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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC), the premier annual gathering for environmentalists in the world! Now in its 31st year, PIELC unites thousands of activists, attorneys, students, scientists, and community members from over 50 countries around the globe to share their ideas, experience, and expertise. With keynote addresses, workshops, films, celebrations, and over 120 panels, PIELC is world-renowned for its energy, innovation, and inspiration. In 2011, PIELC received the Program of the Year Award from the American Bar Association Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources.

PIELC 2013, EARTH: TOO BIG TO FAIL

The 2013 PIELC Conference Co-Directors are reclaiming the phrase “too big to fail” for the environmental movement. If this status can work to justify bailouts for financial institutions, why not use it to justify a bailout for Earth? We spend our money bailing out banks while we quibble over whether or not to invest in clean energy technologies or improve environmental regulations. True, if humans were gone, the planet would continue to exist. While nature has a way of “bouncing back,” it is undeniable that humans are causing irreparable harm to this planet. Therefore, it is humans who must act now to prevent further species loss, water and air quality damage, and human illness and death.

In this sense, Earth - the holistic system that is our planet and not simply the hunk of rock rotating on its axis through space - is too big to fail.

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- 1) Calculating your donations based on air miles, car miles, and nights spent in a hotel using our carbon offset calculation: <http://www.pielc.org/pages/carboncalc.html>
- 2) Donate the calculated amount in the area designated on the registration page: <http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?427282>
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 - Click “I have already registered and want to edit my registration” and log in.
 - The area to donate for carbon offsets is at the bottom. Donations may be made in increments of \$5, \$10, and \$25. We encourage you to round up!

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Land Air Water (LAW) is the world’s oldest environmental law student society. Student members from the University of Oregon School of Law organize the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference on a wholly volunteer basis. The conference is the premier annual gathering for environmentalists worldwide and is distinguished as the oldest and largest of its kind. To pull it off, PIELC Co-Directors, Gurus, and LAW Officers plan year-round, and are joined by dozens of student volunteers who help with everything from moderating and recording panels to providing attendees a place to stay. LAW members also sponsor speakers and events at the university, organize volunteer activities, and publish the Western Environmental Law Update (WELU), an annual newsletter on developments in environmental law.



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PIELC 2013

AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

8:00 a		8:00 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School)
9:00 a		
10:00 a		Panel 2 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a		Panel 3 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.
12:00 p		Workshop 1 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
1:00 p		Corvallis Raging Grannies -- 12:15 p.m.
2:00 p	2:00 p.m. -- Registration Opens (in the EMU Lobby)	Keynote 2 12:30 - 2:15 p.m. Caleb Behn Thuli Brilliance Makama
3:00 p		Panel 4 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.
4:00 p		
5:00 p	Panel 1 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	Panel 5 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.
6:00 p	Opening Ceremonies -- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Keynote 3 5:30 - 7:15 p.m. Jim Gerritsen John C. Cruden
7:00 p	Keynote 1 6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Ed Whitelaw Nnimmo Bassey	Student Reception 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
8:00 p		PIELC Celebration 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. featuring music by Alder Street All Stars first shuttle leaves at 7:30 p.m. last shuttle leaves at 12:00 a.m.
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SATURDAY

SUNDAY

8:00 a	8:00 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School)		8:00 a
9:00 a	Ethics Workshop 8:15 - 10:15 a.m.	Workshop 2 8:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Rise & Shine Yoga -- 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
10:00 a	Panel 6 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.		Panel 10 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
11:00 a	Panel 7 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.		9:00 a.m. Registration Opens (Law School)
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2:00 p		McGowan Grove Hike meet at 2:00	
3:00 p	Panel 8 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.		
4:00 p	Panel 9 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.	Workshop 3 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.	
5:00 p	Indigenous Peoples' Reception 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	UO Alumni Reception 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	
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Complimentary Appetizers Will be Served Prior to the Keynotes in the EMU Gumwood Room

KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHIES

Nnimmo Bassey

Nnimmo Bassey is the Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria. He served as Chair of Friends of the Earth International from 2008 to 2012. Bassey co-founded the Environmental Rights Action (ERA), a Nigerian advocacy NGO, in 1993 in response to widespread environmental degradation and human rights abuses in Nigeria. Bassey has stood up against unjust practices of multinational corporations in Nigeria and the environmental devastation they leave behind, convinced that the costs of oil production far outweigh its benefits. Environmental Rights Action has spearheaded lawsuits against oil companies on behalf of local communities for damage to the people and the environment.

Bassey has authored books on the environment, architecture/management, and poetry. His poetry collections include *We Thought It Was Oil But It Was Blood* (2002) and *I will Not Dance to Your Beat* (2011). His latest book is *To Cook a Continent – Destructive Extraction and the Climate Crisis in Africa* (2012), published by Pambazuka Press.

He was listed as one of TIME magazine's Heroes of the Environment in 2009 and was a co-recipient of the 2010 Right Livelihood Award also known as the "Alternative Noble Prize." In 2012, Bassey received the Rafto Human Rights Award.

Caleb Behn

Caleb Behn is Eh-Cho Dene and Dunne Za/Cree from the Treaty 8 Territory of Northeastern BC. He has recently completed his Juris Doctor degree and is among the first UVic Law students granted the Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability. Prior to law school, he was the Oil and Gas Officer for the West Moberly First Nations and a Lands Manager for the Saulneau First Nations. Mr. Behn is the subject of a documentary film focused on the impact of hydraulic fracturing and unconventional gas development in Canada and Aotearoa, New Zealand.

John C. Cruden

John C. Cruden is the President of Environmental Law Institute, a nationally recognized non-profit association that provides research, education, and publications in the area of environmental law and policy. Before coming to ELI, John was, for over two decades, the career Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He has personally litigated and led settlement negotiations in numerous environmental cases, many with reported decisions.

Prior to becoming Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Cruden was Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, DOJ. Before joining the Department

of Justice, he was the Chief Legislative Counsel of the Army. After graduating from West Point, John served in airborne, ranger, and Special Forces units before attending law school. Mr. Cruden is a Past President of the District of Columbia Bar, the second largest bar in the nation, a Past Chair of the ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources, and a member of the American College of Environmental Lawyers. He has received the Presidential Rank Award from three different Presidents and awards from the DOJ, ABA, FBA, EPA, and the military. He is listed in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in America*, and *Who's Who in American Law*. In 2010, Mr. Cruden was listed by a national magazine as one of the top 500 lawyers in America. He has written and lectured extensively in the areas of environment, energy, and natural resources law.

Jim Gerritsen

Jim Gerritsen, along with his wife Megan, has owned and operated Wood Prairie Farm in northern Maine for over 35 years. Wood Prairie Farm has been a Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA)-certified organic farm since 1982. The Gerritsens are focused on the production of organic early-generation Maine Certified Seed Potatoes, seed crops, vegetables and grain. Their seed potatoes are sold retail through their mail order catalog and web business. Additionally, they sell wholesale to several national mail order seed houses. They are also active in the organic community.

Gerritsen is currently the President of the Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association (OSGATA), the lead plaintiff in *OSGATA et al. v. Monsanto* - a lawsuit filed on behalf of sixty family farmers, seed businesses, and agricultural organizations challenging Monsanto's patents on genetically modified seed. Jim has also served as President of Organic Seed Alliance in Washington and was on the Certification Committee of MOFGA for over twenty years. He is now on the MOFGA Ag Services Committee and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Direct Gardening Association. He has served for many years on the Steering Committee of the local St. John Aroostook Resource Conservation & Development Council. He is co-founder of Slow Food Aroostook and co-founded an Organic Crop Improvement Association chapter. He has cooperated in several on-farm research trials with scientists from the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the University of Maine, and he is an advisor to the UMO Northern New England Organic Bread Wheat Project. The Gerritsens farm and reside in the Aroostook County town of Bridgewater with their four children.

Hilton Kelley

Hilton Kelley was born and raised on the West Side of Port Arthur, Texas. Through a series of lucky breaks, he began working as a stunt man and actor in California. During a visit home in 2000, twenty-one years after he left Port Arthur, Kelley saw the community sickened by industrial pollution, plagued with crime, and teetering on the brink of total economic collapse. Located among eight major petrochemical and hazardous waste facilities on the Texas Gulf Coast, the largely African-American West Side neighborhood of Port Arthur has long suffered as a result of the near-constant emissions spewing from smokestacks ringing the community.

Kelley became the leader of the local movement to clean up Port Arthur. He established Community In-power and Development Association (CIDA) and trained local residents to monitor air quality. Kelley negotiated a now-famous "good neighbor" agreement whereby Motiva installed state-of-the-art equipment to reduce harmful emissions, provided health coverage for the residents of the West Side for three years, and established a \$3.5 million fund to help entrepreneurs launch new local businesses. Kelley continues to advocate for stricter environmental regulations on the Texas Gulf Coast and serves on the EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council. In 2010, Kelley and his wife opened Kelley's Kitchen, a soul food restaurant that employs West Side residents.

Thomas Linzey

Thomas Linzey is an attorney and the Executive Director of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund - a nonprofit law firm that has provided free legal services to over five hundred local governments and nonprofit organizations since 1995. He is a cum laude graduate of Widener Law School and a three-time recipient of the law school's public interest law award. He has been a finalist for the Ford Foundation's Leadership for a Changing World Award, and is a recipient of the Pennsylvania Farmers Union's Golden Triangle Legislative Award. He is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court, the Third, Fourth, Eighth, and Tenth Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is a co-founder of the Daniel Pennock Democracy School - now taught in twenty-four states across the country which has graduated over 5,000 lawyers, activists, and municipal officials - which assists groups to create new community campaigns which elevate the rights of those communities over rights claimed by corporations. Linzey is the recent author of *Be The Change: How to Get What You Want in Your Community* (Gibbs-Smith 2009), has served as a co-host of Democracy Matters, a public affairs radio show broadcast from KYRS in Spokane, Washington, and is a frequent lecturer at

conferences across the country. His work has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Mother Jones*, and the *Nation*.

Thuli Brilliance Makama

Ms. Thuli Brilliance Makama, Executive Director of Yonge Nawe - Friends of the Earth Swaziland, a graduate of the University of Swaziland and the London School of Economics, is Advocate (Senior Counsel) of the High Court of Swaziland and Member of the Law Society of Swaziland. Combining law and advocacy, Makama has engaged in public interest environmental law challenges against powerful multinational corporations and her government in defense of environmental and human rights of local communities.

In 2010, Makama was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize in recognition of her successful litigation defending the right to public participation in environmental decision making against the then Minister of Environment. Makama is dedicated to an ongoing gruesome campaign against extra judicial executions of local communities in the name of wildlife conservation by one private family-owned wildlife safari company in Swaziland. The public interest environmental actions of Makama and her organisation have attracted brutal responses and backlash from violators that have in some instances led to break ins at her office and her home, and privately sponsored negative press releases in the media. Makama's activism and belief in access to justice and law led her to found the Legal Assistance Center (LAC), a non-profit that seeks to promote public interest law in a national context where violations of basic human rights and social injustice are perverse.

Makama is the immediate past deputy Chair of the Open Society Initiative Southern Africa, has served as Ombudsman of Friends of the Earth International, Chair of the Coordinating Assembly of Non Governmental Organisations in Swaziland, advisor to the Resident Coordinator of UN in Swaziland through the select Civil Society Advisory Committee, and the Law Society of Swaziland Judicial Crisis Committee. She is also the mother of two beautiful loving daughters, Simphiwe and Nobunye.

Our Children's Trust Youth Plaintiffs

Three Atmospheric Trust Litigation plaintiffs will be presenting together and sharing their stories through a showing of their TRUST Films featured in the documentary series, *Stories of TRUST: Calling for Climate Recovery*.

"Everything I see through my lens, I know I can change to make better," says **Ashley Funk**, an 18-year-old climate activist from Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, a small community nestled within the Appalachian Mountains. Ashley's

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love for photography is rooted in her deep appreciation for the environment and her desire to instill positive change to the environments and communities that surround her. In her own backyard Ashley can capture with her camera huge, black mounds of coal waste known as gob piles and slate dumps. After kick-starting the first recycling program and anti-litter campaign in her town, she began to educate her community about the health hazards of practices like hydro-fracking and mountain top removal coal mining. Ashley has further elevated her voice by suing the State of Pennsylvania for not living up to its Constitutional duty to protect the atmosphere as a public trust resource.

Eshe Sherley is an 18-year-old systems thinker from Boston, Massachusetts. Since the age of 13, Eshe has been a leader and has given numerous talks and started petitions in her schools, all in the name of justice. She sees climate change as the biggest social justice issue of our time and is determined to combat it. Eshe is asking the State of Massachusetts to take action on climate change by listening to a diversity of voices and ideas, including the youth voice, and by implementing a Climate Recovery Plan based on science. If adults listen with the intention of acting to seek a comprehensive solution, Eshe believes there's hope in repairing our climate system.

Xiuhtezcatl Martinez lives amongst the Rocky Mountains. At the age of 12, Xiuhtezcatl has already been involved in combating climate change for the past six years. He was compelled to take action after watching the forests and ecosystems surrounding his home die before his eyes. With the support of his family, Xiuhtezcatl leads Earth Guardians, an environmental non-profit group focused on educating and assisting youth in being active caretakers of the Earth, as well as empowering them in becoming outspoken environmental leaders, both locally and globally. He has mobilized a following of youth and adults, and organized rallies, actions, events, and City Council presentations. Xiuhtezcatl's work led him to become a plaintiff in the Colorado Atmospheric Trust Litigation (ATL) lawsuit and a member of Kids vs. Global Warming, a non-profit organization and plaintiff in the Federal ATL lawsuit.

Gerald Torres

Professor Gerald Torres holds the Bryant Smith Chair at the University of Texas. He is an expert in environmental law, agricultural law, and in critical race theory. Torres came to the University of Texas Law School in 1994 after teaching at the University of Minnesota Law School, where he also served as associate dean. Before coming to Texas, Torres served as deputy assistant attorney general for the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and as counsel to then U.S. Attorney

General Janet Reno.

His book, *The Miner's Canary: Enlisting Race, Resisting Power, Transforming Democracy* (Harvard University Press, 2002) with Harvard Law Professor Lani Guinier, was described by Publisher's Weekly as "one of the most provocative and challenging books on race produced in years." Torres' articles include "Translation and Stories" (Harvard Law Review, 2002), "Who Owns the Sky?" (Pace Law Review, 2001), "Taking and Giving: Police Power, Public Value, and Private Right" (Environmental Law, 1996), and "Translating Yonnonidio by Precedent and Evidence: The Mashpee Indian Case" (Duke Law Journal, 1990). He has recently published articles on ground water in the Yale Law Journal (online) and on the Fisher case in the Vanderbilt Law Review (online).

Professor Torres is a past president of the Association of American Law Schools. He has served on the board of the Environmental Law Institute, the National Petroleum Council, and on EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the American Law Institute. Torres was honored with the 2004 Legal Service Award from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) for his work to advance the legal rights of Latinos. He currently is Board Chair of the Advancement Project, the nation's leading social and racial justice organization. He is also on the board of the Natural Resources Defense Council and is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Earth Day Network. He has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Stanford and Yale law schools.

Ed Whitelaw

Ed is the founder of ECONorthwest. He specializes in urban and regional economics, natural resource and environmental economics, and the economic consequences of policy decisions. As an expert witness, he has testified for litigation cases before state and federal trials.

Since 1974, Ed has completed economic consulting projects for a wide range of clients including law firms; businesses; tribes; and state, local and federal governments. He has testified before administrative, legislative, congressional, and judicial bodies on a variety of economic issues. He has held positions on state, regional, and national advisory boards, including the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology and the Oregon Progress Board. Ed is a Professor of Economics at the University of Oregon, where he has taught since 1967.

All keynote speeches will occur in the EMU Ballroom, except the Sunday closing keynote, which will occur in Knight Law 175.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00 - 5:15 P.M. • PANEL 1

Climate Standing After *Mass. v. EPA*: Precedent, Pitfalls, and Pointers (Organizer: Shiloh Hernandez) (EMU Fir)
 In 2006, *Mass. v. EPA* held that some plaintiffs had standing to bring some climate change related claims. Since then, litigants and courts have struggled to determine the limits of standing in climate change related cases. This panel will survey post-*Mass. v. EPA* case law, present individual case studies, and offer advice for establishing standing in future climate change related cases.
Panelists: Shiloh Hernandez, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Nathaniel Shoaff, Attorney, Sierra Club.

Return of Jaguars to the American Southwest (Organizer: Michael Robinson) (EMU Walnut)
 Decades after extermination from their vast U.S. range, today's jaguars found in Arizona and New Mexico originated in Sonora, Mexico, where the Northern Jaguar Reserve protects habitat and promotes coexistence. North of the border, a federal proposal to designate jaguar critical habitat would protect 'sky island' mountains from mining, but not from livestock, nor would it protect the elk-filled Gila National Forest. Other risks abound: A jaguar killed in 2009 led to a whistleblower's prosecution but not officials'; predator-hunting could kill more jaguars.
Panelists: Michael Robinson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity; Diana Hadley, President of Board of Directors, Northern Jaguar Project; Janay Brun, Naturalist and Whistleblower.

Motorized Public Lands: Fighting to Get Off the Road to Destruction (Organizer: Sarah Peters) (EMU Maple)
 The process for planning where the public can drive on National Forests and BLM lands has been ongoing for the past decade or more. After bad decisions by agencies across the West, conservation-focused organizations have made some big gains in keeping forests quiet and protecting watersheds and wildlife habitat. Panelists will discuss some of the key wins and losses from recent cases.
Panelists: Matt Bishop, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Sarah Peters, Staff Attorney, Wildlands CPR; Cyndi Tuell, SW Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity.

Public Lands No More? (Organizer: Matthew Cline and David Garbett) (EMU Ben Linder)
 This panel will explore the recent movement by some states to attempt to claim federal lands. Panelists will discuss the legal arguments for and against these efforts, as well as the policy arguments and implications for and against this movement.
Panelists: David Garbett, Staff Attorney, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance; Matthew Cline, J.D. Candidate, University of Oregon School of Law.

Environmental Laws and Law Practice of the Future – Some Truly Creative Speculating by Profs & Practicing Lawyers (Organizer: Lin Harmon) (EMU Metolius)
 This is a chance for lawyers, law professors, and aspiring lawyers to think creatively about the future of environmental law and law practice. We will look at the vast changes sweeping over our society, the profession, and law schools, and will consider whether and how environmental law itself needs to change as well as our approach to law practice. Audience participation is encouraged.
Panelists: Lin Harmon, Professor, Asst. Dean, and Director of Environmental Law Programs, Pace Law School; Michael Harris, Assistant

Professor of Law & Director of the Environmental Law Clinic, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; John Dernbach, Distinguished Professor of Law Co-Director, Environmental Law Center, Widener University.

Land, Climate Justice, and Wildlife Conservation in Africa (Organizer: Thuli Brilliance Makama) (EMU Oak)
 Climate change has seen a lot of discussions around possible solutions and most of them require land and changes in agricultural systems. Local communities still depend on land, fauna and flora for survival. There is growing competition between these two interests. How do we find balance?
Panelists: Thuli Brilliance Makama, Attorney, Yonge Nawe/Friends of the Earth (Swaziland); Elifuraha Laltaika, LL.M. Candidate, University of Oregon School of Law; Ikal Angelei, Friends of Lake Turkana (Kenya); Sicelo Simelane, Yonge Nawe/Friends of the Earth (Swaziland).

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

Come join us to kick off PIELC 2013, EARTH: To Big To Fail! Enjoy a traditional welcoming and opening with representatives from the Grand Ronde Tribes. Next, Professor John Bonine, Land Air Water's faculty advisor and long-time PIELC supporter and advocate, will introduce the conference and the Co-Directors.

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

Ed Whitelaw, Founder, ECONorthwest, environment and natural resource economist.

Nnimmo Bassey, Executive Director of Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria; former Chair of Friends of the Earth International; Co-Founder of the Environmental Rights Action (ERA).

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. • ENR CENTER OPEN HOUSE
 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 and staff.

9:00 – 10:15 A.M. • PANEL 2

CLIMATE CRISIS: Affluence, Materialism & Survival (Organizer: Tom Bowerman) (EMU Fir)
 We now generally understand the catastrophic consequences from global warming. Now we must understand the avoidance mechanisms of American society. Social science must catch up with the physical science. One panelist draws from five years of highly detailed original public opinion research to find requisite support for solutions. The other panelist reports from macro-scale sociological research on the intersection of technology and social structure to propose dramatic reorientation towards solutions.
Panelists: Tom Bowerman, Director, PolicyInteractive; Richard York, Professor of Sociology, University of Oregon.

Food Sovereignty as a Legal Concept (Organizer: Nate Bellinger) (EMU Walnut)
 Food sovereignty has been touted as a way to address hunger, poverty, and numerous environmental problems. However, what food sovereignty actually means or looks like remains enigmatic.

Ashland; Jessica Schafer, Conservation Director, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Portland.

Using Benefit-Cost Analysis in Superfund Remediation (Organizer: Michael Weinerman) (EMU Rogue)
 When making a decision on Superfund remediation alternatives, the Environmental Protection Agency neither considers costs nor conducts cost-benefit analyses of remedial alternatives. Conversely, when stakeholders and local governments discuss these issues, they often omit several categories of economic benefits associated with remediation. Panel members will discuss the appropriate role of economics in remediation decisions for Superfund sites, in particular, addressing the full range of relevant economic costs, benefits, and impacts associated with Superfund remediation.
Panelists: Bryce Ward, Senior Economist, ECONorthwest; Ed MacMullan, Senior Economist, ECONorthwest.

LNG Exports in Oregon: Proposals to Ship Gas to Asia (Organizer: Daniel Serres) (EMU Umpqua)
 For seven years, the LNG industry pushed hard to establish LNG import facilities in Oregon. Resistance from Oregon and Washington successfully blocked these efforts. In the past two years, two projects - the Jordan Cove LNG project in Coos Bay and the Oregon LNG project in Warrenton - have announced plans to convert their projects into export facilities, citing an "unprecedented" increase in North American gas reserves. The purported gas supply increase is largely due to hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking." We will discuss the current status of these two proposals and the legal, political, and community efforts needed to stop LNG exports in Oregon.
Panelists: Daniel Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Susan Jane Brown, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Francis Eatherington, Conservation Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Lesley Adams, Western Regional Coordinator, Waterkeeper Alliance.

Endangered Species Act as a Pesticide Reform Tool (Organizer: Collette Adkins Giese) (EMU Oak)
 This panel will discuss legal strategies for holding government agencies and corporations accountable for pesticide contamination using the Endangered Species Act. Several recent and ongoing cases will be used to illustrate these strategies.
Panelists: Collette Adkins Giese, Herpetofauna Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Amanda Goodin, Senior Associate Attorney, Earthjustice; Jason Rylander, Senior Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Aimee Code, Environmental Health Associate, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides.

10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANEL 3

Building a Sustainable, Community-Oriented Food System (Organizer: Nate Bellinger) (EMU Walnut)
 Panelists will discuss how they are working to promote a more sustainable and just food system while also creating a vibrant local food culture. They will explore legal issues that both hinder and advance the mission of small farms, the importance of ensuring that small farms have reliable market access, and efforts to educate students and get them more involved in the food system.
Panelists: Harper Keeler, Director of the Urban Farm Program, Dept. of Landscape Architecture, University of Oregon; Jamie Grifo, Executive Director, Full Belly Farm; Law Office of James P. Grifo, LLC; Megan Vivenzio, Director Pacific NW for CSI Sales Solutions; Jim Gerritsen, Wood Prairie Farm.

This panel will contextualize the concept of food sovereignty by talking about food security and the right to food and explore the theoretical context for these different ways of talking about food. Additionally, panelists will use case studies from around the world to consider various approaches to implementing food sovereignty.
Panelists: Michael Fakhri, Assistant Professor, University of Oregon School of Law; Nate Bellinger, Bowerman Fellow, University of Oregon School of Law.; Patricia Allen, Chair, Department of Food Systems and Society, Marylhurst University.

The Clean Water Act on its 40th Birthday and the Supreme Court (Organizer: Chris Winter) (EMU Ben Linder)
 On the 40th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, the Supreme Court heard argument in two important citizen enforcement cases involving stormwater. The first - *NEDC v. Brown* - involves an unpermitted discharge of stormwater from logging roads. The second - *NRDC v. LA County* - involves a permit enforcement action for the discharge of municipal stormwater. The panelists will discuss the two cases, the issues involved, and what the decisions from the Supreme Court may mean for the future of Clean Water Act litigation.
Panelists: Chris Winter, Co-Executive Director, Crag Law Center; Paul Kampmeier, Staff Attorney, Washington Forest Law Center; Liz Crosson, Executive Director, LA Waterkeeper; Alison LaPlante, Staff Attorney, Earthrise Law Center.

O&C Panel: Privatizing Public Forestlands? (Organizer: Our Forests) (EMU Maple)
 Oregon's congressional delegation is attempting to de facto privatize nearly 2 million acres of heavily timbered federal forests in Western Oregon in an industry-led effort to dramatically increase federal logging. This push to log more public timber comes at a time when federal timber is selling for record low prices and private timber is being exported at record prices and volumes. Will this controversial effort significantly bolster jobs and revenues to county governments or is it just a bail out for Oregon's timber industry?
Panelists: Cristina Hubbard, Project Director, Forest Web of Cottage Grove; Roy Keene, Public Interest Forester; Kevin Matthews, Editor in Chief, ArchitectureWeek.

Concerns about Coal Around the World (Organizer: Jennifer Gleason) (EMU Metolius)
 Lawyers from Turkey, India, the Dominican Republic, and Kenya will address the impacts of coal on local communities and the environment.
Panelists: Gonca Yilmaz, Denge Ecological Life Foundation (Turkey); Shweta Narayan, Community Environmental Monitoring (India); Nelson Pimentel Reyes, INSAPROMA (Dominican Republic); Eric Mutua, Law Society of Kenya.

Staking Your Claim: Challenging the New Mining Boom (Organizer: Roger Flynn) (EMU Owyhee)
 The West is under assault from a new boom in hardrock mining, thanks to high metals prices, the 1872 Mining Law, and compliant regulating agencies. Some of the region's leading attorneys and activists will focus on the legal and organizing tools to fight projects ranging from copper and silver mines underneath Wilderness Areas in Montana, multi-metal mining near Mt. St. Helens in Washington, open pit copper mines in Arizona, and suction-dredge gold mining in Oregon.
Panelists: Matt Clifford, Attorney, Clark Fork Coalition, Missoula; Gayle Hartmann, Director, Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, Tucson; George Sexton, Attorney, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Project,

Litigation and Media Synergy - Uranium Experience (Organizer: Travis Stills) (EMU Ben Linder)

Recent uranium mining and milling campaigns in the South-western U.S., Alaska, will guide discussion of effective interplay between lawyers, media specialists, and client groups when preparing and pursuing litigation. Specific uranium litigation and administrative challenges will be featured where effective messages were developed and delivered in legal, grassroots, and media forums.

Panelists: Taylor McKinnon, *Center for Biological Diversity, Public Lands Campaigns Director*; Travis Stills, *Energy & Conservation Law, Attorney*; Carl Wassilie, *Alaska's Big Village Network*; Phil Yates, *Journalist/Media Consultant*.

Nutrient Credit Trading & the Clean Water Act: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back? (Organizer: Guy Alsentzer) (EMU Metolius)

This panel examines the genesis of nutrient credit trading under the Clean Water Act (CWA) in light of a recent challenge to trading's legality in the context of the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. Panelists will also discuss nutrient trading's nexus with the case law of Pinto Creek and practical consequences for TMDLs, the CWA, and CWA practitioners. Last, the panel will provide advocates a list of key sureties many advocates deem vital to any effective water quality trading program.

Panelists: Michele Merkel, *Co-Director, Food & Water Justice Project, Food and Water Watch*; Nina Bell, *Executive Director, Northwest Environmental Advocates*; Albert Ettinger, *Attorney*; Guy Alsentzer, *Director, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper*.

Participating in the Market Without Sacrificing Your Ethics (Organizer: Zack Mazer) (EMU Owyhee)

For environmental professionals, investing in the financial marketplace often appears to present a choice between sacrificing your personal ethics for the sake of your financial future or not investing at all. This panel will explore how environmental professionals can participate in the marketplace, build for their financial futures, and still sleep comfortably at night. Panelists will present the basics of socially responsible and green investing, including an examination of the different types of socially responsible and green investment opportunities, how socially responsible and green funds go about choosing the companies in which they invest (including a look at investing without fossil fuel stocks), the advantages of socially responsible and green investing, and how such investments have performed relative to "traditional" investments.

Panelists: John Streur, *President, Chairman of Investment Committee, Portfolio 21*; Michael Russo, *Lundquist Professor of Sustainable Management, University of Oregon, Lundquist College of Business*.

The Federal Tax Deductibility of Gifts of Water Rights (Organizer: Tom Hicks) (EMU Umpqua)

Most land owners know that when it comes to appropriative water rights, it is "use it, or lose it." This historic perspective has had the effect of maximizing water diversions from streams and rivers to preserve rights at the expense of instream conservation values. Panel participants are members of the Oregon legal team of the Instream Water Transfers Coalition, comprised of western water and tax experts who seek a binding IRS Revenue Ruling and interpretative clarification of the existing Internal Revenue Code related to the tax deductibility of gifts of entire and certain partial interest deductions of appropriative water rights. The Coalition will provide legal background for this cutting edge legal issue at the intersection of tax, water, and real property law.

Panelists: Tom Hicks, *Attorney, Resource Renewal Institute*; Christen Lambert, *Director, Water Transaction Program, Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust*; Zachary Tillman, *Program Manager, Deschutes*

River Conservancy; David Pilz, *Flow Restoration Director, The Freshwater Trust*.

Improving Air Quality in National Parks and Wilderness Areas (Organizer: Matthew Gerhart) (EMU Oak)

The Clean Air Act sets a national goal of restoring natural visibility to national parks and wilderness areas. To attain that goal, each state adopts a regional haze plan. EPA is in the process of reviewing haze plans for states across the country. Panelists will discuss the legal requirements for haze plans, the pollutants that contribute to haze, and the technologies available for controlling haze pollutants, and recent litigation over haze plans.

Panelists: Janette Brimmer, *Attorney, Earthjustice*; Andrea Issod, *Attorney, Sierra Club*; Nathan Miller, *Air Quality Analyst, National Parks Conservation Association*; Matthew Gerhart, *Attorney, Earthjustice*.

10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. • WORKSHOP 1**Navigating the Criminal Courts: A Workshop for Activists & Attorneys (Organizer: Ben Rosenfeld) (EMU Fir)**

Political activists want to be represented in a politically sensitive manner. This is a workshop and skills share for lawyers who represent activists, as well as a know your rights training inside the criminal court system for activists. Topics for lawyers include joint defense, safeguarding the client's activist communities, and embracing the politics of the case. Topics for clients include demystifying court processes, understanding your rights, and educating your lawyer about how to provide you with politically sensitive representation.

Facilitators: Ben Rosenfeld, *Civil Rights Attorney and Board Member, Civil Liberties Defense Center*; Lauren Regan, *Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center*.

Collaboration for Environmental Advocates: When, How and Why (Organizer: Sean Nolon) (EMU Maple)

Successful environmental advocates use every trick in the book to solve problems. While litigation can be a useful tool to balance power and force recalcitrant parties to the table, few problems are solved by a court intervention. True problem solving requires collaboration among all of the involved parties to come up with creative, durable, and satisfying solutions. This workshop is designed to help environmental advocates better understand what collaboration truly entails, what it can deliver, when it should be used and when it should be avoided. The instructor draws from years of experience training environmentalists, developers and government leaders in addition to his years of teaching and writing about this subject in the legal academy.

Facilitator: Sean Nolon, *Associate Professor of Law and Director, Dispute Resolution Program, Vermont Law School*.

Burning Issues with Biomass and Biofuels (Organizer: Justice Network) (EMU Rogue)

Common myths are that "biomass" incineration and biofuels are clean, renewable energy sources that can 'restore' forest health. Instead, biomass energy increasingly proves to be dirty, inefficient, and unsustainable, harming communities and the environment without addressing climate change or fossil fuel depletion. Hear from activists on the front lines, challenging proposed incinerators, where air pollution is already among the highest in the U.S. and more destructive public forest logging is planned. Learn how to protect your community and forest resources.

Facilitators: Paul Fouch, *PE, President, Save Our Rural Oregon, Klamath Falls*; Chris Zinda, *Citizen Activist, Lakeview, Oregon*; Toby Thaler, *Esq., Natural Resource Law & Policy*; Samantha Chirillo, *Our Forests and Energy Justice Network*.

12:15 • The Corvallis Raging Grannies (EMU Ballroom)**12:30 – 2:15 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (EMU Ballroom)**

Caleb Behn, Lawyer and indigenous activist featured in upcoming documentary film *Fractured Land*.

Thuli Brilliance Makama, Executive Director of Yonge Nawe - Friends of the Earth Swaziland; Founder of Legal Assistance Center (LAC).

2:30 – 3:45 P.M. • PANEL 4**Extractives in Africa - At What Cost? (Organizer: Thuli Brilliance Makama) (EMU Fir)**

Panelists will discuss the environmental, social, and human rights implications of the growing extractives industries in Africa. What benefits, if any are there for local communities?

Panelists: Nnimmo Bassey, *Environmental Rights Action (ERA)/ Friends of the Earth (Nigeria)*; Rugemeleza Nshala, *Lawyers' Environmental Action Team (Tanzania)*; Benson Owuor Ochieng, *Institute for Law and Environmental Governance (ILEG) (Kenya)*; Delphine Djiraipe, *Public Interest Law Center (Chad)*.

Tackling the Root of the Problem: Taking on Coal Mining in the American West (Organizer: Jeremy Nichols) (EMU Ben Linder)

More than 50% of the nation's coal is mined in the American West, fueling more than 200 power plants from coast to coast. A mounting share of that is being exported overseas. No matter where it's burned, there is a need to look for opportunities to stem the supply and protect the land. This panel discusses the major mining issues in the West, challenges, and new possibilities for a supply-side strategy to confronting global warming.

Panelists: Jeremy Nichols, *Climate and Energy Program Director, WildEarth Guardians*; Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, *Staff Attorney, WildEarth Guardians*; Megan Anderson, *Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center*.

Return of the Missing Lynx: Helping a Formerly Banned Wildcat Reclaim its Birthright in the West (Organizer: Matthew Bishop) (EMU Maple)

This panel will discuss efforts to ensure the long-term survival and recovery of Canada lynx throughout the species' historic range in the West. This includes an update on Colorado's effort to restore lynx to the Southern Rockies and on-going efforts to conserve lynx populations and critical habitat in Montana, where the most viable population in the Lower 48 resides.

Panelists: Matthew Bishop, *Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center*; Paige Singer, *Conservation Biologist/GIS Specialist, Rocky Mountain Wild*; Megan Mueller, *Conservation Biologist, Rocky Mountain Wild*.

Student Loan Repayment for Public Interest Lawyers (Organizer: Daniel Zummo) (EMU Metolius)

Panelists will help participants understand the public service loan forgiveness elements of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, and its provisions for manageable loan payments through Income Based Repayment. In addition, panelists will discuss the practicalities of establishing tax-exempt nonprofits.

Panelists: Daniel C. Snyder, *Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.*; Jane Steckbeck, *Associate Director for Public Service,*

University of Oregon School of Law; John Meyer, *Executive Director, Cottonwood Environmental Law Center*.

Ten Common Mistakes to Avoid in Environmental Advocacy (Organizer: Bob Rowen) (EMU Rogue)

The workshop is designed to assist environmental advocates in framing their arguments to a governing agency and creating a record for eventual litigation. After the panelists discuss ten common mistakes and ways to avoid them, there will be a general discussion where participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and discuss specific problems in framing effective arguments.

Panelists: Bob Rowen, *Vice-President Advocacy, Snowlands Network*; Laurie Rule, *Senior Attorney, Advocates for the West*.

Should Environmental Groups Promote Logging to Restore Forests? (Organizer: Our Forests) (EMU Oak)

Politicians, the timber industry, and academics from Western U.S. forestry schools are proposing more logging to restore supposedly unhealthy Western federal forests. Major environmental groups are joining into these collaborations to approve large scale logging operations across broad forest regions. Given the dismal history of logging in the West, should environmentalists cooperate with industry to increase federal logging? Has this "thinning," proven to be largely beneficial to the forest?

Panelists: Roy Keene, *Public Interest Forester, Our Forests*; George Wuerthner, *Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology*; Chad Hanson, *Executive Director, John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute*; Jon Rhodes, *Hydrologist, Planeto Azul Hydrology*.

Law, Economics, and the Inescapable Consequences of Scarce Groundwater (Organizer: Michael Weinerman) (LAW 110)

Groundwater is increasingly scarce, but current and future users of groundwater face an abundance of costs, including chemical and fertilizer contamination, drained aquifers, etc. In this climate, groundwater litigation will only increase. Prevailing as plaintiffs, however, remains a challenge in both proving liability and calculating damages. Vic Marcello, an attorney, and Ed Whitelaw, an economist, will proffer their observations on groundwater litigation, drawing on their eclectic experience and knowledge.

Panelists: Ed Whitelaw, *Founder/Principal, ECONorthwest and University of Oregon Professor Emeritus*; Vic Marcello, *Talbot, Carmouch & Marcello*.

Lawyers as Campaigners: Non-Legal Skills that Help Win Cases (Organizer: Tim Ream) (LAW 141)

Environmental cases are often only a part of a larger campaign. While some lawyers leave the non-legal campaign work to others, many find it effective to engage themselves in organizing, media work, and protest planning and implementation to achieve ultimate campaign goals. Panelists are attorneys with extensive campaigning experience that will share these skills, describe a wide variety of campaigning methods, discuss ways of integrating legal and non-legal work, and discuss the unique ethical questions that thereby arise.

Panelists: Tim Ream, *Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity*; Rebecca K. Smith, *Attorney, Public Interest Defense Center, P.C.*; Lauren C. Regan, *Attorney & Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center*.

Elk Creek Restoration Collaborative (Organizer: Stanley Petrowski) (LAW 142)

The Elk Creek South Umpqua 5th field scale restoration project is modeled after an innovative grassroots holistic approach to restoration ecology. It inculcates restoration parameters not traditionally included in western Oregon aquatic and terrestrial restoration efforts. It includes a strong avian and beaver ecology

component. It has had to mount numerous cultural and political challenges. Discussion will emphasize, the project Scope of Action, landowner perspectives and Oregon statute ORS 496.270. **Panelists:** Stanley Petrowski, Director, South Umpqua Rural Community Partnership; Marko Bey, Executive Director of the Lomakutsi Restoration Project; Dr. Ken Carloni, President, Umpqua Watersheds, David Baker, Botanist, USFS Tiller District; Leonard Houston, Chair, Beaver Advocacy Committee (SURCP); Avram Drucker, Garlicana Farm, private sector collaborative partner.

Stopping Tar Sands: Avoiding Climate and Environmental Disaster (Organizer: Jim Murphy) (LAW 175)
The issue of tar sands production gained national attention with the denial of the Keystone XL pipeline in 2012 and renewed calls to address climate change. However, Keystone XL and other tar sands projects remain a threat. This panel will discuss the climate and environmental impacts of this dirtiest of fossil fuels, and legal efforts in both the U.S. and Canada to combat tar sands development. **Panelists:** Jim Murphy, Senior Counsel, National Wildlife Federation; Anthony Swift, Attorney, International Program, Natural Resources Defense Council; Gillian McEachern, Campaigns Director, Environmental Defence Canada; Lori Ann Burd, Attorney, Portland, Oregon.

Advocacy and Litigation Through Administrative Petitions (Organizer: Catherine Kilduff) (LAW 184)
Administrative petitions, the ugly duckling of environmental litigation, can change legal and cultural paradigms. This panel will discuss the legal standards and contexts of different types of petitions involving statutes such as the Administrative Procedure Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act, and share war stories of petition work, current and past. **Panelists:** Nina Bell, Executive Director, Northwest Environmental Advocates; George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center For Food Safety; Catherine Kilduff, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity.

Sustainable Transportation Alternatives: How to Stop Building New Roads (Organizer: Jessica Bloomfield) (LAW 241)
Since the 1950s, the federal government has built roads to accommodate growing populations. The consequences have been sprawled development, increased GHG emissions, and more vehicle congestion. This problem stems from a history of federal transportation law that does not require sufficient coordination between transportation and land use planning. This panel will discuss the legal and political levers that decisionmakers can pull to solve these problems, including transit and pedestrian-oriented design, infill and mixed-use development, transportation demand strategies, and NEPA litigation. **Panelists:** Keith Bartholomew, Associate Dean, College of Architecture & Planning, University of Utah; Marianne Dugan, Attorney at Law; Rob Zako, Research Associate, Sustainable Cities Initiative.

BOOK DISCUSSION: The Snail Darter & the Dam: How Pork-Barrel Politics Endangered a Little Fish and Killed a River (Organizer: Zyg Plater) (LAW 242)
Still today environmentalists and environmental protection are jeered as “radically extreme” because of the snail darter, a small fish used by Zyg and his students under the Endangered Species Act more than thirty years ago to fight a TVA dam. Last month Lou Dobbs and Bill O’Reilly dissed the snail darter as part of their “fiscal cliff” diatribe. The book’s real story reveals the hypocrisy of anti-environmentalists, the dysfunctions of congressional politics, and a heart-warming story of small family farmers carrying an environmental case through the Supreme Court and the novel God Committee.

Environmental Collaborative Governance: A Roundtable Discussion of the Practice, Its Payoffs, Pitfalls, and Prospects (Organizer: Jessica Hejny) (LAW 243)
Collaborative governance emerged as an alternative to traditional policymaking that avoids the protracted, antagonistic legal battles and zero-sum outcomes characteristic of contemporary environmental policy-making. But does collaboration really offer a better policy-making process and enhanced environmental protection? What principles and assumptions ground the practice of collaboration? What are the conditions that make it successful? What are the legal consequences of moving environmental policy-making out of the halls of legislatures and also away from judicial oversight? What are the potential dangers of this move? Join this roundtable discussion to examine the answers to these questions and more. **Facilitators:** Susan Jane Brown, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Elizabeth Spaulding, Public Policy Facilitator/Mediator, Ruckelshaus Institute; Matthew Koehler, Executive Director, Wild-West Institute; Jessica Hejny, Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, University of Oregon.

Constitutional Environmental Rights (Organizer: Ximena Ramos Pedrueza Ceballos) (LAW 281)
The panelists will discuss the situation and the importance of substantive and procedural environmental rights in a constitutional law context. They will analyze the content of this kind of rights and how they have been recognized in Constitutions, laws, or judicial decisions in some countries like Australia and Canada, and how they will continue developing at a regional level. **Panelists:** Ximena Ramos Pedrueza Ceballos, University of Oregon, LL.M. Candidate 2013; Noni Austin, University of Oregon, LL.M. Candidate 2013; James R. May, B.S.M.E., CEIT, J.D., LL.M, Esq., Professor of Law, Co-Director, Environmental Law Center, Professor of Graduate Engineering (Adjunct), Widener University; Justin Duncan, Eastern Program Director and staff lawyer, Ecojustice.

Sea Level Rise and Habitat Protection (Organizer: Jaclyn Lopez) (Many Nations Longhouse)
Sea-level rise is impacting coastal areas, resulting in a squeeze of coastal habitats that is made all the more challenging by human development practices. Most at risk are coastal species already imperiled by existing threats. The panel will review how federal, state, and local governments are and should respond. **Panelists:** Jaclyn Lopez, Center for Biological Diversity; Richard Grosso, Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Clinic, Nova Southeastern University.

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Wolverines and the Endangered Species Act (Organizer: John Mellgren) (EMU Fir)
This panel will discuss the wolverine from a biological and legal perspective. Panelists will discuss the recent proposal to list the wolverine under the ESA, efforts to protect the wolverine and its habitat in the Northwest, Montana, and Colorado, halting trapping of wolverine, and ESA 10(j) reintroduction efforts. **Panelists:** John Mellgren, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Shiloh Hernandez, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Megan Mueller, Senior Conservation Biologist, Rocky Mountain Wild; Paige Singer, Conservation Biologist, Rocky Mountain Wild.

EPA, Environmental Justice and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (Organizer: Chris Winter) (EMU Walnut)
Citizens and advocates have for many years looked to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act as a key legal tool in achieving environmen-

tal justice for their communities. EPA plays a key role in enforcing Title VI but has come under heavy criticism based on its past performance. Panelists will discuss the history of EPA enforcement of Title VI, past and current litigation, and recent developments under the leadership of Administrator Jackson. **Panelists:** Chris Winter, Co-Executive Director, Crag Law Center; Brent Newell, Legal Director, Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment; Marianne Engelman Lado, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice.

Preserving Citizen Enforcement of Environmental Laws (Organizer: Patti Goldman) (EMU Ben Linder)
This country has a rich history of citizens enforcing environmental laws, but we are seeing attacks both in Congress and in the courts on access to courts, the ability to hold environmental wrongdoers accountable, the courts’ power to remedy wrongs, and attorneys fees for those who prevail. The legislative attacks are mounting with riders blocking judicial challenges, bills that erect obstacles to consent decrees and settlements, and bills that would limit attorneys fees. In the courts, conservative jurists are erecting obstacles through restrictive standing and justiciability doctrines, procedural obstacles to obtaining judicial review, and limitations on rights and remedies. This panel will review the legislative and judicial attacks on citizen enforcement and strategies to counter the attacks, as well as the political machinations that have slowed and blocked appointments to the federal bench. **Panelists:** Patti Goldman, Vice President for Litigation, Earthjustice; Joe Steinberg, Legislative Counsel, Alliance for Justice; Sean Helle, Access to the Courts Lobbyist, Earthjustice.

Factory Farm Year in Review (Organizer: Tarah Heinzen) (EMU Maple)
This panel will address progress and setbacks in federal factory farm pollution regulations over the past year, as well as upcoming opportunities in 2013. Topics will include EPA’s proposal and withdrawal of a critical Clean Water Act CAFO information reporting rule, amendments to EPA’s Clean Water Act regulations following *National Pork Producers Council v. EPA*, progress in EPA’s effort to establish CAFO air emissions factors, and the impact of *Waterkeeper Alliance v. Hudson Farms* on establishing integrator liability for CAFO water pollution. **Panelists:** Tarah Heinzen, Attorney, Environmental Integrity Project; Hannah Connor, Staff Attorney, The Humane Society of the United States; Michele Merkel, Food & Water Justice Co-Director, Food & Water Watch; Scott Edwards, Food & Water Justice Co-Director, Food & Water Watch.

Real World Applications of Ecosystem-Based Management to Ocean and Coastal Challenges (Organizer: Ashley Erickson) (EMU Metolius)
The continued decline of ocean health necessitates the incorporation of best available science, including ecosystem based management (EBM) into coastal and ocean management decisions. Using the Center for Ocean Solutions’ recent Ecological Principles Guide, participants will discuss creative methods for applying EBM principles with particular emphasis on available legal and regulatory authorities. Although panelists will present a California perspective, the discussion will feature lessons applicable to all United States coastal and marine systems. **Panelists:** Ashley Erickson, Early Career Law and Policy Fellow, Center for Ocean Solutions; Jonna Engel, Staff Ecologist, California Coastal Commission; Leila Monroe, Staff Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council.

Looking Back for the Future: Why Traditional Environmental Law is Still Relevant (Organizer: Michael Harris) (EMU Oak)
There are a lot of existing environmental statutes that, if properly implemented, could help in addressing some of today’s most

pressing environmental issues, most notably climate change. This panel would examine how existing law has been overlooked by those seeking new legal mechanisms to address today’s problems, and why we should, at least in part, be working to more vigorously enforce existing legal requirements. **Panelists:** Janette Brimmer, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Teresa Clemmer, Of Counsel, Besseney & Van Tuyan, LLC; Peter Morgan, Staff Attorney, Sierra Club Environmental Law Program; Emily Collins, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law Environmental Law Clinic.

Beating Coal (Organizer: Amanda Starbuck) (LAW 110)
Presentation will focus on how to integrate the use of litigation and organizing strategies in securing victories against the coal industry in Central Appalachia. Case studies will include: the Mingo County Coal Slurry Mass Litigation which resulted in the largest toxic tort settlement ever against a U.S. coal company, clean water lines run to the plaintiffs, and the establishment of a \$5 million medical monitoring trust; the recently-introduced Appalachian Community Health Emergency Act; and the financial impacts of Patriot Coal’s selenium cleanup obligations for their mountaintop removal coal mine sites. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of future opportunities for aspiring attorneys and organizers interested in working in this area. **Panelists:** Amanda Starbuck, Energy & Finance Program Director, Rainforest Action Network; Nick Getzen, Senior Research Analyst on the Mingo County Coal Slurry Mass Litigation.

Environmental Sustainability and Justice -- South and North (Organizer: John Dernbach) (LAW 141)
This panel brings diverse perspectives to bear on the question of sustainability and equity. The panel will explain that unsustainable development is also unjust development, and that sustainability provides a broad set of tools for achieving environmental justice. Two case studies will be used: 1) dams and mines on indigenous lands in the Brazilian Amazon, and 2) the benefits and burdens of wildlife protection in Tanzania. **Panelists:** John Dernbach, Distinguished Professor of Law, Widener University Law School; Co-Director, Widener Environmental Law Center; Fernanda Salgueiro Borges, Lecturer in Law, PhD Student Mackenzie Presbyterian University – SP; Professor of Environmental Law, Lawyer and Legal Consultant; Elijfuraha Laltaika, Lecturer in Law, Tumaini University Makumira, Arusha, Tanzania.

How to be an Activist Attorney (Organizer: Lauren Regan) (LAW 142)
Three attorneys who have successfully combined litigation work with frontlines grassroots activism will discuss how to start up your practice and keep it running, and how to avoid ethical or legal pitfalls while working with activists within the campaign context. They will also discuss how to work hard and gain experience without burning out, and why we need more lawyers taking on this work. **Panelists:** Lauren Regan, Director & Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Rebecca Smith, Attorney, Public Interest Defense Center; Charlie Tebbutt, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt.

Legal and Policy Changes to the Northwest Forest Plan (Organizer: Steve Holmer) (LAW 175)
Panelists will discuss recent rule changes and proposed revisions to the Northwest Forest Plan including the final Northern Spotted Owl Critical Habitat rule that promotes logging in owl critical habitat, the proposed Marbled Murrelet consent decree to eliminate critical habitat until 2018, and proposed changes to land management plans to eliminate owl reserves and promote logging in mature forests needed to provide future old growth. The panel will offer a critique of current Obama administration

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policies and make recommendations for protecting the ancient forest ecosystem to leave a magnificent and beautiful legacy for future generations of Americans.

Panelists: Doug Heiken, Conservation and Restoration Coordinator, Oregon Wild; Susan Jane Brown, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Kristen Boyles, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Dominick DellaSala, Ph.D.; President & Chief Scientist, Geos Institute.

Mining Impacts in Latin America and the Caribbean (Organizer: Liz Mitchell) (LAW 184)

With historically high metal prices, mining companies are assertively moving into new areas of Latin America and the Caribbean. Lawyers from the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and Mexico will discuss their efforts to counter mining's growing threat to forests, water resources, biodiversity, and local communities.

Panelists: Alberto Gómez Barreiro, GAIA (Uruguay); Maria Llano Blanco, Defensa Ambiental del Noroeste (Mexico); Maritza Reynoso Santos, INSAPROMA (Dominican Republic); Felix Nova Paulino, Senator of the Republic (Dominican Republic).

Shutting Down Nuclear Plants (Organizer: Wally Taylor) (LAW 241)

Nuclear power is dirty, dangerous and expensive. The process favors the industry and is often daunting. This panel will discuss strategies for shutting down nuclear reactors, including how to use NRC Rule 2.206 petitions to revoke, suspend, or modify a reactor license. We will also discuss how to intervene in relicensing proceedings and what issues to present, an increasingly relevant topic as our aging fleet becomes eligible for relicensing - thirty-one of the reactors in the U.S. have the same design and face similar risks from flooding and earthquakes as in Fukushima.

Panelists: Wally Taylor, Attorney; Paul Gunter, Director, Reactor Oversight Project, Beyond Nuclear; Deborah Brancato, Staff Attorney, Riverkeeper.

The BIGGEST Ticket for Restoring Public Lands in the Face of Climate Change: Curbing Livestock Grazing (Organizer: Dave Becker) (LAW 242)

Climate change impacts on public lands will increase even as greenhouse gas emissions decline, curtailing ecosystem functions and endangering imperiled species. Elimination of livestock grazing—which profoundly degrades ecosystems and exacerbates climate change effects—can effectively reverse many of these impacts. Eliminating this most pervasive use of public lands is the most effective and large-scale approach to help ecosystems become less vulnerable to climate change damage. Panelists will discuss recent scientific developments and legal strategies for curbing public lands grazing.

Panelists: Dr. Robert L. Beschta, Professor Emeritus, Oregon State University; Jonathan J. Rhodes, Conservation Hydrologist, Planeto Azul Hydrology; Dave Becker, Law Office of David H. Becker, LLC.

Social Media and Environmental Law (Organizer: Andrew Gage) (LAW 243)

Social media is now mainstream. Join us for a roundtable discussion of how public interest environmental lawyers are using social media to provoke public discussion, to network and to advance our goals. Bring your experiences, questions and ideas. **Facilitator:** Andrew Gage, Staff Lawyer & Twitter Moot Administrator, West Coast Environmental Law; Mike Stark, Communications Director, Center for Biological Diversity.

Preserving Wild Salmon in the Face of Hatcheries (Organizer: Pete Frost) (Many Nations Longhouse)

This panel will discuss current science, policies, and federal court cases related to the interactions between fish hatcheries and wild salmon runs listed under the ESA.

Panelists: Toby Thaler, Attorney, Seattle, WA; Pete Frost, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Joe Bushyhead, J.D. Candidate, University of Oregon School of Law; Kaitlin Lovell, Native Fish Society.

5:30 – 7:15 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (EMU Ballroom)

Jim Gerritson, Owner of Wood Prairie Farm and President of the Organic Seed Growers and Trade Association (OSGATA).

John C. Cruden, President, Environmental Law Institute and former Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

7:30 - 9:30 P.M. L.A.W. STUDENT RECEPTION (Living Learning Center South, Performance Hall)

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

Co-Sponsors: University of Oregon Student Sustainability Fund

8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. PIELC CELEBRATION (Wheeler Pavilion, Lane County Fairgrounds)

This year PIELC will host our Celebration at Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane County Fairgrounds! Mingle with fellow environmental attorneys, activists, students, and professors. Enjoy snacks from WildDuck Catering, beer from local breweries, and music by GrooveTooth and the Alder Street All Stars!! In an effort to reduce waste, we ask everyone to bring a glass for beer or buy a PIELC pint glass for \$6 at the door. Tickets are \$10 online when you register for the conference. Tickets will be available at the door for \$12 cash or check only. A shuttle bus will run from the West end of the law school to Wheeler Pavilion every half hour starting at 7:30 p.m. Last shuttle leaves Wheeler Pavilion at 12:00 a.m. Downtown drop-off/pick-up on the way at the Hilton Hotel 7th Ave. turn-out.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Ethics Workshop (8:15 a.m. - 10:15) (Organizer: Lisa Belenky) (LAW 175)

This panel will present an overview of ethical issues faced by public interest attorneys through a discussion of current ethical rules in various states, with an emphasis on Oregon's ethical rules. Topics will include working with experts, confidentiality, electronic discovery, litigation holds, spoliation of evidence, and attorney-client relationships, among others. Ethics credits pre-approved in Oregon; check for other state reporting requirements. Coffee and pastries will be provided, please bring a reusable mug for coffee if you are able.

Panelists: Lisa Belenky, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Ralph Bloemers, Co-Executive Director & Staff Attorney, Crag Law Center; Michael V. Nixon, Lawyer -Strategist-Consultant; Rachel Doughty, Attorney, Greenfire Law.

8:30 – 10:15 A.M. • WORKSHOP 2

Move to Amend: A New Constitution for a New Society and Ecology (Organizer: Ashley Sanders) (LAW 184)

Join members of Move to Amend's national leadership team -

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Ashley Sanders and Ben Manski - in this three-part workshop that tackles both corporate capitalism and the U.S. Constitution. We dig into the history of people's struggles over personhood, natural rights, and the privileges of corporate elites. We make plain the corporation and its relation to both the natural world and the state. We bring participants up to date on the incredible progress being made in winning passage of the We the People Amendment. And we discuss together and begin to create a new founding document - a new constitution - that protects the power and the interests of people and planet. Move to Amend is the nation's leading coalition working to abolish corporate constitutional rights and "money as speech" (Move to Amend.org).

Facilitators: Ashley Sanders, National Executive Committee member of Move to Amend and Leadership Team Member of Peaceful Uprising; Ben Manski, National Executive Committee Member of Move to Amend and Executive Director of Liberty Tree.

9:00 – 10:15 • PANEL 6

Keep Nestlé Out of the Gorge: Legal and Campaign Update (Organizer: Julia DeGraw) (EMU Fir)

For over three years Food & Water Watch with a coalition of groups from across the state called the Keep Nestlé Out of the Gorge Coalition have been fighting to keep a Nestlé water bottling plant out of the Columbia River Gorge. Over 30,000 Oregonians have taken action on this campaign calling on the governor, the Oregon Water Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to put a stop to a Nestlé water bottling proposal. Part of this fight includes challenging three applications submitted by ODFW to OWRD and the legal fight over a portion of the first application is currently underway. This panel will give background and updates, and offer ways to engage on the campaign, as well as offer an update from the Crag Law Center staff attorney, Courtney Johnson, on the ongoing legal strategy.

Panelists: Julia DeGraw, Northwest Organizer, Food & Water Watch; Courtney Johnson, Staff Attorney, Crag Law Center; Dawn Winalski, Attorney, Keep Nestle Out of the Gorge Coalition

Little Fish, Big Deal (Organizer: Tara Gallagher) (EMU Ben Linder)

Forage fish are the lifeblood of the ocean ecosystem providing an important link in the food chain and serving as the primary source of protein for larger fish, marine mammals and seabirds. However, these important little fish are under increasing pressure as global demand for protein rises. This panel will discuss new research on forage species, the current state of management under state and federal law, the legal battles being fought and what's on the horizon for these little fish that are a very big deal.

Panelists: Steve Marx, Senior Associate, Pacific Fish Conservation Campaign, Pew Environment Group; Whit Sheard, Pacific Counsel and Senior Advisor, Oceana; Selina Heppel, Associate Professor, Dept. Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University and member of the Lenfest Forage Fish Task Force; Jessica Hamilton Keys, Vice President, Strategies 360.

Unpaving Paradise: Fighting Freeways Through Advocacy, Organizing, and Litigation (Organizer: Aruna Prabhala) (EMU Maple)

New freeways and expanding existing roads often raise issues of environmental justice, land use planning, preservation of habitat for threatened species, and limiting further urban sprawl. However fighting road building projects can be a difficult and challenging task with competing interests and multiple parties. Panelists will share recent strategies, successes and lessons learned in their organizing, advocacy, and litigation efforts to fight freeway and

road construction while also starting a conversation on how best to move forward.

Panelists: Aruna Prabhala, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Maya-Golden Krasner, Staff Attorney, Communities for a Better Environment; Jeff Miller, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity.

Unsustainable Energy Development & Infrastructure Challenges (Organizer: Guy Alsentzer) (EMU Alsea)

Focusing on three case-studies of coal, tar sands, and shale gas development, panelists will connect the dots between resource development and export, relevance to controlling greenhouse gas emissions, and respective environmental impacts. Panelists will discuss legal challenges and strategies, particularly to infrastructure, aimed at stopping or mitigating the impacts of unsustainable energy development.

Panelists: Jack Tuholske, Attorney, Tuholske Law Offices, PC; Jim Murphy, Senior Counsel, National Wildlife Federation; Guy Alsentzer, Staff Attorney, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper.

CGS: Last Nuclear Plant standing in the Pacific Northwest (Organizer: Leslie March) (EMU Metolius)

Columbia Generating Station (CGS) is the remaining relic from the WPPS debacle of the 1980's. This panel presents a compelling case that continuing to operate CGS is an economic and physical risk to the clean energy future that we in the Northwest envision.

Panelists: Leslie March, Core Team Leader, Sierra Club Nuclear Free Campaign; Charles Johnson, Director, Joint Task Force on Nuclear Power; Nancy Matela, Alliance For Democracy; Miriam German, No Nukes NW.

Why We Should Ditch the Ditch Bill: Wilderness Dams and the Impact of Easements (Organizer: Elizabeth W. Erickson) (EMU Oak)

This panel will discuss the increasing trend of Forest Service issuance of easements under the Colorado Ditch Bill Act for water conveyance systems in National Forest Wilderness. The discussion will cover the practical and legal implications of such easements using the example of several wilderness dams in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness of Montana.

Panelists: Elizabeth Erickson, Attorney, Erickson Law Office, PLLC; Talasi Brooks, J.D. Candidate, University of Montana School of Law; Dana Johnson, Attorney, Northern Rockies Justice Center, PLLC; George Nickas, Executive Director, Wilderness Watch.

Galvanizing Today's Youth: Law Students Teaching Environmental Law to Undergraduate & High School Students (Organizer: Erin Bay Toft-Dupuy and Zyg Plater) (LAW 110)

This panel presents a variety of environmental law-teaching (EL-T) options—including courses taught by law students—that focus on introducing undergraduate or high school students to environmental law and policy with a goal of raising the legal sophistication of the young and planting the seeds of effective activism. The panelists will prompt the audience to consider initiating and implementing this kind of environmental law educational program. Panelists will discuss programs which have been successfully implemented including: Boston College Law School's Environmental Law Teaching Program; similar programs at Michigan, Tennessee & Wayne State; University of Oregon School of Law; and Splash, a nationwide college program led by undergraduate students who offer a variety of courses to eager high school students. Materials will be distributed.

Panelists: Christine Hein, Wrenn Bender McKown & Ring; Kyle Loring, Friends of the San Juans; Sharon Jacobs, Climenko Fellows Program, Harvard Law; Laura King, currently teaching EL-T.

Utility Regulation and the Fight Against Coal (Organizer: Sarah Jackson) (LAW 141)

Coal-fired power plants in the United States are responsible for roughly one tenth of the world's CO2 emissions. These plants are owned and operated by regulated monopoly utilities that have a financial motivation to continue operating their existing plants, even when continued operation is uneconomical. Panelists will address the basics of utility regulation, motivations of utilities, the role of resource planning in utility decision-making, key assumptions that drive coal power economics, and implications for the electric power system. The panelists have experience with the economic, technical, legal, and policy aspects of utility planning and coal, bringing a national perspective as well as specific experience in utility cases in Oregon, Idaho, and throughout the U.S.

Panelists: Rachel Wilson, Associate at Synapse Energy Economics; Ben Otto, Energy Associate at Idaho Conservation League; Bob Jenks, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Oregon.

Is it Really Legal to Poison Our Forests? (Organizer: Lisa Arkin) (LAW 142)

Oregon law prevents public access to pesticide spray records kept by private forestry companies, making the study of pesticide applications on commercial timber land impossible. Beyond Toxics gained access to three years of data and subsequently used GIS mapping software to determine patterns of geographic and chemical characteristics. This is a first-of-its-kind study of pesticide use in forestry. Panelists will discuss methodology and data analyses, and how the data can be used to support the Endangered Species Act.

Panelists: Laurie Bernstein, Beyond Toxics, member; Eron King, OR Pesticide Action Workgroup, member; Bobbi Lindberg, Beyond Toxics, Board; Lisa Arkin, Director, Beyond Toxics.

Frontlines Activist Defense Updates (Organizer: Lauren Regan) (LAW 241)

Activists and attorneys alike: come hear about new legislation, cases, and prosecutorial tactics that impact both environmental and animal rights campaigns and actions. Two experienced activist attorneys provide updates and insights from the frontlines to the courtroom.

Panelists: Lauren Regan, Director & Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Jenn Kaplan, Attorney, Law Office of Gilbert Levy.

Here's Your Future: Building Goals for Environmental Law and Policy (Organizer: Scott Schang) (LAW 243)

By 2050, today's law students will be entering the final stages of their careers. There will be 9 billion people on Earth, likely with no new resources to support them. Join this roundtable discussion to inform the Environment 2050 project on the future of environmental protection: What impact do you hope to have by the time you retire? What will the most pressing issues be? What environmental goals can society realistically attain by 2050? What are the metrics of success?

Panelists: John Cruden, President, Environmental Law Institute; John Bonine, Bernard B. Kliks Professor, University of Oregon School of Law.

Protecting the Human Right to Water: A Global Perspective (Organizer: Pedro Leon Gutierrez) (Many Nations Longhouse)

Access to clean water is under threat around the world. Lawyers from Guatemala, Mexico, Haiti and the Philippines will discuss urgent issues facing their communities.

Panelists: Jeanette Herrera de Noack, Alianza de Derecho Ambiental y Agua (Guatemala); Raquel Gutiérrez Nájera, Instituto de Derecho Ambiental (Mexico); Jennifer Ramos, Duremdes, Teves, Sagmit, Ramos & Partners (Philippines); Clevens Sanon, AHDEN (Haiti).

10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANEL 7

What's In Your Compost, Food, and Forests? (Organizer: Darlene Schanfeld) (EMU Fir)

The Clean Water Act implemented 40 years ago disallowed dumping municipal and industrial waste into water bodies. Municipal plants sprung up to "treat" waste, but not for most of the waste constituents. The waste is cycled back into water bodies as treatment plant effluents, and runoff of the toxic solids is sold as compost/fertilizers for gardens, farm, and forest lands. Panelists will cover health and environmental consequences of these practices and what consumers of fertilizers should know.

Panelists: Darlene Schanfeld, Ph.D., Sludge Free WA Coordinator, WA State Sierra Club Chapter; Richard C. Honour, Ph.D., Executive Director, The Precautionary Group; Patricia Anne Martin, Executive Director, Safe Food and Fertilizer.

Offshore Oil Leasing—Slowing the Rush to Drill (Organizer: Denise Grab) (EMU Walnut)

Both before and since 2010's massive Gulf oil spill, communities and tribes as well as indigenous rights and conservation groups have worked to limit offshore oil drilling to only those projects that can be conducted responsibly. The Interior Department ignores key factors in granting leases, including the option value of waiting to drill in the face of uncertainty, resulting in too many leases being granted at too low a price. Panelists will discuss past and current regulatory and litigation efforts to ensure responsible decisionmaking in offshore oil leasing.

Panelists: Denise Grab, Legal Fellow, Institute for Policy Integrity; Holly Harris, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Monica Reimer, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Whit Sheard, Counsel and Senior Advisor, Oceana, Pacific.

Rethinking Forest Health (Organizer: George Wuerthner) (EMU Ben Linder)

The panel will discuss new insights to forest ecology that may seem counter-intuitive to most people. Forest thinning is generally ineffective for reducing fire spread since most large blazes are weather driven, not fuel driven events. Plus, rather than suppress fires, we need more fires since the second highest biodiversity is found in burned forests after stand replacement fires. Bark beetles do not increase fire risk. Dead trees are a sign of "forest health." Rather than too many wildfires, from a historic perspective we actually have a shortage of large fires. Most of these insights are ignored by federal agencies who use fear of bark beetles and wildfires to justify additional logging on federal lands. These and many other insights that challenge traditional views of forests will be outlined by panelists.

Panelists: George Wuerthner, Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology; Chad Hanson, Executive Director, John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute; Dennis Odion, Ecologist.

Media Matters: The Press and Public Interest Initiatives (Organizer: Adam Keats) (EMU Maple)

Public interest environmental efforts are often strategically affected by media coverage. An effective media strategy can influence the public, decision-makers, and even sometimes judges and juries, and can end up being the difference between winning and losing. This panel of seasoned veterans of national and local media campaigns will explore these dynamics and offer important tips for lawyers and environmental activists when organizing campaigns, including discussing techniques that work for us and countering techniques employed by our opponents.

Panelists: Zygmunt Plater, Professor of Law, Boston College Law School; Mike Stark, Communications Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Julia Olson, Executive Director, Our Children's Trust; Riki Ott; Author and Activist.

Underwriters Underwater (Organizer: Gabriel Monroe) (EMU Alesa)

The many risks to society driven by anthropogenic climate change include a threat to the long-term viability of the risk-sharing industry itself. Both private and government-driven disaster insurance models will likely require financial restructuring or subsidization to remain viable in the face of anthropogenic climate change. This panel will bring together scholars and practitioners working to explore legal and regulatory strategies for optimizing risk management and response in the context of climate change and extreme weather events.

Panelists: Anastasia Telesetsky, Associate Professor of Law, University of Idaho, College of Law; Sean Hecht, Executive Director, Environmental Law Center, UCLA School of Law; Frank G. Wells, Co-director, Environmental Law Clinic.

Getting Down in the Weeds with Oregon Wetlands Regulations (Organizer: Nick Klingensmith) (EMU Metolius)

The Oregon state wetlands program can play a bigger role in determining the fate of wetlands than its more well-known federal counterpart. This panel will describe the general structure of Oregon's wetlands program, and will explore the planning process cities use to integrate wetlands protections into local land use regulations. It also will cover practical aspects of how wetlands regulations are applied in the field, including permitting processes and mitigation requirements.

Panelists: Jevra Brown, Wetlands Specialist with Oregon Department of State Lands Wetlands Conservation/Planning Program; Nick Klingensmith, Law Office of Bill Kloos; Nancy Holzhauser, Ecologist and Owner, Environmental Solutions LLC.

Whistleblowers in the Nuclear Age: Supporting Agents of Change (Organizer: Meredith Crafton) (EMU Rogue)

Experienced attorneys will discuss the effectiveness and shortcomings of state and federal laws meant to protect employees who disclose information regarding illegality, fraud, mismanagement, abuse of power, wrongdoing, or danger to public and environmental health and safety. Panelists will share whistleblower advocacy strategies from years of litigation, mediation and public information campaigns. Special emphasis on the Hanford Nuclear Site, the nation's largest, most contaminated nuclear waste cleanup project located on the Columbia River in southeastern Washington.

Panelists: Dana Gold, Government Accountability Project, Senior Fellow & Director, the American Whistleblower Campaign; Jack Sheridan, MacDonald Hoague and Bayless; Tom Carpenter, Hanford Challenge, Executive Director; Moderated by Meredith Crafton.

Using Courts to Protect America's Last Red Wolves (Organizer: Tara Zuardo) (EMU Oak)

The red wolf once ranged throughout the eastern and south-central United States. Designated as an endangered species in 1967, it was declared extinct in the wild in 1980. In 1987, an experimental population of wolves was reintroduced into eastern North Carolina. Panelists will discuss the case history of the wolves' reintroduction into the state, the wolf recovery program, threats posed by coyote night hunting in the state, and our case to bring a claim for their protection under the ESA.

Panelists: Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney, Animal Welfare Institute; Derb Carter, Senior Attorney & Director, Chapel Hill Office, Southern Environmental Law Center; Jason Rylander, Senior Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Kim Wheeler, Executive Director, Red Wolf Coalition.

Current Issues in Chinese Environmental Law and Policy: Part I (Organizer: Robert Liberty) (LAW 110)

China's rapid and massive industrialization and urbanization has lifted hundreds of millions of Chinese out of poverty. But just as in the West, this change has come with very serious impacts on the land, air and waters of China and of the world. The panelists will discuss three topics; climate change mitigation, public interest pollution tort law and its effect on environmental law and policy and China's efforts to build eco-cities to minimize the environmental impact of urbanization.

Panelists: Xu Xiangmin, Dean, Ocean University School of Law and Politics, Qingdao, China; Wang Canfa, Director, Center for Legal Assistance for Pollution Victims and Professor, China University of Politics and Law, Beijing, China; Yizhao Yang, Professor, University of Oregon Department of Public Policy, Planning and Management.

Transitioning From Fossil Fuels (Organizer: Caitlin Lynch) (LAW 141)

Reducing use and power generation from coal and natural gas is an essential step for a sustainable energy future. Thoughtfully preparing for that transition is important as we continue to incorporate alternatives to traditional fossil fuels into our grid. What economic analysis is needed to determine coal plant operational costs, clean air investments, and conversions? What types of policies and advocacy will address the consequences of coal plant closure? What policies are needed to successfully integrate renewables? What continuing evaluation of coal plants is necessary for future closures? What are different regions doing to address these questions? What are the opportunities and challenges?

Panelists: James Fine, Senior Economist, Environmental Defense Fund; Henry Robertson, Staff Attorney, Great Rivers Environmental Law Center; Shana Lazerow, Staff Attorney, Communities for a Better Environment.

Legal Challenges to Biological Opinions under the Endangered Species Act (Organizer: Marc Fink) (LAW 142)

For proposed federal actions or permits that may adversely affect endangered species, the expert agencies are required by the Endangered Species Act to prepare a biological opinion to address whether the action may jeopardize the species or adversely modify its critical habitat, and to establish measures for minimizing species impacts. The panelists will discuss the legal requirements of biological opinions and unique issues relevant to judicial challenges, and will provide an overview of the case law involving legal challenges to biological opinions.

Panelists: Marc Fink, Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Howard Crystal, Attorney, Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal; Kristen Boyles, Attorney, Earthjustice.

Protecting Communities From The Impacts of Oil Drilling and Hydraulic Fracturing (Organizer: Damon Nagami) (LAW 175)

Panelists will discuss various ways communities and local jurisdictions have attempted to protect themselves from the impacts of oil and gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing. Examples include passing local bans/moratoria on fracking, creating local permit requirements, passing local zoning ordinances that include drilling and fracking safeguards, participating in the state administrative rulemaking process, lobbying for state legislation, and pursuing litigation. While the focus is primarily on California, examples from other Western states will also be discussed.

Panelists: Damon Nagami, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council; George Torgun, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Jonathan Evans, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Seth B. Shonkoff, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Physicians, Scientists, & Engineers for Healthy Energy.

Animal Factories & Antibiotic Resistance: What's at Stake and What's Being Done to Turn the Tide? (Organizer: Bruce Myers) (LAW 184)

Antibiotic resistance represents a growing threat to human health. With the connection now established between the use of antibiotics in healthy food animals and the crisis of antibiotic resistance in people, what's being done? Panelists will explain the science, examine the drivers of this problem, and survey recent legal and policy developments bearing on the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in animals—from litigation to administrative (in) action to proposed legislation.

Panelists: Avinash Kar, Attorney, Health Program, Natural Resources Defense Council; Martin Donohoe, MD, FACP, Physicians for Social Responsibility; Bruce Myers, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute.

False Claims Acts: Another Tool for Environmental Lawyers (Organizer: Timothy J. McInnis) (LAW 241)

This panel will answer three fundamental questions concerning the use of False Claims Acts in environmental law cases: When can such a case be filed? How do you go about filing one? And, why would it be either advantageous or disadvantageous to do so? *Panelists: Timothy J. McInnis, McInnis Law; David A. Nicholas, Attorney; Neil J. Evans, Assistant U.S. Attorney, US Atty's Office District of Oregon.*

What Lawyers and Activists Need to Know About Grand Juries (Organizer: Lauren Regan) (LAW 242)

Grand juries are one of the tactics used by the feds to disrupt and neutralize political dissidents and their movements. No one is immune from potentially being targeted by a grand jury; and once subpoenaed, an activist may be forced to choose between their movement or jail. Activist attorneys and activists subpoenaed and jailed for resisting grand juries will be on hand to share their insights and updated information.

Panelists: Lauren Regan, Director & Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Jenn Kaplan, Attorney, Law Office of Gilbert Levy; Jeff Hogg, grand jury resister; nurse; Ben Rosenfeld, Attorney, Board Member, Civil Liberties Defense Center.

Sea Level Rise -- Addressing Potential Impacts with Local Solutions (Organizer: Kyle Loring) (LAW 243)

Although sea levels are rising globally, cities and counties often avoid comprehensively addressing the potential impacts of those rising seas, including the financially costly destruction human infrastructure and the ecologically costly destruction of natural habitat. This panel will turn to a roundtable discussion after first hearing about: (1) sea level rise predictions for the Pacific northwest; (2) a case study of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community response to the threat of sea level rise; and (3) generally applicable laws and legal doctrines.

Facilitators: Eric Grossman, Research Geologist and Tribal Liaison, U.S. Geological Survey; Scott Andrews, Environmental Management Coordinator, Swinomish Tribe; Kyle Loring, Staff Attorney, Friends of the San Juans.

Forests and Protected Areas Under Threat: International Perspectives (Organizer: Liz Mitchell) (LAW 281)

The world's forests and protected areas support clean water sources, biodiversity, and healthy communities. Advocates from Pakistan, Chile, Guatemala, and India who are working to safeguard forests and protected areas will share their experiences. *Panelists: Qazi Ali Athar, Environmental Attorney (Pakistan); Ezio Costa Cordella, Fiscalia del Medio Ambiente (Chile); Rahul Choudhary, Legal Initiative for Forest & Environment (India); Estuardo Noack, Alianza de Derecho Ambiental y Agua (Guatemala).*

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

Hilton Kelley, Founder and Director, Community In-power and Development Association (CIDA) and environmental justice activist.

Thomas Linzey, Attorney and Executive Director, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF); Co-founder, Daniel Pennock Democracy School.

2:00 – 5:00 P.M. • MCGOWAN GROVE HIKE

Explore a threatened ancient forest remnant, a half-hour drive from PIELC. Interpretive grove walk led by public interest forester Roy Keene. Involves some rough off-trail terrain. Recommended for moderately experienced hikers. Dress warmly, wear boots. Transportation provided: 19-person limit. A van will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. from the West entrance to the law school.

2:30 – 3:45 P.M. • PANEL 8**Eliminating Corporate Rights and Driving the Rights of Nature into Law (Organizer: Thomas Linzey) (EMU Fir)**

This panel, led by plenary presenter Thomas Linzey of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), will focus on how over a hundred municipal governments in the United States have adopted local laws that directly challenge corporate rights while recognizing the rights of nature. The panel will consist of Thomas Linzey and Kai Huschke, the Washington Coordinator for CELDF, and will offer nuts-n-bolts organizing experiences for those who want to replicate this work in their own community.

Panelists: Thomas Alan Linzey, Executive Director, CELDF; Kai Huschke, WA Coordinator, CELDF.

Pro Se and Proud! People Without Attorneys Going to Court to Enforce Public Interest Laws (Organizer: Richard Maximus Strahan) (EMU Ben Linder)

Citizens on their own are rising to the need and challenge to protect natural resources and the public interest in courts of law. They do this without any assistance from attorneys. And they win on occasion, despite all the prejudice that the legal system throws their way. The panel will present and assess the benefits and problems with citizens being the “Green Knights” in a court of law. You are invited to explore being “Pro Se and Proud.”

Panelists: Zygmunt Plater, Professor of Law, Boston College Law School; Adam Keats, General Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity; Richard Maximus Strahan, Chief Science Officer, Whale Safe USA.

Successful Wolf Recovery in the West: The Rationales to Maintain Federal Protections (Organizer: Nick Cady) (EMU Maple)

Later this month, the US Fish and Wildlife Service is expected to delist the gray wolf as an endangered species throughout the lower 48 states with a limited exception for the Mexican gray wolf in the Southwest. This panel will begin with an introduction to the wolf's ecological effects on our nation's landscape and will then explore the ecological, legal and scientific implications of this controversial decision and why federal protections are still needed in the West.

Panelists: Noah Greenwald, Center for Biological Diversity, Endangered Species Director; Robert Beschta, Oregon State University, Professor Emeritus.

CAFO: Too Big To Succeed (Organizer: Elisabeth Holmes) (EMU Alsea)

For over twenty years Yakima Valley residents voiced concerns that Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) threaten the environment, public health, and are agronomically unsustainable. Agencies largely deferred to CAFOs, and ignored people's pleas for action. In 2012, however, EPA's own study confirmed CAFOs contaminate groundwater. Through the lens of the Yakima Valley, this Panel will apply the facts to CWA and RCRA cases, and address Washington's forthcoming revised CAFO General Permit. This panel is designed for attorneys, activists, and community members interested in joining the CAFO fight. *Panelists: Charlie Tebbutt, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.; Elisabeth Holmes, Staff Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Andrea Rodgers Harris, Attorney, Mattson Rodgers, PLLC.*

Suction Dredge Mining and Endangered Salmon (Organizer: John Mellgren) (EMU Metolius)

This panel will explore litigation and legislative strategies to combat the negative effects of suction dredge placer mining on endangered salmon and other aquatic life. Panelists will draw from their experience litigating in federal and Oregon state courts, as well as with legislative campaigns in Oregon.

Panelists: John Mellgren, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Forrest English, Program Director, Rogue Riverkeeper; Allison LaPlante, Staff Attorney and Clinical Professor, Earthrise Law Center at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Less than Equal? Congress' Efforts to Deny Fee Recoveries under the Equal Access to Justice Act (Organizer: Environmental Law Institute) (EMU Rogue)

The last few years have seen a raft of bills in Congress to amend the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) and other statutes to narrow or even eliminate the ability of environmental NGOs to recover attorneys' fees from the government. This panel will discuss the threat these legislative “reforms” to EAJA would pose in practice, critique the arguments underlying them, explore how changes to EAJA could affect environmental litigation, and consider possible future developments in the new 113th Congress.

Panelists: John Buse, Legal Director & Interim General Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity; Sean Helle, Legislative Counsel, Earthjustice; Brian Korpics, Law Fellow, Environmental Law Institute; Jim Murphy, Senior Counsel, National Wildlife Federation.

Coal Ash: A Toxic Gift to Future Generations, or the Achilles Heel of the Coal Industry? (Organizer: Dan Galpern) (EMU Umpqua)

Fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag, flue gas desulfurization solids, and associated coal facility waste streams threaten local and regional water supplies and ‘highly impacted’ environmental justice communities -- including the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians in Nevada. This panel takes a close look at the national problem, pending efforts by the EPA to more strictly regulate coal ash, recent efforts by environmental attorneys nationwide to challenge coal ash contamination, and one specific community's multifaceted attempt to fight back through protest and legal action.

Panelists: Dan Galpern, Attorney, Law Offices of Charlie Tebbutt; Eliott Lips, Principal Engineering Geologist, Great Basin Earth Science, Inc.; William Anderson (Invited), Chairman of the Tribal Council, Moapa Band of Paiutes.

It's Still Chinatown: Groundwater Mining in the West (Organizer: Adam Lazar) (EMU Oak)

It's still Chinatown, Jake—but we can't just forget it. Groundwater is a priceless public resource, but under existing law it can often be taken from right from under our feet. This panel will provide an overview of the laws governing groundwater min-

ing in the context of affected rural and Native American communities, review large-scale groundwater projects proposed for Nevada and California, and discuss the legal strategies and tools being employed to try and stop them.

Panelists: Simeon Herskovits, Director and Chief Counsel, Advocates for Community and Environment; Rovianna Leigh, Associate Attorney, Berkey Williams LLP; M. Rhead Enion, Emmett/Frankel Fellow of Environmental Law and Policy, UCLA School of Law; Adam Lazar, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity.

Ocean Acidification (Organizer: Dominique Rossi) (LAW 110)

Ocean acidification, sinisterly called the evil sister of climate change, is a grave concern worldwide because it threatens the foundation of marine ecosystems through its impact on calcifying animals and coral. Acidification poses a heightened threat to states like Oregon in which the seafood industry is integral to the economy and culture. Please join our panelists for a discussion about the science and policy surrounding this issue.

Panelists: Cylvia Hayes, First Lady of the State of Oregon; Burke Hales, Biochemist, College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University; George Waldbusser, Biochemist, College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University; Francis Chan, Marine Zoologist, Oregon State University; Greg Costello, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center.

The Hidden Costs of Electricity: Why All of the Above Won't Work (Organizer: Sarah Jackson) (LAW 141)

The concept of an “all of the above” Clean Energy Standard has begun to compete with the Renewable Energy Standard as a key public policy vehicle for addressing our electric generation mix in the U.S. But more and more, we are seeing that this politically-driven approach further entrenches unsustainable energy sources without consideration of their full range of impacts. This panel will highlight the hidden costs of electricity by looking at the full fuel-cycles of different generating technologies -- from nuclear and fossil fuel generators to biomass plants and renewables. The panelists have experience with the economic, technical, legal, and policy aspects of many forms of electricity generation and will provide both an overview as well as a more in-depth analysis of particular technologies.

Panelists: Dr. David von Hippel, Senior Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute; Grant Smith, Senior Energy Analyst, Civil Society Institute; Sarah Jackson, Associate, Synapse Energy Economics; Rachel Wilson, Associate, Synapse Energy Economics.

Tar Sands Blockade: All the Tools in the ToolBox (Organizer: Ben Jones) (LAW 142)

In the last year, Tar Sands Blockade (TSB) has revived resistance to the Tar Sands and the Keystone XL Pipeline. Working in rural eastern Texas, TSB has helped landowners fight eminent domain, has been served SLAPP suits and has braved intense police brutality, all while waging a successful direct action campaign. We want to share how TSB has merged rural organizing, environmental justice, direct action, and legal monkeywrenching into a massive and dynamic campaign and what lessons we can glean to more effectively use all of the tools in our toolbox, as well explain some of the legal pitfalls that may befall successful campaigns of nonviolent civil disobedience.

Panelists: Ron Seifert, Spokesperson, Tar Sands Blockade; Cindy Spoon, Spokesperson, Tar Sands Blockade; Ramsey Sprague, Spokesperson, Finance Convener, Tar Sands Blockade; Lauren Regan, Legal Coordinator, Tar Sands Blockade and Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center.

The 2012 National Forest Management Act Planning Rule (Organizer: Susan Jane Brown) (LAW 175)

The Obama Administration's 2012 National Forest Management Planning Rule will guide forest and other natural resource management on more than 193 million acres of National Forests across the country. This panel will discuss how we got here, what legal action is already underway and what might be expected in the future, the policy issues surrounding the new rule, share experiences from "Early Adopter" Forests, and discuss how the public can become involved in this critical process.

Panelists: *Mike Anderson, The Wilderness Society; Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Jay Lininger, Ecologist, Center for Biological Diversity; Jonathan Oppenheimer, Senior Conservation Associate, Idaho Conservation League.*

Finding Space for Wave Energy in Oregon: A Marine Spatial Planning Update (Organizer: Courtney Johnson) (LAW 184)

Can we find a place for a renewable coastal energy source in our already bustling seas? Panelists will provide an overview of Oregon's marine spatial planning process and the legal framework for planning and permitting, explain the process of finding potential locations for wave energy testing and development and provide examples of areas under consideration, and address ways to find answers to the unknown impacts and effects that may come with the development of this innovative energy source.

Panelists: *Susan Allen, Director, Our Ocean; Jason Busch, Executive Director, Oregon Wave Energy Trust; Robin Hartmann, Ocean Program Director, Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition; Gus Gates, Oregon Policy Manager, Surfrider Foundation.*

Restoring Celilo Falls (Organizer: Vincent Mulier) (LAW 241)

Celilo Falls was a series of waterfalls on the Columbia River, 9 miles upriver of The Dalles. This section of the river, and the fishery it sustained, carried deep cultural, historical, and ecological significance. The Falls and its fishing sites were buried in 1957 under the reservoir created by the Dalles Dam. Fifty-six years later, people wonder: Is it practicable to restore the Falls? If so, does the federal government have legal and/or moral obligations to restore them?

Panelists: *Ted Strong, Chief Judge, Yakama Nation; Vincent Mulier, Professor of Philosophy, PSU and Executive Director, Celilo Falls Restoration Fund.*

Citizen's Toolkit for Confronting the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Complex in the 21st Century (Organizer: Scott Yundt) (LAW 242)

With 5,000 strategically deployed nuclear weapons (and thousands more in reserve), our nuclear weapons complex still includes nearly a dozen sites. Despite billions spent annually to maintain this stockpile and complex, the administration plans to spend another \$180 billion in the next decade to undergo a costly modernization. Nuclear weapons development and testing have left a horrendous environmental legacy across the West. Panelists will discuss the toolkit for confronting this legacy and hastening the end of U.S. nuclear weapons development.

Panelists: *Scott Yundt, Tri-Valley CAREs Staff Attorney; Meredith Crafton, Hanford Challenge, Policy and Litigation.*

Understanding Campaign Finance Reform: Public Perceptions, Legal Background, and the Path Forward (Organizer: Gordon Levitt) (LAW 243)

Is our political system for choosing leadership broken? Will money in campaigning destroy democracy? Our panel will describe public perceptions of the influence of money in politics,

as well as legal developments in campaign finance systems in Oregon and the U.S. This overview will lead to an open discussion of future reforms, potential constitutional amendments, and how we ensure fair elections while protecting individual speech rights.

Panelists: *Tom Bowerman, Policy Interactive, Project Director; Andrew Narus, University of Oregon School of Law, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Fellow; Gordon Levitt, University of Oregon School of Law, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Fellow.*

Oil and Gas Development Spills into New Frontiers (Organizer: Jennifer Gleason) (LAW 281)

Leading environmental advocates from Chad, Uganda, and Israel will share their perspectives on oil and gas development in their countries.

Panelists: *Dana Tabachnik, Israel Union for Environmental Defense; Kenneth Kakuru, Greenwatch (Uganda); Delphine Djiraibe, Public Interest Law Center (Chad).*

4:00 – 5:15 P.M. • PANEL 9**CEQA Year-in-Review (Organizer: Adam Keats) (EMU Walnut)**

The California Environmental Quality Act has had a rough year, with attacks by industry and developers and legislative attempts to amend its provisions. This panel, aimed at CEQA practitioners, will focus on several developments from 2012 that threaten to upend CEQA jurisprudence. Topics will include the baseline debate raised in Neighbors for Smart Rail and its progeny, remedies and the rise of the "limited writ," and recent developments in greenhouse gas issues.

Panelists: *Adam Keats, Senior Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity; Linda Krop, Chief Counsel, Environmental Defense Center; Kevin Bundy, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity.*

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

This panel will review the highs and lows of of judicial action under the Clean Air Act in 2012. We will discuss the key decisions, why they matter and what to look forward to in 2013.

Panelists: *Paul Cort, Earthjustice, Staff Attorney; Adriano Martinez, Natural Resources Defense Council, Attorney; David Bender, McGillivray Westerberg & Bender LLC, Attorney/Shareholder .*

Reassessing Risk: The Future of Dispersants in Oil Spill Response (Organizer: Riki Ott) (EMU Metolius)

The massive application of some 2,000,000 gallons of toxic dispersants in response to the BP oil disaster was an unprecedented experiment on the ecosystem – and humans. The federal government has decided to continue dispersant use, while acknowledging a "human health risk tradeoff." The public is demanding that toxic dispersants are banned from future use. This panel will explore the history of dispersant use in oil spill response and the legal strategies of public opposition, including Tribes, communities, and national actions.

Panelists: *Riki Ott, Ph.D., Ultimate Civics Project Director, Earth Island Institute; Marianne Engelman Lado, Attorney, Earthjustice; Carl Wassilie, Yup'iaq Biologist, Alaska's Big Village Network; Walt Parker, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council.*

Threats to Coastal Ecosystems (Organizer: Pedro Leon Gutierrez) (EMU Oak)

Lawyers from Honduras, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic talk about unsustainable development and the impact on fragile coastal ecosystems.

Panelists: *Clarisa Vega Molina, IDAMHO (Honduras); Alejandra*

Serrano Pavón, Centro Mexicano de Derecho Ambiental (Mexico); Euren Cuevas Medina, INSAPROMA (Dominican Republic); Fernando Ochoa Pineda, Defensa Ambiental del Noroeste (Mexico).

ESA Section 9 Take Cases - Updates and Case Studies (Organizer: Tanya Sanerib) (LAW 110)

This panel will discuss prosecuting section 9 take cases under the Endangered Species Act's citizen suit provision. After a brief summary of the Act, the panelists will discuss caselaw on and provide case studies pertaining to: providing proper notice and suing the right defendants; the logistics of pursuing these types of cases; standing for section 9 take cases; overcoming mootness; proving take; and obtaining preliminary injunctive relief.

Panelists: *Tanya Sanerib, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Howard Crystal, Partner, Meyer Glitzenstein & Crystal; Dave Becker, Attorney at Law Office of David H. Becker, LLC.*

Litigation and Negotiation: Solution-Oriented Strategies for Natural Resource Conflicts (Organizer: Howard Arnett) (LAW 141)

When multiple parties have significant interests in a shared resource, litigation may not be the best approach. Advantages exist to using conflict negotiation strategies, especially where the various parties' needs create a complex web of issues. The panelists will discuss ongoing fisheries conflicts on the Columbia River and forest management disputes in the Northwest, and the ways in which certain parties have been able to effectively negotiate with state and federal agencies. Case studies will be used to highlight what types of opportunities and challenges negotiating brings. Panelists will also explain why some parties may decide not to negotiate.

Panelists: *Joe Oatman, Deputy Program Manager of the Nez Perce Tribe's Fisheries Program; Greg Costello, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Tim Hicks, Director, Conflict and Dispute Resolution Masters Program at the University of Oregon School of Law.*

Establishing Oregon's System of Marine Reserves (Organizer: Vania Loredo) (LAW 142)

This panel will outline the state process to establish a network of marine reserves and marine protected areas along Oregon's coast from a variety of stakeholder perspectives: conservation, policy, non-consumptive recreation, and science. Panelists will also share recommendations on how to support future smart ocean planning in order to create a lasting legacy for future generations on the Oregon Coast.

Panelists: *Susan Allen, Director, Our Ocean; Gus Gates, Oregon Policy Manager, Surfrider Foundation; Paul Engelmeyer, Manager/Conservationist, Audubon Society/Sanctuary.*

FILM: Who Bombed Judi Bari? (LAW 175)

Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney were car bombed in Oakland in 1990 while on tour to save the redwoods. Within minutes, they were arrested by the FBI and Oakland Police for being terrorists whose bomb went off accidentally. They fought back to save both themselves and the redwoods they love. This 93 minute inspirational documentary is composed entirely of archival footage and is laden with music and humor. Produced by Darryl Cherney, Judi's organizing partner and directed by Mary Liz Thomson (2012). Darryl Cherney will be available to discuss the film following the showing.

Climate Advocacy and the TRUST Campaign (Organizer: Julia Olson) (LAW 184)

Since 2011, youth have filed sixteen lawsuits and forty petitions for rulemaking under the Public Trust Doctrine to compel immediate CO2 reductions and Climate Recovery Plans. Lawyers, filmmakers, and a Youth Plaintiff will provide an update on the

Atmospheric TRUST Campaign, including the New Mexico case moving to the merits and a new Constitutional case in Pennsylvania. They will provide public comment tools on DVDs for projects, rules, or plans implicating climate change and discuss ways to unify our climate work.

Panelists: *Julia Olson, Executive Director, Our Children's Trust; Kelly Matheson, Program Manager for the Americas, WITNESS; Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, Staff Attorney, WildEarth Guardians; Ashley Funk, Youth Plaintiff, TRUST Campaign.*

Talking to the Media: How to Get Your Story in the News (Organizer: Camilla Mortenson) (LAW 241)

Journalism 101 for anyone from individuals working on a cause to communications specialists from large organizations, this panel features journalists and writers who will explain what makes a "story," how to get press anywhere from your local paper to national websites and gives an introduction to how media works.

Panelists: *Rachael McDonald, Morning Edition host, reporter KLCC public radio; Chris McKee, Reporter & photographer, KMTR NBC 16; Camilla Mortensen, Associate Editor & Reporter, Eugene Weekly; Matt Cooper, Communications Specialist & former reporter, University of Oregon; Winston Ross, National correspondent, The Daily Beast.*

Citizen Use of Public Records Laws (Organizer: David Bahr) (LAW 242)

A guide for citizens, attorneys, and organizations on how to 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), how to appeal and litigate FOIA claims, and how to use these laws to change agency behavior. Sample FOIA requests and materials will be presented.

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

Closing the Loop: Post-Logging Monitoring for Forest Defense (Organizer: Brenna Bell) (LAW 243)

Time and again, agency documents assert that adverse environmental consequences are avoided because of Best Management Practices (BMPs). Time and again, we've asked agencies to demonstrate that this assertion is true – and they can't. To fill this information vacuum, Bark began active post-logging monitoring to find out what's really happening on the ground, and whether or not BMPs are implemented and/or effective. Now we want to share this information, hear from you – and learn from each other's experiences. Join this roundtable information and skills exchange.

Facilitators: *Brenna Bell, Staff Attorney, Bark; Michael Krochta, Post-Logging Monitoring Intern.*

Cities, Agriculture, and the Destruction of the Earth (Organizer: Cooper Brinson) (LAW 281)

For thousands of years, the Earth has been under assault. Today, the planet's life-systems are being destroyed at an unbelievable pace. Yet most environmentalism limits itself to technological solutions that only scrape the surface. This panel goes to the root of the environmental crisis, arguing that many of our most pressing problems can be traced back to the emergence of agriculture and civilization. What does this mean for our activism? What will it take to win? Come and find out.

Panelists: *Saba Malik, Board Member, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute; Cameron Murphey, Advisory Board Member, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute.*

Current Issues in Chinese Environmental Law and Policy: Part II (Organizer: Robert Liberty) (HEDCO Education Building - People should meet at the Law School Registration tables at 3:50 p.m. to walk over together.)

China's rapid and massive industrialization and urbanization has lifted hundreds of millions of Chinese out of poverty. But just as in the West, this change has come with very serious impacts on the land, air and waters of China and of the world. The panelists will discuss water resource management in China during a period of climate change, the development of environmental public interest litigation in China, and the environmental impacts of the great South-North water diversion project.

Panelists: Yu Ming, Doctor of Environmental Law, Ocean University of China; Zhu Xiaoqing, Professor, Xiamen University Law School and Director, Chinese Society for Environmental and Resources Law; Gabriel Jennings, JD University of Oregon and LLM Candidate, Ocean University School of Law and Politics.

4:00 – 5:45 P.M. • WORKSHOP 3

No More Pleading for Environmental Protection: What Local Communities Are Already Doing to Protect Their Local Environment, and Rein in Corporate Power (Organizer: Paul Cienfuegos) (EMU Fir)

In the past decade, 140 communities in eight states have enacted locally enforceable laws which ban all sorts of legal but harmful corporate activities (fracking, sewage sludge dumping, factory farms, water pumping for bottling, etc), and which elevate the rights of the community majority over the so-called "rights" of large corporations. These communities are learning the long-forgotten art of exercising their inherent right of local self-governance, and refusing to abide by state and federal laws which attempt to stop communities from protecting the health and welfare of their human and non-human residents. Representatives from four Pacific Northwest communities that are moving forward with this new Community Rights strategy for environmental protection will reflect on their experiences.

Facilitators: Kai Huschke, Envision Spokane; Paul Cienfuegos, Community Rights PDX; Stoney Bird, Coal-Free Bellingham; Zachariah Baker, Benton County Community Rights Coalition.

Using Experts Effectively (Organizer: Joseph D. Leyda) (EMU Ben Linder)

This workshop instructs participants on how lawyers can efficiently manage ecological experts, from both the lawyer's and the expert's perspective. An ecological expert will present advice on report scoping, information exchange, how to break in a new expert, timing and scheduling, report editing and review, and the analytical process involved in producing an expert report. Two experienced attorneys will present strategies, tips, and observations on the use of experts in permitting and in litigation, in State Courts (such as Oregon) as well as in Federal Court. Discussion will focus particularly on the differences between Open Record and Administrative Record situations.

Facilitators: Joseph D. Leyda, Ecologist, Leyda Consulting, Inc.; Karl G. Anuta, Trial Attorney, Law Office of Karl Anuta; Chris Winter, Co-Director, Crag Law Center.

5:30 - 7:00 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. A light meal will be served. **Co-sponsors:** The Native American Law Student Association, The Native American Student Union, and ENR's Native Environmental Sovereignty Project.

6:00 - 8:00 ALUMNI RECEPTION

(Gerlinger Lounge, 2nd Floor of Gerlinger Hall)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

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 Michele Bulgatz will help you start your day with fun, energy, and enthusiasm! Be prepared to move.

Mat optional. Street clothes okay.

9:00 – 10:15 A.M. • PANEL 10

Cascadian Bioregionalism and the Indigenous Future (Organizer: Casey Bryan Corcoran) (LAW 110)

The lands and waters of the Cascadian bioregion are subject to a unique and complex legal situation in regards to policies of ongoing colonialism here. The U.S.-Canadian border divides both major watersheds and Indigenous Nations, and the Aboriginal Title to vast areas west of the continental divide to this day have never been surrendered. In the face of collapsing ecologies and economies, is there an intersection between the bioregional movement and the Indigenous resurgence here? Panelists will present understandings from Tlingit, Coast Salish, Jewish settler, and Irish settler perspectives.

Panelists: Vince Rinehart, Writer and Indigenous Activist, Lingit Latseen; Xhopakelxhit, Indigenous Activist, Ancestral Pride; Elona Trogub, Student Activist, Cascadia Branch - PSU; Casey Bryan Corcoran, CoEditor and Activist, Autonomy Cascadia.

Frost Protection and the ESA (Organizer: Sarah Danley) (LAW 142)

Steelhead, a threatened species, spawn throughout Northern California waterways during the months of March and April. At this same time, vineyards are withdrawing large amounts of water to frost protect these vines. These water withdrawals injure and kill the recently hatched Steelhead. This panel focuses on how to use the ESA to protect these Steelhead.

Panelists: Kimberly Burr, Attorney, Northern California River Watch; Jerry Bernhaut, Attorney, Northern California River Watch; Jack Silver, Attorney, Northern California River Watch; Larry Hanson, Activist, Forest Unlimited.

Contagion and Extinction (Organizer: Mollie Matteson) (LAW 141)

Historically, infectious disease was not considered a major threat to the existence of species. However, emerging diseases are becoming more common and more species are declining and disappearing as a direct result. Global trade, habitat fragmentation, climate change, and microbial adaptation--all the result of human actions--are major drivers in this phenomenon. This panel will address emerging disease, its causes, the science behind it, and the policy responses it calls for, in order to confront the crisis of species' extinction.

Panelists: Dr. Jonathan Sleeman, Director, USGS/National Wildlife Health Center; Patricia Farnese, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan College of Law; Dr. David Jessup, Exec. Manager, Wildlife Disease Association; Mollie Matteson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity.

The Elliott State Forest: How NGOs and the Grass-roots are Winning (Organizer: Ben Jones) (LAW 175)

For over four years, a coalition of environmental groups has worked to protect the Elliott State Forest from the poor management practices of the State Land Board. Five years ago, timber companies clear cut 500 acres of mature temperate rainforest annually- this year nearly all logging in the Elliott has been ground to a halt by lawsuit and public pressure. Come learn about the battle to save this last refuge for old-growth dependent species in Oregon's Southern coast range.

Panelists: Grace Pettygrove, Cascadia Forest Defenders; Francis Eatherington, Conservation Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Sam Schwartz, Coos County Resident.

Local Climate Change Law (Organizer: Benjamin J. Richardson) (LAW 184)

This panel investigates how some local governments are addressing climate change through regulation, policy and planning. It features case studies from the United States, Canada and China. Local climate change law can sometimes play an important role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and planning for adaptation to global warming, despite the lack of action at national or international levels.

Panelists: Benjamin J. Richardson, Professor, University of British Columbia; Jolene Lin, Professor, University of Hong Kong; Melissa Powers, Professor, Lewis & Clark Law School.

10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANEL 11

Wolves in the Far West: A legal and biological update of wolves in Washington, Oregon, California, and Mexican Wolves (Organizer: Nick Cady) (LAW 110)

Wolves are beginning to re-establish themselves in the Pacific Northwest and Southwest. This panel will focus on biological developments of the species in these various areas and the legal developments that have accompanied their spread. Learn about these developments from a variety of groups fighting to protect the budding development of this controversial predator species.

Panelists: Greg Costello, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Rob Klavins, Wildlands & Wildlife Advocate, Oregon Wild; Amaroq Weiss, West Coast Wolf Organizer, Center for Biological Diversity; Michael Robinson, Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity.

Without Further Delay: Reducing Climate Pollution under Existing U.S. Law (Organized By: Dan Galpern) (LAW 142)

Arresting Climate Pollution under Existing U.S. Law: Can We Get There From Here? Congress is unlikely to pass a sweeping new climate law in the next two years. Nevertheless, under existing authority of the Clean Air Act and other statutes, the federal government and states can take action to meet near-term goals and set the stage for deeper reductions in U.S. GHG emissions. This panel explores the findings of a recently-released report from the World Resources Institute: "Can The U.S. Get There From Here? Using Existing Federal Laws and State Action to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Panelists: Nicholas Bianco, Senior Associate, World Resources Institute; Dan Galpern, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M Tebbutt.

Deep Green Resistance (Organizer: Dillon Thomson) (LAW 141)

Since the publishing of Rachel Carson's book 'Silent Spring' fifty years ago and the subsequent launch of the modern environmental movement, virtually all indicators of global ecological health

have declined, and the rate of decline is accelerating. If it isn't clear already, it should be: we need a new strategy if we're to stop the destruction of the very soil, air, and water that we all need to live. Members of Deep Green Resistance will be talking about just such a strategy, using historical examples of resistance and social movements to help illuminate a viable way forward.

Panelists: Dillon Thomson, Organizer, Deep Green Resistance; Samantha Leah, Organizer, Deep Green Resistance.

FILM: U.S. debut of "Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching" a film by John Antonelli (of the award winning Mill Valley Film Group) (LAW 175)

Can wildlife conservation efforts go too far? Is killing people ever a just punishment for hunting wild animals? This feature length documentary explores what happens when measures to protect wildlife are in conflict with indigenous peoples' landrights, human rights and their very survival. Set in the wilds of Swaziland and Zambia, this complex saga spans several decades. These two markedly different African countries have taken radically different approaches to their one shared, grim reality. Poaching dominated the economy of both societies throughout the eighties. During that time, over one hundred thousand endangered animals, predominantly elephants and rhinos, were slaughtered for their tusks. Thuli Brilliance Makama, whose work is featured in the film, will introduce the film and be available for discussion following the film. She will be joined by Elifurahal Laltaika who works on similar issues in Tanzania.

Dead Trees, Bugs, and Wildlife: Make Healthy Forest Ecosystems (Organizer: George Wuerthner) (LAW 184)

We are taught to see dead trees that were killed by bark beetles or forest fires as a loss. We hear people describing the forest as destroyed. Yet contrary to popular assumption, dead trees may be more important to forest ecosystems than live trees. Beetles, wildfire, drought, and other factors are not only necessary for a functioning ecosystem, they are critical. For instance, stand replacement fires have the second highest biodiversity of any forest type. We actually need more dead trees in our landscape, not less, yet nearly all forest management is designed to limit the recruitment of dead trees--to the detriment of our forests. The panel will explain the ecological value of dead trees.

Panelists: Chad Hansen, Ecologist, John Muir Project; Dennis Odion, Ecologist; George Wuerthner, Ecologist, Foundation for Deep Ecology.

12:30 – 2:15 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (LAW 175)

- Eshe Sherley**
- Youth Plaintiff age 18, Our Children's Trust
- Ashley Funk**
- Youth Plaintiff age 18, Our Children's Trust
- Xiuhtecatl Martinez**
- Youth Plaintiff age 12, Our Children's Trust

Gerald Torres, Bryant Smith Chair in Law, University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

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Always ask before photographing or recording someone.

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Be respectful of silence.

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

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Do not exclude people; treat everyone as your relatives.

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