lawyers and activists frequently shun evidence-based economic analyses. They shouldn't. Lawyer Glen Spain and Economist Ed Whitelaw offer this timely and even entertaining primer on the analytical and rhetorical economics street-fighting that courtrooms all too often host. They will provide guidance to withstanding motions in limine, including Daubert motions, arising from the different schools of thought in economics that environmental litigation almost invariably galvanizes.

Panelists: Ed Whitelaw, ECONorthwest, Founder/ Senior Economist; Glen Spain, Regional Director, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations

Who Should Pay for Climate Change? - Part 1 (Organizer: Andrew Gage) (EMU Alsea/Coquille)

As climate damages increase, a conversation about who should pay is becoming inevitable. What are the paths to forcing large-scale GHG polluters to pay at least some of the costs associated with climate change - litigation (in the U.S. or elsewhere), climate compensation legislation, international negotiations? What does a conversation about who should pay for climate compensation mean for the climate change movement? Part 1 of 2 panels exploring these important issues.

Panelists: Andrew Gage, West Coast Environmental Law, Staff Counsel; Mary Wood, Professor of Law, University of Oregon; Rick Herz, EarthRights International; Nancy Coles, Union of Concerned Scientists; Daphne Wysham, Center for Sustainable Economy; Rick Heede, Climate Accountability Institute

Do Protected Areas Stand a Chance of Being Protected? (Organizer: Killian Doherty) (Student Organizer: Tori Wilder) (EMU Rogue)

The United Nations Environment Programme reports that every country in the world has some sort of protected area scheme. Protected areas sustain biodiversity, provide ecosystem services, and support local communities. Public interest lawyers from Brazil, Tanzania, and Ukraine will discuss protected area management in their respective countries, highlighting the contrasts among different legal systems and political attitudes towards the value of protected areas.

Panelists: Mauro Figueiredo, APRENDER (Brazil); Saitoti Parmelo, Association for Law and Advocacy for Pastoralists (ALAPA) (Tanzania); Environment-People-Law, Lviv (Ukraine)

9:15 A.M. – 11:15 A.M. • WORKSHOP 1

WOLFSHOP (Organizer: Apollonia Goeckner) (LAW 241)

The purpose of this workshop is to provide an update on wolf recovery in the United States. 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, Center for Biological Diversity; Josh Laughlin, Cascadia Wildlands; Rob Klavins, Oregon Wild; Michael Robinson, Center for Biological Diversity; John Mellegren, Western Environmental Law Center

10:15 – 11:30 A.M. • PANEL 3

***Oregon Land Use: Year in Review (Organizer: Courtney Johnson) (LAW 110)**

As our climate changes and populations grow, thoughtful planning for land use is becoming ever more important. Oregon's land use laws were designed to help contain urban sprawl, protect rural farm and forest lands, and engage the public in land use planning decisions. Join Oregon public interest land use lawyers for a brief overview of the state of Oregon's land use laws, followed by a discussion of some highlights of land use cases and planning efforts from 2014.

Panelists: Courtney Johnson, Crag Law Center, Staff Attorney; Maura Fahy, Crag Law Center, Associate Attorney; Sean Malone, Sean T. Malone Attorney At Law; Jennifer Bragar, Associate, Garvey Schubert Barer

Fund for Wild Nature Grassroots Activists of the Year (Organizer: Douglas Bevington) (LAW 184)

Grassroots activism is at the heart of effective environmental protection. The Fund for Wild Nature was started in 1982 to pool contributions from individual donors like you and distribute those resources to the boldest grassroots biodiversity protection groups in North America. In addition, the Fund presents an annual Grassroots Activist of the Year Award. This panel of award winners will reflect on the current state of grassroots biodiversity activism, lessons learned, and next steps for protecting wildlife and wild places.

Panelists: Douglas Bevington, Board of Directors, Fund for Wild Nature; Arlene Montgomery, Director, Friends of Wild Swan; Denise Boggs, Director, Conservation Congress; Karen Coulter, Director, Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project

***101 Ways USFWS is Denying Protection for Imperiled Species (Organizer: Sarah McMillan) (LAW 141)**

In an attempt to recover from what it has claimed is historical "over-protection" or "over-listing" of species under the ESA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is creating new and exciting loopholes to deny protection for species that deserve the protections afforded by the ESA. These include: interpreting ESA's Section 4 language "significant portion of its range" to read the language out of the statute; ignoring lost historical range in evaluating whether species are endangered or threatened; refusing to draft recovery plans; refusing to designate critical habitat, habitat that is occupied by protected species; pursuant to the McKittrick policy, refusing to prosecute unless they can prove intent to kill protected species; drafting rules under ESA's Section 4(d) that allow many of the very activities that imperil the protected species; bowing to political pressure with non-opposition to legislative riders, etc.

Panelists: Sarah McMillan, WildEarth Guardians, Senior Attorney; Matt Bishop, Western Environmental Law Center, Director Northern Rockies Office; Bethany Cotton, WildEarth Guardians, Wildlife Program Director

Protecting Biodiversity in the Anthropocene (Organizer: Tierra Curry) (LAW 242)

We are currently in the midst of the Sixth Extinction crisis in Earth's 4.6 billion year history. In the 250,000 years that humans have been here, we have changed the planet so much that that we have brought about a new epoch - the Anthropocene. Yet during this crisis, some voices within the conservation movement are attacking the very idea that biodiversity matters. This panel will explore the basis behind biodiversity protection and the challenges of defending species in this new epoch.

Panelists: Tierra Curry, Center for Biological Diversity, Senior Scientist; Kieran Suckling, Center for Biological Diversity, Executive Director; George Wuerthner, Foundation for Deep Ecology, Ecological Projects Director

***Winning a Grassroots Campaign on a Shoestring Budget: a Roundtable Discussion from Jackson and Josephine Counties (Organizer: Brent Foster) (Many Nations Longhouse)**

Come learn about the social, legislative, and legal issues associated with taking on Big Ag to create a GMO Free Zone and refugia in the Rogue Valley of Southern Oregon. This will be followed by a question and answer session.

Panelists: Brent Foster, Attorney at Law; George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney Center for Food Safety; Elise Higley, Our Family Farms Coalition Director; Chris Hardy, Our Family Farms Coalition, Board of Directors; Daniel Bowden, Nutritional Therapist; Stephanie Dolan, Executive Director, Northern California Tribal Court Coalition; Brent Foster, Attorney at Law; Chris Hardy, Farmer, Our Family Farms Coalition, Village Farm; George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Mary Middleton, Director, Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families; Barbara Richard, Campaign Director, Our Family Farms Coalition; Melissa Wischerath, Staff Attorney, Center for Sustainability Law; Tom Buchele, Managing Attorney, Earthrise Law Center

***Troubled Waters: Offshore Energy Development (Organizer: Kristen Monsell) (EMU Oak)**

Our oceans and the life they support are suffering from a variety of threats. Offshore energy development, some longstanding, some only just beginning, is a significant contributor. This panel will discuss the Obama Administration's plan to open up nearly the entire Atlantic Coast to oil and gas development, drilling in the Arctic, offshore fracking in the Pacific and Gulf of Mexico, and wind energy projects in the Atlantic. It will provide background on each of these threats and various legal tools to combat them, and a number of specific cases.

Panelists: Sierra Weaver, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center; Rebecca Noblin, Alaska Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Kristen Monsell, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Bill Eubanks, Partner, Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal

***Facing off with the Oil Industry: Crude-By-Rail in the Pacific Northwest (Organizer: Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky) (EMU Maple)**

The oil boom in the Bakken threatens to lock the U.S. into continued reliance on some of the dirtiest and dangerous oil in the world. The Northwest is heavily targeted for oil-by-rail transportation. With little to no public participation, oil trains began rolling along our rivers and through our communities. Now, nearly a dozen ports across the Northwest are either proposed or planning expansions to accept oil-by-rail from the Bakken. This panel highlights the legal cases being made against oil terminals both proposed and operational and the broad organizing efforts behind oil-by-rail campaigns.

Panelists: Miles Johnson, Clean Water Attorney, Columbia Riverkeeper; Marla Nelson, Northwest Environmental Defence Center, Staff Attorney; Matt Krogh, Forest Ethics, campaign director of Extreme Oil campaign

***Legal Update on Post-Fire Litigation (Organizer: Susan Jane Brown) (EMU Walnut)**

The panelists will discuss the legal and ecological considerations and implications of logging after wildfire. As wildfires continue to frequent western landscapes, the political and institutional pressure to conduct aggressive "salvage logging" operations on sensitive public lands will continue to grow. Hear from litigators who are challenging these post-fire logging proposals in court regarding successful legal strategies, and from scientists who are researching the ecological effects of this misguided management activity.

Panelists: Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Justin Augustine, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Rachel Fazio, Staff Attorney

Protecting the Human Right to Clean Water: International Case Studies (Organizer: Liz Mitchell) (Student Organizer: Tori Wilder) (EMU Dining West)

Advocates from India, Guatemala, Thailand, and Australia will discuss litigation and law reform efforts that are helping communities secure clean water and hold polluters accountable for river and watershed contamination.

Panelists: Jeanette de Noack, Alianza de Derecho Ambiental y Agua (Guatemala); Montana Duangprapa, ENLAWTHAI Foundation (Thailand); Rahul Choudhary, Legal Initiative for Forest & Environment (LIFE) (India); Jeff Smith, Environmental Defenders Office (EDO NSW) (Australia)

***WA CAFOs: Finally, Progress to Report! (Organizer: Andrea Rodgers) (EMU Metolius/Owhyhee)**

Washington has long been an epicenter of the fight against the rampant water pollution that comes from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations ("CAFOs"). A series of successful Clean Water Act lawsuits in the late 1990s - early 2000s targeted many

of the surface water discharges. Since that time, the scientific data has been gathered to show conclusively that CAFOs are significantly polluting the ground water and drinking water resources of the state of Washington. This panel will address the next legal frontier in the battle against CAFO pollution: ground water pollution. The panelists will analyze a major victory in the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act ("RCRA") litigation against five dairies in the Lower Yakima Valley that have caused imminent and substantial harm to human health and the environment. The panelists will also discuss other work that is being done in the state to protect ground and drinking water resources, including the Department of Ecology's development of a new CAFO General National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit.

Panelists: Andrea Rodgers, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Charlie Tebbutt, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt; Dan Snyder, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt

Mainstream Meals: Plan(e)t Based Diets, Meatstinction, and Cultured Meat for the Masses (Organizer: Ashley Rhinehart) (Student Organizer: Emily Knobbe) (EMU Umpqua)

What should the Rainforest Cafe really be serving in their restaurants, and how are we causing animal extinction with our forks? Check out new food initiatives that are changing how we think about our dinner plates. Then, in the same way that Ford replaced fleets of draft horses with Model T's, today's food entrepreneurs are looking to help solve big problems with futuristic food. These concepts are streamlined to reach the masses, making the sustainable choice mainstream and automatic.

Panelists: Ashley Schaeffer Yildiz, Rainforest Action Network, Rainforest Agribusiness Campaigner; Stephanie Feldstein, Center for Biological Diversity, Population and Sustainability Director; Kevin Schneider, Civil Attorney, Private Practice; Ashley Rhinehart, The Humane Society of the United States, Policy Coordinator

Who Should Pay for Climate Change? - Part II (Organizer: Andrew Gage) (EMU Alsea/Coquille)

As climate damages increase, a conversation about who should pay is becoming inevitable. What are the paths to forcing large-scale GHG polluters to pay at least some of the costs associated with climate change - litigation (in the U.S. or elsewhere), climate compensation legislation, international negotiations? What does a conversation about who should pay for climate compensation mean for the climate change movement? Part 2 of 2 panels exploring these important issues.

Panelists: Jen Gleason, ELAW; Pedro León Gutiérrez, ELAW; Keely Boom, Climate Justice Program; Alyssa Johl, Center for International Environmental Law; Matt Pawa, Pawa Law Group, P.C.

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

11:45 P.M. - 1:45 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EMU Ballroom)

Bill McKibben, Author, Activist, Founder of 350.org (appearing via video)

Gary Nabhan, Author, Ethnobotanist, Agricultural Ecologist and Ecumenical Franciscan Brother

Cyril L. Scott, President, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council

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2:00 – 3:15 P.M. • PANEL 4

***NEPA and Climate Change: Tons and Consequences (Organizer: Nathan Matthews) (LAW 110)**

This panel will discuss agencies' NEPA obligations to consider the consequences, rather than merely the amount, of GHG emissions from federal projects. We will discuss strategies we have litigated on this issue, including indirect impacts on overall energy production and consumption, use of the social cost of carbon, and consistency with domestic and international GHG emission reduction targets.

Panelists: Nathan Matthews, Sierra Club, Staff Attorney; Nat Shoaff, Sierra Club, Staff Attorney; Ted Zuckoski, Earthjustice, Attorney

***Speaking for the Trees: How to Improve Your Environmental Advocacy through Clear and Effective Writing (Organizer: Rebecca Noblin) (LAW 141)**

Clear, concise, powerful writing is essential to being an effective environmental advocate. This panel will provide tips to step-up your legal writing game. In the first half of the session, legal writing experts will share concrete principles for improving your writing. In the second half, you will get hands-on experience applying what you've learned.

Panelists: Joan Rocklin, University of Oregon School of Law, Legal Research and Writing Professor; Lance N. Long, Stetson University College of Law, Professor of Legal Skills

***Incidental Take Under the MBTA and BGEPA: Recent Cases and Developments (Organizer: Andrew G. Odgen) (LAW 142)**

The enforcement of the MBTA and BGEPA for incidental take has collided with the development of renewable energy projects, with a flock of recent decisions and regulatory developments. This panel will address the important cases, existing and proposed regulatory programs to permit incidental take, and vicarious agency liability for project approvals, from the government, wildlife advocate and industry perspectives.

Panelists: Philip Kline, Attorney-Advisor, Dept. of the Interior Office of the Solicitor; William Eubanks, Partner, Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal; Sarah Stauffer Curtiss

Backroom Deals in the 2015 Defense Bill Undercut Public Lands (Organizer: George Wuerthner) (LAW 175)

While some big green groups supported public lands provisions in the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act, over 40 grassroots organizations joined together to oppose the inclusion of any and all such measures as riders on unrelated legislation. The groups also decried the substance of those provisions, which included a loss of wildland and wildlife protection on tens of millions of acres of public land, the undermining of laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Wilderness Act, and the transfer of landscapes deemed sacred by tribes to a foreign-owned mining company. This panel explores both the substance of the public land provisions in the bill and the political implications of the national groups' support.

Panelists: Gary Macfarlane, Ecosystem Defense Director, Friends of the Clearwater; Janine Blaeloch, Executive Director, Western Lands Project; George Nickas, Executive Director, Wilderness Watch

***Legal Strategies to Fight Mountain Top Removal Coal Mining (Organizer: Aaron Isherwood) (LAW 184)**

The attorneys with Appalachian Mountain Advocates and Sierra Club work with mountain residents and grassroots groups throughout Appalachia to implement legal strategies to protect local communities from the devastating impacts of mountaintop removal. Learn about this highly destructive method of coal surface mining, what the Obama administration has and hasn't done on the issue, and what legal strategies have proven most effective.

Panelists: Aaron Isherwood, Sierra Club, Managing Attorney; Jane Davenport, Defenders of Wildlife, Senior Staff Attorney; Amy Vernon-Jones, Appalachian Mountain Advocates, Staff Attorney; Tierra Curry, Center for Biological Diversity, Senior Scientist

Voluntary Incentive Program for Riparian Habitat Conservation (Student Organizer: Eric Trotta) (LAW 241)

EWEB's Voluntary Incentives Program (VIP) offers compensation to landowners for being good stewards of their riparian land. This panel will give a general overview of the goals and progress of the VIP, the value of investing in watershed protection, and how green infrastructure, such as that created through the VIP, can be used for shade credits that aid in complying with the CWA.

Panelists: Karl Morgenstern, EWEB, Environmental Management Supervisor of Drinking Water Source Protection; Todd Miller, Environmental Management Analyst, City of Springfield

***Return of the Missing Lynx: Efforts to Ensure the Survival and Recovery of Canada Lynx in the West (Organizer: Matthew Bishop) (LAW 242)**

This panel will discuss the latest "best available science" on lynx, lynx habitat, and threats to the species as well as legal and advocacy efforts to ensure the wildcat's long-term survival and recovery in the Southern Rockies, Northern Rockies, and Pacific Northwest. This includes efforts to reintroduce lynx to Colorado and litigation under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act over listing, revised critical habitat designations, and recovery planning.

Panelists: Matthew Bishop, Western Environmental Law Center, Attorney; Paige Singer, Rocky Mountain Wild, Conservation Biologist; Dave Werntz, Conservation Northwest, Conservation Director

Public Interest Litigation and the Public Utility Commission (Organizer: Mark James) (LAW 281)

The American electricity sector is facing its moment of truth. The U.S. needs more electricity but fewer carbon emissions. Public utility commissions (PUCs) are playing a significant role in how America will transition into a clean electricity future. This panel will highlight opportunities for public interest litigators and advocates to influence PUCs decisions. The panel will give an introduction to PUCs before moving to recent examples of public interest cases that are advancing America's clean electricity future.

Panelists: Mark James, Global Energy Fellow, Institute for Energy and the Environment at Vermont Law School; Matt Gerhart, Senior Associate Attorney, Earthjustice; Jackie Prange, Attorney, Litigation Program, NRDC; Catriona McCracken, General Counsel/Regulatory Program Director, Citizen's Utility Board of Oregon

Environmental Law and Marijuana Cultivation (Organizer: Thomas Wheeler) (LAW 282)

Join leaders of environmental advocacy NGOs and the premier cannabis growers association to analyze the intersection of law and the environmental impact of marijuana cultivation in Northern California. Discussion of trespass grow operations on public lands will include wildlife impacts, federal sentencing enhancement and Endangered Species Act listing. Commercial grow operations will also be addressed, particularly impacts on watersheds and aquatic habitat, self-regulation, and best practices. Panelists will evaluate the potential for effective legal regulation on a local and state level.

Panelists: Thomas Wheeler, Program and Legal Coordinator, the Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC); Scott Greacen, Executive Director, Friends of the Eel River; Hezekiah Allen, Executive Director, Emerald Growers Association; Natalynne DeLapp, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC)

From Commodity to Community: Restoring Celilo Falls as an Essential Step Toward Restoring the Reciprocal Rights of People and Fish (Organizer: Vincent Mulier) (Many Nations Longhouse)

For at least 14,000 years, Celilo Falls and Celilo Village have been places where nature and culture come together in indigenous legal orders to direct sustainable fisheries management throughout the Columbia Basin. This panel will explore how restoration of Celilo Falls might provide a generational opportunity to revitalize the salmon-based ecologies, economies, and cultures of the Pacific Northwest. This panel will also consider how restoring Celilo Falls can serve to reinvigorate treaty law, common law, community rights, and the rights of autopoietic nature throughout North America.

Panelists: Paul Cienfuegos, CommunityRightsPDX.org, Co-Founder; Treothe Bullock, Celilo Falls Restoration Fund, Secretary; Aurolyn Stwyer, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs/Celilo, Museum at Warm Springs Board Member

Non-Violent Direct Action 101 (Organizer: Cordelia Finley) (EMU Oak)

Local activists lead a hands-on exploration of direct action theory and tactics.

Panelists: Cascadia Forest Defenders

***ESA Section 10(j) "Experimental Populations": Improving Legitimacy and Recovery for Reintroduced Species (Organizer: Tara Zuardo) (EMU Maple)**

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) recognizes that fish, wildlife and plant species have aesthetic, ecological, educational, historical, recreational and scientific value and it provides a means to conserve the ecosystems upon which endangered or threatened species depend. Section 10 of the ESA, entitled "Exceptions" offers an avenue to authorize activities that would otherwise be prohibited. Section 10(j) was added by Congress as an amendment to the ESA in 1982, specifically to promote reintroductions of threatened and endangered species where they might not otherwise occur due to regulatory concern. Populations designated under 10(j) of the ESA are termed "experimental" and each designation requires a determination of "essential" or "non-essential". This panel will explore the use of this ESA recovery tool across the U.S., and common misconceptions about 10(j), particularly the terms "experimental", "essential", and "non-essential". The panel will also highlight several controversial and non-controversial 10(j) designations (such as Mexican and Red wolves and bull trout) to illustrate both the utility of this recovery tool, and its limitations.

Panelists: Michael Robinson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity, Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney, Animal Welfare Institute, Dan Rohlf, Professor of Law, Of Counsel, Earthrise Law Center, Lewis and Clark Law School, Chris Allen, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Oregon Fish & Wildlife Office

***Will the Nuclear Industry Learn from the Fukushima Meltdowns? (Organizer: Robert Eye) (EMU Coquille)**

Before the 2011 Fukushima disaster, the nuclear industry and its regulators considered multiple reactor meltdowns and extensive spent fuel pool damage unlikely. That they were wrong hasn't stopped efforts to license new reactors and relicense old ones. Fukushima's lessons about protecting spent fuel and reactor cooling systems have not been embraced by the industry or its regulators. This panel will discuss the Fukushima meltdowns and public interest efforts to force regulators to take account of the disaster's lessons.

Panelists: Diane Curran, Attorney, Harmon, Curran, Spielberg and Eisenberg, LLP; Robert Eye, Attorney, Robert V. Eye Law Office, LLC

***Opportunity from the Ashes: Oil and Gas Development in the San Juan Basin (Student Organizer: Kyle Tisdell) (EMU Dining West)**

New Mexico's San Juan Basin has long been a favorite target of the fossil fuel industry. Playing host to two mine-to-mouth coal-fired power plants, as well as 23,000 existing gas wells, the Basin is now facing what industry is calling the next big oil boom. Despite it all, there is still much at stake and great opportunity to ensure our public lands and treasured landscapes are not forsaken in the interest of corporate profit. This Panel will focus on critical opportunities to engage in the decision-making process at various stages -- including resource management planning, leasing, drilling, and pipeline construction -- with an aim toward permanently protecting special places such as Chaco Canyon and other sacred sites, as well as protecting our atmosphere and climate from massive emissions of greenhouse gases.

Panelists: Kyle Tisdell, Western Environmental Law Center, Attorney, Climate & Energy Program Director; Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, WildEarth Guardians, Staff Attorney; Colleen Cooley, Four Corners Energy Outreach Organizer, Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment (Diné C.A.R.E.)

International Perspectives on Access to Environmental Information (Organizer: Liz Mitchell) (Student Organizer: Tori Wilder) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee)

Although access to environmental information is a fundamental right recognized in international law, citizens are continually left in the dark about threats to the environment and public health. Public interest lawyers from Kenya, Tanzania, Germany, and Cameroon will discuss tools that local communities are using to break the barriers and gain better access to

environmental information.

Panelists: Ruth Nzioka, Institute for Law and Environmental Governance (ILEG) (Kenya); Jamal Juma Kafumba, Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT) (Tanzania); Sama Nchunu Justice, Foundation for Environment and Development (FEDEV) (Cameroon); Michael Zschiesche, Independent Institute for Environmental Issues (UfU) (Germany)

Legalizing Sustainability (Student Organizer: Melora Golden) (EMU Alsea/Coquille)

Legalizing ecological sanitation methods like composting toilets and graywater are the first step in what is a longer and more complex legalization process. To implement these technologies on a scale that makes a difference for the environment the overall regulatory framework for on-site sanitation has to change. Recode's presentation will give an overview of our current regulatory structure, and why it limits the utilization of these technologies and outline the solution to this problem, transitioning to a performance-based code regulatory framework.

Panelists: Melora Golden, Recode, Executive Director; Molly Danielsson, Recode

3:30 – 4:45 P.M. • PANEL 5

***Oil and Gas: Fracking Bans and Local Control Litigation (Organizer: Michael Freeman) (LAW 110)**

In recent years hydraulic fracturing has become a national issue, with oil and gas companies attempting to drill in heavily populated areas and residential neighborhoods. Citizens and local communities have responded in many parts of the country by working to ban fracking and assert greater local control over oil and gas development. This panel will discuss those efforts and the litigation that has followed.

Panelists: Michael Freeman, Earthjustice Staff Attorney; Helen Slottje, Managing Attorney, Community Environmental Defense Council; Jonathan Smith, Earthjustice Associate Attorney; Irene Gutierrez, Associate Attorney, Earthjustice

Funding Sustainable Transportation (Student Organizer: Alexis Biddle) (LAW 141)

Today, the transportation system is chronically under-funded at the national level and no solution is currently in view.

Gas taxes have remained flat for over two decades and fuel efficiency is increasing. This will lead to crises in the way we fund transportation. At the same time, it is policy of both the state of Oregon and many local governments to reduce the number vehicle miles traveled (VMT). This is key strategy in reducing carbon emissions which make up almost 50 percent of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions. Cities and states have begun to prioritize funding multi-modal transportation (transit, bike, and pedestrian infrastructure) to reduce VMT. This panel will discuss the innovative ways that the State of Oregon and Eugene have continued to fund multi-modal transportation in the midst of dwindling transportation funds from the federal government.

Panelists: Karmen Fore, Sustainable Communities & Transportation Advisor to Governor Brown; Travis Brouwer, ODOT; Rob Inerfeld, City of Eugene

***The Ecology of a Police State (Organizer: Panagioti Tsolkas) (LAW 142)**

This panel will explore the intersections between the epidemic of mass incarceration and the environmental degradation which occurs, directly and indirectly, as a result of it, including: (1) the immediate impacts of pollution from these often-overpopulated human warehouses; (2) the environmental racism of where prisons are built and how they operate; (3) the re-branding of prisons as part of a "green" economy; and (4) the use of prison as a tool for repressing ecological movements aimed at changing the current political/economic system.

Panelists: Paul Wright, Prison Legal News, Human Rights Defense Center, editor, executive director; Rose Braz, Center for Biological Diversity, Climate Campaign Director; Max Rameau, Center for Pan African Development, Director; Ben Rosenfeld, Civil Liberties Defense Center, Board member/ Attorney

The Elliott State Forest and State Trust Lands (Organizer: Nick Cady) (LAW 175)

This panel will explore the legal implications surrounding state trust lands and their disposition and management. The ongoing campaign on the Elliott State Forest (Oregon Common School Fund Trust Lands) and the related litigation will serve as concrete examples of how these issues have been playing out in Oregon.

Panelists: Josh Laughlin, Executive Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Nick Cady, Legal Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Dan Kruse, Attorney

***Voices for the Earth: Stories from Yesterday, Notes for Tomorrow (Organizer: Aaron Isherwood) (LAW 184)**

Stories from yesterday; notes for tomorrow... The events and stories of awakening environmental concern and activism in the 1960's, 70's and 80's, and the accompanying rise of environmental law provide reference points for where we are today. As the environmental bar faces the challenges of today's disputatious times, there are valuable lessons to be learned from veterans of those early years of environmental law. Come and hear these veteran litigators tell war stories about their many years of experience litigating public interest environmental cases, how the practice of environmental law has changed over the years, and what lessons are to be learned from those experiences.

Panelists: Tony Ruckel, Sierra Club Litigation Committee and Former Rocky Mountain Regional Director, Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund; Mike Axline, partner at Miller, Axline and Sawyer, founder of WELC; Reed Zars, private practitioner in Laramie Wyoming; Karin Sheldon, President, Four Echoes Strategies, Former President of Western Resource Advocates (2007-13)

Agriculture, Land Rights, and Environmental Protection (Organizer: Pedro León Gutiérrez) (Student Organizer: Tori Wilder) (LAW 241)

The global rush for large-scale food production is upending traditional agricultural practices and community land rights. International panelists from Mexico, Kenya, Tanzania, and Brazil will share their perspectives on topics including GMOs, land grabs, and agro-environmental policies.

Panelists: Raul Silva Telles do Valle, Instituto Socioambiental (ISA) (Brazil), Humphrey Fellow at American University (Washington D.C.); Ximena Ramos Pedrueza Ceballos, Mexican Center for Environmental Law (CEMDA), Southeast Office (Mexico); Benson Owuor Ochieng, Institute for Law and Environmental Governance (ILEG) (Kenya); Elifuraha Laltaika, Association for Law and Advocacy for Pastoralists (ALAPA) (Tanzania)

Grassroots Mobilizing for Animal Liberation (Organizer: Amanda Schemkes) (LAW 242)

We will explore the recent history of animal advocacy and our experiences of organizing within the current state of the movement, and discuss how we can build a stronger animal liberation movement driven by grassroots activism, resistance against the systems that support animal exploitation, and solidarity with the animals and others who fight for liberation. We are looking to create a summer of regional campaign development and nationwide mobilization of grassroots animal liberation.

Panelists: Amanda Schemkes, The Bunny Alliance, Co-Founder; Justin Kay, Resistance Ecology, Co-Founder; Tim Hitchens, Resistance Ecology, Co-Founder

An ESA Listing for the Buffalo (Organizer: Mike Mease) (LAW 243)

This panel will talk about the process of listing the Yellowstone ecosystem buffalo herd as an endangered species. We will talk history of the herd, science needed to list, and the process we took to go about listing them.

Panelists: Mike Mease, Buffalo Field Campaign, Campaign Coordinator; Ken Cole, Western Watersheds Project; Jennifer Barnes, Attorney, Friends of Animals Wildlife Law Program; Rebecca K. Smith, Attorney & Legal Consultant

Sage-Grouse and the Sagebrush Sea: The Interface of ESA and Public Lands Policy (Organizer: Greta Anderson) (LAW 281)

This panel will discuss the history of the sage-grouse in the west, the natural history of the species, and habitat need; listing rules and long-term case, and the deadline for listing. Panelists will provide lessons learned from Greater sage-grouse and the current legal challenges to the "threatened" rule. They will also discuss the policy and political pressures to undermine real protection, the inadequacies of the draft Greater sage-grouse management plans and potential for changes in the forthcoming finals, and possible effects on listing decisions.

Panelists: Erik Molvar, WildEarth Guardians, Sagebrush Sea Campaign Director; Randi Spivak, Center for Biological Diversity, Director Public Lands Program; Steve Holmer, American Bird Conservancy, Senior Policy Advisor; Travis Bruner, Western Watersheds Project, Executive Director

Drift Gillnets on the West Coast? Really? (Organizer: Tara Brock) (LAW 282)

Fishing with large-mesh drift gillnets is steeped in controversy due to high levels of bycatch and is banned in many places around the world. Unfortunately, a drift gillnet fishery targeting swordfish and thresher shark still operates off the coast of California, unintentionally ensnaring a plethora of marine life. This panel will discuss the history of the fishery, impacts on protected species, current federal and state management, and how we move toward a sustainable swordfish fishery.

Panelists: Corey Niles, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Fisheries Policy; Catherine Kilduff, Center for Biological Diversity, Staff Attorney; Tara Brock, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Senior Policy Associate

The Chuitna River: Alaska's Choice Between Salmon and Coal (Organizer: Trip Jennings) (Many Nations Longhouse)

At the headwaters of Alaska's pristine Chuitna River, PacRim Coal proposes to develop a massive coal strip mine and export facility that would strip mine through 13 miles of salmon stream. Award winning director and National Geographic Explorer Trip Jennings will screen and discuss his most recent film "Chuitna," and Trustees for Alaska Attorney Katie Strong will discuss the dangerous legal precedent that would be set by permitting this destructive mine.

Panelists: Trip Jennings, Balance Media, Principal and Founder; Katie Strong, Trustees for Alaska, Staff Attorney

***Citizen Use of Public Records Laws (Organizer: Dave Bahr) (EMU Oak)**

Intended for citizens, organizations and attorneys who use the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and state public records laws. This panel will address framing a records request, obtaining fee waivers, how agencies seek to circumvent disclosure (and ways to counter these efforts) and how to use these laws to change agency behavior. Some recent high-profile Oregon public records cases will also be discussed as illustrative case studies.

Panelists: Dave Bahr, Bahr Law Offices, principal; Dan Snyder; Christian Wihtol, Senior Editor, The Register Guard

Social Media Savvy: Creating Effective Online Engagement (Organizer: Stephanie Feldstein) (EMU Maple)

There are more young people between the ages of 10 and 24 today than any other time in human history and the majority of them are connected via social media and smart phones to each other and the world. This translates into a unique opportunity to use social media to move people to action, on and off line. This panel will discuss creative campaigns using social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter to galvanize support and to motivate people to support causes.

Panelists: Stephanie Feldstein, Center for Biological Diversity, Population and Sustainability Organizer; Ashley Schaeffer Yildiz, Rainforest Action Network, Responsible Food Campaigner; Clayton Norman, Center for Biological Diversity, Online Organizer

***Keystone and Beyond: Legal Update of Tar Sands Pipelines (Organizer: Marc Fink) (EMU Walnut)**

While the proposed Keystone XL pipeline from Alberta, Canada to Nebraska has received much of the media attention, there are a number of tar sands pipeline projects and proposals in the United States. This panel will discuss legal and legislative issues concerning Keystone XL as well as these additional projects and proposals, including the ongoing case against the State Department regarding Enbridge's proposed Alberta Clipper

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pipeline expansion, and the case against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding Enbridge's Flanagan South pipeline.

Panelists: Marc Fink, Center for Biological Diversity, Senior Attorney; Jared Margolis, Center for Biological Diversity, Staff Attorney; Doug Hayes, Sierra Club, Staff Attorney

Intergenerational Justice: Rights and Protections for Future Generations in the Law (Organizer: Carolyn Raffensperger) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee)

Due to deteriorating environmental conditions, legal systems around the world are increasingly recognizing the legal rights of future generations and the corresponding responsibilities of present generations. The notion of intergenerational equity is not new, but over the past several decades, more courts, government bodies, and other entities have begun to take the interests of future generations into account. Panelists will discuss the rights of future generations in the law and visionary approaches being taken to secure these rights.

Panelists: Carolyn Raffensperger, Executive Director, Science and Environmental Health Network; Julia Olson, Our Children's Trust, Executive Director; John E. Davidson, Political Science, University of Oregon; Antonio Oposa, Jr., President of The Law of Nature Foundation; Joseph Masembe, Uganda's Little Hands Go Green

5:00 – 6:45 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EMU Ballroom)

Kerry Rydberg Award Presentation

Janelle Orsi, Attorney; Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Sustainable Economies Law Center

Severine von Tscherner Fleming, Farmer; Activist; Founder of Greenhorns; Co-founder of Farm Hack and the National Young Farmers Coalition; Director, Schumacher Center for New Economics

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. PIELC CELEBRATION (Lane Community College Downtown Campus)

This year PIELC will host our Celebration at LCC's Downtown Campus Center for Meeting and Learning! Mingle with fellow environmental attorneys, activists, students, and professors. Enjoy snacks, beer from local breweries, and music by Gaye Lee Russell!! In an effort to reduce waste, we ask everyone to bring a glass for beer or buy a PIELC mason jar for \$5 at the door. Tickets are \$12 if purchased ahead of time at the registration check-in table. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 cash or check only. We recommend taking the LTD Emx bus from the Agate St. or Dad's Gate Stations to the downtown LTD Station. The center is across 10th Avenue from the Bus Station and Eugene Public Library.

***** Over 21 only. IDs will be checked at the door. *****

7:30 - 9:00 P.M. • INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RECEPTION (Many Nations Longhouse)

The Native peoples at the University of Oregon welcome all indigenous conference attendees and their allies to this reception. Enjoy a light meal and live music.

Co-Sponsors: Student Legal Advocates for Tribal Sovereignty, ENR's Native Environmental Sovereignty Project, University of Oregon Native American Student Union.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

8:15 - 10:15 A.M. • LEGAL ETHICS CLE WORKSHOP

One for the Money, Two for the Show, Three to Get Ready, and Four 'Oh, No You Di'n't' (Organizer: Michael Nixon) (Student Organizer: Anne Haugaard) (LAW 175)

1.75 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. In addition to our regular features, "Lawyers Behaving Badly" and "Judges Behaving Badly," the workshop will continue with coverage of evolving 21st century technology & social networking topics. This year's workshop will include special features such as "crowdfunding" for public interest lawyers, and attorney-client & work product privileges in an intensely surveilled cybernetic and organic world of communications systems, networks, gadgets & repositories.

Panelists: Christopher Soghoian, Ph.D. (live video), American Civil Liberties Union, Wash. D.C. Privacy Researcher & Activist; Principal Technologist with the Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project at the ACLU, and Visiting Fellow at Yale Law School's Information Society Project; Kellie A. Furr, Founder/Attorney, Metamorphosis Law, Portland, OR; Michael V. Nixon, Lawyer, Strategist & Consultant, Portland OR & Pittsburgh PA.; Pete Sorenson, Attorney, Sorenson Law Office, Eugene, OR

9:00 – 10:15 • PANEL 6

Living guilt free in a society of mass consumption (Organizer: Robin Quirke) (LAW 110)

Research reveals that pro-environmental values are not a significant predictor of pro-environmental behavior. This could be one of our greatest barriers to sustainability. What role does hypocrisy play on the pathway to catastrophic ecosystem breakdown? What behaviors count most in a society defined by consumption? These panelist-practitioners discuss ongoing social science research and personal experiences in the research & policy arena. Discussion will focus on how social change happens at a time of Changing Currents.

Panelists: Robin Quirke, PolicyInteractive, Associate Researcher; Joanne Gross, Urban Homesteader; Tom Bowerman, PolicyInteractive Research, Director

***More Reasons Why 'We Can't Breathe': Toxics, Health, Racism and Disparate Impacts (Organizer: Ingrid Brostrom) (LAW 141)**

This panel will focus on current legal and extra-legal campaigns to address the known disproportionate impacts of toxics on communities of color. Practicing legal experts at environmental justice organizations will share their experiences working on cases, in coalition, and with community organizers fighting for sustainable communities.

Panelists: Maya Golden-Krasner, Communities for a Better Environment, Staff Attorney; Ingrid Brostrom, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, Senior Attorney; Yana Garcia, Communities for a Better Environment, Staff Attorney

Changing Currents and Beach Access (Organizer: Gus Gates) (LAW 142)

The right of beach access is constantly being challenged by private property owners, developers and even sea level rise. This panel will focus on describing beach access laws and how they vary from East Coast to West Coast and state-by-state. Additionally, panelists will touch upon the importance of the public trust doctrine and local coastal laws in providing beach access to citizens.

Panelists: Angela Howe, Surfrider Foundation Legal Director; Steve Shipsey, Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice; Marc Chytilo, Law Office of Marc Chytilo

Youth Bring Legal Actions on Climate Change and Find Innovative Ways to Communicate Message of Urgency (Organizer: **Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez**) (LAW 184)

Young climate activists will discuss their climate activism and the important legal actions they are bringing at the state and federal level to compel governments to implement science-based climate recovery plans. Youth panelists will provide updates on the current status of their legal actions; explain how they are able to effectively communicate their message of urgency to the media, the public, and government leaders; and share what they have learned along the way.

Panelists: *Kelsey Juliana, Oregon Atmospheric Trust Plaintiff, Climate Activist; Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez, Colorado Atmospheric Trust plaintiff, Co-founder of Earth Guardians, Climate Activist; Itzcuauhtli Roske-Martinez, Colorado Atmospheric Trust Plaintiff, Climate Activist*

How to List a Species: An Endangered Species Act Petition Primer (Organizer: **Taylor Jones**) (LAW 241)

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

Keeping your Bottom-Line Green Friendly: Growing Business Wealth To Promote Environmental Health (Student Organizer: **Mathew Riberdy**) (LAW 242)

Today's society is, in a sense, divided over what should be the proper balance of costs and benefits to the business world and the environment. There is not an easy answer for what constitutes that balance; however, society must become more flexible in terms of how it does business. Presently on the legal landscape are new business entity choices, "Benefit Companies", which may allow society to better achieve that proper balance. This panel explores what these entities are exactly, how they function, and the challenges still ahead for future "Green Entrepreneurs."

Panelists: *Mathew Riberdy, University of Oregon School of Law, Third-Year Law Student; Nancy Shurtz, University of Oregon School of Law, B.A. Kliks Professor; Carolyn Stein, BRING Recycling, Business Education Program Manager; Ed Gerdes, Beau Delicious! International, LLC, Cafe Yumm!, Vice-President and General Counsel*

Open Mic (LAW 243)

This room is available to anyone interested in presenting at PIELC. 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.

*RS 2477 Hoax Highways - a Western States Update (Organizer: **Steve Bloch**) (Law 281)

In 2012 the State of Utah filed a series of lawsuits that, together, are larger than any other public lands litigation in the nation. Relying on the 1866 Mining Act, Utah claims more than 14,000 "roads" totaling roughly 36,000 miles across the state, including within National Parks and Monuments. Other western states are watching Utah's progress. This panel will discuss Utah's litigation, several recent key decisions, as well as practical tips in the fight to stop this state land grab.

Panelists: *Steve Bloch, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Legal Director; Joe Bushyhead, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Staff Attorney; David Garbett, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Staff Attorney*

Activism and Judicial Creativity through Public Interest Litigation for Environmental Protection in India (Organizer: **Tushar Kanti Saha**) (LAW 282)

Judicial activism has touched almost every aspect of life in India to do positive justice and in the process has gone beyond what is prescribed by law or written in black and white. In 1980s, the Indian legal system, particularly in the field of environmental law, underwent a sea change in terms of discarding its moribund approach and instead began charting out new horizons of social justice. This period was characterized by not only administrative and legislative activism but also judicial activism. Presently most

environmental actions in India are brought under Articles 32 and 226 of the Constitution. Several Landmark decisions have been delivered, including the Bhopal Gas Leak case, which is an illustrative marker in Indian legal history.

Panelist: *Tushar Kanti Saha, KUSOL, Kenyatta University*

*Restoring Natural Conditions: The Next Phase of Legal Advocacy to Eliminate Regional Haze Pollution in National Parks and Wilderness Areas (Organizer: **Katherine O'Brien**) (Many Nations Longhouse)

The Clean Air Act's regional haze program requires states to clean up haze pollution in our most treasured public lands and provides unique opportunities to compel retrofits of coal-fired power plants and other significant sources of air pollution. This panel will provide perspective on what has been accomplished in the first generation of state implementation plans under the regional haze program and discuss legal and advocacy strategies for securing the greatest possible emissions reductions and visibility benefits during the next phase of regional haze program implementation.

Panelists: *Donna House, Botanist & Advocate for Clean Air and Energy, Oak Springs, Navajo Nation; Dr. Al Armendariz, Senior Campaign Representative, Sierra Club Beyond Coal Campaign; Janette Brimmer, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Stephanie Kodish, Director & Counsel, Clean Air Program, National Parks Conservation Association*

Environmental Law Reforms: Positive and Negative Trends in Environmental Protection (Organizer: **Pedro León Gutiérrez**) (Student Organizer: **Tori Wilder**) (EMU Oak)

Lawyers engaged with environmental law reform efforts will discuss public campaigns in China, degradation of water laws in Chile, Constitutionally-triggered reforms in Kenya and a new Commission to review climate policy in Mexico.

Panelists: *Apollo Mboya, Law Society of Kenya; Caidan Cao (China), Ezio Costa Cordella, FIMA (Fiscalía del Medio Ambiente), Researcher at Universidad de Chile Law School; Raquel Gutiérrez Nájera, Instituto de Derecho Ambiental (IDEA) (Mexico)*

Regulating Toxic Chemicals at the Federal and State Levels (Organizer: **Eve Gardner**) (EMU Maple)

Over 80,000 chemicals are approved for sale in the United States, but only about 200 of them have been tested for safety, and some of that safety data is shielded from the public under the theory that it is "confidential business information." Disasters like last year's Elk River chemical spill, in which regulators knew very little about the chemicals that contaminated the drinking water of hundreds of thousands of people, highlight the problem. Learn about what's happening to improve federal regulation of chemicals, and how some states are taking matters into their own hands. We will also discuss the strategic use of disclosure laws to compel manufacturers to stop using some of the worst chemicals and the multi-pronged strategies to get toxic flame retardants out of consumer products where they have no meaningful fire safety benefit but result in significant exposures and environmental contamination.

Panelists: *Eve Gartner, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Laurie Valeriano, Executive Director, Washington Toxics Coalition; Irene Gutierrez, Associate Attorney, Earthjustice; Caroline Cox, Research Director, Center for Environmental Health*

Media Training 101: Think Like a Journalist (Organizer: **Camilla Mortensen**) (EMU Walnut)

You were "on message," but the reporter didn't use those quotes. You had a protest, but the media didn't show. You have a huge story, but you can't get the local paper to bite. Reporters from daily papers, magazines, and national radio will talk about what it takes to get a story, what makes a good press release, and how to give a good quote. Find out what makes the media tick, so your story gets heard.

Moderator: *Camilla Mortensen, Associate Editor, Eugene Weekly*
Panelists: *John Platt, Freelance journalist whose work appears in Scientific American, Consumers Digest, Today's Engineer and more; Elizabeth Grossman, Freelance journalist whose work appears in The Guardian, Mother Jones, Environmental Health Perspectives, High Country News, Ensisia, Scientific American, Yale e360; Rachael McDonald, KLCC public radio Morning Edition host and reporter; Amena Saiyid, Environment, Health and Safety News Division, Bloomberg BNA; Valerie Brown, Freelance Environment/health/climate journalist published in Science, Scientific American, High Country News and more*

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Eric McDavid is Free! (Organizer: Ben Rosenfeld) (LAW 110)
Environmentalist Eric McDavid walked free in January after winning an 11 year reduction of his 20 year prison sentence. Eric and his legal team will discuss the extraordinary lawyer/non-lawyer collaboration and the abominable government misconduct which led to his release.

Panelists: *Environmental activist and former political prisoner Eric McDavid; Legal team members Jenny Esquivel and Evan Tucker of Sacramento Prisoner Support; Attorneys Ben Rosenfeld, Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Mark Vermeulen, Attorney, National Lawyers Guild*

***Water of the U.S.--What's All The Fuss? (Organizer: Janette Brimmer) (LAW 141)**

EPA and the Corps have recently proposed a rule intended to refine the definition of "Waters of the US" under the Clean Water Act. This rule is an outgrowth of the Supreme Court's extremely fractured 2007 decision in *Rapanos v. U.S.* In developing the proposed rule EPA sought the advice and counsel of a panel of scientific experts in an effort to provide a definition that would continue to provide protection from pollution and dredging to our nation's waters and wetlands, while also striving to conform to Justice Kennedy's "significant nexus" approach to defining waters of the U.S. The proposed rule has drawn extreme fire from the agricultural and development communities despite the fact that agricultural interests received all they asked for and their interests will remain largely unchanged from the past. This panel will outline the content of the rule, including scientific support for it, will outline critiques of the rule and will engage in a discussion of how the rule will or will not change the landscape of Clean Water Act regulation and how the rule may fare if challenged in litigation.

Moderator: *Jennifer Chavez, Earthjustice Attorney*

Panelists: *Janette Brimmer, Earthjustice Attorney; Becky Hayat, Project Attorney, NRDC*

***ESA "Take" Liability and Litigation (Organizer: Pete Frost) (LAW 142)**

This panel of litigators will discuss how to prove liability under the "take" provision in Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act, and what kind of relief may be obtained when liability is proven. They will focus on federal cases involving terrestrial species such as the red fox, marbled murrelet and lynx, and aquatic species such as Chinook salmon and Virgin River chub.

Panelists: *Pete Frost, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Tanya Sanerib, Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Sierra Weaver, Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center*

****"Celebrating" A Decade of REAL ID Act - Lawless in the Borderlands (Organizer: Cyndi Tuell) (LAW 175)**

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the REAL ID Act, the largest waiver of environmental laws in U.S. history that has resulted in the destruction of ecologically important public lands. Which laws have been waived under the REAL ID Act and subsequent regulations? Learn about relevant case law and the expansion of this waiver to other parts of the country. Brainstorm ideas on how to bring back the laws and change the direction borderlands conservation law is headed.

Panelists: *Cyndi Tuell, Sierra Club volunteer; Dan Millis, Sierra Club Borderlands Organizer; Dinah Bear, Attorney; Randy Serraglio, Center for Biological Diversity, Southwest Conservation Advocate*

Environmental Justice, Autism, Disability Advocacy, and Ecofeminism: New Ways of Integrating the Conceptual and Practical (Organizer: Chaone Mallory) (LAW 184)

Three activist environmental philosophers present on the connections between environmental theory, dis/ability activisms, ecofeminism, interspecies justice, environmental identity, and problems of environmental injustice. This panel will show how these engaged philosophies interrelate, and merge environmental theory and praxis. Here we: 1) describe the theoretical underpinnings of environmental justice using an intersectional ecofeminist analysis; 2) present exciting new work bridging EJ with disability advocacy; and 3) promote community dialogue into this new frontier in both environmentalism and struggles for social justice, particularly for

those with disabilities.

Panelists: *Chaone Mallory, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Environmental Philosophy, Villanova University; Robert Melchior Figueroa, Ph.D., Engaged Scholar in Residence- Center for Latin@ Studies and Engagement, Director- Environmental Justice Project- Center for Environmental Philosophy, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Oregon State University; Stephanie Jenkins, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of History, Philosophy, and Religion, Co-Founder, OSU Disability Network, Co-Founder- Phronesis Lab, Oregon State University*

Wildlife Poisoning from Lead Used in Hunting Ammunition: Emerging Policies Addressing the Largest Source of Unregulated Lead Released into the Environment (Organizer: Lena Spadacene) (Student Organizer: Emily Knobbe) (LAW 241)

The toxicity of lead is well-known and widely documented in scientific and medical literature. Yet lead from spent hunting ammunition remains the greatest, largely unregulated source knowingly discharged in the U.S., killing millions of nontarget wildlife every year. Poisonings permeate the entire food chain, particularly among raptors, scavengers and foraging species like the bald eagle and mourning dove. Panelists will discuss the hazards associated with using lead in hunting ammunition, the regulatory history and current political environment, and what the public, decision makers, and hunters can do to reduce poisonings.

Panelists: *Emily Knobbe, University of Oregon School of Law, J.D. Candidate; Lena Spadacene, The Humane Society of the United States, Lead-Free Wildlife Campaign Manager*

***Environmental Concerns and Public Participation in Oil Spill Response Planning (Organizer: Jared Margolis) (LAW 242)**

The rapid increase in the use of trains to move crude oil across North America has led to several accidents, resulting in hundreds of thousands of gallons of crude oil being spilled into waterways. These incidents have highlighted the need for comprehensive oil spill response planning, to ensure that people and the environment are protected from harm.

The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan is the federal government's master plan for addressing oil and other hazardous substance spills in the U.S. Among its many functions, the NCP requires the development of Area Contingency Plans, which are regional plans that establish the available spill response actions. These response activities may impact the species and habitats in the spill response area. The panel will discuss the pre-spill planning process, how the public can participate in that process, and the environmental concerns raised by oil spill response actions.

Panelists: *Cliff Villa, US EPA Region 10, Assistant Regional Council; Jared Margolis, Center for Biological Diversity, Staff Attorney*

Livestock and the Love Warrior of the West: How Sage-grouse are Harmed by the Grazing Industry (Organizer: Greta Anderson) (LAW 281)

Livestock grazing is the most pervasive use of public lands across the range of Greater sage-grouse, but it is not compatible with many stages of the sage-grouse lifecycle. This panel will focus on the necessary management changes and the opportunities of litigation and legislation.

Panelists: *Erik Molvar, WildEarth Guardians, Sagebrush Sea Campaign Director; Greta Anderson, Western Watersheds Project, Deputy Director; Andy Kerr, The Larch Company, Consultant*

***Clearing the Murky Waters: Suction Dredge Mining Update (Organizer: Jonathan Evans) (LAW 282)**

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

Panelists: *Jonathan Evans, Center for Biological Diversity, Toxics and Endangered Species Campaign Director and Staff Attorney; Forrest English, Rogue Riverkeeper, Program Director; Marla Nelson, Northwest Environmental Defense Center, Staff Attorney*

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Indigenous Resistance against the Keystone XL (Student Organizer: Shenna Fortner, VT Law) (Many Nations Longhouse)

The Keystone XL has become an intellectual exercise engaged by First World liberals while the worst eco-effects are at the expense of First Nations. This is the pinnacle moment when communities that are most impacted by First World addiction to cheap fuel, say "No More!" The Indigenous Resistance of the Keystone XL panel will address legal avenues for the First Nations, current tactics of non violent direct action and legislative measures to move the movement forward.

Panelists: Cyril Scott, Rosebud Tribal Sioux President; Tara Houska, Tribal Rights Attorney, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker LLP; Paula Antoine, Coordinator of the Sicangu Oyate Land Office

Engaging Youth and Local Communities in Climate Action (Organizer: Nicholas Caleb) (EMU Oak)

In 2013, young people in Eugene formed the Youth Climate Action Now 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, the country's first law requiring carbon neutrality, fossil fuel reductions, and a carbon budget based on the best available science. Panelists discuss the campaign's success, local government's role in reducing carbon emissions, and how the campaign is spreading to other communities.

Panelists: Mayor Kitty Piercy, City of Eugene; Councilor Alan Zelenka, City of Eugene; Matt McRae, Climate and Energy Policy Analyst, City of Eugene; Gordon Levitt, UO Law ENR Center, Conservation Trust Project Bowerman Fellow; Nicholas Caleb, Our Children's Trust, Local Climate Law Fellow

Safe Rail Transport and Federal Preemption (Organizer: Patty Clary) (EMU Maple)

The federal Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act (ICCTA) is being used to preempt state environmental law, even as to state-owned railroads and shipping terminals that handle coal, oil and natural gas. State railroad agencies themselves argue that the ICCTA preempts state environmental regulation of these enterprises that are political subdivisions of the state. Legal issues at stake include recent Tenth Amendment jurisprudence and the market participant doctrine that exempts state proprietary action from the preemptive reach of federal law.

Panelists: Sharon Duggan, Attorney, 2011 Recipient Kerry Rydberg Award; Deborah Sivas, Stanford Environmental Law Clinic, Director; William Verick, Klamath Environmental Law Center, Attorney; Helen Kang, Director, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic, Golden Gate University School of Law

***Environmental Justice and the Clean Power Plan (Organizer: Brent Newell) (EMU Walnut)**

EPA's Clean Power Plan seeks to reduce carbon emissions and gives states considerable flexibility in how they will achieve EPA's performance standards for existing power plants. This panel will discuss the Clean Power Plan from a community and environmental justice perspective including legal and policy issues connected to the Plan. Issues implicated under the Clean Air Act and the Civil Rights Act will also be examined.

Panelists: Brent Newell, Legal Director, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; Jalonne L. White-Newsome, Ph.D., Director of Federal Policy, WE ACT for Environmental Justice; Nicky Sheats, Esq., Ph.D., Director, Center for the Urban Environment of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy at Thomas Edison State College and member of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance

Global Movement of Commodities and Energy: The Hidden Costs to Local Communities (Organizer: Jen Gleason) (Student Organizer: Tori Wilder) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee)

The panelists will discuss impacts of infrastructure development in central Africa, the Bayano Dam on Kuna lands in Panama, and the dry canal across Nicaragua.

Panelists: Lottie Cunningham Wren, Center for Justice and Human Rights of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua; Aresio Valiente López, Centro de Asistencia Legal Popular (CEALP) (Panama); Samuel Alain Nguiffo, Center for Environment and Development (CED) (Cameroon)

12:15 – 2:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EMU Ballroom)

Svitlana Kravchenko Award Presentation

Xiuhtezcatl Roske-Martinez, Youth Activist and Musician

Wahleah Johns, Co-Founder and Solar Project Manager of the Black Mesa Water Coalition

2:00 – 5:00 P.M. • MCGOWAN GROVE HIKE

Mystery. Enchantment. Engagement. Explore an ancient forest a half hour drive from PIELC. See why it's important and learn how it's threatened by Oregon's own Congressman DeFazio and Senator Wyden. Involves some rough off-trail terrain. Recommended for moderately experienced hikers, so dress warmly and wear boots. Transportation provided: 15-person limit. Meet at 2pm at the West entrance to the Law School. Co-sponsored by Our Forests.

2:15 – 3:30 P.M. • PANEL 8

Know Your Rights for Climate Justice Activists (Organizer: Lauren Regan) (LAW 110)

Know Your Rights Training focused on climate justice activists. Content includes basic rights when interacting with police and government agents, particularly at protests and actions; law enforcement and prosecutorial trends pertaining to climate justice actions and campaigns; and corporate/industry repression (grey intelligence and SLAPP suits). Update your legal skills and information to ensure strategic effective campaigns.

Panelist: Lauren Regan, Director & Staff Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center

Seeing the Forest: A New Vision for our National Forests (Organizer: Jennifer Fairbrother) (LAW 141)

Join us for the premiere of "Seeing the Forest," a documentary film highlighting and celebrating the successful reforms implemented on the Siuslaw National Forest in Oregon. Once the epicenter of the northwest timber wars, the Siuslaw has pioneered a new mission focused on restoration ecology. Using the Siuslaw's story of success, we will explore how the Siuslaw model can be utilized to articulate a new mission for the Forest Service to transform the management of public forests around the nation.

Panelists: Jim Furnish, Deputy Chief, US Forest Service, retired; Jerry Ingersoll, Supervisor, Siuslaw National Forest; Andy Stahl, Executive Director, Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics

Helping Global Communities Speak Out and Attain Justice (Organizer: Jen Gleason) (Student Organizer: Tori Wilder) (LAW 142)

Advocates from Argentina, Egypt, Mexico and Tanzania will discuss litigation and initiatives to protect environmental rights.

Panelists: Alejandra Serrano, Mexican Center for Environmental Law (CEMDA) (Mexico); Does Vandousselaere, Habi Center for Environmental Rights (Egypt); Irene Fugara, Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (LEAT) (Tanzania); Mohamed Nagi, Habi Center for Environmental Rights (Egypt); Juan Picolotti, Center of Human Rights and Environment (CEDHA) (Argentina)

***Pitfalls and Opportunities of the 2012 National Forest Management Act Planning Rule (Organizer: Jane Brown) (LAW 175)**

The panelists, all of whom are on the Federal Advisory Committee overseeing implementation of the 2012 Rule, and involved in place-based revision under the Rule, will discuss their views on early implementation of the Forest Service's

new Planning Rule. The panelists will discuss some of the problematic issues faced by the Early Adopter national forests that are already undergoing forest plan revision, as well as some of the opportunities for the conservation community presented by the Planning Rule. The panelists will also share their experiences as Federal Advisory Committee members, as well as provide an update on litigation brought by the extractive industries that challenges the 2012 Planning Rule.

Panelists: Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Mike Anderson, The Wilderness Society; Andy Erickson, Alaska Representative, Defenders of Wildlife

Emerging Wilderness in Oregon (Organizer: Rhett Lawrence) (LAW 184)

Consistent with this year's Changing Currents theme, this panel will focus on the ever-shifting state of the protection of wild areas in Oregon. Panelists will discuss emerging campaigns for creating additional designated wilderness areas or other permanent protections for Oregon's wild spaces. Come hear about opportunities to protect some of Oregon's most spectacular and treasured areas, including Crater Lake, the Owyhee Canyonlands, the Kalmiopsis, Hardesty Mountain, and Waldo Lake.

Panelists: David Stowe, Oregon Sierra Club, Keep Waldo Wild Coordinator; Joseph Vaile, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, Executive Director; Corie Harlan, Oregon Natural Desert Association, Owyhee Coordinator; Bridget Callahan, Oregon Wild, Wilderness Campaign Coordinator; Cathy Corlett, Sierra Club Many Rivers Group Conservation Chair

*Dodging their Duty: The Many Ways FWS Tries to Avoid Protecting Species (Organizer: Lori Ann Burd) (LAW 241)

Increasingly, political opposition to Endangered Species Act listings has resulted in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service taking actions preventing imperiled species from getting needed protection. FWS recently established new policies that curtail which species qualify for listing, withdrawn listing rules with the release of voluntary conservation agreements that facilitate energy extraction, and listed species as threatened when they are indeed endangered to exempt industrial activity. Panelists will discuss how these actions have affected specific species and what they are doing about it.

Panelists: Lori Ann Burd, Center for Biological Diversity, Environmental Health Director; Jason Rylander, Senior Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Tanya Sanerib, Center for Biological Diversity, Senior Attorney; Noah Greenwald, Center for Biological Diversity, Endangered Species Program Director

*MS4 Permits and Residual Designation Authority (RDA) Petitions: Strategies for Tackling Urban Stormwater Pollution (Organizer: Guy Alsentzer) (LAW 242)

Polluted stormwater runoff is one of the most problematic water quality concerns nationwide. This panel will provide an overview of the MS4 program and recent litigation illuminating MS4 monitoring requirements, effluent limitations, the MEP standard, and the nexus between MS4 permits and TMDL receiving waters. It will also explore advocate's recent experience seeking to invoke a relatively little-used provision of the Clean Water Act, called "Residual Designation Authority," which authorizes EPA and states, on petition from citizens, to designate for regulation sources of stormwater that are not currently subject to NPDES permitting.

Panelists: Drevet Hunt, Partner, Lawyers for Clean Water; Becky Hayat, Staff Attorney, NRDC; Guy Alsentzer, Executive Director, Upper Missouri Waterkeeper

*Harnessing the Public Trust Doctrine to Protect Wildlife (Organizer: Tara Zuardo) (LAW 243)

The focus of this panel is to identify and analyze existing environmental laws and principles and apply them to the field of wildlife law to promote a more ecosystem-based, precautionary approach to conservation and wildlife protection. How can the public trust doctrine be applied to better protect all wildlife and promote biodiversity before the

eleventh hour, particularly for apex predators that impact ecosystem health?

Panelists: Justin Augustine, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity, Aurora Paulsen, Legal Fellow, Center for Food Safety, Dan Rohlf, Professor of Law, Of Counsel, Earthrise Law Center, Lewis and Clark Law School

Ocean Blues: How the Endangered Species Act Can Save Marine Species (Organizer: Taylor Jones) (LAW 281)

An estimated 50-80 percent of all life on earth is found in the oceans, but more than half of marine species may be at risk of extinction by 2100 without significant conservation efforts. Despite this grave situation, the U.S. has largely failed to protect marine species under the Endangered Species Act; of the 2,198 species protected under the Act, only 125 (~5 percent) are marine species. What are the root causes of this imbalance and how can the conservation community continue to leverage the legal power of the ESA to protect marine species and the oceans of the world?

Panelists: Miyoko Sakashita, Center for Biological Diversity, Oceans Director; Jane Davenport, Defenders of Wildlife, Senior Staff Attorney; Taylor Jones, WildEarth Guardians, Endangered Species Advocate

Working With Elected Officials (Student Organizer: Gordon Levitt) (LAW 282)

How can environmental advocates work with elected officials to best protect the environment and promote sustainability? This panel will discuss tactics for the local, state, and federal level, providing case studies of practices that have worked and suggestions for how to win the environmental debates of today and tomorrow.

Panelists: Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner; Pam Hardy, Oregon Wild, Central Oregon Field Representative; Alan Zelenka, City of Eugene, City Councilor; Andy Kerr, The Larch Company, Consultant

The Klamath Basin Settlement at the Halfway Mark (Organizer: Glen Spain) (Many Nations Longhouse)

In 2010, the landmark "Klamath Basin Settlement" was signed, intending to end decades of Klamath Basin conflicts and litigation over water, dams and salmon by 2020. Representatives of some of the more than 40 major stakeholder groups and agencies that are parties to that landmark settlement will talk about how the Klamath Basin Settlement works, how it benefits fish and wildlife of the Klamath Basin and the region's economy, and the great progress made towards its full implementation by 2020.

Panelists: Glen Spain, NW Regional Director, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Assns. (PCFFA); Don Gentry, Chairman, Klamath Tribes of Oregon; Greg Addington, Executive Director, Klamath Water Users Association (KWUA); Bob Gravely, Public Relations Officer for PacifiCorp Energy Corporation

Just Stories: Communicating Environmental Justice (Organizers: Aylie Baker and Tim Chen) (EMU Oak)

In this panel, community members affected by pesticide drift in Cedar Valley, Oregon, Eugene NGO Beyond Toxics, and UO Environmental Studies students will explore what it means to bear witness to environmental harm and how we tell the stories of others in ways that support rather than obstruct justice. As community members, what stories need to be told? As NGOs, what communication strategies are most effective? As media-makers, students, and activists, what is our code of ethics?

Panelists: Kathryn Rickard, James and Pamela Aldridge, and Chuck Ott from Curry County, OR; Lisa Arkin, Beyond Toxics, Director; University of Oregon Environmental Studies students: Marla Waters, Emma Sloan, Rowan Hardenbrook, Arica Sears, Laura Nausieda, Hope Tejedas, Sawyer Gunther, Lauren Rapp, Arielle Shamash, Brady Cox, Alexander Deck, Tim Chen, Aylie Baker

Using Michigan's FOIA to Challenge Animal Factories (Organizer: Nick Schroeck) (EMU Walnut)

Last summer, Lake Erie suffered another toxic algae bloom and Toledo lost water for days. Animal agriculture in Michigan is one of the causes of these troubles, and better permitting and enforcement of Michigan's CAFOs can change the health of the Great Lakes. The panel will discuss using the Freedom of Information Act as a strategic tool in permitting, legislative, regulatory, and litigation strategies to protect water quality and human health from CAFOs.

Panelists: Nick Schroeck, Wayne State University Law School, Director, Transnational Environmental Law Clinic and Assistant Clinical Professor; Elisabeth Holmes, Attorney, Blue River Law; Jessica Culpeper, Food Safety & Health Attorney, Public Justice, P.C.

***Clean Air Act: Year in Review (Organizer: Paul Cort) (EMU Maple)**

This panel will review the significant Clean Air Act judicial decisions of 2014 and discuss why they matter. We will also look ahead to preview the major cases and agency actions on the horizon in 2015.

Panelists: Paul Cort, Earthjustice, Staff Attorney; David Bender, McGillivray Westerberg & Bender LLC, Attorney; Adriano Martinez, Earthjustice, Staff Attorney

3:30 P.M. – 5:15 P.M. • WORKSHOP 2

Devil's in the Details: Protecting Wildlife and Wild Lands under the 2012 NMFA Planning Rules (Organizer: Katie Davis) (LAW 175)

Using the 2012 Planning Rule as a guide, this round-table discussion will focus on best practices and strategies for on-the-ground engagement with forest planning with the goal of protecting wild animals and wild spaces. The workshop will bring together those actively engaged on forest planning throughout the west and will provide insights into implementation of the 2012 rule from personal experiences of those working on "early adopters" and at the national level. Intended to provide a platform for collaboration and information-sharing.

Discussion Leaders: Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Josh Hicks, Assistant Director of the Wilderness Society's National Forest Action Center; Katie Davis, Public Lands Campaigner, Center for Biological Diversity; Andy Erickson, Alaska Representative, Defenders of Wildlife

3:45 – 5:00 P.M. • PANEL 9

***CWA Permitting & Impaired Waterways (Organizer: Guy Alsentzer) (LAW 110)**

The 40+ years of the CWA has demonstrated that point source pollution can be effectively controlled, if not yet eliminated, by use of the NPDES program. Yet in the face of increased permit enforcement and improved permits, waterways nationwide continue to decline, and impairment designations increase apace. This panel will discuss cutting-edge CWA enforcement actions, the relationship between strong permits - and the possibility of no permits - for impaired waterways, and the final frontier of TMDL enforcement actions.

Panelists: Jack Tuholske, Professor of Law, Director - Water & Justice Program, Vermont Law School; Zak Griefen, Environmental Enforcement Litigator, Conservation Law Foundation; Guy Alsentzer, Executive Director, Upper Missouri Waterkeeper

Reclaiming the Promise of Home Rule to Protect the Environment (Organizer: Melissa Wischerath) (LAW 141)

Though weaker than many would prefer, Oregon's Home Rule laws are among the strongest in the US. Paul Diller of Willamette University Law School, whose writings were cited in the successful, community-based New York fracking ban decision, will explore with local activists the unrealized potential of this law for empowering Oregon communities to stop environmentally destructive projects like the Astoria and Coos Bay LNG facility and pipeline proposals. Attorney Melissa Wischerath will facilitate and describe the NY ban.

Panelists: Helen Slottje, Managing Attorney, Community Environmental Defense Council; Melissa Wischerath, Center for Sustainability Law: New York Fracking Ban; Paul Diller, faculty Willamette University Law School: "Local environmental ordinances and Home Rule;" Mary Geddry, Coos County Sustainable Energy Future: "Bringing the decision back home, how local communities are saying no to unsustainable development;" Mary Middleton, Director, Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families

***The Most Ambitious Environmental Lawsuit Ever (Organizer: Jonathan Henderson) (LAW 142)**

Oil, gas and pipeline companies that cut at least 10,000 miles of oil and gas canals and pipelines through Louisiana coastal lands must repair the damaged environmental buffer zone that helps protect most of the greater New Orleans region from catastrophic flooding, a lawsuit filed by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East (SLFPA-E) asserted. The lawsuit alleges that approximately 100 defendants compromised the integrity of Louisiana's coastal lands with activities tied to hundreds of wells and pipelines, heightening risks of hurricanes, storm surge and flooding in the region.

Panelists: Jonathan Henderson, Gulf Restoration Network, Coastal Resiliency Organizer; Bessie Antin Daschbach, Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, L.L.C.; Kevin E. Huddell, member of Jones, Swanson, Huddell & Garrison, L.L.C.

Truth, Lies, and False Solutions: a Real Discussion About Green Energy (Organizer: Max Wilbert) (LAW 184)

Green technology: will it save the planet, or is it a false solution? Join us for a provocative discussion on the technologies that have become the core of the modern environmental movement. How do these technologies relate to human rights? What is the difference between industrial-scale alternative energy and community implementations? What are the environmental costs of green power?

Panelists: Saba Malik, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute; Max Wilbert, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute

Oil, Communities, and the Environment in Africa (Organizer: Killian Doherty) (Student Organizer: Tori Wilder) (LAW 241)

Public interest lawyers will describe their work protecting communities and the environment in oil producing areas of Uganda and new trends in oil governance across the continent.

Panelists: Frank Tumusiime, Advocates for Natural Resources Governance and Development (ANARDE) (Uganda); Joseph Masembe, Little Hands Go Green (Uganda); Irene Ssekyaana, Greenwatch (Uganda); Arsénio G. Lampião, Fulbright Scholar, Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique)

Collaboration: the Good, the Bad & the Ugly (Organizer: Pam Hardy) (LAW 242)

Collaboration is a political darling these days. Both federally and in Oregon politicians love collaboration so much they're actually funding it. And the idea is good: a group of well-informed citizens in good-faith dialogue should be the best arbiters of their own fate. Not always true. Using eastern Oregon as a case study, this panel brings people from functional and

dysfunctional collaboratives together with conflict resolution professionals to provide insight on how to make the most of collaboration and when to walk out the door.

Panelists: Pam Hardy, Oregon Wild, Central Oregon Field Coordinator; Patrick Shannon, Sustainable Northwest, Forest Program Director; George Weurthner, Senior Scientist and Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology; Tim Hicks, Recent Director of the Conflict Resolution Program at UO

***Can the Law Save America's Wild Horses? (Organizer: Michael Ray Harris) (LAW 243)**

Climate change is taking its toll on western public lands. More than 15 years of drought has devastated habitat from California to Wyoming. While many species in the west are impacted, little attention has been given to wild horses. Drought has placed America's dwindling wild horse population (less than 40,000) in direct competition with the hundreds of thousands of cattle and sheep seeking to graze on public grasslands. The result has been proposals to round up and remove many, if not all, of the remaining herds. This panel will examine the scientific, legal, and political implications of protecting wild horses in America.

Panelists: Nicole Rivard, Friends of Animals, Correspondent; Anne Novack, Protect Mustangs, Founder; Craig Downer, Independent Research and Scientist; Jenni Barnes, Friends of Animals, Associate Attorney

***Using the Common Law to Protect Trails as Public Assets (Organizer: Tom Pierce) (LAW 281)**

This panel will discuss a 2014 jury trial defending and protecting an ancient Hawaiian trail as a public asset--the Haleakala Trail on Maui. This trail was in use in the 1800s but had almost been forgotten in recent decades. Panelists will discuss legal and political obstacles, as well as pertinent legal theories, such as implied dedication, public trust and custom. Participants will take away tested court techniques for cases involving historic public assets.

Panelists: Tom Pierce, Tom Pierce, Attorney at Law, LLLC, Attorney; Peter Martin, Tom Pierce, Attorney at Law, LLLC, Attorney

Anatomy of a Canadian Mine Disaster (Organizer: Gabriella Jameson) (LAW 282)

In one of Canada's worst mining disasters, the Mount Polley Mine tailings dam collapsed last August, sending a massive torrent of tailings waste into the face of a peak salmon run. The incident demonstrated not only a broken dam -- but a badly broken regulatory system. UVic Environmental Law Centre comprehensively investigated this disaster, chronologically tracking the government decisions and omissions that may have contributed to the failure. During questions, ELC staff lawyers Mark Haddock and Calvin Sandborn will discuss lessons that other jurisdictions can learn from this tragedy.

Panelists: Dora Tsao, UVic ELC, Law Student; Rosanna Adams, UVic ELC, Law Student; Jamie Arbeau, UVic ELC, Law Student; Gabriella Jameson, UVic ELC, Law Student; Daniel Jackson, UVic ELC, Law Student

Nez Perce Protecting the Environment (Organizer: Julian Matthews) (Many Nations Longhouse)

Members of the Nez Perce Tribe will be discussing their organizing and activism efforts to protect their Treaty Areas from abuse by outside entities. This panel will also discuss the ongoing work with other activist groups, other tribal groups, to educate and inform Nez Perce and other tribes about the impact and pain caused by abuse of the environment on traditional tribal lands within the US and Canada. Panelists will also discuss climate change and the need to restrict the various modes of transportation for coal, oil, gasoline and other commodities and the continued fight to stop the Keystone XL pipeline.

Panelist: Julian Matthews, Organizer, Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment; Elliott Moffett, Board Member, Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment; Paulette Smith, Board Member, Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment; Brett Haverstick, Education Outreach, Friends of the Clearwater

***HuRAH (Human Rights at Home)!: Community and Legal Strategies for Using International Human Rights Treaties in Environmental Advocacy (Organizer: Eric Jantz) (EMU Oak)**

Environmental activists and legal practitioners have traditionally overlooked international human rights treaties as a tool for advancing environmental interests. The HuRAH panel will introduce advocates to basic human rights treaties, processes and bodies that implicate environmental interests, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Universal Periodic Review. The panel will also discuss how advocates can use these mechanisms to challenge polluting projects and protect their communities.

Panelists: Joshua Cooper, Director, Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights; May Nguyen, Director, Public Interest Law and Advocacy of Coastal Louisiana (PILAR)

Comparing Local and Global Stories of Alternatives to Mainstream Corporate Development (Organizer: Jan Spencer) (EMU Maple)

The presentation will describe two case studies showing how communities in developing and developed countries 1) identify problems characteristic of mainstream economic development and 2) determine strategies and actions to preserve culture or create alternatives to the mainstream for a healthy and resilient community. Case studies will show how people learn to understand the relationship between global and local economic and social problems, build healthy social capital, and build bridges between local and global communities struggling to live according to their own views of development.

Panelists: Jan Spencer, Suburban Permaculture, Director; Belen Norona, Pachaysana Institute, Research Coordinator

5:00 - 7:00 P.M. STUDENT RECEPTION (Lewis Lounge, 4th floor of Law School)

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

5:00 - 7:00 UO ENR ALUMNI RECEPTION (Gerlinger Lounge, 2nd Floor of 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.

5:15 - 6:45 P.M. Cowspiracy (Documentary) (Organizer: Barb Lomow) (LAW 110)

Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret is a feature-length environmental documentary following filmmaker Kip Andersen as he uncovers a destructive industry - and investigates why the world's leading environmental organizations are too afraid to talk about it. Following the film, one of the film's featured voices will discuss the film.

Panelist: Demosthenes Maratos, Sustainability Institute at Molloy College, Communications Director

7:15 - 9:15 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Columbia 150)

David Brower Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation

Derrick C. Evans, Director and Co-Founder of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives and Co-Founder and managing advisor of the Gulf Coast Fund for Community Renewal and Ecological Health

Helen Slottje, Co-Founder and Managing Attorney of The Community Environmental Defense Council

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 - 8:50 A.M. • RISE & SHINE YOGA (LAW 241)

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. **Mat optional. Street clothes okay.**

8:00 - 8:50 A.M. • 5K FUN RUN (LAW North Entrance)

9:00 – 10:15 A.M. • PANEL 10

***The Northwest Forest Plan Under Attack (Organizer: Chandra LeGue) (LAW 110)**

The historic Northwest Forest Plan of 1994 set policy for the management of 24 million acres of public forest lands. Since then, the plan has been under attack by the timber industry and anti-environmental politicians. This panel will give some background on the Plan, efforts to weaken it over time, and why it remains important. It will address current legislative and policy threats, and the impacts such threats could have on endangered species, climate, and more.

Panelists: Susan Jane Brown, Western Environmental Law Center, Attorney and Wildlands & Wildlife Program Director; Doug Heiken, Oregon Wild, Conservation & Restoration Coordinator; Chandra LeGue, Oregon Wild, Western Oregon Field Coordinator; Steve Holmer, American Bird Conservancy, Senior Policy Advisor

***Plastics: Changing the Rules (Organizer: Rachel Doughty) (LAW 141)**

Plastic has, by and large, not been viewed as a pollutant. This panel will focus on legislative and regulatory solutions that seek to change that paradigm to combat the quickly expanding plastic pollution that now reaches even the most remote corners of the globe. Panelists have worked all angles to address this problem, including drafting new legislation, changing regulatory language and interpretation of current law, and pushing changes in corporate policy and the development of independent standards. Panelists agree, however, that existing tools are insufficient, so the panel will also discuss the way forward: what changes to law, policy, and public perspective are needed to get on top of the growing plastic pile?

Panelists: Emily Jeffers, Center for Biological Diversity, Staff Attorney; Jason Totoiu, Executive Director, Everglades Law Center; Leila Monroe, Clear Resource Law; Rachel Doughty, Attorney and Founder, Greenfire Law

Environmental Issues on Lake Baikal Water Basin (Organizer: Aryuna Radnaeva) (LAW 142)

Lake Baikal is the oldest and deepest lake in the world. Although Lake Baikal is located entirely in Russia, the Baikal Basin is a transboundary ecosystem shared between Russia and Mongolia, with over 400 rivers and streams. As a shared resource there is a need to take into account a wide variety of interests in order to promote an effective transboundary cooperation and management of water resources. Lake Baikal also hosts a unique diversity of flora and fauna; some of them are enlisted as endangered in the Red Book of Russian Federation. The panel will include a showing of the short film, "Baikal Without Boundaries."

Panelists: Aryuna Radnaeva, LLM student at University of Oregon School of Law, Coordinator of "Save Baikal" environmental project (Ulan-Ude, Russia); Oksana Imetkhenova, Professor, Department of Ecology, Health and Safety, East Siberia State University of Technology and Management (Ulan-Ude, Russia), Buryat Regional Organization for Lake Baikal

Fossil Fuel Divestment: Coming to a City Near You (Organizer: Erik Jung) (LAW 184)

Divestment from fossil fuels is a rapidly growing movement as universities and municipalities worldwide begin to make

an economic stand for sustainability. This is especially true in Oregon with Multnomah County and the Cities of Ashland and Eugene having successfully divested. Join us as key campaign leaders and decision makers from these areas discuss the process of divestment in their communities, describe what convinced decision makers to divest, and give recommendations for others interested in encouraging their municipalities take action.

Panelists: Kitty Piercy, City of Eugene, Mayor; Sandy Polishuk, 350 PDX, Divestment Coordinator; Winston Friedman, SOCAN, Divestment Co-Coordinator

Tsilhqot'in and Canadian First Nations Sovereignty (Organizer: William Falk) (LAW 241)

The Supreme Court of Canada's recent *Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia* decision empowered First Nations seeking to assert title over their traditional territories and combating unwanted development on their lands. Eugene Kung and William Falk will explain what the decision says, what it does not say, and strategies for carrying the Tsilhqot'in decision's momentum forward. They will also describe the growing strength in the British Columbia environmental movement

Panelists: William Falk, Vancouver Island Community Forest Action Network, Director; Eugene Kung, West Coast Environmental Law Center, Staff Counsel

Tackling Taboos: How Population and Overconsumption Threaten the Planet and What We Can Do About It (Organizer: Stephanie Feldstein) (LAW 242)

In less than two generations, human population has doubled to more than 7 billion while our overconsumption has skyrocketed. Yet there is reluctance among media, policymakers, and activists to talk about how our runaway growth drives environmental, animal, and human rights crises and how to address it. This panel will discuss why we must break the taboo to protect people and the planet, and how we can use policy, law and creative outreach to confront human population growth and overconsumption.

Panelists: Stephanie Feldstein, Center for Biological Diversity, Population and Sustainability Director; Carter Dillard, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Director of Litigation

Open Mic (LAW 243)

This room is available to anyone interested in presenting at PIELC. 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.

Grief & Anger as Positive Forces in Environmental Activism (Organizer: Brenna Bell) (LAW 281)

We are those that engage head-on with the realities of environmental destruction and social injustice. We love, we fight, we win, we lose - and the march of destruction carries on. Maintaining our emotional well-being as long term activists can depend on how we engage the emotions intertwined with this work. This panel will be a participatory engagement in these emotions, and draws from Joanna Macy's *Work that Reconnects*, and will focus on positively acknowledging our grief and anger, and using it as a source of inspiration - not despair.

Panelists: Brenna Bell, Bark, Staff Attorney

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. • A WALK IN THE UNIVERSITY FOREST

The university campus is a virtual forest arboretum. We'll focus on Pacific trees and stands and discuss their ecological role and conservation history. Along the way, we'll also note many exotic and unique trees. Basic tree and stand measurements will be demonstrated. Dress warm. Coffee and snack stop midway. We'll meet Sunday at the main entrance of the Law building at 10 AM, and return by 12 PM. Guided by forester Roy Keene with help from a friend or two. This is a kid friendly event.

10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANEL 11

Come Hell or High Water (Documentary) (LAW 110) (Student Organizer: Malia Losordo)

When the graves of former slaves are bulldozed in Mississippi, a native son returns to protect the community they settled – a place now threatened by urban sprawl, hurricanes and an unprecedented manmade disaster. 2013 documentary *Come Hell or High Water: The Battle for Turkey Creek* follows the painful but inspiring journey of keynote speaker Derrick Evans. Following the showing, Derrick Evans will discuss the film. **Student Moderator:** Ashley Carter, J.D. Candidate, University of Oregon
Panelist: Derrick Evans, Director and Co-Founder of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives

Arid Forest and Sagebrush Fuels Treatments: Weeds, Wasted Watersheds, Wrong Assumptions (Organizer: Katie Fite) (LAW 141)

Panelists will describe challenges to federal agency “restoration” projects currently conducted in arid forest and sagebrush habitats, and the damage caused to the very species claimed to be helped by projects. Collateral damage to non-target wildlife and watersheds will be described. Erroneous fire disturbance intervals and models used to justify projects will be discussed. **Panelists:** Katie Fite, Western Watersheds Project, Biodiversity Director; George Wuerthner, Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology; Denise Boggs, Executive Director, Conservation Congress; Dr. Michael J. Connor, Western Watersheds Project, California Director

US & Global Outlook of Wildlife Crime (Organizer: Mandy Rude) (LAW 175)

In 2014, the US National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking was released. NGOs and expert agencies have targeted wildlife trafficking for years but this marked the first time it became a national priority. Three agencies, US Fish & Wildlife Service (Dept. of Interior), US Dept. of Justice, and the US Dept. of State, lead the efforts. The panelists will discuss what government and NGOs are doing to fight global wildlife crime, trafficking case studies, and how trends might change going forward. **Panelists:** Sheila O’Connor, USFWS, Special Agent; Ken Goddard, National Fish & Wildlife Forensics Laboratory, Director; Danielle Grabel, Environmental Investigation Agency, Senior Policy Analyst

From Clearcuts to Sustainability: Legislative and Legal Strategies for Reforming Oregon’s Forest Practices (Organizer: John Talberth) (LAW 184)

Unregulated clearcutting and chemical sprays on Oregon’s state and private forestlands is rapidly escalating amidst a perfect storm of soaring exports, weakening enforcement capabilities, and a rise in ownership by international investors. Already one of the weakest forest practices laws in the region, Oregon’s Forest Practices Act needs deep and lasting reforms to transform it from an impotent set of largely voluntary regulations to a catalyst for sustainable forest management. This panel will review the economic and ecological case for reform and discuss legal and legislative solutions now in play. **Panelists:** John Talberth, President and Senior Economist, Center for Sustainable Economy; Lisa Arkin, Executive Director, Beyond Toxics; Chris Frissell, Director of Science and Conservation, Pacific Rivers Council; Daphne Wysham, Climate Policy Fellow, Center for Sustainable Economy

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***Oregonians Shut the Door on the Coal Industry (Organizer: Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky) (LAW 241)**

Oregonians have shut down all three attempts to export dirty coal from our ports. In August 2014, the Oregon Department of State Lands denied a Removal - Fill permit for Australian coal company Ambre Energy. The agency denied the permit based on overwhelming public opposition, as well as a “small but important long-standing fishery at the project site.” Hear

how these elements came together to protect salmon, clean water and our communities and what is next for coal export in the Pacific Northwest.

Panelists: Chris Winter, Crag Law Center, Co-Executive Director; Julie Carter, Columbia River Inter Tribal Fish Commission (CRIT-FC), Policy Analyst; Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Columbia Riverkeeper, Community Organizer

The Crisis of Human Supremacy (Organizer: Dillon Thomson) (LAW 242)

Why do some humans listen to nonhumans and others do not? How might our behaviors change if we allowed the speech of nonhuman actants into the political realm? How might this be accomplished? These are important questions with deep implications for the way we discuss potential solutions to ecological crises. This presentation will challenge long-standing thought about what constitutes a public and how we define “public interest.”

Panelists: Dillon Thomson, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute, Secretary; Carson Wright, Deep Green Resistance; Jonah Mix, Deep Green Resistance

Open Mic (LAW 243)

This room is available to anyone interested in presenting at PIELC. 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.

Standing Against the Flood: Indigenous Struggle to Survive and Stop the Shasta Lake Dam Raise (Organizer: Misa Joo) (Student Organizer: Niria Garcia) (Many Nations Longhouse)

Indigenous leaders around the world are challenging corporate destruction of the Earth and Water using spiritual and political might. In California, the Winnemem Wintu face destruction of their sacred lands and lifeways. Congress will decide on the proposed raising of Shasta Dam, a project which would drown Winnemem culture and doom the return of their salmon. The panelists will share how supporters can help defeat the Shasta Dam Raise in Congress this spring.

Panelists: Caleen Sisk, Chief of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe; Darcie L. Houck, Attorney at Law, Fredericks Peebles & Morgan; Michael Preston, Winnemem Wintu Representative

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12:15 - 2:15 P.M. KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EMU Ballroom)

Malia Akutagawa, Board President and Founder, Sust’ainable Molokai; Assistant Professor of Law, University of Hawai’i Manoa William S. Richardson School of Law and Hawai’iniuiakea School of Hawaiian Knowledge

Rugemeleza A.K. Nshala, Attorney, Co-Founder of Lawyers Environmental Action Team (LEAT), Tanzania

GUIDELINES FOR CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION

A large number of people from different cultures, countries, and communities will attend this conference. For some, this may be the first time they interact with such a diverse group of people. Cultural differences involve different protocols and procedures for communication, and ignorance of these differences may lead to misunderstandings. All conference attendees should approach others with respect and make an honest effort to observe and understand different modes of communication. While it is impossible to synthesize a single protocol for interacting with all Peoples, please be mindful of the following guidelines:

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

Always ask before photographing or recording someone.

Prayer is very important, and there are many ways people pray. If someone seems to be deeply focused, it is best to be patient and respectful. Please wait for their attention.

Be respectful of silence.

Do not speak of indigenous cultures in the past tense. There are many thriving indigenous Peoples among us today.

Many non-Western cultures do not practice the “firm business handshake,” and some cultures may feel that it is impolite to stare directly into someone’s eyes. Try to follow the social cues of those with whom you are interacting.

Do not exclude people; treat everyone as your relatives.

Some speakers may choose to open a talk with a prayer or song. It is a sign of respect to stand at these times and not to take pictures.

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

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