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PIELC 2014, RUNNING INTO RUNNING OUT

"Running Into Running Out" conveys a sense of urgency that we must take greater action to avoid running out of the resources necessary for survival, and we must do it now. Our best scientists warn that continuing on our business-as-usual trajectory will place life as we know it amidst unpredictable, and essentially irreversible, planetary catastrophe. These are not fun facts to face. They beg for a long and sober assessment of the race humanity is running into: the destruction of the planet and those who call it home. They call for a course change and reorientation to rapidly changing circumstances. This year's Conference will be a space for critical assessment of past strategies and discussion of new solutions dedicated to ending the destruction. We are running out of time, and we are running out of options, but we have not run out yet.

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# PIELC 2014

### **THURSDAY** FRIDAY 7:30 a.m. -- Registration Opens (Law School) 8:00 a 9:00 a Panel 2 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a -Workshop 1 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. Panel 3 11:00 a ——— 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p \_ Keynote 2 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. Dr. Jane Lubchenco 1:00 p Patrick Parenteau 2:00 p 2:00 p.m. -- Registration Opens Panel 4 (in the EMU Lobby) 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. 3:00 p Panel 5 4:00 p 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. Panel 1 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. 5:00 p **Keynote 3** 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. **Opening Ceremonies** -- 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. **Stephen Corry** 6:00 p Mary J. Pavel Keynote 1 7:00 p 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Dr. Wen Tiejun and Dr. Zhihe Wang Indigenous Peoples' Reception Lierre Keith 8:00 p 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. **PIELC Celebration** 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. 9:00 p featuring live music by **Polecat** 10:00 p -Shuttle leaves at 7:30 p.m. last shuttle leaves at 11:30 p.m. 12:00 a —

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Papuan Tribal Representatives	Dr. Jill Stein 2:00	) p
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Student Reception         UO ENR Alumn           5:00 - 7:00 p.m.         5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	6:00	) p
Voyanto 5	7:00	) p
<b>Keynote 5</b> 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. <b>Dr. James Hansen</b> <b>Mary Wood</b>	8:00	) p
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Complimentary Appetizers Will be Served Prior to the Keynotes		00 a

### KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHIES -

Amungme and Kamoro tribe from Papuan, Indonesia

"Land is my mother" is a mythology of the Amungme and Kamoro tribes in Papua, Indonesia. They call their land Bumi Amungsa; the mountain, valley, and lowland are all a part of the body of their mother. As a holistic body, when one part is wounded, the entire body feels pain.

In 1967, Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. came to the Amugnme and Kamoro land to mine copper and gold. Since then, PT Freeport Indonesia has become one of the largest gold mining operations in the world and is the world's third largest copper producer. As a result, PT Freeport Indonesia is one of the largest taxpayers. not only to the Indonesian government, but also the US government.

Paradoxically, the Amungme and Kamoro tribes, as the owner of the land, do not own shares in the mining operations. They only receive 0.01 percent of the total gross profit, and only in the form of corporate social responsibility (CSR). Freeport Indonesia could provide economic benefits to the local community, but instead the local communities are impoverished and their future is threatened. Their land - their mother - is lost.

Through their presentation and cultural performance, the Amungme and Kamoro tribal representatives will explain the mythological meaning of their land, how they maintain their mythological belief while mining still continues, and how they attempt to resolve conflicts with the mining company.

**Stephen Corry** 

Corry was Projects Director of Survival International beginning 1972 and has been the Director General since 1984 Mr. Corry was chairman of the Free Tibet Campaign from 1993 until 2009 and remains on its board. In the 1970s, he promoted self-determination in the debate about indigenous peoples, a revolutionary concept when the debate centered on the poles of assimilation or preservation. In the 1980s he pushed to popularize tribal peoples' issues, and in the 1990s he led the opposition to ideas such as the rainforest harvest, which threatened to confuse economic issues with human rights.

Corry's work now is centered on building a groundswell of support for tribal peoples, significant enough to permanently change the false and harmful assertion that they are backward remnants destined to disappear. Recently, he has also challenged the resurgence of colonialist ideology about 'brutal savages,' which claims that science proves tribal peoples are more violent than industrialized societies. Corry's published work includes a guide titled "Tribal Peoples for Tomorrow's World" (2011).

Dr. James Hansen

James Hansen is the former Director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies. He is currently an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Earth Institute where he directs a program on Climate Science, Awareness and Solutions. Trained in Physics and Astronomy at the

University of Iowa, James was elected to the Academy of Sciences in 1995, and in 2006 was named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people on Earth. Dr. Hansen's research has focused on the human impact on the global climate, and has helped people understand the irreversible impact that our decisions and behavior are having on our planet.

**Lierre Keith**Lierre Keith is a writer, small farmer, and radical feminist activist. She is the author of, The Vegetarian Myth: Food, Justice, and Sustainability, and is coauthor, with Derrick Jensen and Aric McBay, of *Deep* Green Resistance: Strategy to Save the Planet.

Heather Milton-Lightening
Heather Milton-Lightening has seventeen years of organizing experience from local issues to international campaigns. Heather was a founding member of Native Youth Movement-that empowered youth politically and socially to make change in their communities; based in Winnipeg, MB in 1995. She helped found Winnipeg's first Native youth organization called Aboriginal Youth with Initiative, Inc. in 1998 through her position as Associate Director. Heather then went on to found and build a national Native youth network that supported Native youth organiz-ing across the US and Canada with the Indigenous Environmental Network based in northern Minnesota. She was a former member of the United Nations Environ-ment Programme's Youth Advisory and has extensive experience in lobbying internationally through the United Nations and other International arenas on Indigenous Peoples issues.

Heather's work since then has been to build capacity and find resources that help local Native communities. From funding board participation on the Funding Exchange Saguaro Fund and Honor the Earth; to helping build the Indigenous People's Power Project through the Ruckus Society that trains on non-violent direct action tools. Heather currently is the Co-Director for the Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign out of the Polaris Institute in Ottawa, ON.

Dr. Jane Lubchenco

Jane Lubchenco is a Wayne and Gladys Valley Professor of Marine Biology and Distinguished Professor of Zoology at Oregon State University, as well as the first female under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere. She headed the National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration from 2009 to 2013. Under her leadership, NOAA focused on fisheries' sustainability and profitability, restoring oceans to a healthy state, forecasting the increasingly extreme weather, addressing climate change, and strengthening science and ensuring scientific integrity.

Before her time with NOAA, Dr. Lubchenco co-founded three organizations

– The Leopold Leadership Program, the Communication Partnership for Science and the Sea [COMPASS], and Climate Central – that aim to communicate scientific knowledge to the public, policy makers, media, and industry. She also cofounded a research consortium, PISCO, which studies the near-shore ocean along the coasts of Oregon and California.

Richard Monje

Richard Monje is the Vice President of Workers United/SEIU, a union in the forefront of the fight against the attack on workers in the Midwest, known for the organization of low-wage workers.

His political awakening came when he was shot by sheriffs following the Chicano Moratorium. Richard has organized with the Texas Farm Workers, I.B.E.W., Steelworkers, and Workers United. He helped create the union's leadership school where rank and file members take part in creating the political roadmap for the union. Long active in the fight for immigrant rights, Richard's latest endeavor is with the "Move to Amend" organization, working to change the Constitution to declare that corporations are not people.

Patrick Parenteau

Patrick A. Parenteau is Professor of Law and Senior Counsel to the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic (ENRLC) at Vermont Law School. He previously served as Director of the Environmental Law Center at VLS from 1993-1999, and was the founding director of the ENRLC in 2004.

Professor Parenteau has an extensive background in environmental and natural resources law. His previous positions include Vice President for Conservation with the National Wildlife Federation in Washington, DC (1976-1984); Regional Counsel to the New England Regional Office of the EPA in Boston (1984-1987); Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (1987-1989); and Senior Counsel with the Perkins Coie law firm in Portland, Oregon (1989-1993).

Professor Parenteau has been involved in drafting, litigating, implementing, teaching, and writing about environmental law and policy for over four decades. He has taught courses across the whole spectrum of environmental and natural resources law. He has been involved in notable litigation including the Northern Spotted Owl and Roadless Rule litigations.

In 2005, Professor Parenteau received the National Wildlife Federation's Conservation Achievement Award in recognition of his contributions to wildlife conservation and environmental education. In 2009, he was a co-recipient of the River Advocacy Award from the Connecticut River Watershed Council. His current focus is on confronting the challenges of global climate change.

Mary J. Pavel
Mary J. Pavel was appointed Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for the 113th Congress by Senator Maria Cantwell, the committee's first ever Chairwoman, on January 14, 2013. Ms. Pavel, a member of the Skokomish Tribe of the state of Washington, is an expert on Tribal law and policy.

### KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHIES

A graduate of Dartmouth College and the University of Washington School of Law, Pavel became one of the first Native American women to be made a partner in a National Indian Law Firm. She joined Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry in 1992 and became a partner in January 1999. Pavel is the Founding President of the Native American Bar Association of Washington, D.C., and is a member of both the Washington State Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar Association.

Lauren Regan

Lauren Regan is an activist and public interest attorney who has specialized in civil rights, criminal defense, and environmental and animal rights law for the last 16 years. As state repression grew, and the consequences and punishments for protest and dissent became more severe, Lauren saw a need within the environmental and social justice movements for more focused, serious legal representation to support activists who place their liberty on the line in order to be as strategic and effective as possible.

For the last 10 years, she has been the founder, staff attorney, and executive director of the Civil Liberties Defense Center, a nonprofit organization that strives to protect and educate movement activists, including environmental, animal, climate, including environmental, animal, climate, including environmental, animal, climate, including environmental, animal, climate, as well as communities of color, about their civil liberties and constitutional rights.

Regan has successfully represented over 800 political activists in both civil and criminal litigation around the country. Her unique work serves to highlight and strengthen the necessity for crossmovement organizing to save the planet. She currently provides legal and strategic organizing assistance to climate justice movements around the country, and coordinates activist defense and police misconduct litigation, 'know your rights' trainings, anti-repression trainings. She also organizes legal observing and copwatching for a myriad of campaigns currently kicking ass and building a mass movement that will overpower corporate and governmental ecoterrorists.

#### Jill Stein

Jill Stein is a mother, physician, and pioneering environmental-health advocate and was the Green Party's 2012 Presidential Candidate. She has been on the front lines of battles for social, economic and environmental justice, fighting to end foreclosures and student debt, for health care and education as human rights, to stop dangerous fossil fuel and nuclear power, and to create 25 million healthy, community-based green jobs instead.

Jill was trained as a clinical doctor and served for decades as an instructor in internal medicine at Harvard Medical School. She began to advocate for the environment as a human health issue in 1998, when revelations of pervasive human breast milk contamination and toxic pollution of

the fetal environment first emerged. She provided medical and scientific support to groups fighting toxic exposures, environmental injustice and racism, including campaigns to shut down polluting trash incinerators while creating recycling programs, to ban toxic pesticides, to clean up coal plants, and put people to work in weatherization programs. She also helped update fish advisories in Massachusetts to better protect women and children from dangerous mercury contamination. Jill co-authored two widely-praised scientific reports, "In Harm's Way: Toxic Threats to Child Development", published in 2000, and "Environmental Threats to Healthy Aging", published in 2009.

Jill's efforts to protect public health were recognized by several awards including: Clean Water Action's Not in Anyone's Backyard Award, the Children's Health Hero Award, and the Toxic Action Center's Citizen Award.

Dr. Wen Tiejun

Wen Tiejun is a renowned scholar at Renmin University of China. He holds multiple positions at Renmin including the Executive Dean of the Institute of Advanced Studies for Sustainability, the Director of the Institute of Rural Economy & Finance, and the Director of the Center of Rural Reconstruction. He is also the Executive Dean of the Institute of Rural Reconstruction of China, Southwest University and the Executive Dean of the institute of Rural Reconstruction of the Straits, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University.

From humble beginnings, Wen spent 11 years as a worker, a peasant, and a soldier since 1968 before working on rural policy research and reform. He is a distinguished expert on social-economic sustainable development and rural issues, especially in policy studies on macro-economic and geo-strategy of south-south cooperation, and inclusive growth of rural and urban areas. He has received multiple awards, including the State Council's Award for Outstanding Contribution in 1998, the Central TV Annual Award of Top 10 Economic Talent in 2003, and the Beijing Municipal Government Award of Outstanding Study Outcome in 2010. In addition, Wen is a member of the State Consultant Committee of Environmental Protection. Currently, he is leading China's grassroots movement to revive rural economies and communities.

Dr. Zhihe Wang

Zhihe Wang, born in Beijing, China, is director of the Institute for Postmodern Development of China, the executive director of the China Project, Center for Process Studies, Claremont. He is also director of Center for Constructive Postmodern Studies and professor of philosophy at Harbin Institute of Technology. His areas of specialty include process philosophy, constructive postmodernism, ecological civilization, and second enlightenment. His recent publications include: "Green Development and Innovation From Global Perspective" (with Jianjun Zhao, 2013); "Process and Pluralism: Chinese Thought

on the Harmony of Diversity" (2012); "Second Enlightenment" (with Meijun Fan, 2011). "The Roar of Awakening: A Whiteheadian Dialogue Between Western Psychotherapies and Eastern Worldviews" (co-edited with Goerge Deffer and Michel Weber, 2009), "Ecological Civilization and Marxism" (with Huibin Li and Xiaoyuan Xue, 2008); "Whitehead and China" (co-edited with George Derfer and Wenyu Xie, 2008), and "A Study of Postmodern Philosophical Movement" (2006).

Dr. Wang received his B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy from Peking University in Beijing, China, and his PhD from the Claremont Graduate University, USA. He was senior research fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the vicechief editor of Social Science Abroad, a journal at national level. Since 2002 he and his team have establish more than 20 research institutes for constructive postmodern studies in China at universities in Beijing, Shanghai, Nanjing, Guilin, Harbin, and other cities. He has helped organize more than 70 international conferences on ecological civilization, sustainable urbanization, ecological agriculture, postmodern law, science and spirituality, education reform, social responsibility in business, land and social justice, and, management. He has arranged more than 300 lectures by non-Chinese scholars in China. All of these efforts are ultimately aimed at helping encourage the greening of China and the world as well.

Mary Wood

Mary Wood is the Philip H. Knight Professor of Law and the faculty director for the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program at the University of Oregon School of Law. Wood frequently speaks on global climate change issues and originated the Atmospheric Trust Litigation (ATL) approach, which holds governments worldwide accountable for reducing carbon pollution within their jurisdictions. She has published extensively on climate crisis, natural resources, and native law issues.

Wood's latest book, *Nature's Trust: Environmental Law for a New Ecological Age*, defines the frontiers of public trust law and maps out a full paradigm shift for the way in which government agencies manage public resources. Called a "profound assessment of the legitimate foundations of government" by Gerald Torres of Cornell Law School, the book reveals the dysfunction of current statutory law and calls upon citizens, government employees, legislators and judges to protect the natural inheritance rightfully belonging to future generations as part of the public trust.

Wood's research is currently being used in lawsuits and petitions brought on behalf of children and youth throughout the United States and in other countries. These lawsuits, which seek judicial decrees enforcing carbon reduction, represent a "macro" approach to climate crisis calibrated to planetary requirements for climate equilibrium.

### Thursday, February 27 - Friday, February 28

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

#### 4:00 - 5:15 P.M. • PANEL 1

Community Supported Fisheries: Building a Sustainable Partnership (Organizer: Adam Soliman) (EMU Ben Linder)

This panel will discuss the benefits and importance of the Community Supported Fishery (CSF) movement. CSFs are based upon the Community Supported Agriculture model (commonly known as farm-to-plate). CSFs develop less intensive fishing practices by helping fishermen reduce harvesting pressure through the delivery of smaller quantities of high quality seafood to local consumers willing to pay more for ethical food. This discussion will go through important factors and details that fishermen should know before starting a CSF. *Panelists: Adam Soliman, Director, Fisheries Law Centre; Allison Witter, Research Fellow, The Fisheries Law Centre; Leesa Cobb, Executive Director, Port Orford Ocean Resource Team.* 

#### Seeking Justice through Access to Information and Public Participation (Organizer: Maggie Keenan) (EMU Owyhee)

Access to information and public participation are keys to advancing sustainable use, management, and protection of the environment. Panelists from Uganda and Panama will discuss their work seeking justice for communities and the environment.

Panelists: Harriet Bibangambah, Program/Research Officer, Greenwatch Uganda; Luisa Arauz, Staff Attorney, El Centro de Incidencia Ambiental (Environmental Advocacy Center of Panama, CIAM).

### Climate Standing After Massachusetts (Organizer: Shiloh Hernandez) (EMU Metolius)

In Massachusetts v. EPA, the United States Supreme Court held that plaintiffs had standing to bring a challenge against the EPA for failing to regulate GHG emissions. Unfortunately, the Court's reasoning was unclear on critical issues about who has standing to raise claims related to the causes and impacts of climate change. As a result, circuit and district courts around the nation have issued conflicting opinions on who has standing to raise climate-change-related claims and what must be shown to establish standing. This panel will discuss existing case law and offer advice and pointers to attorneys working in this area.

**Panelists:** Shiloh Hernandez, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Nathaniel Shoaff, Staff Attorney, Sierra Club; Ted Zukoski, Attorney, Earthjustice.

#### Direct Action: Meeting the Multiple Threats to Our Public Lands (Organizer: Mary Grace Brogdon) (EMU Walnut)

For 20 years, Cascadia Forest Defenders have faced the threats to our natural forest ecosystems head on. From the Warner Creek Blockade to the White Castle Tree Sit, CFD has held the line against big timber and their government lap dogs. CFD has put together a multi-media presentation and panel telling the story of our threatened public forests including the O&C Lands and the Elliott State Forest, how our public officials swayed by archaic legislation and economic forces came to be tools of industry, how bad science has been used to generate and justify worse forest policy, and what we, the citizens of Cascadia and this Green Living Earth can do about it. Come get activated by your favorite activists! Show up now, while supplies last!

Panelists: Ben Jones, Activist, Organizer, Cascadia Forest Defenders; Shannon Wilson, Activist, Organizer, EcoAdvocates; Leau Gurevitz,

Student Activist, Cascadia Forest Defenders; Mary Grace Brogdon, Activist, Forest Web of Cottage Grove.

Wake Up Before Its Too Late, GMO's Don't Feed the World, Small and Organic Farmers Do: Oregon Perspectives (Organizer: Melissa Wischerath) (EMU Manle)

GMO's don't feed the world, small organic farmers do. The newly released United Nations report titled, "Wake Up Before It's Too Late" demonstrates that we need a systemic overhaul of our food policies and practices. This panel provides Oregon perspectives from an organic seed farmer, a retired EPA scientist, and an environmental attorney about what Oregon needs to do in order to wake up before it's too late for our local food system, ecology, and economy. Panelists: Chris Hardy, Co-Founder of GMO Free Jackson County; Melissa Wischerath, Executive Director and Staff Attorney, Center for Sustainability Law; Dr. Ray Seidler; Jordan Fox Besek, Graduate Teaching Fellow, University of Oregon Sociology.

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

Come join us to kick off PIELC 2014, Running Into Running Out! Enjoy a welcoming, acknowledging the ancestors of the land, and blessing from CHiXapkaid (Dr. Michael Pavel, Professor of Native American Studies in Education) of the Skokomish Tribe. Next, the Conference Co-Directors will introduce the conference.

### <u>6:15 – 8:30 P.M. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS (EMU Ballroom)</u>

Wen Tiejun, Executive Dean of the Institute of Advanced Studies for Sustainability, Director of the Institute of Rural Economy and Finance, Director of the Center of Rural Reconstruction, Renmin University, PRC.

**Zhihe Wang**, Co-Director of the China Project, Center for Process Studies, Claremont College; Executive Director, Institute for Postmodern Development of China.

Lierre Keith, Activist and Author.

### Friday, February 28

### 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. • ENR CENTER OPEN HOUSE (LAW 225)

Stop by the Bowerman Center for Environmental and Natural Resources (ENR) Law to find out what is happening in the ENR Program and meet the faculty, staff, and students.

#### 8:45 – 10:00 A.M. • PANEL 2

Outlawed and Under Fire: Using the Courts and Court Rulings to Protect America's Last Wild Bison (Organizer: Darrell Geist) (Many Nations Longhouse)

The Yellowstone bison is the last genetically intact and wild migratory population in North America. When wild bison migrate into Montana, they wander into the cross hairs of the law which treats this keystone species like an outlaw. Panelists will discuss recent court rulings and lawsuits to protect the iconic bison and grizzly bears and the ecosystem upon which

they depend.

Panelists: Summer Nelson, Attorney, Montana Director, Western Watersheds Project; Rebecca K. Smith, Attorney, Public Interest Defense Center, P.C.; Darrell Geist, habitat coordinator, Buffalo Field Campaign.

# The Government's Empty Nest Syndrome: Towards a Rational and Valid Nest Policy (Organizer: Laura Horton) (EMU Walnut)

Fish and Wildlife Service's bird nest policy allows the destruction of nests without a permit so long as no egg or fledgling is within the nest at the time, regardless of whether an adult bird uses the nest for shelter, roosting, or returns to the same nest every spring. This panel will explore the policy in the context of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the policy's impact on birds, and how it can change to better protect migratory birds. **Panelists:** Danny Lutz, Litigation Fellow, Animal Legal Defense Fund; Laura Horton, Staff Attorney, Wild Equity Institute; Dan Gleason, former Professor of Ornithology.

# The Problem & Solution: Methane Pollution from Oil & Gas Development (Organizer: Erik Schlenker-Goodrich) (EMU Boardroom)

The oil and gas industry is the nation's largest source of methane emissions, a potent contributor to climate change. This is a hot topic in climate and energy circles, raising questions about the efficacy of replacing coal with natural gas. The panelist will explore the sources and magnitude of methane pollution from oil and natural gas development, legal and regulatory solutions to reduce that pollution, and the intersection between efforts to control methane pollution with placebased campaigns to protect wildlands, wildlife, waters, and communities.

**Panelists:** Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, Executive Director, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Darin Schroeder, Attorney, Clean Air Task Force; Jeremy Nichols, Director, Climate and Energy Program, Wildearth Guardians.

### NPDES Enforcement: Upholding the Promise of the CWA (Organizer: Jen Pelz) (EMU Coquille)

Our country's commitment under the CWA was to eliminate the discharge of pollutants into navigable waters by 1985. In an effort to make good on that promise, citizen enforcement actions remain the path to achieving this goal. Panelists will discuss our strategy for protecting clean and safe waterways in the west by bringing citizen suits to enforce NPDES permit violations and restore healthy waters.

**Panelists:** Scott Jerger, Partner, LLP; Jen Pelz, Wild Rivers Program Director, WildEarth Guardians; Brent Foster, Staff Attorney, Clean Water Enforcement Project.

### Time to Clear the Air: Animal Factories and Air Pollution (Organizer: Bruce Myers) (EMU Ben Linder)

The industrial system of meat and dairy production prevalent in the United States not only fouls waterways and contributes to antibiotic resistance, it also pollutes the air. Factory farms emit ammonia, hydrogen sulfide, particulate matter, and volatile organic compounds. These facilities also generate greenhouse gases—from carbon dioxide to the more potent methane and nitrous oxide. Panelists will discuss the latest science, legislation, regulation, and litigation, and explore policy options for reducing and regulating air emissions from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Panelists: Tarah Heinzen, Attorney, Environmental Integrity Project; Brent Newell, Legal Director, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; Wally Taylor, Attorney, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Bruce Myers, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute; Eve Gartner, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice.

#### 10:15 - 11:30 A.M. • PANEL 3

### Securing Attorney Fees under Citizen Suit Provisions and EAJA (Organizer: Mac Lacy) (EMU Ben Linder)

This panel will outline and discuss current statutory and case requirements, and successful strategies and tips for attorneys to obtain attorney fee awards under the Equal Access to Justice Act and under the citizen suit provisions of certain federal laws

Panelists: Mac Lacy, Senior Attorney, Oregon Natural Desert Association; Pete Frost, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center.

### Coal/Oil/Gas: None Shall Pass (Organizer: Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky) (Many Nations Longhouse)

The Northwest is facing down the fossil fuel industry. From Coos Bay to Canada proposals for fossil fuel export terminals could shape the future of the region and the global climate crisis. This multimedia panel will provide details about the latest project proposals for coal oil and liquified natural gas exports and highlight local, regional and national efforts to stop them. *Panelists: David Osborn, Member, Portland Rising Tide; Trip Jennings, Director, Balance Media; Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Community Organizer, Columbia Riverkeeper.* 

### New Science on Fire, Water, and Forests (Organizer: Douglas Bevington) (EMU Boardroom)

While logging projects are often portrayed as addressing forest fires, the latest scientific research is finding that many of the assumptions about fire used to justify those projects are erroneous. At the same time, there is growing research on the harm that these logging projects cause to aquatic ecosystems. This panel of scientists will discuss notable new research from the past year and explore how it offers useful resources for forest protection advocates.

**Panelists:** Dr. Dominick DellaSala, Geos Institute; Dr. Chris Frissell, Independent Scientific Consultant; Dr. Jon Rhodes, Planeto Azul Hydrology; George Wuerthner, Foundation for Deep Ecology.

### A Pipeline on Wheels: Oil-By-Rail in the Northwest (Organizer: Daniel Serres) (EMU Coquille)

The Pacific Northwest has emerged as a key chokepoint for the shipment of oil from the Bakken formation in North Dakota and tar sands oil from Canada. Thousands of Oregonians and Washingtonians have already engaged in opposition to oil terminal projects, most recently in Vancouver, WA. Current proposals to ship oil via rail rival or exceed the capacity of the Keystone XL pipeline. The panel will address the legal challenges of vetting oil-by-rail proposals in Oregon and Washington. Additionally, the panel will discuss the impacts of large-scale oil-by-rail terminals, including the negative impact of unit trains on local family farms and businesses.

**Panelists:** Brett VandenHeuvel, Executive Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Matthew Baca, Associate Attorney, Earthjustice; Mike Seely, Owner & Operator, Seely Mint Farm; Marla Nelson, Legal Fellow, NW Environmental Defense Center.

### Biomass Burning Battlezones (Organizer: Energy Justice Network) (EMU Walnut)

We'll cover the hottest biomass energy battlezones, focusing on the worsening environmental and economic injustices of skewed carbon accounting, pollution, export expansion, and increased logging.

**Panelists:** Lisa Arkin, Executive Director, Beyond Toxics; Gretchen Brewer, Director, PT AirWatchers; Greg Pallesen, Vice-President, Association of Western Pulp & Paper Workers; Toby Thaler, Esq., Natural Resource Law & Policy.

#### 9:15 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. • WORKSHOP 1

WOLFSHOP (Organizers: Nick Cady, Apollonia Goeckner, Rob Klavins) (EMU Fir)

Join us for a two-hour long workshop about the biggest wolf issues around the United States. We will get everyone up to speed on what is happening with the FWS plan for delisting of wolves, and discuss what the future holds for wolves under the federal ESA. Then, the discussion will turn to the Pacific Northwest wolves, where attorneys and advocates will give us an update on wolves in Washington, California, and Oregon. The wolf workshop will end with an in depth presentation on Oregon's Wolf Conservation and Management Plan.



Earlier this year, Oregon lost one of its most beloved conservation heroes - Tim Lillebo. Tim spent 40 years working to protect and restore the eastern Oregon forests and wilderness that he so loved. Join us at this workshop for a special remembrance of Tim.

**Panelists:** Jasmine Minbashian, Conservation Northwest; Josh Laughlin, Cascadia Wildlands; Amaroq Weiss, Center for Biological Diversity; Rob Klavins, Oregon Wild.

9:45 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. • Twitter Moot 2014 (Organizer: Andrew Gage) (EMU Alsea)

You've never seen legal argument like this! Teams from 5 law schools from across Canada will argue an appeal to the Supreme Twitter Court of Canada – all in 140 characters or less – about whether mining laws violate constitutional duties to Canada's Indigenous people. Join us for a live viewing and discussion with #twtmoot-host, West Coast Environmental Law, or follow this unique social media event on Twitter, Facebook or at www.wcel.org/twtmoot (starting at 10am PST on Friday, February 28th).

#### 11:35 A.M. • The Corvallis and Eugene Raging Grannies (LAW 175)

### 11:45 A.M - 1:45 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (LAW 175)

**Dr. Jane Lubchenco**, Wayne and Gladys Valley Professor of Marine Biology, Distinguished Professor of Zoology, Oregon State University.

Patrick Parenteau, Professor of Law, Senior Counsel to the Environmental and Natural Resource Clinic (ENRLC), Vermont Law School.

### 2:00 - 3:15 P.M. • PANEL 4

Fossil Fuel Deception: The Federal Government's Participation Through Financial Incentives (Organizer: Mona L. Hymel) (LAW 141)

The deception of oil causes us to think that we can buy cheap stuff from China, we can live in cheap big houses in the exurbs, and we can keep on driving to CostCo in our SUVs to stock up on that cheap stuff from around the world. Is our economy hostage to cheap oil? Our thirst for oil leads to exploitation of pristine lands and exploitation of native people. Concern about oil justifies military buildup. From a tax perspective, "regular" oil tax benefits like percentage depletion, enhanced oil recovery, and IDCs, while relatively minor in terms of total tax expenditures, never expire and illustrate the strength of the fossil fuel lobby, which resists any cut backs. There are also stealth oil benefits: exemption from AMT and passive activity loss rules, the § 199 deduction, and master limited partnerships. Unconventional oil and gas extraction techniques (fracking and tar sands) reduce the net energy benefit of oil. Energy from oil could be used to transition into

a fossil-free economy, but we just seem to keep burning it. A carbon tax could help reduce the incentive to keep drilling and digging ourselves even deeper in the climate change hole. **Panelists:** Mona Hymel, James E. Rogers School of Law at the University of Arizona; Tracey Roberts, Seattle University School of Law; Neil Buchanan, George Washington University School of Law; Walter Wang, University of San Diego School of Law; Roberta Mann, University of Oregon School of Law; Greg Bothun, University of Oregon.

Sage grouse - Threats and listing under the ESA (Organizer: George Wuerthner) (EMU Ben Linder)

The sage grouse is an iconic species found in the Sagebrush Steppe ecosystem across the West. Called the spotted owl of the rangelands, the sage grouse has declined significantly across its range and is not proposed for listing under the ESA. The panel will discuss the threats as well as the legal aspects of the bird's potential listing.

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Panelists: George Wuerthner, Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology; Erik Molvar, WildEarth Guardians; Mark Salvo, Defenders of Wildlife.

Don't Frack Our Oceans! (Student Organizer: Apollonia Goeckner) (EMU Fir)

The offshore oil rigs off the coast of California near Santa Barbara hold a terrible secret. Companies have changed out some of their drilling technologies with hydraulic fracturing techniques, and did so very discreetly, without any sort of environmental review. The more we learn about fracking, the more we see the negative impacts it has on the environment. The power of oil corporations combined with the limited oversight of government agencies and congressional exemptions means that offshore fracking might soon become a regular practice. How do we stop it? This panel will explore different litigation and policy tools to combat offshore fracking. *Panelists: Dierdre McDonnell, Center For Biological Diversity*.

Law, Economics, and Our Coasts (Organizer: Jake Glicker) (LAW 281)

Our coasts face more frequent and more severe threats year by year. Poorly regulated resource extraction, housing developments unencumbered by forethought, severe and repetitive storms in the same places and the same seasons but described as surprising. The list, of course, goes on. In this frequently self-inflicted coastal chaos, the law and economics intersect conveniently and constructively. Attorney Vic Marcello and economist Ed Whitelaw proffer reason, insight, and a few anecdotes to this discussion of once and future coastal litigation. Panelists: Vic Marcello, Partner, Talbot, Carmouche & Marcello; Ed Whitelaw, Founder, ECONorthwest, Professor of Economics, University of Oregon.

Uncharismatic Microfauna: The Little Things That Can Save Ecosystems (Organizer: Taylor Jones) (EMU Alsea)

Charismatic megafauna are flagship species for conservation efforts, but "uncharismatic microfauna" have an equally important role. Small animals with limited ranges are barometers of ecosystem health; for example the mist forestfly needs the disappearing glaciers of Glacier National Park, and the Scott riffle beetle, which lives in one spring in Kansas, is threatened by the dewatering of the Ogallala Aquifer. How do we generate excitement about seemingly insignificant species, and what role can they play in larger conservation strategies? Panelists: Taylor Jones, Endangered Species Advocate, WildEarth Guardians; Sarina Jepsen, Endangered Species Program Director, Xerces Society; Collette Adkins Giese, Amphibian and Reptile Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Tierra Curry, Senior Scientist, Center for Biological Diversity.

Washington CAFOs: Everbrown in the Evergreen State (Organizer: Andrea Rodgers Harris) (LAW 241) The Lower Yakima Valley in Eastern Washington has long been an epicenter in the fight against the rampant water pollution that comes from Concentrated Animal Feeding

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Operations (CAFOs). Scientific data conclusively shows that CAFOs are significantly impacting the ground water and drinking water resources of the state of Washington. This panel will address the next legal frontier in the battle against CAFO pollution: groundwater pollution. The panelists will discuss the on-going Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) litigation against five dairies in the Lower Yakima Valley and other regulatory avenues to protect ground and drinking water resources.

**Panelists:** Andrea Rodgers Harris, Of Counsel, Western Environmental Law Center; Charles M. Tebutt, Law Offices of Charles M.

Tebbutt; Helen Reddout, CARE.

Predators, Connectivity, and Ecosystem Resilience in the Spine of the Continent (Organizer: Greg Costello) (EMU Boardroom)

Conservation biologists agree that there are three critical components to maintaining resilient and adaptable ecosystems for all species: core habitat areas, connectivity between them such that species can migrate and adapt to changing climatic conditions, and the presence of apex predators. This panel will describe how conservationists are using grassroots advocacy, law and policy, and science to maintain and restore these critical components in a tri-national effort along the Spine of the Continent from Mexico to the Yukon.

**Panelists:** Greg Costello, Executive Director, Wildlands Network; Cristina Eisenberg, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Oregon State University; Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law

Center.

Climate Change Victims - Is the Door Still Ajar? (Organizer:

Jaclyn Lopez) (LAW 142)

Climate change is disproportionately impacting communities that have contributed relatively little to the problem, however, few legal remedies are available to (1) make whole victims of climate change; (2) enjoin large emitters; or (3) force nations to implement meaningful greenhouse gas reduction measures. Authors, litigators, and professors discuss this timely subject. Panelists: Jaclyn Lopez, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Jen Marlow, Co-Director, Three Degrees Warmer, Curator, Re-Locate Project; Julia Olson, Executive Director, Our Children's Trust.

Energy Law & Policy in the Rockies: Year in Review III (Organizer: Mike Chiropolos) (EMU Walnut)

Colorado and the Rockies are increasingly looked to as models for how to "responsibly" regulate oil and gas development, and balance fracking with the concerns of residents, wildlife, and the environment. The panel will summarize and critique three major fracking rulemakings in Colorado and four local fracking bans, including the strongest new protections, the greatest missed opportunities, pending legal threats, and future strategies to empower citizens to protect people and the planet.

**Panelists:** Mike Chiropolos; Bruce Finley, Esq., Denver Post Energy & Environment Reporter; Peter Hart, Wilderness Workshop.

Popping up the Climate Change Umbrella: Considerations of Climate Change Impacts and National Forest Road Management (Organizer: Marlies Wierenga) (LAW 242) Snow/rain transition zones. Increasing peak flows. Saturated soils and landslides. Glacier recession and stream aggradations. Wildlife disbursements. These are all probable future changes in the forested landscape that could have an impact on the thousands of miles of roads that criss-cross the national forests. Road management has changed from the timber extraction/road building era to an era where excessive road networks are becoming an increasing liability. This panel will discuss opportunities/challenges with existing datasets, the identification of key risks, and ways to move forward with strategies.

**Panelists:** Jennifer Watkins, Conservation Associate, Conservation Northwest; Robin Stoddard, Hydrologist, USFS Olympic National

Forest.

Food, Technology, and the Environment (Organizer: Kelly Damewood) (LAW 110)

The food we eat and the way it is produced constantly evolves as we incorporate more ground-breaking technology. But is high-tech food production harming the environment? If so, will we tolerate these harms? Or can high-tech food actually offer environmental benefits? This panel discusses the following food production technologies and their implications for the environment: precision farming for nutrient control; emerging contaminants in agricultural runoff; genetically engineered salmon; and laboratory-devloped (in vitro) meat. Panelists: Kelly Damewood, University of Arkansas School of Law Food & Ag Law LL.M. Candidate & Marler-Clark Fellow, Food Safety News; Pamela Vesilind, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas School of Law & Fellow, Vermont Law School Ctr. for Agriculture & Food Systems; Lauren Bernadett and Kathryn Smith, University of Arkansas School of Law Food & Ag Law LL.M. Candidates & Graduate Assistants.

What Every Environmentalist Should Know About Capitalism: How it will Impact Your Case or Campaign (Student Organizer: Cooper Brinson) (LAW 175)

Panelists will provide a comprehensive explanation of the linkages between the basic functioning of capitalism and its environmental consequences. They will approach this question in two parts: first, a brief historical and theoretical investigation of the capitalism-environment relationship; and, second, an illustration of how we might begin to challenge the logic of the system, through a discussion of recent efforts spearheaded by labor unions to build broader coalitions by reconceptualizing movement goals and tactics.

Panelists: Lauren Regan, Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense

Center; Jamil Jonna; Richard Monje.

Super-Toxic Rodenticides: How Rat Poison and Pollution Pot are Killing Wildlife, Pets & People (Organizer: Jonathan Evans) (LAW 282)

Rat and mouse poisons, or rodenticides, cause severe health damage and even death in nontarget wildlife, pets, and people. Secondary poisoning are widespread among predators like hawks, mountain lions, and endangered species like the spotted owl and pacific fisher. Panelists will discuss the problems with super toxic rodenticides, where the problems are occurring, what the public and decision makers can do to reduce poisonings, and how "pollution pot" marijuana growing is contributing to the problem.

Panelists: Jonathan Evans, Toxics and Endangered Species Campaign Director, Center for Biological Diversity, Gary Graham Hughes, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Information Center; Julia Burco, Assistant Wildlife Veterinarian, Oregon Depart-

ment of Fish and Wildlife.

Integrating the Public Trust Doctrine into Environmental Decision Making (Student Organizer: Gordon Levitt) (LAW 184)

That the government must safeguard our environment as a trustee pursuant to the Public Trust Doctrine is a foundational principle of environmental law; however, in the current statutory era the basic tenets of the doctrine have been lost, superseded by a regulatory framework that has failed to prevent the unsustainable use of natural resources and undue environmental harm. This panel will discuss how the public trust doctrine can be incorporated into environmental decision-making at various levels of government. We will analyze the origins and nature of the trust, how it should be applied in the existing regulatory framework, and discuss potential policy initiatives for incorporating the public trust doctrine into environmental decision-making.

**Panelists:** Jared Margolis, Professor, University of Oregon School of Law; Mary Wood, Professor, University of Oregon School of Law; Nate Bellinger, David Brower Fellow, University of Oregon School

of Law.

Strategies for Securing Flows in Our Iconic Western Rivers (Organizer: Jen Pelz) (LAW 243)

The iconic free-flowing rivers that defined the west historically are now in peril. From the mighty Rio Grande to the Columbia, litigation and public participation are serving to chart a new course for solutions. Panelists will discuss the strategies being implemented and the status of their efforts to secure flows for these endangered rivers.

**Panelists:** Jen Pelz, Wild Rivers Program Director, WildEarth Guardians; John DeVoe, Executive Director, WaterWatch; Adell Amos, Associate Professor, University of Oregon School of Law; Megan Hooker, Associate Stewardship Director, American Whitewater.

#### 3:30 - 4:45 P.M. • PANEL 5

Combining Citizen Activism and Legal Strategies to Stop Destructive Coal Strip Mining in Appalachia (Organizer: Aaron Isherwood) (LAW 141)

Mountaintop removal (MTR) is a radical form of coal strip mining that has destroyed over 500 mountains and buried more than 2,000 miles of streams in Central Appalachia. Learn how mountain residents, community organizers, and attorneys are teaming up to fight the destruction of MTR and to promote just economic transition. Hear first-hand stories of restoring community with old plant medicine ways and collaborating with organizers to protect ancient mountains and streams. Learn about legal strategies being used to fight strip mining in Appalachia, and get an overview of the Sierra Club's campaign to fight MTR and other destructive forms of coal strip mining.

Panelists: Aaron Isherwood, Managing Attorney, Sierra Club; Carol Judy, Root Digger and Community Activist; Jane Davenport, Senior Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Bonnie Swinford, Organizer, Tennessee Chapter of Sierra Club.

# We Are the 4% - How Oregon Fell Behind and What We Can Do About It (Organizer: Bridget Callahan) (LAW 242)

We Are The 4% - When compared to our neighbors, Oregon ranks last in protected Wilderness. Washington has protected 10% of their state, Idaho 8% and California 15%. This panel takes a look at what protected Wilderness means, how we got here, and where we need to go on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

**Panelists:** Bridget Callahan, Wilderness Campaign Organizer, Oregon Wild; Andy Kerr, Conservationist, Writer, Analyst, The Larch Company; Joseph Vaile, Executive Director of KS Wild.

Minimizing Impacts from Off-Road Vehicles: How to Make Legal Wins Mean Something on the Ground (Organizer: Vera Smith) (EMU Coquille)

Several court decisions over the past six years have affirmed that the Forest Service and the BLM must comply with the direction in regulation and executive order to minimize impacts to natural resources and other users when designating trails and areas for off-road vehicle use. This is great news but it's really only the first step on a long journey to actually minimize impacts. The panelists will discuss possible ways to actually achieve impact minimization on Forest Service and BLM lands, and how to address possible backlash from these decisions. Bring your ideas so we can have a vibrant discussion!

**Panelists:** Vera Smith, Director of Forest Policy and Planning, The Wilderness Society; Nada Culver, Director and Senior Counsel, BLM Action Center, The Wilderness Society; Sarah Peters, Wild Places Program Attorney, WildEarth Guardians.

#### Legal and Policy Questions Surrounding the Oregon and California Railroad Lands (Organizer: Nick Cady) (LAW 241)

This panel will explore the Oregon and California Act of 2013, proposed legislation that will open up over a million acres of BLM managed land in Oregon to clearcutting. The panel will dissect the proposed legislation, explore the

surrounding legal, economic, and policy issues, and discuss alternative solutions.

**Panelists:** Susan Jane Brown, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Chandra LeGue, Oregon Wild; Ernie Niemi; Francis Eatherington, Cascadia Wildlands.

### The Economic Wars: Our Planet in Peril (Organizer: Jake Glicker) (LAW 243)

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

**Panelists:** Ed Whitelaw, Founder, ECONorthwest, Professor of Economics, University of Oregon; Glen Spain, Northwest Regional Director, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations.

#### Environmental Rights or Environmental Duties? - On the Theoretical Basis of Environmental Ethics (LAW 281)

The concept of environmental rights is insufficient for both humans and non-humans for the justification of the environmental obligations in environmental ethics. In other words, the rights perspective—as justification—of obligation in environmental ethics is not proper. Rather, the concept of environmental duties of humans, being derived from the factual community-relationship between human beings and other natural entities, can be qualified for a theoretical basis of environmental ethics and, perhaps, for the theoretical basis of environmental law as well.

**Panelists:** Dr. Zhihua Yang, Associate Professor at Beijing Forestry University, Researcher of Ecological Civilization Research Cetner of State Forestry Administration, PRC.

# Using the Public Trust Doctrine to Protect the Atmosphere and Reverse Climate Change (Student Organizer: Nate Bellinger) (LAW 184)

Since May 2011, as part of the global TRUST Campaign, youth filed unprecedented legal actions in every U.S. state and against the federal government. Their legal claims are based on the Public Trust Doctrine, which is embodied in constitutional provisions, statutes and regulations, and common law. Attorneys and law students involved in the TRUST Campaign will give an update of the atmospheric trust legal actions being brought around the world to protect the atmospheric trust resource and reverse climate change.

**Panelists:** Julia Olson, Executive Director, Our Children's Trust, and Counsel in Federal Atmospheric Trust Case; Nate Bellinger, Law Clerk, Our Children's Trust; Andrea Rodgers Harris, Attorney & Of Counsel, Western Environmental Law Center; Brad De Noble, Law Offices LLC.

### Protecting Mojave Desert Groundwater: Opposing the Cadiz Project (Organizer: Seth Shteir) (LAW 282)

This panel will discuss the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project. The Cadiz Inc. proposes to pump water at an unsustainable rate from an aquifer that lies beneath the Mojave Desert and sell that water to Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County water districts. Panel members will discuss the community, scientific, policy and legal issues that have arisen during the campaign to oppose the Cadiz Project.

Panelists: Seth Shteir, California Senior Desert Field Representative, National Parks Conservation Association; Adell Amos, Associate Professor, University of Oregon School of Law; Sam Whalen, Legal Consultant; Adam Lazar, Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Michael Robinson-Dorn, State Litigation Attorney, UC Irvine Environmental Law Clinic.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Coal in Your Stocking - Free Distribution Along the Tracks (Organizer: Charlie Tebutt) (EMU Ben Linder)

Coal transportation continues to increase, particularly for exports to the Far East. Do we want that coal to rain back down upon us? Coal also rains down on the neighborhoods and watersheds along the train tracks due to the fallout from uncovered rail cars. The industry admits that it loses between 500 to 3,000 pounds of coal per rail car in transit. These coal discharges pollute waterways, increase particulate exposure to people in their wake and cause train derailments - thereby putting everyone at risk.

**Panelists:** Charlie Tebbutt, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C; Brianna Fairbanks, Sierra Club ELP (2007 UO Law grad); Brett VandenHeuvel, Executive Director, Columbia Riverkeeper.

## Powering Up for People, Planet & Peace: Global Climate Convergence (Student Organizer: Cooper Brinson) (LAW 175)

The panelists will lay out their sense of the way forward to a movement sufficiently powerful, expansive, and inclusive that it can actually save the climate (which really means a movement for people, peace and planet). Panelists will discuss one plan to unify vision and actions: The Global Climate Convergence. Join us for a discussion as well as hear about upcoming action plans around the globe.

**Panelists:** Lauren Regan, Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Dr. Jill Stein, former Green Party Presidential Candidate; Jamil Jonna; Richard Monje, Vice President SEIU, Workers United.

Protecting Oak Flat: Assessing Past Strategies and Meeting Future Challenges (Organizer: Roger Featherstone) (EMU Alsea)

The Oak Flat watershed in Arizona is a sacred ecological and recreational haven under attack by foreign mining companies attempting to bypass the normal public land mine permitting and NEPA process with federal legislation. Panelists will discuss the critical values needing protection at Oak Flat, what the loss of Oak Flat could mean locally and nationally, and what works and what hasn't worked in our quest to protect Oak Flat.

**Panelists:** Susan Montgomery, Montgomery & Interpreter; Roger Featherstone, Director, Arizona Mining Reform Coalition; Wendsler Nosie, Tribal Councilman, San Carlos Apache Tribe.

Pollinators and Industrial Agriculture (Organizer: Kelsey Herman) (LAW 110)

From bees to butterflies, many pollinators are currently in steep decline. Industrial agriculture has, among other things, caused significant increases in pesticide use, the loss of biodiversity, and the destruction of important wildlife habitat. This "bee friendly" panel will feature an explanation of these harmful practices and discussion of current litigation and regulatory campaigns, as well as a beekeeper's view of the real world impacts of these harms.

**Panelists:** George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Tierra Curry, Senior Scientist, Center for Biological Diversity; Lori Ann Burd, Contract Attorney, Center for Food Safety; George Hansen, President, American Beekeeping Federation.

Advocacy in the Anthropocene: How to Talk About Population to Save the Environment (Organizer: Stephanie Feldstein) (LAW 142)

With 7 billion people on the planet, human population growth, along with reckless overconsumption, is at the root of our most pressing environmental issues. Yet it's often left out of environmental and conservation advocacy. This panel will discuss the next generation of the population movement -- one that connects population growth to the other defining issues of our age -- and how creative media can get beyond the stigma and awkwardness to bring population and sustainability back into the conversation.

**Panelists:** Stephanie Feldstein, Population and Sustainability Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Alan Weisman, Author, "Countdown: Our Last, Best Hope for a Future on Earth?".

Federal Forest Legislation in the Context of Collaborations (Organizer: Energy Justice Network) (EMU Walnut)

We'll explore the dangers of pending federal forest legislation to increase logging with less accountability in the context of expanded collaborations. While Congressmen and collaborators seek to increase public logging to boost domestic supplies, jobs, and revenues, huge volumes of untaxed raw logs and chips are exported without contest and wealthy timber corporations pay little taxes. We'll show how these compromises are giveaways that endanger our forests, water, and air. Panelists: Ernie Reed, Council Chair, Heartwood, and Conservation Director, Wild Virginia; George Wuerthner, Ecological Projects Director, Foundation for Deep Ecology; Samantha Chirillo, Assistant Director, Our Forests.

Cascadia Against Empire: Bioregional Organizing from a Decolonial Perspective (Organizer: Emmalyn Garrett) (EMU Fir)

For Pacific Northwest dreamers, artists, and activists, "Cascadia" is a term often evocative of a better world. We will discuss the history of grassroots organizing around Cascadian bioregionalism, uses and misuses of Cascadia as myth and metaphor, and the realities of confronting a legacy of settler colonialism on a stolen landbase. We will present Cascadia as an extralegal and post-legal vision of bioregionalism, decolonization, and land liberation rooted in a pragmatic focus on action in current organizing context.

Panelists: Cathasaigh O'Corcrain, Co-editor Autonomy Cascadia: A Journal of Bioregional Decolonization; Alexander Reid Ross, Journal Editorial Collective Member, Earth First!; Kayla Godowa Tufti, Member Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Contributing Writer, Eugene Weekly; Paul Roland, Activist, Earth First!, and Organizer, Cascadia Now! Portland Chapter; Emmalyn Garrett, Board Member, Cascadia Now!, Cascadia Branch Portland.

### 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (LAW 175)

**Stephen Corry**, Director General, Survival International.

Svitlana Kravchenko Award Presentation.

Mary Pavel, Staff Director, Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

7:00 - 8:30 P.M. • INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' RECEPTION (Many Nations Longhouse)

The Native peoples at the University of Oregon welcome all indigenous conference attendees and their allies to this reception. A light meal will be served.

*Co-Sponsors:* Student Legal Advocates for Tribal Sovereignty, The Native American Student Union, and ENR's Native Environmental Sovereignty Project.

8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. PIELC CELEBRATION (Northwest Youth Corps)

This year PIELC will host our Celebration at Northwest Youth Corps! Mingle with fellow environmental attorneys, activists, students, and professors. Enjoy snacks, beer from local breweries, and music by Polecat!! 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 \$12 if purchased ahead of time at the registration check-in table. Tickets will be available at the door for \$15 cash or check only. A shuttle bus will run from the West end of the law school to Northwest Youth Corps every half hour starting at 7:30 p.m. Last shuttle leaves Northwest Youth Corps at 12:00 a.m.

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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Ethics Workshop (8:15 a.m. - 10:15) (Organizer: Daniel Gregor; Michael Nixon) (LAW 175)

Join us for two hours of the most fun you'll have this year doing legal ethics continuing education. We'll have a featured presentation on technology & social media ("Tweeting Bad: I am the one who blogs"), as well as the return of fan favorite "Lawyers Behaving Badly," and updates on "Judges Behaving Badly," and much more. Coffee and refreshments will be provided -- bring your mug!

Panelists: Josh King, Vice President of Business Development & General Counsel of Avvo; Daniel Gregor, Law Office of Daniel Gregor; Michael V. Nixon, Lawyer, strategist and consultant; Saul Goodman (invited), Principal and Managing Attorney of the Law Offices of Saul Goodman & Ass., Albuquerque, Hollywood.

#### 9:00 – 10:15 • PANEL 6

Fund for Wild Nature Grassroots Activists of the Year (Organizer: Douglas Bevington) (LAW 142)

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

Panelists: Douglas Bevington, Volunteer Board Member, Fund for Wild Nature; Denise Boggs, Conservation Congress; Karen Coulter, Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project; Mike Roselle, Climate Ground

Zero; Kim Marks, Civil Liberties Defense Center.

Implications of Private Property Rights and a Restoration of the Commons (Organizer: Karen Swift) (Many Nations Longhouse)

A look at the impact of private property rights on common resources and ancestral lands. What is private property, and how does the doctrine of discovery, the commons, and common property systems work for or against the rights of nature and the sovereignty of Native people? This panel will link the law, social change movements and emerging responses to systemic destruction caused by private property. It will explore both private and common property law as they relate to natural resource management.

Panelists: Devon Peña, President, Acequia Institute; Claire Hope Cummings, Environmental Lawyer and Journalist, author of Uncer-

## Securing Conservation Designations Under the New Forest Planning Rule (Organizer: Vera Smith) (LAW

The Obama Administration recently revised its planning rule and policies that direct how forests approach roadless inventories and wilderness evaluations in the forest planning process. Will the new rule and policies usher in a new era of administrative land protection, or will it be business as usual? Panelists will offer insights into what the new rule holds for recommended wilderness and other protective designations. This topic is especially timely given that 2014 is the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Panelists: Mike Anderson, Senior Resource Analyst, The Wilderness Society; Josh Hicks, Planning Specialist, The Wilderness Society; Nathan Newcomer, Grassroots Organizer, New Mexico Wilderness

Alliance.

#### Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty (Organizer: John Obsborn; Student Organizer: Kelsey Estabrook) (LAW 282)

The United States and Canada are positioning to modernize the Columbia River Treaty – opening the door for treaty reforms. The current 1964 treaty governs management of

the Columbia River for only two purposes: hydropower and flood-risk management. 15 Tribes of the Columbia Basin, fishing community, and environmental organizations advocate adding a third treaty purpose: ecosystem function, including restoring salmon to ancestral spawning waters blocked by dams. This panel will discuss status of negotiation preparations and opportunities for modernizing the treaty. Panelists: Rachael Paschal Osborn, Director, Columbia Institute for Water Policy; Fred Huette, Senior Policy Associate, NW Energy Coalition; Jeff Heffernan, Policy Analyst - Columbia Ŕiver Treaty, Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission.

**Uranium Zombies: Reports from the Front Lines (Organizer:** Travis Stills) (LAW 241)

The moribund uranium mining and milling industry has left behind numerous permits, mines, and mills that neither operate nor close. Termed "zombie" projects, unique strategies have been developed to protect the living landscapes threatened by the episodic rise of these uranium zombies. The successes and challenges of the past year are addressed, along with new threats to native and non-native communities. Panelists: Geoff Fettus, Natural Resources Defense Council; Jeff Parsons, Western Mining Action Project; Anne Mariah Tapp, Grand Canyon Trust.

When New Solutions Run Into Old Regulations (Or-

ganizer: John Carlon) (LAW 184)
Despite multiple layers of regulatory oversight, rivers in California are on the verge of collapse. Undoing this damage and restoring these rivers requires a new approach to conservation. This panel will explore what happens when 21st century science runs into 20th century laws and regulations. Through case studies, we will highlight lessons learned in implementing innovative river restoration practices in a highly regulated environment.

**Panelists:** John Carlon, President, River Partners; Helen Swagerty, Senior Restoration Biologist/Project Manager, River Partners; Michael Cook, Grant and Contract Manager, River Partners.

The Endangered Species Act Under Attack for 40 Years - and The Snail Darter Case (a Cliché That's Still Used to dis Environmentalism, and How to Flip

It) (Organizer: Zyg Plater) (LAW 110)
The Endangered Species Act -- now celebrating 40 years of wildlife battles -- is under Tea Party attack -- and TVA v. Hill, the student-initiated snail darter lawsuit that won in the Supreme Court, is still being regularly used as an icon of environmental irrationality by Rand Paul, etc. trying to gut the ESA, and to ridicule environmentalism generally. The panel will explore the intriguing realities of the ESA battles and the snail darter case - demonstrating that "Good Ecology usually equals Good Economics!" -- with several ESA battle veterans. Panelists: Sarah Grigsby, Healthy Systems, Portland (Tennessee student organizer in TVA v. Hill); Pat Parenteau, Professor, Vermont Law School (litigated Spotted Owl, Gray Wolf, Whooping Crane, Bowhead While, and Roadless Area cases among others; consulted in TVA v. Hill); Zyg Plater, Professor, Boston College Law School, (organized and argued TVA v. Hill in Supreme Court);

Assisted Migration in a Changing Climate (Organizer: Jaclyn Lopez) (EMU Ben Linder)

Due to climate change, species' habitats are rapidly changing, outpacing their capacity to adapt. Assisted migration is one policy prescription that might help some species survive climate change, but it is wrought with challenges. Wildlife management experts discuss existing regulatory frameworks, and identify obstacles and opportunities for improvement. Panelists: Jaclyn Lopez, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Dr. Mark Schwartz, John Muir Institute of the Environment, U.C. Davis; Dr. Joshua Lawler, Denman Professor of Sustainable Resource Sciences, School of Environment and Forest Sciences, University of Washington.

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Non-Traditional Alliance Building (Organizer: Kim Marks) (EMU Maple)

This workshop will focus on the opportunities and challenges involved in building alliances and coalitions, with a focus on practical approaches to building successful coalitions and working with non-traditional allies. This workshop looks at how to pick the best allies for your group or campaign, and how to build and maintain those relationships. We look at case studies from the past and can use your current campaign as a model on how to move forward.

**Panelists:** Kim Marks, Organizer, Greenpeace, and Board Member, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Diana Best, Organizer, Greenpeace.

### What's the Story? Getting Your Environmental Story in the Media (Organizer: Camilla Mortensen) (LAW 141)

Media, good or bad, can affect the outcome of environmental campaigns. This panel of seasoned journalists will discuss what makes a story, and how to get the media's attention from a local paper to national publications. Media strategy from the perspective of those who write and edit the story: press releases, making contacts, social media, and more. Panelists: Camilla Mortensen, Associate Editor, Eugene Weekly; Elizabeth Grossman, Author and freelance journalist, The Washington Post, The Nation, Salon; Valerie Brown, freelance journalist, Scientific American, High Country News; Jane Braxton Little, Contributing Editor, Audubon, and Writer, The Daily Climate, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

Oregon Values & Beliefs: We're closer than we thought (Organizer: Tom Bowerman) (LAW 243)

Answers to 200 survey questions asked of 8000 Oregonians do not reliably predict behaviors but can help define our aspirations. Why don't our actions match our values? These two researchers of the Oregon Values Survey Project key in on Oregonian contemporary views toward climate change. They will briefly discuss the findings, then the individual and public policy level implications for transformative solutions. The presentation aims to give maximum discussion time with the audience.

**Panelists:** Tom Bowerman, Project Manager, PolicyInteractive; William McConochie, Licensed Psychologist and Political Psychologist.

Chilling Enforcement: The Effort to Make Citizens Shoulder the Costs of Environmental Litigation, Win or Lose (Organizer: Sean Helle) (EMU Oak)

The ability of citizens to enforce our environmental laws is under assault in Congress and the courts. On Capitol Hill, members are pushing legislation that would undermine citizen enforcement, or prohibit it altogether. In the courts, conservative jurists are making it more difficult for citizens to bring cases and obtain meaningful relief. This panel will focus on recent efforts to chill citizen enforcement by denying fee recovery to successful plaintiffs and forcing unsuccessful plaintiffs to pay their adversaries' legal costs.

Panelists: Jay Austin, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute; Patti Goldman, Vice President for Litigation, Earthjustice; Sean Helle, Legislative Counsel, Earthjustice; Tom Waldo, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Brettny Hardy, Senior Associate Attorney,

Earthjustice.

### 10:30 - 11:45 A.M. • PANEL 7

#### Subduing Smog: Leveraging Clean Air Act Ozone Standards for Healthy Skies and Clean Energy (Organizer: Jeremy Nichols) (EMU Ben Linder)

The Clean Air Act sets mandatory limits on ground-level ozone, the key ingredient of smog, to protect public health and welfare. Unfortunately, communities throughout the nation and increasingly in the western United States, are grappling with unhealthy levels of ozone. In many parts of the Interior West, smog levels rival those of L.A. The reason? Rampant fossil fuel development and consumption, including unchecked fracking, coal burning, and urban sprawl. This panel will lay out the problem and identify key opportunities to leverage the Clean Air Act to both rein in smog and transition from fossil fuels.

**Panelists:** Jeremy Nichols, Climate and Energy Program Director, WildEarth Guardians; Samantha Ruscavage-Barz, Staff Attorney, WildEarth Guardians.

### Starting and Maintaining a Law Practice without Burning Out or Selling Your Soul (Organizer: Rebecca K. Smith) (LAW 282)

Often, students and attorneys assume that the only option to practice public interest environmental law is to work as a staff attorney. Realistically, those jobs are few and far between, and extremely competitive. Four successful attorneys will discuss another option: Start your own law practice! They will discuss mechanics of business management, establishing and maintaining client relationships, financial risks and rewards, quality of life issues, and more.

Panelists: Rebecca K. Smith, Attorney; Lauren Regan, Executive

Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Dana Johnson, Attorney; Marianne Dugan, Attorney.

The Beauty of Instream Flows (Organizer: Andrea Rodgers Harris) (EMU Oak)

This panel will discuss the use of the aesthetic water quality standard as a means to protect instream flows, and a recent case that upheld the use of the aesthetic water quality standard to protect instream flows in the Similkameen River in North Central Washington state. There will be a discussion on the admissibility of recreation/aesthetic flow research that was used as scientific evidence in support of the river advocates' claims that aesthetic flows over Similkameen Falls could be assessed and should be protected as a matter of law. Panelists: Andrea Rodgers Harris, Of Counsel, Western Environmental Law Center; Kristen Larson, Sound Law Center; Rachael Paschal Osborn, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Environmental Law & Policy; Bo Shelby, Confluence Research & Consulting.

#### **Defending Critical Habitat Designations (Organizer:** Collette Adkins Giese) (Many Nations Longhouse)

The panelists will discuss strategies to defend designations of critical habitat against legal challenges brought by private landowners and others. They will identify typical claims and examine how courts have resolved them. Cases challenging critical habitat designations for the dusky gopher frog, green sturgeon, and Santa Ana sucker will be highlighted. Panelists: Collette Adkins Giese, Amphibian and Reptile Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Emily Jeffers, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Adam Lazar, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity.

### PURPA Haze: Can an Old Law Drive New (Solar) Technology? (Organizer: Dave Bender) (LAW 243)

Section 210 of the Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA) was intended to encourage non-traditional electric generation from alternative energy sources. Waste coal and combined heat and power generation were the early beneficiaries. Wind has recently seen some benefits. Changes by Congress and FERC have limited PURPA's benefits to large generation, but the law has more to give. This panel will provide an overview of the law, ideas for using it to encourage distributed wind and solar generation, and the overlaps between PURPA and the recent fights over net metering and value of solar (VOS) ratemaking.

Panelists: Sarah Jackson, Associate, Synapse Energy Economics; David Bender, Partner, McGillivray Westerberg & Bender LLC.

#### Proposed Klamath Basin Settlement (Organizer: Glen Spain) (LAW 175)

In February of 2010, two landmark "Klamath Basin Settlement Agreements" were signed, intending to end decades of Klamath Basin conflicts and litigation over water, dams and salmon. Representatives of some of the more than 40 major stakeholder groups and agencies that are Parties to that landmark Settlement will talk about how the Klamath Basin

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Settlement works, how it will benefit the fish and wildlife of the Klamath Basin and the region's economy, and next steps towards its full implementation.

Panelists: Glen Spain, PCFFA/IFR; Don Gentry, Chairman, Klamath Tribes of Oregon; Greg Addington, Klamath Water Users Association; Konrad Fisher, Klamath Riverkeeper; Bob Gravely, PacifiCorp Energy Company.

Socially Responsible Investing (Organizer: Zack Mazer) (EMU Fir)

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.

Why Radical Subcultures Fail (Organizers: Ben Barker, Nate Farrington) (EMÙ Walnut)

Why Radical Subcultures Fail: an unflinching look behind the curtain of the "radical" left, its disturbing shortcomings, and what we can do about it.

Panelists: Ben Barker, Deep Green Resistance; Nate Farrington, Deep Green Resistance.

Controlling Oregon's Coastal Logging, Farming, Pesticide Use, and Ocean Acidification (Organizer: Nina Bell) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee)

Two federal agencies have proposed to disapprove Oregon's coastal nonpoint pollution control program. Hear about the CZARA statute and settlement and the basis for disapproval, focusing on logging, farming, and pesticides. Learn how the proposed disapproval is helping to drive changes in Oregon's inadequate logging practices and the scope of those changes. Finally, hear how nonpoint source controls are essential features of state and local actions to address ocean acidification. Panelists: Nina Bell, Executive Director, Northwest Environmental Advocates; Mary Scurlock, M. Scurlock & Associates; George Waldbusser, Assistant Professor, Oregon State University.

Mr. Obama, Tear Down this Wall! (Organizer: Cyndi Tuell) (EMU Boardroom)

In 2008, the largest waiver of law in the history of the United States happened with barely a whisper. This waiver facilitated the hasty construction of a wall between the United States and Mexico. Some of the country's most fragile and important public lands have been destroyed by this wall. Wildlife survival and migration in the borderlands are threatened by these ineffective government attempts to control smuggling. The Sierra Club and allies have been working to draw attention to this problem. This panel will discuss the laws waived, litigation to fight the waiver, potential for this to happen along the northern border, and the extent of destruction occurring along the southern border.

Panelists: Krista Schlyer, Environmental Photographer/Author; Dan Millis, Borderlands Program Organizer, Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter; Jenny Neeley, Attorney.

### A Bird's Eye View: Protecting Avian Species Through the MBTA, BGEPA, and NEPA (Organizer: Bill Eubanks) (LAW 281)

From communication towers to fisheries to fossil-fuel and renewable energy projects, many federally authorized projects may have significant impacts to bird species in the absence of

appropriate minimization measures. This panel emphasizes three distinct – yet complementary – statutes (the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and National Environmental Policy Act) that can be deployed to force agencies not only to account for avian impacts prior to project construction but also to ensure that any such impacts will be appropriately minimized.

Panelists: Bill Eubanks, Partner, Meyer, Giltzenstein & Crystal; Brendan Cummings, Senior Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity;

Kristin Ruether, Staff Attorney, Advocates for the West.

The Prisoner's Dilemma - Criminal Enforcement of Environmental Law (Student Organizer: Will Carlon) (LAW 184)

The focus will be on the tension between cooperation and individual self-interest to promote a moral system that works to reign those whose profits depend on externalizing environmental costs. This talk by two seasoned criminal prosecutors, appointed by California elected officials, is based on over fifty years of combined trial experience. While historically the destruction of nature through pollution and uncontrolled mortality was unacceptable and punished, we now live in an era where corporations are the dominant instrumentality of environmental destruction. The criminal law remains the most effective tool of social control over unacceptable corporate and personal behavior.

Panelists: Hal Thomas, Special Deputy District Attorney, Butte County District Attorney's Office; John M. Fentis, Former Deputy City Prosecutor (ret.) and Founder of the Environmental Crimes

Unit, City Prosecutor's Office, City of Long Beach.

Killing Agency: Advocating for Reform within USDA's Controversial Wildlife Services Program (Organizer: Tara Zuardo) (EMU Umpqua)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services program kills more than a million animals annually in the name of "managing problems caused by wildlife." The program has generated a great deal of controversy in recent years as a result of its impacts on wild animals, particularly native carnivores. Critics question Wildlife Services' use of poisons, leghold traps, snares, and aerial gunning to kill wildlife, as well as its lack of transparency and accountability. Panelists will discuss the program's history, the need for reform, and how advocates are working through Congress, the courts, and USDA itself to affect change.

Panelists: Carson Barylak, Federal Policy Advisor, Animal Welfare Institute; Bethany Cotton, Wildlife Programs Director, WildEarth Guardians; Brooks Fahy, Executive Director, Predator Defense; Elly Pepper, Policy Advocate, Natural Resources Defense Council.

Can EPA Get It Right? Advocacy Strategies to Enforce Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Organizer: Marianne Engelman) (EMU Alsea/Coquille)

Study after study has made clear that communities of color and low-income communities are disproportionately burdened by hazardous waste sites and other noxious sources of pollution, and yet state and local governments continue to approve new proposals to site additional toxic dumps and facilities in these very same communities. In this panel, using recent and current cases as a point of departure, three practitioners with experience bringing civil rights claims will discuss strategies that communities can use to compel civil rights enforcement and, also, advocacy at the national level to compel EPA to get civil rights enforcement right.

**Panelists:** Marianne Engelman Lado, Managing Attorney, Earthjustice; Al Huang, NRDC Director, Environmental Justice; Brent Newell, Legal Director, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment.

**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 Endan-

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gered Specieis Act more than thirty years ago to fight a TVA dam. The book's real story reveals the hypocrisy of antienvironmentalists, 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.

Panelists: Zvg Plater, Professor, Boston College Law.

California Environmental Quality Act Update (Organizer:

Jonathan Evans) (EMU Rogue)

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is one of California's most important laws to assure environmental protection and government accountability. This panel will discuss important recent developments under CEQA that are important for public interest practitioners including recent case law and statutory changes, the proper environmental baseline for analysis, CEQA's application to climate change, and other updates.

**Panelists:** John Buse, Legal Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Linda Krop, Chief Counsel, Environmental Defense Center; Erica

Maharg, Attorney, Shute Mihaly & Weinberger.

West Coast Direct Action (Organizers: Ben Jones and Cordelia Finley) (LAW 141)
This panel will highlight groups on the west coast that take

direct action against the destruction of the earth. We will talk about current campaigns, upcoming events, and what organizing in our communities looks like. We hope to engage with participants about what the future of direct action may look like and how we can grow the movement. We will also specifically address why being radically inclusive to marginalized groups and people is the only way forward for the radical environmental movement.

Panelists: Ben Jones, Cascadia Forest Defenders; Clementine, EarthFirst! Humboldt; Danielle Hauser, Trans and Womyn's Action Camp; Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, Portland Rising Tide.

Protecting Oregon's Public Water From Nestle (Organizer:

Julia DeGraw) (EMU Maple)

Groups from the Keep Nestle Out of the Gorge coalition have been fighting for over four years to keep a Nestle water-bottling proposal out of the Columbia River Gorge. This panel will provide an overview of the campaign, why the groups oppose bottled water, and target Nestle specifically. We will also provide an update on the pending legal strategy to ultimately stop a state agency from exchanging publicly owned water so Nestle can bottle and sell it.

Panelists: Julia DeGraw, Northwest Organizer, Food & Water Watch; Meredith Cocks, Grassroots Organizer, Bark; Courtney John-

son, Staff Attorney, Crag Law Center.

Carbon Limits at US Power Plants: Prospects and Problems (Organizer: Dan Galpern) (LAW 241)

Pursuant to Section 111 of the Clean Air Act and recent court decisions, EPA is required to establish carbon pollution limits for new power plants and also to set guidelines for state-based programs to limit carbon emissions from existing power plants. This panel will explore how this can be done, before it is too late.

Panelists: David Bookbinder, Partner, Element VI Consulting; Joanne Spalding, Senior Managing Attorney, Sierra Club; Dan Galpern, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C., U.O. Law '05; Angus Duncan, Chair of the Oregon Global Warming Commission.

The BP Oil Spill: How Does the Gulf and the Nation Recover? (Organizer: Jordan Diamond) (LAW 110)

Nearly four years have passed since the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, releasing millions of barrels of oil into the marine ecosystem. While nationwide attention to the BP oil spill has faded, the disaster will affect not only the Gulf but the nation for years to come. This panel will explore where restoration and recovery efforts stand, the spill's long-term impacts on Gulf Coast communities, and efforts at legal reform.

Panelists: Jordan Diamond, Co-Director, Ocean Program, Environmental Law Institute; Ivy Frederickson, Staff Attorney, Ocean Conservancy; Jonathan Henderson, Coastal Resiliency Organizer, Gulf Restoration Network.

We the People v. Corporate Personhood (Organizer:

Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap) (LAW 142) Move to Amend is calling for an amendment to the US Constitution to firmly establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to constitutional rights. Come learn about the movement to end corporate rule, build vibrant and accountable democracy, and achieve social, economic, and environmental justice. *Panelists:* Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, National Director, Move to Amend; Richard Monje, Vice President, Workers United/SEIU, National Leadership Team, Move to Amend.

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Lauren Regan, Founder, Staff Attorney, Civil Liberties Defense Center.

**Richard Monje**, Vice President, Workers United, SEIU.

Kerry Rydberg Award Presentation.

Amungme and Kamoro Tribal Representatives.

#### <u>2:00 – 5:00 P.M. • MCGOWAN GROVE HIKE</u>

Mystery. Enchantment. Engagement. Explore an ancient forest a half hour drive from PIELC. See why it's important and learn how it's threatened by Oregon's own Congressman DeFazio and Senator Wyden. Involves some rough off-trail terrain. Recommended for moderately experienced hikers, so dress warmly and wear boots. Transportation provided: 20-person limit. Vans leave at 2pm from the West entrance to the Law School. Co-sponsored by Our Forests and Energy Justice Network.

#### 2:15 – 3:30 P.M. • PANEL 8

Pre-decisional Objections: A Practitioner's Roundtable (Organizer: Brenna Bell) (LAW 242)

Two years ago, Congress passed a rider that significantly altered the process of administratively appealing resource extractive projects on Forest Service-managed land. At the 2012 PIELC, appeal practitioners gathered to ask "what will this mean for our work?" Now that projects are moving forward under the new regulations, its time to gather again and share stories and strategies for dealing with pre-decisional objections. Note - this will be a legally wonky panel that invites active participation!

**Panelists:** Jay Lininger, Center for Biological Diversity; Kevin Mueller, Utah Environmental Congress; Rocky Smith; Denise Boggs.

The Last Wild Buffalo (Organizer: Mike Mease)

(Many Nations Longhouse)
This panel will explain the plight of the last wild Buffalo through music, storytelling, and video.

Panelists: Mike Mease, Co-Founder, Buffalo Field Campaign; Good Shield.

Clean Air Act: Year In Review (Organizer: Adriano Martinez) (LAW 184)

Even with more than forty years under its belt, the Clean Air Act continues to give us thrilling judicial decisions. This panel will review the highlights (and lowlights) of the major opinions handed down under the federal Clean Air Act in 2013. We will also take a brief look ahead at important cases that are pending.

**Panelists:** Paul Cort, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; David Bender,

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Partner, McGillivray, Westerberg & Bender; Adriano Martinez, Staff Attorney, Earthjustice.

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

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: Dave Bahr, Bahr Law Offices; Daniel C. Snyder, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.

#### Undermining the Underminers: Tackling Coal Mining in the American West (Organizer: Jeremy Nichols) (EMU Oak)

The American West produces more than 50% of all coal produced in the nation, making the region a root contributor to U.S. - and increasingly international - carbon emissions. What's more, this mining is ravaging the landscape, devastating communities, and fouling air and water. Tackling mining in the West provides an opportunity to hasten a transition from coal, safeguard the landscape, and protect communities. This panel will lay out the issue, why it matters locally and globally, what legal options are being pursued to rein in mining, and what seems to be working.

Panelists: Jeremy Nichols, Climate and Energy Program Director, WildEarth Guardians; Shiloh Hernandez; Samantha Ruscavage-Barz; Shannon Anderson, Staff Attorney and Organizer, Powder River Basin Resource Council.

#### Return of the Keystones (Organizer: Rob Klavins) (LAW 243)

Oregon's fragile wolf recovery has grabbed headlines. Meanwhile the future of several other native keystone species remains even more uncertain. What challenges and opportunities face wolverines, sea otters, and condors? Are wildlife agencies, conservationists, and the public prepared? Panelists: Rob Klavins, Wildlife Advocate, Oregon Wild; Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director, Portland Audubon; Cameron La Follette, Land Use Director, Oregon Coast Alliance.

#### Protecting Charismatic Megafauna in the Northern Rockies (Organizer: Rebecca K. Smith) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee)

Lynx, grizzly bears, and wolverines: these "charismatic megafauna" get plenty of glossy media coverage and their images are often used as fundraising tools. Unfortunately, not many organizations are willing to litigate the controversial lawsuits over land management actions that adversely affect these species, especially in states like Montana and Idaho. Three attorneys will give an update on the cases they are litigating to protect these species in the Northern Rockies. *Panelists: Rebecca K. Smith, Attorney; Dana Johnson, Attorney;* Sarah McMillan, Staff Attorney, Wildearth Guardians.

Challenging New Hardrock Mine Proposals in the U.S. (Organizer: Mark Finc) (EMU Umpqua)

The West, Midwest, and Alaska are under assault from a new mining boom, as the result of high metals prices and out-dated mining laws. From Bristol Bay in southeast Alaska, to the Santa Rita Mountains in southern Arizona, to the Boundary Waters and Lake Superior watershed in the upper Midwest, spectacular areas are threatened by large-scale, highly controversial hardrock mining proposals. The panelists will provide an update on a number of high-profile copper, nickel, and gold mine proposals in the United States, and an overview of some of the legal and environmental issues that are involved. **Panelists:** Mark Finc, Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Randy Serraglio, SW Conservation Advocate, Center for Biological Diversity; Nancy Wainwright, Senior Staff Attorney, Trustees for Alaska.

Merging Climate Science with the Law and Communications (Student Organizer: Nate Bellinger) (LAW 175)

Panelists will discuss how climate science and the prescription for climate recovery can be fully integrated into climate litigation, legislation, and communication. Panelists include top climate scientists James Hansen and Pushker Kharecha, author of Nature's Trust, Mary Wood, and litigators who work on legal climate campaigns. Panelists will explain why the international target of limiting warming to 2 degrees C is disastrous for humanity and how the scientific information about safe levels of CO2 and warming can inform our legal work and advocacy.

Panelists: Dr. James Hansen, Former Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Columbia University Earth Institute; Julia Olson, Executive Director, Our Children's Trust; Dan Galpern, Attorney, Law offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C., UO Alumni '05; Mary Wood, Professor, University of Oregon School of Law; Dr. Pushker Kharecha, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies.

#### Environmental Course Initiatives: Protocols for **Student Innovation in University Course Offerings** (Organizers: Zyg Plater and Francesca McCaffrey) (LAW 281)

In many cases the environmental course of study in an educational institution has been shaped by a process of accidental accretion, decades-old concepts, or ad hoc individual faculty desires. This often means that an essential or intriguing area of study is left out of the official curriculum. Students can act together to identify and push desired courses into the curriculum. This panel of activist students reviews anecdotes, instructive examples, and strategies drawn from student experience at an assortment of relevant schools.

**Panelists:** Francesca McCaffrey; Natalina DePina; Ben Hanna; Victoria Luu.

#### Misogyny & Ecocide (Organizer: Saba Malik) (EMU Walnut)

Patriarchy is part and parcel of the extractive industrial infrastructure currently turning the planet to dust. The connections between ecocide and patriarchy are lost on many. We will explore these connections, and show how they should inform our actions. If we want a healthy, vibrant planet, and healthy, sustainable human communities, we must not only put a stop to extractive processes, but also work towards ending oppression and domination.

Panelists: Saba Malik, Board of Directors, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute; Kourtney Mitchell, Volunteer, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute; Rachel Ivey, Warrior Sisters Society.

Big Ag, Food, and 21st Century Environmental Policy (Organizer: Scott Schang) (LAW 141)

The interface of agricultural policy, modern food systems, and environmental protection laws raises troubling political and societal questions about the sustainability of U.S. agriculture. These issues demonstrate the need for new approaches to agricultural policy and environmental law to meet 21st century concerns surrounding climate change, water pollution, GMOs, accessibility to healthy foods, and the conservation of natural resources and ecosystem services. Come join experts to discuss problems and solutions.

Panelists: William Eubanks, Partner, Meyer, Giltzenstein & Crystal; Hannah Connor, Staff Attorney, Humane Society of the United States; George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Bruce Myers, Senior Attorney, Environmental Law Institute.

From Theory to Practice: Oregon Community Rights Groups Take on Corporations (Organizer: Eron King; Student Organizer: Zach Baker) (LAW 110)

Last year's keynote speaker Thomas Linzey introduced Community Rights. Since then, Community Rights initiatives have emerged across the state, addressing local threats like GMOs, pesticides, and trash. This panel will describe local efforts, as representatives share their journey in taking community rights from a keynote speech to initiative campaigns that are shaking the ground underneath corporate rights, validating the right to -18 -

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self-government, and recognizing nature's rights. Learn how communities have found their voice in saying no to corporate exploitation.

Panelists: Kai Huschke; Harry MacCormack, President, Benton County Community Rights Coalition; Michelle Holman, President, Community Rights Lane County; Audrey Moore, Freedom From Pesticides Alliance, Josephine County; Ann Kneeland, Attorney, Community Rights Lane County, Support Local Food Rights.

Hydraulic Fracturing: An Overview of Policies and Regulations Developing to Address Fracking (Student

Organizer: Tessa Schmitzer) (EMU Fir)
This panel will evaluate what "fracking" is in the larger context of oil and gas development and will also discuss the environmental and social consequences, as well as several policies and regulations developing in response to fracking. The panelists will discuss legal issues that both hinder and advance these regulations and will provide a survey of the national issues, state and local actions, as well as activist responses to fracking.

Panelists: Alli Melton, High Country Citizens Alliance; Kyle Tisdel, Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Kevin Lynch, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; Matt Sura, Oil and Gas Attorney.

Constitutional Challenges to State Climate Change Laws (Organizer: Tim Duane) (LAW 241)

States have taken the lead on climate change policy and law, adopting legislation and regulatory standards to promote renewable power production, low carbon fuels, and consideration of the climate impacts of many fossil fuel technologies and exports. Some of these state policies are now being challenged in federal court on the grounds that they unconstitutionally violate the dormant Commerce Clause. This panel summarizes those cases, outlines the relevant doctrine, and identifies how states can adopt or modify existing laws and regulations to increase the likelihood of successfully defending against such a legal challenge.

Panelists: Tim Duane, Professor, University of California, Santa Cruz; Daniel Lee, Attorney, Stoel Rives; David Zonana, Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice.

Values and Limitation: An Analysis on Deep Ecology of Arne Naess (LAW 282)

This talk will evaluate Deep Ecology, one of the most revolutionary and challenging contemporary Western Environmental ideological trends in light of its various contributions and limitations. This panel will advocate for an objective attitude of seeking truth from facts, and take the dialectical approach of "absorb-discard." From this standpoint, we may scientifically grasp and coordinate a more reasonable relationship between man and nature, promote ecological progress, and achieve lasting and sustainable development of human society

Panelist: Xianli Meng, Professor at Jiansu Normal University (PRC) and visiting scholar at the Center for Process Studies, Clare-

Protecting the Red Wolf with ESA Section 9 (Organizer:

Sierra Weaver) (EMU Rogue)
In October 2013, plaintiffs brought suit against the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission over the killing of endangered red wolves caused by state authorized coyote hunting. During the month that followed, six wolves out of a population of one hundred were killed by gunshot. This panel will discuss recent events on the ground and in the courts, challenges in achieving meaningful conservation for ESA 10(j) species, and the lessons learned from the campaign to protect the red wolf.

Panelists: Sierra Weaver, Senior Attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center; Jason Rylander, Senior Staff Attorney, Defenders of Wildlife; Tara Zuardo, Wildlife Attorney, Animal Welfare Institute; Ron Sutherland, Conservation Scientist, Wildlands Network.

Broken Promises, Broken Ecosystem: Old-growth Logging in America's Largest National Forest (Organizer: Rebecca Noblin) (EMU Ben Linder)

Just as it announces its intent to transition out of old growth logging in Alaska's Tongass, the USFS has proposed a massive timber sale in vital habitat for imperiled Alexander Archipelago wolves. Meanwhile, FWS delays ESA protections for the wolves, and the State of Alaska actively suppresses its scientists while simultaneously fighting in court to keep the Roadless Rule out of Alaska. This panel will explore the lurid and seedy underworld of old growth logging in America's largest national forest.

Panelists: Tom Waldo, Senior Staff Attorney, Earthjustice; Larry Edwards, Forest Campaigner, Greenpeace; Gabe Scott, Alaska Field Director, Cascadia Wildlands; Rebecca Noblin, Alaska Director, Center for Biological Diversity; Chris Winter, Co-Executive Director, Crag Law Center.

Sustaining Ocean Resources while Expanding Ocean Use (Organizer: Kathryn Mengerink) (EMU Alsea/ Coquille)

As we run into running out, the ocean provides one of the last great reservoirs for food, energy, minerals, and more. This session will examine the legal and policy implications of moving deeper and farther offshore to exploit, explore, and sustain this unique and largely unknown frontier.

Panelists: Kathryn Mengerink, Co-Director, Ocean Program, Environmental Law İnstitute; Jack Sterne, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Environmental Defense Fund; Kevin Banister, VP Business Development, Principle Power.

Trans and Womyn's Action Camp (TWAC) as a Direct Action Organizing Model (Organizer: Kim Marks) (LAW 142)

This panel discusses the history of Trans and Women's Action Camps (TWAC) as a model of direct action organizing. The Trans and Women's Action Camp grew out of Earth First! as a response to patriarchy and transphobia within the environmental movement. Since then, TWAC has spread around the country with new action camps and direct action protests on issues as varied as tar sands extraction and corporate owned prisons. This panel will also discuss the importance of an analysis of power and privilege, environmental justice, and organizing inclusive of queer and transgender people.

Panelists: Kim Marks, Board Member, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Ariel Howland, Trans and Women's Action Camp (TWAC); Karen Counter.

Remand without Vacatur - A new remedy (Organizer:

Scott Jerger) (EMU Maple)
This panel will focus on the new remedy of remand without vacatur, which is a reaction to the heightened standards for permanent injunctions after the Supreme Court's opinion in Monsanto v. Geertson Seed Farms.

Panelists: Scott Jerger, Attorney, Field Jerger LLP; Tom Buchele, Earthrise Law Center; Mike Harris, Director of Environmental Law Clinic, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver.

#### 3:45 – 5:00 P.M. • PANEL 9

Solar on Rooftops, Not Habitat (Organizer: Janine Blaeloch) (EMU Ben Linder)

The Obama Administration has gone all-out to promote and subsidize industrial-scale solar development on public lands, which is devastating habitat and essentially privatizing the land. Distributed generation (DG) is a more efficient, less damaging alternative that has been ignored. In a recent programmatic EIS, Interior has proposed to keep 19 million acres of public land open to Big Solar, and grassroots organizations have filed suit under NEPA on the basis that DG and degraded/developed-lands alternatives must be analyzed as well. Panelists: Janine Blaeloch, Executive Director, Western Lands Project; Christopher Clarke; Bill Powers, Powers Engineering; Christo-19 -

pher Krupp, Staff Attorney, Western Lands Project.

Why Wait For a Listing?: Ideas on How To Protect Species Before An ESA Listing (Organizer: Todd C. **Tucci) (LAW 243)** 

Panelists will discuss creative options on how to use litigation to protect species (and habitat) that are not yet protected under the Endangered Species Act. Panelists will highlight efforts to protect imperiled species using FLPMA, NFMA, NEPA, the Clean Water Act, and other litigation tools. Each panelist will discuss a specific case and litigation strategy designed to increase protections for non-listed wildlife, the factual and legal challenges inherent in seeking to protect non-listed wildlife, and lessons learned. The panelists will discuss their respective efforts to protect Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, Elk, Greater sage-grouse, and other imperiled, but not listed, wildlife species.

Panelists: Todd C. Tucci, Advocates for the West, Washington, DC; Lauren Rule, Advocates for the West, Portland, OR; Rebecca K.

Smith, Public Interest Defense Center, Missoula MT.

**Emerging Trends in Cost Awards Against Environmental** Plaintiffs (Organizer: Kevin Lynch) (EMU Coquille)

Many litigators have noticed the troubling trend of government attorneys or others seeking to force losing environmental plaintiffs to pay their costs of litigation, and many courts have started going along with these requests. These costs bills can be as high as tens of thousands of dollars in some cases, posing quite a chilling effect on those who would pursue litigation to promote environmental values and issues. Several panelists with experience fighting these requests will discuss these cautionary examples, arguments against cost awards, and strategies for reducing client exposure and counseling clients about the risk at the outset of litigation.

Panelists: Kevin Lynch, Assistant Professor, Environmental Law Clinic, University of Denver Sturm College of Law; Alli Melton, Public Lands Director, High Country Citizens' Alliance; Deborah Sivas, Director, Stanford Environmental Law Clinic; Marianne

Dugan, Attorney at Law.

How to Prove Standing: Emerging Issues (Organizer: Ashley Wilmes) (LAW 241)

Proving standing can be a bigger challenge in cases implicating procedural rights and risk-based harm. Panelists will discuss recent standing decisions affecting the practice of every PIEL attorney and how to avoid certain procedural pitfalls to ensure that your client demonstrates standing. Topics will include jurisdicitional discovery, when the relaxed redressability standard applies, and the Supreme Court's recent standing jurisprudence.

**Panelists:** Ashley Wilmes, Staff Attorney, WildEarth Guardians; Matt Kenna, Attorney, Public Interest Environmental Law and of Counsel, Western Environmental Law Center; Scott Nelson, Senior

Attorney, Public Citizen Litigation Group.

Opening the Barn Doors of Information - Tearing Down Industrial Ag's Walls of Secrecy (Organizer: Elisabeth Holmes) (EMU Fir)

Federal and state agencies and the animal Ag industry are attempting to construct and legalize walls of secrecy around critical and traditionally public information concerning environmental and animal welfare practices. These efforts inexcusably threaten our First Amendment rights, usurp the public's right-to-know, compromise public health, and offend our ethical values. Panelists will discuss litigation challenging "Ag Gag" laws, failures to meet FOIA disclosure obligations, and restrictions on government's gathering and public disclosure of information. CLE credit may be available.

Panelists: Will Potter, Independent Journalist, and Author, "Green Is The New Red"; Daniel C. Snyder, Attorney, Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C.; Elisabeth Holmes, Attorney, Blue River

Law, P.C.

### Driving Urgent and Ambitious Climate Action that Protects Human Rights (Organizer: Abby Rubinson)

While the UNFCCC remains the primary forum for global climate change negotiations, legal strategies at the national and international levels show great potential to transform the climate debate. This panel will explore how legal strategies related to climate change and human rights can drive urgent and ambitious climate action that respects and protects vulnerable groups. Panelists will discuss community-led actions in the Arctic and small island states, and carbon-offset projects under the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) in Panama.

**Panelists:** Brook Meakins, Founder, Drowning Islands; Brent Newell, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; Alyssa Johl, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL); Luisa Arauz, Centro de Incidencia Ambiental (CIAM), Panama; Abby Rubinson, Earthjustice.

Film Screening - Wildlife Services (Organizer: Rebecca

Riley) (LAW 110)

Two new films take aim at the USDA's Wildlife Services lethal predator control program. NRDC's film "Wild Things" delves into why Wildlife Services' predator control program is out of step with science. Meet ranchers who say it's time to coexist with wolves and other predators. Predator Defense's film, "Exposed" looks at how out of control this federal program really is. Three former Federal agents take on the US Department of Agriculture. The films will be followed by a panel discussion.

**Panelists:** Rebecca Riley, Attorney, NRDC; Brooks Fahy, Executive Director, Predator Defense.

Nutrient Pollution & the CWA (Organizer: Guy Alsentzer) (EMU Alsea/Coquille)

Nutrient pollution closes beaches, clogs up ponds and lakes, destroys habitat, taints drinking water, and causes injury or death to aquatic species in untold numbers. At its worst, nutrient pollution creates toxic algae blooms that literally kill our waterways, estuaries and oceans, creating massive dead zones devoid of any living thing. EPA has been slow to establish controls on nutrient pollution that maintain the water quality dictated by the federal Clean Water Act. Without sufficient standards or enforcement, polluters have little motivation to fix the problem. This panel will discuss the nuts and bolts of nutrient pollution and the Clean Water Act from cradle to grave including examination of key watershed case-studies and related litigation giving rise to nutrient-based TMDLs, as well as discussion of what some have called the idyllic dream of market-based pollution trading solutions.

Panelists: Nina Bell, Executive Director, Northwest Environmental Advocates; Albert Ettinger, Attorney at Law; Guy Alsentzer, Of

Counsel, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper.

#### Bioenergy and Invasion Risk (Organizer: Read Porter) (LAW 282)

Bioenergy can provide an important source of renewable power, but many characteristics sought in bioenergy feedstocks are also common in invasive plants. This panel will consider tools and approaches that can be applied to evaluate and manage the invasive species risks of bioenergy development, using Portland General Electric's ongoing bioenergy project based on Arundo donax as a case study.

Panelists: Read Porter, Senior Attorney, Environmental law Institute; Mark Systma, Portland State; Judi Sanders, Native Plant Society of Oregon, OSÚ; Tim Butler, Óregon Department of Agriculture; Brendan McCarthy, PGE.

Setting the Stage for More BLM Wilderness as We Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act (Organizer: Judy Calman) (LAW 281)

This panel will discuss the impacts and implementation of the Bureau of Land Management's manuals 6310 and 6320, focusing on the requirement to inventory land for wilderness characteristics, and the challenges in working with the BLM

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on this issue. The panelists have been working on the ground over the past year to encourage BLM to update its inventory of wilderness characteristics and to protect its lands during its land use planning process. They will provide an overview of the manuals' implementation, as well as successes and challenges they've encountered along the way.

Panelists: Phil Hanceford, Associate Attorney, The Wilderness Society; Nada Culver, Senior Counsel and Director of the BLM Action Center, The Wilderness Society; Judy Calman, Staff Attorney, New

Mexico Wilderness Alliance.

False Solutions: The Flaws of Green Energy (Organizer: Max Wilbert) (EMU Maple)

Two passionate environmentalists will debate the merits and issues of Alternative Energy technologies. Join us for a discussion of this technology: is it the path to a secure and sustainable future? Does it secure human rights? Is it the right path for morally-conscious environmentalists? Topics discussed will include the alternative energy industry, community-scale implementation, environmental complications of alternative technologies, and more.

Panelists: Max Wilbert, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute; Cameron Murphy, Fertile Ground Environmental Institute.

Citizen Science and Forest Management (Organizer: Max Beeken) (EMU Walnut)

The three organizations presenting at this panel are implementing ecological surveying techniques on public lands to affect land use practices. Whether it's climbing high into the canopy in search of the red tree vole, watching for marbled murrelets at dawn in the coast range, or covering miles of high desert pine forest with a clipboard and pencil, these groups further conservation efforts on public land through citizen science. Each group will provide an overview of their project and a summary of their 2013 field seasons in the forests of Cascadia.

Panelists: Max Beeken, Co-Director, Coast Range Forest Watch, Founder of the Northwest Ecosystem Survey Team, Lead Surveyor; Karen Coulter, Director, Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project.

Are We Just Dreaming: Litigating Racism in Environmental Law (Organizer: Madeline Stano) (EMU Rogue)

The environmental justice movement has used various legal strategies in and out of court to stop environmental harms from disproportionately injuring communities of color across the country. From state and federal environmental statutes, civil rights laws, administrative processes, and policy work, the movement has fought environmental racism with varying outcomes. Environmental justice attorneys with a wide range of experiences will explore lessons they learned from using various approaches and identify areas for future success. Panelists: Yana Garcia, Staff Attorney, Communities for a Better Environment; Ingrid Brostrom, Senior Attorney, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; Madeline Stano, Luke Coal Memorial Fellow & Staff Attorney, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; Marybelle Nzegwe, Staff Attorney, Public Advocates.

Shale Gas Wastewater Management and Disposal (Organizer: Emily Collins) (EMU Metolius/Owyhee) In the shale gas fields, more than three million gallons of water can be used to fracture each lateral. Some of that fracturing fluid comes back in the form of "flowback." Even more produced brine wastewater comes back over time. All of the water that comes back must be managed through recycling or disposal options. This panel will address special problems and potential solutions for recycling and disposal of flowback and produced wastewater.

Panelists: Oday Salim, Senior Attorney, Fair Shake Environmental Legal Services; Emily Collins, Clinical Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law; Lauren Williams, Associate Attorney, Curtin & Heefner.

Klamath Basin Adjudication on the Ground (Organizer: Quinn Read) (Many Nations Longhouse) After nearly 40 years, the first phase of the Klamath River

Basin Adjudications is finally complete and enforceable. Combined with the drought of 2013, the adjudication had profound impacts for the Tribes, irrigators, ranchers, hunters, wildlife, and others that call the Klamath Basin home. This panel will discuss those impacts and the shifting dynamics among water users in the Basin.

**Panelists:** Lisa Brown, Staff Attorney, WaterWatch; Tom Schlosser, Attorney, Hoopa Tribes; Quinn Read, Oregon Wild.

Beyond Coal Exports: Let's Keep Coal in the Ground Everywhere (Organizer: Kim Marks) (LAW 141)

How can we forge a strong global movement to keep coal in the ground everywhere? Activists from China, India, and the US will share how they are confronting coal using legal and policy tools, as well as grassroots organizing. We're winning some battles against coal but the fight for the planet isn't over. This panel will explore what we can learn from each other and how can we create a stronger, more united movement against the coal industry and its backers.

Panelists: Kristen McDonald, China Program Director, Pacific Environment; Ashish Fernandez, Senior Campaigner, Greenpeace India; Huan Wei, Climate Campaigner, China; Doug Norlen, Policy

Director, Pacific Environment.

### 3:30 - 5:15 P.M. • WORKSHOP 2

Civil Disobedience Workshop (Student Organizers: Cooper Brinson and Gordon Levitt) (LAW 175)

This workshop will focus on the role of civil disobedience in struggles for environmental and social justice. From the collective insight of Hansen, Regan, and Kruse, attendees will hear about current campaigns involving civil disobedience, what activists can expect when engaging in civil disobedience, what attorney's can expect when representing clients who engage in civil disobedience, and current trends in the prosecution of activists engaged in civil disobedience

Panelists: Dr. James Hansen, Former Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, Columbia University, Earth Institute; Lauren Regan, Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Cathy Sampson-Kruse, Activist, Walla Walla Tribe of the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Campaign to Stop LNG Exports in Oregon Workshop Organizer: Francis Eatherington) (LAW 184)

Two terminals have been proposed for the Oregon coast to export Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). This workshop will review their legal hurdles, including Oregon's state permitting process through agencies like the Dept. of Environmental Quality; and the Federal approval process through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The panel will also cover the state-wide grassroots strategy on the campaign to stop LNG exports as well as provide the political background on this complicated issue. Environmental and social impacts will be discussed, including increased fracking, global warming and the use of Eminent Domain.

Panelists: Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental Law Center; Robyn Janssen, Rogue Riverkeeper; Courtney Johnson, Staff Attorney, Crag Law Center; Dan Serres, Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper; Bob Barker, Impacted Land Owner.

<u>5:00 - 7:00 P.M. L.A.W. STUDENT RECEPTION</u>

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

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

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

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#### 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. • KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (EMU Ballroom)

"Climate of TRUST" Film Premiere.

Dr. James Hansen, Adjunct Professor, Columbia University's Earth Institute for Space Studies, former Director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies.

David Brower Lifetime Achievement Award Presentation.

Mary Wood, Professor, University of Oregon School of Law.

### Sunday, March 2

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 Natacia Hicks will help you start your day with fun, energy, and enthusiasm! Be prepared to move. Mat optional. Street clothes okay.

8:00 - 8:50 A.M. FUN RUN
PIELC is "running into running out" in the healthiest way possible. Join us for a noncompetitive 5k run on Eugene's famous "Pre's Trail", winding through scenic Alton Baker Park on the north bank of the Willamette River. Meet at the north entrance of the Knight Law building Sunday morning at 8AM!

#### 9:00 - 10:15 A.M. • PANEL 10

Climate Change - Current Status of Global Response (Organizer: Eike Albrecht) (LAW 141)

This panel will discuss some of the most relevant global initiatives against climate change with examples from different regions of the world, including presentations of two examples from Africa (Malawi and Cameroon). This is particularly interesting because such low emitting developing countries have - in the context of global climate change negotiations - totally different interests and possibilities than fast developing countries like China, South Korea, and India. The panel will also discuss the current conflict concerning the extension of the EU emission trading system to the aviation sector between EU on the one side and USA, China, and Russia on the other.

Panelists: Dr. Eike Albrecht, Professor, BTU Cottbus, Germany; Simon Spyra, BTU Cottbus, Germany; Emmanuel Wanki, BTU Cottbus, Germany / University of Buea, Cameroon.

The Impacts of Citizens United on the Climate Movement (Organizer: Tyson Slocum) (LAW 241) The effects of the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission continue to reverberate throughout our political system. The rise of Super PACs in the 2012 election is one of the most striking manifestations of those effects, but it is far from the only one. This program will discuss the implications of Citizens United and related court decisions and FEC actions for the funding of political activities by corporations, nonprofits, and political committees, as well as the impact of these changes on environmental advocacy, where the playing field has now tilted dramatically in favor of corporate interests.

Panelists: Tyson Slocum, Director, Public Citizen's Energy
Program; Scott Nelson, Public Citizen's Litigation Group.

The US EPA - State Partnership in Failing to Implement the Clean Water Act (Organizer: Albert Ettinger) (LAW 243)

USEPA places great stock in working with it state "partners" who are generally left to establish and fail to establish water quality standards, write NPDES permits and choose what parts of the CWA to enforce. Weak oversight and a

reluctance of USEPA to exercise its statutory powers have forced clean water advocates to bring difficult lawsuits designed to force states or USEPA to act or to sue dischargers causing environmental problems directly. Panel will consider what has been done and can be done to get the governments to implement the law and to do it ourselves in the face of government inactivity.

Panelists: Albert Ettinger, Attorney; Nina Bell, Executive Director, Northwest Environmental Advocates; James Saul, Attorney, McGillivray, Westerberg & Bender LLC.

How Section 4d of the ESA is Being Used to Gut Protections for Endangered Species (Organizer: Tanya Sanerib) (Many Nations Longhouse)

Section 4d of the Endangered Species Act is increasingly being used to whittle down protections for species listed as threatened under the Act. This panel will provide background on section 4d of the ESA, its historic use, some current proposals for species such as the wolverine, lesser-prairie chicken, and straight-horned markhor, and cover other mechanisms that are available for conservation of threatened species. The panel will explore how FWS is using section 4d to allow sport hunting of threatened species, and discuss 4d

rules and climate change.

Panelists: Tanya Sanerib, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity; Kristen Monsell, Attorney, Humane Society of the United States; Brendan Cummings, Senior Counsel, Strategic Litigation Group Director, Center for Biological Diversity.

Reclaiming our Food System with GMO Labeling (Organizer: Karen Swift) (LAW 110)

Genetic engineering and the privatization of the seed supply has undermined farmers rights globally. What are pressure points to move away from this corporately controlled food supply to grow an equitable, sustainable food system? We will look at why labeling is an important pressure point to promote a healthier, agricultural system while focusing on the political climate, legal issues surrounding labeling and how everyone can get involved in the labeling effort.

Panelists: Dave Murphy, Executive Director, Food Democracy Now;

Claire Hope Cummings, Environmental Lawyer and Journalist, author "Uncertain Peril: Genetic Engineering and the Future of Our Seeds"; George Kimbrell, Senior Attorney, Center for Food Safety; Chris Hardy, Farmer, Jackson County.

Megaload Resistance: Rapid Responses to Fossil Fuel Infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest (Organizer: Maralena Murphy) (LAW 175)

Due to successful resistance by the Nez Perce and allies in Idaho and Montana, the oil industry re-routed megaloads bound for the Alberta Tar Sands through Eastern Oregon in November 2013. The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla and allies have rapidly responded with multiple blockades of the megaloads and actions targeting relevant power holders in Portland. We will discuss the campaign, best practices for organizing in rapid response situations, and fooming fossil fuel infrastructure development plans in the Pacific Northwest.

**Panelists:** Cathy Sampson-Kruse, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla; Carl Sampson, Chief Yellowbird of the Walla Walla Tribe; Maralena Murphy, David Osbourne, and Scott Schroder, Portland Rising Tide; Gambit, Cascadia Éarth First!

Radical Lawyering: Beyond Bringing and Defending Cases (Organizer: Amanda Schemkes) (LAW 184)

Radical activists face a variety of legal obstacles, from injunctions to imprisonment to laws that are intended to chill their activism. This session will focus on the relationship between activists facing such obstacles and the lawyers who work with them, with an emphasis on how lawyers can play an effective role in helping activists to sustain campaigns resist corporate and government repression, and keep fighting for the liberation of the earth and its inhabitants.

Panelists: Lauren Regan, Executive Director, Civil Liberties Defense Center; Taylor Radig, Animal Rights Activist; Tyler Lang, Animal Rights Activist, and Organizer, The Bunny Alliance.

Small Modular Reactors - Climate Saviors or More of the Same? (Organizer: Charles K. Johnson) (LAW 282)

Two new nuclear power plant designers have recently been authorized for nearly \$500 million total in development grants from the US Department of Energy. One of these companies, NuScale of Corvallis, OR, a subsidiary of Texas-based Fluor Corporation, is planning to build its demonstration reactor on federal land in Idaho by 2023. The panel will explore the history of these new reactor designs and outline the positive claims of their designers - focusing on NuScale - as well as the criticisms of them. As the Pacific Northwest is one of the target areas for new nuclear reactor design and development, it is incumbent on local residents that they be informed about these proposals. This panel hopes to begin this process. Panelists: Charles K. Johnson, Nuclear Program Director,
OR & WA Physicians for Social Responsibility; Daniel Serres,
Conservation Director, Columbia Riverkeeper.
Fracking and Climate Change (Organizer: Nathan
Matthews) (LAW 281)
Fracking has unleashed a boom in US oil and gas extraction.
Although some have hailed increased natural gas use as a climate boon, methans?'s global warming potential and the high

mate boon, methane's global warming potential and the high life cycle leak rates in oil and gas production call this into question. In addition, fracking makes available fossil fuels that would otherwise remain in the ground. This panel will discuss the science of unconventional oil and gas's lifecycle emissions and the effect of adding these fuels to the market. Panelists: Nathan Matthews, Associate Attorney, Sierra Club; David Hobstetter; Calvin Sandborn, Director, Envitonmental Law Centre, University of Victoria.

#### 10:30 – 11:45 A.M. • PANEL 11

Resistance Rewritten (Organizer: Lexy Garza) (LAW

With living biotic communities in a state of collapse at the hands of the industrial economy and the catastrophe of runaway climate change looming in the near future, a radical change in tactics, goals, and strategy are needed for the environmental movement to ensure a livable future on this planet. By analyzing the forgotten lessons of historical resistance struggles, we can adopt proven methods for overcoming our opposition and ensuring a just, sustainable tomorrow. Panelists: Lexy Garza, Personnel Coordinator, Deep Green Resistance; Carson Wright, Chapter Coordinator, Deep Green Resistance.

Russia: Protecting Forests in the Lake Baikal Watershed

(Organizer: Maggie Keenan) (EMU Fir)

Lake Baikal, the world's oldest and deepest lake, is threat-ened by polluting mining operations. Law students Oksana Imetkenova and Liubov Balandina, at the East Siberia State University of Technology and Management, in Ulan-Ude, Russia, will share their experience at the law clinic at the Buryat Regional Organization for Lake Baikal.

Panelists: Oksana Imetkhenova, Chair, Department of Ecology, Health and Safety, East Siberia State University of Technology and Management; Liubov Balandina, volunteer, Buryat Regional Orga-nization for Lake Baikal Ms. Aryuna Radnaeva, Coordinator, "Save Baikal Project," Ulan-Ude, Russia; Ariadna Reida, co-founder of the Lake Baikal Heritage Foundation, Natie of Irkutsk, Siberia.

Current Issues and Risks in the Transportation of Unconventional Crude Oil by Rail, Pipeline, and Tanker (Organizer: Ken Rumelt) (LAW 175)

The panel will present a brief overview of recent accidents and the unique risks that unconventional crude oil creates for each transportation mode. After providing an overview, the panel will discuss legally significant developments in the past year related to unconventional crude oil transportation, and possible litigation, regulatory, and legislative actions for addressing these problems. Panelists will discuss relevant legal issues under the Oil Pollution Act, the Pipeline Safety Act, the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act of 1995, and others.

Panelists: Kenneth J. Rumelt, Assistant Professor and Staff Attorney, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School (ENRLC); Matthew Baca, Earthjustice; Paul Blackburn, Esq., Attorney at Law, MN350. Wildlife Viability and the 2012 Forest Planning Rule (Organizer: Vera Smith) (EMU Walnut)

What do lynx, flycatchers, and freshwater mussels have in common? They are all relying on the 2012 forest planning rule to ensure their viability. The panel will discuss the relative virtues of the 2012 forest planning rule's approach to wildlife viability -- particularly in light of climate change -- and share how wildlife is faring in national forests currently revising land management plans.

Panelists: Courtney Schultz, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University; Jay Lininger, Senior Scientist, Center for Biological Diversity; Susan Jane Brown, Staff Attorney, Western Environmental

Law Center.

Youth Calling for Climate Recovery Through Law and Film (Organizer: Meg Ward) (LAW 241)

Atmospheric Trust youth plaintiffs and petitioners will be sharing their stories through a showing of their short films featured in the award-winning documentary film series, Stories of TRUST: Calling for Climate Recovery. Young activists will discuss why they decided to take legal action to sue or petition their government for carbon dioxide emission reductions. Local youth will describe efforts to pass a city climate ordinance.

They will also discuss ways to communicate climate urgency with both media and the public.

Panelists: Kelsey Cascadia Rose Juliana, Oregon Atmospheric Trust Youth Plaintiff; Adora Svitak, Washington Atmospheric Trust Youth Plaintiff; Kyra Gunther, Youth Climate Action Now (You-CAN) Eugene; Sage Fox, Youth Climate Action Now (You-CAN)

Eugene.

FPIC and Mining Best Practices (Organizer: Jennifer

Krill) (Many Nations Longhouse)

Should mining trump the rights of Indigenous peoples? Increasingly the answer is 'no'. This panel will discuss strategies to ensure that Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) is applied to assist Indigenous peoples, governments and industry in making responsible decisions about resource extraction. Panelists: Anna Johnston, West Coast Environmental Law; Maya Stano, Fair Mining Collaborative; Amy Crook, Fair Mining Collaborative; Jennifer Krill, Earthworks.

Drought and Klamath Basin's National Wildlife Refuges (Organizer: Quinn Read) (LAW 184) For Klamath Basin's National Wildlife Refuges, 2013 was one of the driest years on record and 2014 is shaping up to be even worse. These refuges represent the heart of the Pacific Flyway and provide invaluable habitat to waterfowl and other wildlife. Yet, they are suffering from nearly a century of chronic water mismanagement. The overallocation of The control of water in the Basin has pushed these refuges to the brink. The panel will discuss some solutions to make sure these precious

National Wildlife Refuges remain exactly that, refuges for wildlife. **Panelists:** Quinn Read, Klamath Wildlife Advocate, Oregon Wild; Tim Mayer, Hydrologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Jim McCar

### 12:15 - 1:30 P.M. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

thy, Southern Oregon Program Manager, Water Watch.

Dr. Jill Stein, 2012 Presidential Candidate, Green Party.

**Heather Milton-Lightening**, Co-Director for the Indigenous Tar Sands Campaign and Founding Member of the Native Youth Movement.

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Be respectful of silence.

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