

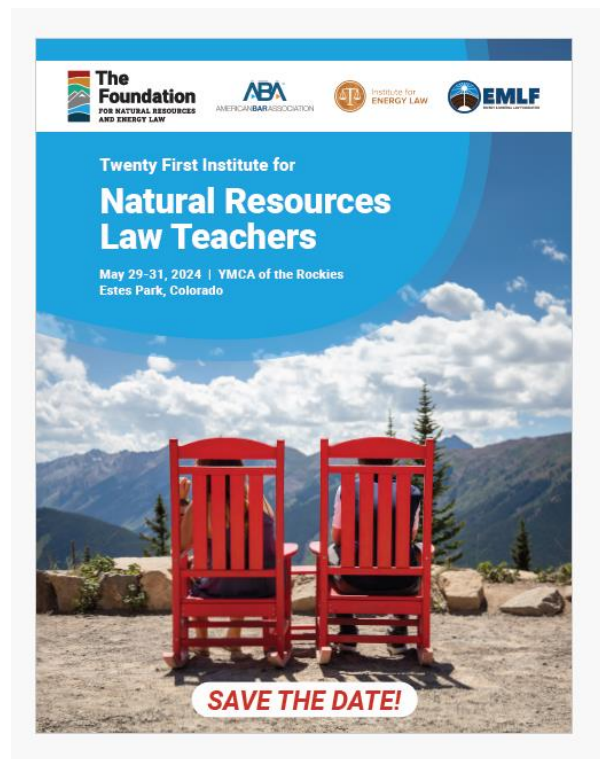
Natural Resources Law Teachers Newsletter

A message from Katrina Fischer Kuh, Jessica Owley, and Achinthy Vithanage, Editors of the Natural Resources Law Teachers Newsletter

It is always wonderful to read of the variety of scholarship, teaching, programs, and other activities that our NRTL community is participating in, but it is all the more fun to hear of it all in person! As you know, the next NRTL Institute is coming up soon this summer and we are looking forward to seeing many of you in Estes Park, Colorado.

Registration for the NRTL Institute will open any day now, so stay tuned for more information. In the interim, current Co-Chairs of Natural Resources Law Teachers Committee and Institute Planning Committee - Robin Craig and Janice Weis – have provided the following info:

- The Institute begins with dinner on Tuesday, May 28.
- Room reservations can be made with the YMCA of the Rockies via this link: [Estes Park Center Booking Link](#) or by phone at 888-613-9622 and refer to Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute. Rooms must be reserved by April 28, 2024.
- Reservations may be booked from May 28 through May 31 (4 nights). If you wish to arrive early or stay late, make your reservations online and then call Central Reservations at 888-613-9622 to add additional nights. Have your reservation number available.
- The group code: **1099619**
- The conference is planned as a “meals-included” program, and the prices include dinner on arrival day through breakfast on departure day, plus taxes.
- Prices: Single Occupancy: \$190.50/night; Double Occupancy (2 adults): \$237/night
- Questions? Contact Central Reservations at 888-613-9622.



If you have not had the opportunity to attend the NRLT Institute and you are wondering what is in store, take a look at the Foundation's [Spring 2022 newsletter](#) which provides a nice recap of the last NRLT Institute in Monterey in Summer 2022.

The Foundation is also hosting some other events which you may find of interest:

- [Human Rights, Natural Resources and Energy Law](#), April 11-12, 2024, Coral Gables, Florida
- [International Seminar and Breakfast \(Before IBA SEERIL\)](#), April 17, 2024, Bogota, Colombia
- [70th Annual Natural Resources and Energy Law Institute](#), July 18-20, 2024, Santa Fe, New Mexico

We wish you all the best over the Spring semester and hope to see you soon in Estes Park in May!

Owen Anderson (U Texas) with John Lowe (SMU Emeritus), John Dzienkowski (U Texas), and Robert Peroni (U Texas) submitted for publication a new edition of their hornbook, OIL AND GAS LAW TAXATION published by West Academic.

Tony Arnold (Louisville) is the Principal Investigator on a NOAA-grant-funded project with the University of Louisville Resilience Justice Project, Georgetown Climate Center, and Georgia State University Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth. This "Equitable Adaptation Project" will assess local climate-adaptation planning in 8 coastal urban areas for equity (or inequity) for low-income communities of color, using the Resilience Justice Framework, and will identify best practices and common challenges for local governments, community-based environmental-justice groups, and possible legal reforms. Arnold and his Resilience Justice Project team published "Resilience Justice and Urban Water Planning" at 52 SETON HALL L. REV. 1399 (2022) and continue to do community-engaged watershed planning work in the Mill Creek watershed, consisting of environmental-justice frontline neighborhoods, which has been funded by a U.S. EPA Clean Water Action Section

319(h) grant. His interdisciplinary Land Use Planning Law course has been highlighted by the Planning Accreditation Board as an exemplary practice in urban planning education nationwide. He received a University-wide award for his research excellence and several honors for teaching and mentoring students.

Jessica Ann Bacher (Pace | Haub) is the Executive Director of the [Pace Land Use Law Center](#). She co-organized the Center's [22nd annual Alfred B. DelBello Land Use and Sustainable Development Conference](#) in December, "Balancing Economic Realities with Environmental and Social Concerns." This year was particularly important as it coincided with the 30th anniversary of the Land Use Law Center, founded by John Nolon. She also serves as the Director of the Health Law and Policy Program at Haub Law and as a Staff Consultant to the Housing Action Council. She also moderated a panel on "Accessory Dwelling Units to Create Housing" at the [6th Annual Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit](#). During Fall, she co-taught [Sustainable Development Law Survey](#), a course that focuses on initiatives taken by local governments to

achieve sustainable development. She also [commenced](#) her tenure as Chair of the ABA's Section of State and Local Government Law and will be hosting the Section's Spring Meeting at the Pace | Haub Law campus in White Plains, NY.

Lisa Benjamin (Lewis & Clark) [published an article, "EVs as EJ?"](#) in HARVARD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW, Vol 47(2) 2023, 347, which she presented at Pace Law School (Oct. 2023) for the [Pace, Haub environmental law distinguished junior scholar award](#). Lisa was an editor on [Emerging Issues on Loss and Damage for Vulnerable States](#), in the REVIEW OF EUROPEAN, COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, Volume 32 (3) (Nov. 2023). She co-authored an editorial "[Loss and Damage from the Perspective of Vulnerable States](#)" and an article, with Adelle Thomas, on "[The Unvirtuous Cycle of Loss and Damage: Addressing Systemic Impacts of Climate Change in Small Islands from a Vulnerability Perspective.](#)" Lisa co-authored the [written brief submitted by the IUCN to the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea](#) regarding the request for an advisory opinion regarding state obligations on climate change from the Commission of Small Island States (COSIS), (June 2023). She is a co-author of the written brief on the International Court of Justice regarding the COSIS advisory opinion (to be submitted in 2024 by the IUCN). Lisa testified before the Oregon state legislature on environmental justice and the need for more comprehensive legislation on citizen involvement in land use planning.

Reed D. Benson (New Mexico) received the 2023 Frank Trelease Award from the University of Wyoming College of Law and spoke at the College of Law's annual Trelease Dinner. The award is named for longtime UW law professor Frank Trelease, one of the all-time great water law scholars. His latest article, "Green Money for Western Waters: New Environmental Grant Programs and Federal Water Policy," appears in

the January 2024 edition of the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER. The article examines the Bureau of Reclamation's recently authorized environmental grant programs, for which Congress has provided nearly half a billion dollars in funding, and addresses what these programs could mean for western waters and federal water policy. He spoke at a University of New Mexico Alumni Association event on the ongoing "megadrought" and its implications for water in the Southwest; the panel of four speakers was organized and moderated by longtime water judge and scholar John Thorson.

Michael Blumm (Lewis and Clark) published a paper titled "[A Half-Century of Pacific Salmon Saving Efforts: A Primer on Law, Policy, and Biology,](#)" 64 NATURAL RESOURCES JOURNAL ____ (forthcoming 2024) along with Dan Rohlf & Adam Eno. He published a paper titled "[Establishing a Legal Guardian to Protect the Public's Rights in Oregon's Waters in the Wake of the Kramer and Chernaik Decisions,](#)" ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ____ (forthcoming 2024) along with Alexandra Schauer. Michael published [A BRIEF AMERICAN LEGAL HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL](#), (West 2023); "[Salmon, Climate Change, and the Future](#)" 52 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER (Dec. 2022); as well as "[Our Common Ground: An Appreciative Essay on John Leshy's Public Lands History](#)" 31 NYU ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 315 (2022). Michael is also quoted in this article, "["Highly irregular": Legal experts weigh in on leaked Snake River dam package.](#)"

Jonathan Brown (Pace | Haub) is the Director of the [Food and Farm Business Law Clinic](#), which represented forty-six clients consisting of small farm businesses, artisan food manufacturers, craft beverage entrepreneurs, and related nonprofit organizations. Most frequently, the Clinic assisted clients in securing long-term access to land and establishing limited liability companies, nonprofit organizations, and cooperatives. In collaboration with American Farmland Trust, the Clinic created an online

resource—[NY Farm Transition Advisors Directory](#)—to connect NY farmers, farmland owners, and agricultural service professionals. Along with the Pace Land Use Law Center, the Clinic collaborated with American Farmland Trust on a USDA-funded opportunity assessment for growing the landscape for urban agriculture in New York’s Oneida County. He was among several Pace Food Law Center Faculty who contributed to the Farm Bill Law Enterprise’s [2023 Farm Bill Reports](#). In Fall, he presented on a panel focusing on “IP and the Early Stage Company” at Pace University’s Innovation Day. He was [selected](#) to receive the Richard Ottinger Faculty Achievement Award in recognition of service to the law school and his work in bringing new funding for the Clinic and raising its profile across the state.

Camila Bustos (Pace | Haub) joined as an Assistant Professor of Law, teaching courses on international human rights and environmental law survey. She also serves as a Co-Faculty Advisor to the New Directions in Environmental Law Conference. She published “Climate Migration and Displacement: A Case Study of Women in Connecticut,” 55 CONN. L. REV. 781 (2023) (with Bruni Pizarro & Tabitha Sookdeo); “A Human Rights Approach to Climate Displacement: Examples from Central America and Colombia,” 31 MICH. ST. INT’L L. REV. 403 (2023) (with Juliana Velez-Echeverri); and “Teaching Professional Responsibility During the Climate Emergency,” in EDUCATING LAWYERS FOR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: THEORY AND PRACTICE (Richard Grimes, Stephen Levett & Rebecca Samaras, eds., 2024). She also served as lead editor for the publication, LAW STUDENTS FOR CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY, THE CARBON CIRCLE: THE UK LEGAL INDUSTRY’S TIES TO FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES (2023). She has a forthcoming article on “Climate Change and Internal Displacement in Colombia: A Chronicle of a Tragedy Foretold,” CASE W. RES. J. INT’L L. (forthcoming 2024). She was quoted in the article [“El Niño menace une](#)

[région déjà éprouvée,”](#) and was also featured on the [ReImagine Law podcast](#).

Alejandro E. Camacho (University of California, Irvine) published [“In the Anthropocene: Adaptive Law, Ecological Health, and Biotechnologies,”](#) 15 LAW, INNOVATION & TECH. 280 (2023); [ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY](#) (9th ed. Aspen 2023) (with Robert L. Glicksman, William W. Buzbee, Daniel R. Mandelker, & Emily Hammond); “The Endangered Species Act,” in [GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND U.S. LAW](#), (3d ed. Michael B. Gerrard, Jody Freeman & Michael Berger, eds.) (ABA 2023). He delivered his Chancellor’s Chair Investiture, April 17, 2023, and spoke at Lewis & Clark and Oregon law schools. He received the following grants: Principal Investigator, Integrated and Equitable Climate Action, (\$1.2 million from UCOP and \$20,000 from California Strategic Growth Council; Co-Investigator, Community-Driven Transportation Planning in the San Joaquin Valley (\$100,000 from Institute for Transportation Studies); Co-Investigator, Data to Improve Community Conditions Shaped by Structural Racism (\$40,000 from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation); Co-Investigator, Clean Air Act Indirect Source Review (\$50,000 from Sierra Club; Co-Investigator, Coastal Justice Lab (\$50,000 from Multiplier); Co-Investigator, Ethics and Equity in Environmental Conflict (\$40,000 from Newkirk Center for Science and Society). He served as Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development and on the Board of Directors for the Center for Progressive Reform.

David Cassuto (Pace | Haub) is the Director, of the Brazil-American Institute for Law and Environment (BAILE). He was recently [interviewed](#) by Jus Animalis, Brazil’s leading legal portal dedicated to Animal Law, about the protection of animal rights in Brazil & more. In Fall, he spoke at a conference in Brazil on New Trends in the Right to a Balanced Environment. David spoke on Environmental Constitutional

Federalism. He has a forthcoming article “Powerless Beings: Solitary Confinement of Humans and Nonhumans in America,” 102 NEB. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024) (co-author with Michael Mushlin). David is currently on sabbatical.

Karl Coplan (Pace | Haub, Emeritus) now greets us from French Guiana on his return worldwide sailing journey. He and his spouse, Robin left New York harbor last year and sailed down the East Coast, across the Caribbean and into the Pacific, stopping by New Zealand before safely reaching Australian shores. They are now on their return journey. You can follow the sailing expedition via their [blog](#).

Kelly Cox (Miami) joined the University of Miami Environmental Law faculty in 2024 to launch a new immersive field course, “[Everglades Law and Policy](#).” Students spent a week traveling throughout the Greater Everglades Ecosystem learning about the world’s largest ecosystem restoration effort. Kelly Cox is the [Director of Everglades Policy with the National Audubon Society](#) and has been an adjunct faculty member at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School since 2017. She also serves as co-chair of the [Everglades Coalition](#)—an alliance of nearly 60 environmental NGOs dedicated to the full restoration of America’s Everglades. More than 400 individuals attended the 39th Annual Everglades Coalition Conference in January 2024, the largest forum for discussing Everglades restoration.

Jason Czarnezki (Pace | Haub), Assistant Dean of the Environmental Law Program, was a featured speaker for DePaul University College of Law Center for Animal Law free online symposium, [Legal Protection of Aquatic Life](#), which examined the legal and scientific aspects of aquatic life with commentary from professors, marine biologists, and animal advocates. He also participated in the [Annual Edward J. Mortola Society Luncheon](#) where he spoke about climate-related work

being done across Pace University. He also spoke at Richmond Law's 2023-2024 Emanuel Emroch Colloquy Series. He continues as the Faculty Director of the Sustainable Business Law Hub and recently co-authored the article “Teaching Sustainable Business Law & The Role of ESG Lawyers,” 32 NYU ENV’T L.J. (2024) (with Joshua Ulan Galperin and Brianna M. Grimes). He has two forthcoming articles: “Disclosure, Greenwashing & The Future of ESG Litigation,” 81 WASH. & LEE L. REV. (forthcoming 2024) (with Barbara Ballan); and “A Brief Legal History of Wisconsin Conservation,” 107 MARQUETTE L. REV. (forthcoming 2024) (with Carolyn Elnora Drell).

Robin K. Craig (USC) has been busy with Co-Chair Janice Weis and the wonderful Planning Committee getting the 2024 Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute together. She is gratefully done with Chairing Faculty Appointments but managed an intense Fall 2023 lecture tour at the same time, speaking at the University of Kansas, Rockhurst University, USC Sea Grant's AdaptLA confederation, and the American College of Environmental Lawyers Annual Conference. She also completed Issue Editor duties for the Fall 2023 “Biodiversity” issue of the ABA SEER’s NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT and published articles in the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW, GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, WESTERN LEGAL HISTORY, and the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER.

K.K. DuVivier (Denver) is the John A. Carver Jr. Chair in Natural Resources Law. She recently published “[Mobilizing Microgrids for Energy Justice](#),” 26 STAN. TECH. L. REV. 250 (2023). On December 1, 2023, she was a featured panelist for a virtual event in the United Kingdom on Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, Wind Wakes: Briefing Webinar, where she spoke on the topic “[Are Governments Waking Up to Wind Wakes—U.S. Perspective](#).” She was also a panelist at the Annual Sustainability Conference

of American Legal Educators in Phoenix Arizona in May 2023, where she presented on “Remedying Key Gaps in Current Sustainable Energy Laws.” In July 2023, she presented “Politics are Too Serious a Matter to Be Left to the Politicians” at the Colorado Science & Engineering Policy Fellowship in Denver. Most recently, she was [interviewed](#) by Denver7 News for a story on pay disparities between Colorado men and women.

Gabriel Eckstein (Texas A&M), Director, [Energy, Environmental, and Natural Resources Systems Law Program](#)): The Program hosted its 6th Annual EnviroSchmooze Workshop in August 2023 featuring presentations by: Jonathan Adler (Case Western), Karen Bradshaw (Arizona State), Gabriel Eckstein (Texas A&M), Anna Mance (SMU), Margot J. Pollans (Pace), and Buzz Thompson (Stanford). Individually, he published the edited book: COOPERATING OVER SHARED FRESHWATER RESOURCES USING INTERNATIONAL LAW (World Scientific, forthcoming 2024). He also published: “Data Sharing for the Transboundary Helmand River Basin: A Mechanism for Water Cooperation among Co-riparian States,” in K. Szálkai and M. Szalai, Eds., THEORIZING TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (Springer, forthcoming 2024) (with Najibullah Loodin, Vijay P. Singh, and Rosario Sanchez); “Fishing and Fisheries Under International Water Law: A Dialogue Between Professor Gabriel Eckstein and Professor Paul Stanton Kibel,” GOLDEN GATE UNIV. ENV’T L. J., Vol. 15(1), pp. 17-33 (2023) (with Paul Stanton Kibel); “What Arizona and Other Drought-Ridden States Can Learn from Israel’s Pioneering Water Strategy,” The Conversation, September 12, 2023 (with Clive Lipchin and Sharon Megdal).

Elizabeth Elia (New Mexico) taught Land Use Regulation in Spring 2023 and is teaching a writing seminar on Renewable Energy

Development this fall. As the faculty sponsor of the Historic Preservation Law Society, she accompanied students on a tour of Acoma Pueblo’s Sky City earlier this month. She accepted the role of chair of the ABA Real Property Trusts and Estates Section’s Continuing Education group for the 2023-2024 Bar Year. In that role, she moderated a discussion with Professors Tara Righetti and Joe Schremmer about [Subsurface Property Rights](#) in September. In November, she served as a panelist in a Professors Corner webinar about state and local housing voucher discrimination laws. In February of 2024, she moderated a Professors’ Corner discussion about Legislative Exactions and oral arguments in [Sheetz v. County of El Dorado](#). In May of 2024, she will provide an update on legislative exactions and the [Sheetz](#) case at the ABA’s Real Property Trusts and Estates National CLE conference.

Tamar Ezer (Miami) serves as co-director of the Human Rights Clinic and leads projects related to food justice. She recently helped the Food, Housing, and Racial Justice Symposium, whose proceedings will be published in 31 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 78 (2024)

Shaun Fluker (Calgary) with Martin Olszynski (Calgary) and Drew Yewchuk (LLM candidate UBC) published “[A Made-in-Alberta Failure: Unfunded Oil and Gas Closure Liability](#)” School of Public Policy Research Paper Series (October 2023: Volume 16:31) The paper examines Alberta’s failure to effectively manage and regulate closure liabilities in the conventional oil and gas sector, and identifies three deficiencies common to environmental law as a primary cause for this problem: lack of transparency, excessive discretionary authority, and regulatory capture. Shaun Fluker continues to serve as the Executive Director for the [Public Interest Law Clinic](#), which engages in litigation and other law reform initiatives in energy and environmental law. Among several ongoing projects, in 2023 the Clinic [appeared](#) at the Supreme Court of Canada

as legal counsel for the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment in a reference case on the constitutionality of the federal Impact Assessment Act, SC 2019, c 28, s 1.

Josh Galperin (Pace | Haub) published “Teaching Sustainable Business Law & The Role of ESG Lawyers,” NYU ENV’T L.J. (with Jason J. Czarnecki and Brianna M. Grimes) as well as “Exploring Democratic Accountability in the Administrative State,” 21 GEO. J. L. & POL’Y 21 (2023). He also numerous publications in the works, including: “Accessioning Joy,” ENV’T L. REP. (forthcoming 2024) (essay as part of a larger collection) (with others); “Governing Private Governance,” 56 ARIZ. ST. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024); “Democracy, Climate Change, and the Major Questions Doctrine,” ST. JOHN’S L. REV. (forthcoming 2024); “Can We Love Invasive Species to Death?” (book chapter forthcoming 2024) (with Sara E. Kuebbing and Martin Nunez); “4Cs at 4C: Counting, Contestation, Communication, and Consideration for Collectively Constructing Concepts of Climate Change,” in ADAPTING TO HIGH-LEVEL WARMING: EQUITY, GOVERNANCE, AND LAW (Katrina Kuh and Shannon Roessler, eds.) (forthcoming 2024); and “A Restatement of Democracy,” 69 VILLANOVA L. REV. (forthcoming 2024).

Robert Glicksman (GW Law) published the 2023 edition of NEPA LAW AND LITIGATION with Dan Mandelker and others; “[In Praise of Dan Mandelker’s NEPA Wisdom](#),” 52 URB. LAW. 258 (2023); and two updates to PUBLIC NATURAL RESOURCES LAW. Forthcoming is “Delegated Agency Authority to Address Chemicals of Emerging Concern: EPA’s Strategic Use of Emergency Powers to Address PFAS Air Pollution” in HARV. ENVTL. L. REV. (with Johanna Adashek). He presented a guest lecture on “The New Separation of Powers Formalism and Administrative Adjudication” to a Duke University School of Law class on The Administrative State in Crisis, and on “Current Issues in Environmental

Law,” to the GW Law Environmental & Energy Law Adjuncts.

Sara Gosman (Arkansas-Fayetteville) was a member of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on Criteria for Installing Automatic and Remote-Controlled Shutoff Valves on Existing Gas and Hazardous Liquid Transmission Pipelines. Congress directed the National Academies to conduct the study, which focused on ways to mitigate the effects of a pipeline spill or release. The committee’s consensus report will be published in early 2024. She was reappointed as a public member to the Gas Pipeline Technical Standards Committee of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in the U.S. Department of Transportation. This committee is charged with reviewing proposed federal pipeline safety regulations. This year, she is teaching Torts, Environmental Law, and Natural Resources Law, as well as the Risk of Toxic Substances: Regulations and Torts. In 2022-2023, she was selected to be part of the UARK Leaders Cohort, a leadership training program at the University of Arkansas

Shelby D. Green (Pace | Haub) published several articles, including: “The Intentional Community: Toward Inclusion and Climate-Cognizance,” 62 WASHBURN L.J. 243 (2023); and “Monuments Without Faces,” 71 WASH. U. J. L. & POL’Y, 19 (2023). She also moderated a panel on Green and Resilient Affordable Housing during the Pace Land Use Law Center’s [22nd annual Alfred B. DelBello Land Use and Sustainable Development Conference](#) in December. She continues to serve as Co-Counsel for the [Pace Land Use Law Center](#).

Jack Hornickel (Pace | Haub) is an attorney with the [Pace Food and Farm Business Law Clinic](#) and supervises students in Clinic work. During the Fall, he taught Legislative and Regulatory Process with a focus on environmental law applications. He also published “[Bearing the Torch: A Green](#)

[New Deal for New York State Agriculture](#),” 40 PACE ENV'T L. REV. 131 (2023).

Keith Hall (Louisiana State) published three articles during 2023 on carbon capture and storage (CCS): “Drafting and Negotiating Instruments to Acquire Pore Space Rights for CCS,” 69 NAT. RES. & ENERGY L. INST. 5-1 (2023); “Carbon Capture and Storage: Models for Compensating Non-consenting Landowners,” 14 SAN DIEGO J. CLIMATE & ENERGY L. 39 (2023); “Reconciling Property Rights with Carbon Capture and Storage,” 10 BELMONT L. REV. 382 (2023). He spoke on CCS at several conferences, and in November, he was named chairman of a task created by the Louisiana State Senate to study the local impacts of CCS. In addition to working on CCS, he continued to work on oil and gas law issues. He spoke on oil and gas conservation regulation at the Annual Oil & Gas Short Course and gave two lectures at the annual short course on international oil and gas law and transactions—one on unconventional resource development and the other on crude oil marketing. In addition, he spoke on natural gas gathering agreements at two conferences, and he gave an Energy Litigation Update at the 22nd Annual Energy Litigation Conference. During LSU’s fall semester, he taught Mineral Rights and International Petroleum Transactions.

Amy Hardberger (Texas Tech) published an article on water affordability and infrastructure challenges, in 16 ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF HEALTH LAW & POLICY 61 (2022). She also completed an article about the challenges and opportunities of beneficially reusing produced water for the Fall issue of the DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY FORUM. In the summer of 2023, she was a Lone Mountain Fellow at the Property and Environmental Research Center in Bozeman, Montana where she worked on regulatory alternatives to increase surface water market transactions in Texas. She continued her work as a co-principal investigator

on a National Science Foundation grant to create the Engineering Research Center for Advancing Sustainable and Distributed Fertilizer Production (CASFER). CASFER’s goal is to enable resilient and sustainable food production by creating the nitrogen circular economy. In 2023, she was admitted into the American Law Institute.

Craig A. Hart (Pace | Haub) is the Executive Director of the [Pace Energy & Climate Center \(PECC\)](#). The PECC continued its [work](#) on district geothermal, including 9 projects throughout the state supported by NYSERDA, and convening with NYSERDA the New York State Thermal Energy Network Charrette to support NYS municipal officials in their journey to shift away from fossil fuels for building heating and to decarbonize their municipalities. It completed second and third reports on agrivoltaics and exploring the socio-economic impacts of solar farming in upstate New York. The reports conclude that solar on working farms brings investment into NY rural communities, stabilizes small family farms that otherwise are at risk of farm failure and stems the continuing trend of consolidation and helps promote more sustainable farm practices and food security. The Center advised Erie County on establishing its community solar energy program, “Erie County Low Income Program for Sustainable Energy (ECLIPSE),” to provide integrated energy services for Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) households. It finalized two reports on energy burden in Erie County, and a feasibility and design study for the ECLIPSE program. Craig teaches a course on Energy Law each Fall.

Alice Kaswan (San Francisco) published a 7-part report, [FUNDING A CLEAN AND EQUITABLE ENERGY TRANSITION: LESSONS FROM CALIFORNIA](#) with the Center for Progressive Reform (co-authored with Catalina Gonzalez). She contributed to a web-based [California](#)

[Climate Justice Index](#) that provides an overview of the legislative authorities, agencies, and agency programs directly and indirectly funding household, business, and community investments. Kaswan contributed a book chapter, "[Climate Justice](#)", to GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND U.S. LAW (ABA, 3d ed. 2023) (Michael Gerrard, Jody Freeman, and Michael Burger, eds.). She presented "Creating Home: Multilevel Governance for Emerging Climate Migration" at a Community Development panel at the 2023 AALS meeting and presented on "Environmental Justice" for the 2023 conference of the National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders.

Deborah Heller (Pace | Haub), Assistant Dean of the Law Library, taught Advanced Research Skills: Environmental Law. She continues to update [New York's Environmental Rights Repository](#), along with Katy Kuh, Nick Robinson, Todd Ommen and James May. The Repository compiles resources related to the right to clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment in Article I, Section 19 of the New York State Constitution.

Madeline Kass (Seattle) co-authored an article with Temple Stoellinger (University of Wyoming Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources) on "Conserving At-risk Species and Birds in the US and the EU," published in 28 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, POLICY & PRACTICE J. 80 (2023).

Bill Keffer (Texas Tech) is a Professor of Practice and Director of Energy Law Programs. Texas Tech University School of Law's JOURNAL OF THE ENERGY LAW PRACTITIONER, along with the TEXAS TECH LAW REVIEW, presented their second-annual, energy-themed symposium/CLE on 10/20/23—"Making Money from Energy." There were presentations dealing with oil-and-gas leases, brine leases, wind leases, solar leases, geothermal leases, carbon-storage leases, advances in beneficial uses of produced water, and stranded energy used in cryptocurrency mining. Videos of these lectures are available on the JELP website. The JOURNAL OF

THE ENERGY LAW PRACTITIONER serves as the primary portal for the Energy Law Program at the law school. Take a look: [Home - TTU - Journal of the Energy Law Practitioner \(ttuelp.org\)](#). Students were able to make site visits to a new oil-well site, oil-and-gas production operations, a wind farm, and a solar farm during the Fall semester. Per Bill, "At Tech Law, we have a lot of energy!"

Christine A. Klein (Florida Emerita) is a visiting professor for the 2022-23 academic year at the University of California (Berkeley) Law School, where she is teaching Property Law and a seminar on "The Law of Fire and Flood." She is working on the third edition of PROPERTY: CASES, PROBLEMS, AND SKILLS (Aspen Publishers, forthcoming spring 2024) with new co-author Shannon Roesler (Iowa).

Katrina Fischer Kuh's (Pace | Haub) book chapter, "Avoiding Performative Climate Justice", which will be published in the Environmental Law Collaborative's book ADAPTING TO HIGH-LEVEL WARMING: EQUITY, GOVERNANCE, AND LAW (forthcoming 2024), was preprinted in the ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER, 54 ELR 10230. In February, Katy was excited to join a Pace | Haub Environmental Law [delegation to India](#) where she participated in a Corporate and Business Law Conclave in New Delhi and in the conference Rule of Law and Environmental Justice hosted on the campus of O.P. Jindal Global University, where she presented on the panel Navigating Legal Challenges in the Era of Globalization and Climate Change. She contributed the chapter "Can the Constitution Save the Planet?" (co-authored with James R. May) to the book [Democracy in a Hotter Time](#), which was named a [Nature "best science pick."](#) She is looking forward to exploring themes from that book at the [Climate Constitutionalism Conference](#) to be held in New York City in March, which she is co-directing with James R. May.

Nick Fromherz (Lewis and Clark), Latin American Program Director for the [Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment](#) (GLA), was quoted in this article, "[GLA Weighs in on Conflict over](#)

[Marine Protected Area in Peru](#)” (Nov. 2023). He was also mentioned in this article, “[Global Law Alliance and Partners Secure Critical Steps to Address China’s Role in Pangolin Trafficking](#)” (Nov. 2023). Liberia Chimpanzee Rescue & Protection (LCRP) and GLA, in partnership with Liberia’s Ministry of Justice (MOJ), hosted a workshop titled “[Combating Chimpanzee Trafficking Training for Magistrates and Prosecutors](#)” and Nick was quoted in the article (Sep. 2023).

John Leshy (Emeritus, U.C. Law San Francisco) talked about his history of America’s public lands (OUR COMMON GROUND, Yale Press) and related topics in various venues, including at Vermont Law and Graduate School, at the California Environmental Bar’s Annual Yosemite Conference (where he also moderated a talk on the ESA at 50 by his former boss, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt), and at the University of Montana’s annual public land law conference. In the spring the PUBLIC LAND AND RESOURCES LAW REVIEW will publish his essay on current issues involving Native Americans and public lands.

Al Lucas (Calgary) published “The Right to a Healthy Environment: Federal Bill S-5, 2023 Amending the Canadian Environmental Protection Act” (2023) Resources, Fall, 2023. This article was the basis for a Canadian Institute of Resources Law (CIRL) “Saturday Morning at the Law School” public session on February 10, 2024.

Erica Lyman (Lewis and Clark) is the Director for the Global Law Alliance for Animals and the Environment (GLA). GLA pursued a [successful Pelly Petition](#) (Sept 2023) with the U.S. Dept of Interior to certify that China’s failure to halt its trade in endangered pangolins diminishes the effectiveness of an international wildlife treaty. As a result of this certification, [President Biden recently announced China must close its domestic market for pangolins](#) or suffer economic sanctions. (Nov 2023). She is quoted in

this [New Times opinion](#) regarding the recent law passed in Panama that recognizes the inherent rights of sea turtles and their habitats (Dec. 2023).

Andrew Mergen (Harvard). In January 2023, after a 33-year career at the U.S. Department of Justice including as Chief of the Environment & Natural Resources Division’s Appellate Section, he joined the faculty of Harvard Law School as director of the Emmett Environmental Law and Policy Clinic. He also teaches Natural Resources Law at HLS. He recently co-authored a brief in the Federal Circuit on behalf of Natural Resources Law scholars in a water rights takings case (*United Water Conservation District v. United States*, 2023-1602) and participated in a debate published in the Environmental Forum (May/June 2023) on mining and critical minerals, “[Biden Can Lead in the Electric Era.](#)” At the ABA Administrative Law Conference, he spoke on a panel on regarding developments in the law governing administrative record practice and he participated on CLE panels sponsored by UNLV Boyd School of Law, Earthjustice, and Taproot Earth addressed to the 2022 Supreme Court term. He is excited to meet and learn from this community of Natural Resources Law Scholars!

Denisse Cordova Montes (Miami) serves as co-director of the Human Rights Clinic and leads projects related to food justice. She recently helped the Food, Housing, and Racial Justice Symposium, whose proceedings will be published in 31 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE LAW REVIEW 78 (2024). She published “Using International Human Rights Law to Address Hunger in the U.S.” in 6 UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & TAX LAW REVIEW 1 (2023).

Felix Mormann’s (Texas A&M) recent and forthcoming law review publications include “Virtual Energy,” ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW (2024 forthcoming with J. Eisen & H. Payne), ([SSRN](#)),

“Climate Choice Architecture,” 64 BOSTON COLLEGE LAW REVIEW 1 (2023), ([SSRN](#)), and “The Case for Corporate Climate Ratings,” 53 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 1209 (2022, with M. Mormann), ([SSRN](#)). Other policy-oriented writing includes “[It’s Time to Give Companies Standalone Climate Ratings](#),” HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW (2022, with M. Mormann) and “[Texas’s War Against ESG Investing Is Ingenious But Futile](#),” WASHINGTON POST OP-ED (2022). Professor Mormann presented this and other work at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Law Schools, Arizona State University School of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, University of Richmond, and UC Berkeley School of Law, among others. His article “Climate Choice Architecture” was one of three selected from hundreds of articles on environmental issues for inclusion in the 2024 Environmental Law and Policy Annual Review (ELPAR).

Timothy Mulvaney (Texas A&M) authored “Beneath Property Taxes,” 123 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 1325 (2023) ([SSRN](#)); “Property and Education,” 123 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 1189 (2023) (with Latoya Baldwin Clark) ([SSRN](#)); “Essential Property,” 107 MINN. L. REV. 605 (2022) (with Joseph W. Singer) ([SSRN](#)); and “Property’s Compulsory Terms,” 117 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 191 (2022) ([SSRN](#)).

Michael Mushlin (Pace | Haub) co-authored “Powerless Beings: Solitary Confinement of Humans and Nonhumans in America,” 102 NEB. L. REV. (forthcoming 2024) (with David Cassuto).

Smita Narula (Pace | Haub), Co-Director of the Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies, was busy during her sabbatical and has several publications in the works, including: “Constitutionalizing the Right to Food,” MAINE L. REV. (forthcoming 2024); “Contesting Legal and Narrative Trends in the Global Food System,” INDIANA J. GLOB. LEGAL STUD. (forthcoming 2024);

and “Caste Discrimination Under International Human Rights Law,” in ABA HANDBOOK ON CASTE DISCRIMINATION (forthcoming 2024). In November, she delivered keynote remarks at the global release of the report “Rights, not Charity: A Human Rights Perspective on Corporate Food Aid.” The report was jointly prepared by FIAN International and the Global Network for the Right to Food and Nutrition.

John R. Nolon (Pace | Haub, Emeritus) published “Constructing a Sustainable Future: Net-Zero Cities,” 38 NAT. RES. & ENV’T 37 (2023) (with Gabriella Mickel & Hailey Pedicano). He continues to serve as Co-Counsel for the [Pace Land Use Law Center](#) and oversees a large cohort of Land Use Law student scholars. He currently oversees their project on Climate Resilient Development.

Todd Ommen (Pace | Haub) is the Managing Attorney of the Pace Environmental Litigation Clinic (PELC) and teaches the Clinic Seminar and Environmental Skills: Clean Water Act. In November, The Intercept featured a thorough [article](#) on one of the Clinic’s high profile cases regarding the Norlite facility. This is a landmark action under New York State’s “Green Amendment” on behalf of residents surrounding a hazardous waste incinerator. The incinerator has a decades-long history of noncompliance with its permits, and in 2022 New York State sued the operator to obtain compliance. The Clinic successfully intervened on behalf of affected residents, arguing both that the incinerator is a nuisance and that New York’s continued failure to bring it into compliance violates the residents’ constitutional right to clean air and a healthful environment. The State is currently seeking to dismiss the residents who were recently granted intervenor party status, arguing that the Court has no authority to order the State to take additional actions even if the status quo is

violating local residents' constitutional right to clean air and a healthful environment. He also spent a good deal of the Fall semester authoring the [NELMCC Problem](#) for the 2024 Moot Competition.

Richard L. Ottinger (Pace | Haub, Emeritus) [co-authored](#) with Professor Wang Xi, [TALE OF TWO CITIES, A COMPARISON OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL GOVERNANCE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA OF THE USA AND BEIJING-TIANJIN-HEBEI REGION OF CHINA](#) (2023). The book compares efforts to curb air pollution in two of the world's largest urban areas, Los Angeles and Beijing. He continues to serve as Co-director of the Pace Global Center for Environmental Legal Studies and serves as a faculty supervisor for students externing with the Pace Energy and Climate Center.

Uma Outka (Kansas) will be on a research leave in spring 2024, focused in part on year-two work under a Sloan Foundation grant on "Just Energy Transitions and Place" (with fellow legal academics Nadia Ahmad, Danielle Stokes, and Hannah Wiseman, as well as colleagues in Planning and Geography). In addition to this work, she will spend the spring focused on two projects, one addressing energy law impacts on low-income households—this project has been accepted for presentation at the World Congress on Environmental History in 2024—and the other on advancing public interest voices in state utility commission proceedings, in collaboration with Kansas-based energy justice advocate Dorothy Barnett. She continues to serve as advisory member to the Heartland Environmental Justice Working Group of regional federal agencies. She served as discussant for a "Permitting for the Future" Workshop at Case Western, contributed to a Center for Progressive Reform Environmental Justice Symposium, writing on the [Federal-State Conflicts Over Environmental Justice - Part I and II](#), and her article "Evolving

Legal Conceptions of 'Energy Communities'" is forthcoming in the *MIAMI LAW REVIEW*. Outka is a 2023-24 cohort member (by application) in the Just Lawyering Transition Institute.

Jessica Owley (Miami) is part of a group exploring the intersections with environmental law and critical legal geography (with Hadjicostandi, Borgia, Bork, Carlarne, Eisenberg, Franco, Hirokawa, London, Morgan, Roesler, & Ziaja). Their first article "Environmental Geography and Law: Towards a Synthesis" is making its way through the law review submissions gauntlet. She authored a book chapter "The Tyranny of Baselines" (with Bradshaw, Hirokawa, and Craig), forthcoming in *ADAPTING TO HIGH-LEVEL WARMING: EQUITY, GOVERNANCE, AND LAW* (eds. Shannon Roesler & Katrina Kuh) and already available at [53 ELR 10219](#) (2024). Her interdisciplinary research group on climate mobilities in South Florida recently published "[Practitioner Perspectives on Climate Mobilities in South Florida](#)," in *OXFORD OPEN CLIMATE CHANGE* (2023) (with Mach, Niemann, Donald, Seeteram, Siders, Cortada, Nyburg, Roberti, & Wright). She presented part of this research at the Loyola Chicago Environmental Law Workshop in 2023. She took [a delegation of students to COP28](#) in Dubai where she presented research at various pavilions and worked to support NGOs and other delegations. She discussed [COP28](#) on UM's Explainer podcast. In March 2024, she gave a talk about the journey to COP29 at CUNEF university in Madrid, where she also took part in a symposium on climate change litigation.

Bernard Oxman (Miami) published "The Fortieth Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea" in *99 INT'L L. STUD.* 865 (2022) and delivered the 2024 Harry & Jane Scheiber Lecture in Ocean Law and Law and Policy "A Lawyer's First Impression on the High Seas Biodiversity Treaty" at UC Berkeley in March 2024.

Gabe Pacyniak (New Mexico) recently published "[State Sequestration: Federal Policy Accelerates](#)

[Carbon Storage, But Leaves Full Climate, Equity Protections to States](#),” 14 SAN DIEGO J. CLIMATE & ENERGY L. 95 (2023), and [“Keeping All the Lights On: A Roadmap to Affordable, Universal Electricity Service in the Clean Energy Transition,”](#) 50 ECOLOGY L.Q. 93 (2023). He was also recently named as a recipient of the “Leadership in Energy Efficiency” Awards for 2023 by the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEET) for the work that he and the NREL Clinic have done on programs and policies to ease the energy burdens of underserved New Mexicans.

Patrick Parenteau (Vermont) published [“The Atmosphere as a Global Public Good”](#) in 16 UST J. L. & PUB. POL’Y 217 (2023); [“Some Observations on How Courts in the United States and European Union View Their Role in Adjudicating Climate Litigation,”](#) in 27 ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY LAW, POLICY & PRACTICE J. 189 (March 2023); [“Judicial Remedies for Climate Disruption”](#) (with John Dernbach), in 53 ELR 10574 (2013); “Climate Litigation in the Context of Mitigation: An Evolving Jurisprudence,” in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION LAW 2nd edition, Chapter 13, Edward Elgar (2022); [“More than two dozen cities and states are suing Big Oil over climate change”](#) (with John Dernbach), The Conversation (2023). He was featured on the following podcasts: [“Landmark Young People’s Climate Ruling,”](#) Bloomberg Law Podcast (August 2023). [“Youth Plaintiffs Win Montana Climate Case,”](#) Living on Earth (August 2023); [“Kids Sue 30+ European Countries on Climate,”](#) Living on Earth (October 2023). He presented a webinar on Expert Group Meeting to review the Legislative Guide on Combatting Pollution Crime and its Annex on Pollution of the Marine Environment, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (November 2023). Created and taught online master’s course: [Climate Change Fundamentals](#) (Spring & Fall 2023).

Nadine Padilla (New Mexico) will complete her article, “Abandoned Mines and Abandoned Treaties: The Navajo Nation’s Struggle to Remediate Uranium Contamination on the Reservation,” in Spring 2024. This Article focuses on recent settlement agreements with potentially responsible parties to clean up abandoned mines on the Navajo Nation. She was also appointed to the Pueblo of Isleta’s Appellate Court, which hears cases involving property, land disputes, and probate issues. She also serves as a Board Member for DNA People’s Legal Services, a nonprofit legal aid organization that provides free civil legal services to low-income people on the Navajo and Hopi reservations. She was appointed as a Board Member for Conservation Voters New Mexico, an advocacy organization committed to ensuring a healthy environment.

Heather Payne (Seton Hall Law) published “Warranting Health Equity,” 70 U.C.L.A. L. REV. 1030 (2023) (with Jenn Oliva). Three articles have been accepted for publication and will be forthcoming in 2024: “Virtual Energy,” U. ILL. L. REV. (with Joel Eisen & Felix Mormann); “Repurposing Fossil Infrastructure,” 15 SAN DIEGO J. CLIMATE & ENERGY L.; and “Utilities with Purpose,” 76 FLA. L. REV. (with Joel Eisen). She also posted “Addressing Climate Change Requires Creating Utilities with Purpose” on the CLS Blue Sky Blog (with Joel Eisen), which was reposted by the Oxford Business Law Blog.

Margot Pollans (Pace | Haub) was [appointed](#) as James D. Hopkins Professor of Law for the 2023-2025 term. The title of James D. Hopkins Professor of Law is awarded to a member of the faculty for a two-year term in recognition of outstanding scholarship and teaching. The designation is among the Law School’s most significant faculty honors. She is also the Faculty Director of the [Pace Food Law Center](#). This past Fall, she taught courses on Environmental Law Survey and Agricultural Law and the Environment. She also published [“Bodies as Food System Sacrifice Zones,”](#) in RESEARCH HANDBOOK IN INTERNATIONAL FOOD LAW

(Michael Roberts ed., Edward Elgar Publishing 2023).

Ileana Porras (Miami) introduced a new Rights of Nature seminar to the Miami law curriculum in Spring 2024.

Melissa Powers (Lewis and Clark) served as a moderator for the Western Electricity Market Development Panel at the [Northwest Energy Conference](#) (Sept. 2023).

Paul Rink (Pace | Haub) was a Global Staff Attorney at Our Children's Trust before he [joined](#) Haub Law in Fall 2023 as the 2023-2025 Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Law, teaching Torts and a Comparative Environmental Law seminar. He is looking forward to collaborating with faculty and students at Haub Law to develop ideas and strategies for effectively combatting the climate crisis. He was recently featured on the [podcast](#), Legal Tenzer: Casual Conversations on Noteworthy Legal Topics, discussing the "Constitutional Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment." He will be moderating a panel on "Litigating Constitutional Climate Claims" at the [Climate Constitutionalism Conference](#) in Spring 2024.

Nicholas A. Robinson (Pace | Haub)'s article, "[The Dawn of Environmental Human Rights in New York](#)," was published by the NYSBA. He delivered a lecture in China at the ECO Forum Global Guiyang Conference, on "Fostering Resilience in Ecological Civilization" to an audience of 500 government officials and scholars. This is China's premier national environmental conference. He also virtually participated in the 20th Yun Geng Forum on Environmental Rule of Law: Environmental Governance and the Concept of Ecological Civilization and presented on International Perspectives on Ecological Civilization. He was [interviewed for the Earth Charter Podcast](#), "Turning Conscience into Action," and provided insights to [Eurasia Review](#). In December, he

participated in Syracuse University's international, interdisciplinary conference on the "Origins of White Supremacy through the Doctrine of Discovery," which included presenting on a panel on "Recognizing Indigenous Rights Inter-nationally." He was joined by Pace | Haub Law alumnus Chris Sudol '22, who presented on [Pace | Haub Law's leadership](#) in securing the renunciation of the Doctrine of Discovery by the World Conservation Congress of the IUCN in 2021 in Marseille, France. Nick published "[The Judiciary: Breathing Life into the Human Right to Life](#)," 53 ENV'TL POL'Y & L. 99 (2023).

Dan Rohlf (Lewis & Clark) was a co-writer in the article titled "[A Half-Century of Pacific Salmon Saving Efforts: A Primer on Law, Policy, and Biology](#)" (Aug. 2023). He was quoted in this Vox article on endangered species, "[The ridiculously stupid reason the US is letting animals spiral toward oblivion](#)" (Dec. 2023). He was [interviewed](#) by the [Center for Progressive Reform](#) and discussed the ESA, its past, and the challenges it faces in the future (Dec. 2023). He was also interviewed by Outside for their podcast "[Are We Done with the Endangered Species Act?](#)" (Dec 2023).

Doug Ruley (Miami) has initiated a [Heat Justice project](#) and joined the legal team in the class action case of *Styles, et al. v. City of Miami*, et al., seeking redress for decades of toxic pollution from a waste incinerator operated by the City in the historically segregated neighborhood of West Coconut Grove.

Erin Ryan (FSU)'s recent piece, "[Privatization, Public Commons, and the Takingsification of Environmental Law](#)," 171 U. PENN. L. REV. 617 (2023) (examining the use of property rights to entrench environmental deregulation), was selected by ELI as one of the Top 20 pieces in the field last year. She will publish "[Sackett vs. EPA and the Regulatory, Property, and Human Rights](#)

Based Strategies for Protecting American Waterways,” 74 CASE WESTERN RES. L. REV. ____ (2024), as a companion piece to “[How the Successes and Failures of the Clean Water Act Fueled the Rise of the Public Trust Doctrine and Rights of Nature Movement](#),” (73 CASE WESTERN RES. L. REV. 475 (2022) (invited essay for symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, celebrating its success but recognizing how its exclusive focus water quality has fomented competing approaches to protect waterways struggling for quantity). She is finalizing her book, THE PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE, PRIVATE RIGHTS IN WATER, AND THE MONO LAKE STORY, for publication this year by Cambridge University Press. This year, she presented work at the University of Southampton in the UK, NYU-Athens in Greece, the University of Florida, Emory University, and the Environmental Scholars Workshop.

Carra Sahler (Lewis and Clark), Director of the [Green Energy Institute](#) (GEI), accepted the NW Energy Coalition (NWECC)’s prestigious [Bob Olsen Memorial Conservation Eagle Award](#) for 2023 on behalf of the GEI (Dec. 2023). She was interviewed by [Safe Cities](#) on [the Ninth Circuit’s decision invalidating Berkeley’s natural gas ban in buildings](#) (Dec. 2023). GEI planned the [Northwest Energy Conference](#) (Sep. 2023).

Melissa Scanlan (Wisconsin-Milwaukee) as the Director Center for Water Policy led the UW Water Policy Network conference, [Phosphorus: Lessons from 10+ Years of Numeric Standards for Wisconsin’s Waters](#), which set a research agenda for the UW System for the next decade. Scanlan published articles include: “Got Lead in Your Water? The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law May Be Poised to Help,” MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (2023)(with Andrian Lee); “[Disadvantaged Communities, Water Justice & The Promise of The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#),” 52 SETON HALL LAW REVIEW 1513 (2022)(with Misbah

Husain); “[The Public Trust Doctrine: Regulatory Reform, Climate Disruption, and Unintended Consequences](#),” 49 ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY 779 (2023); “[Great Lakes Restoration and the Public Trust Doctrine: Milwaukee’s Restoration Obstacles and Opportunities](#),” 12 SEA GRANT LAW & POLICY JOURNAL 1 (2022)(with Sarah Martinez). Select media appearances cover topics ranging from the impact of [Sackett \(WUWM\)](#) to a possible Mississippi River Compact ([AP](#)) and a public trust lawsuit on the Great Salt Lake ([Bloomberg Law](#)).

Joe Schremmer (Oklahoma), previously of the University of New Mexico School of Law, joined the faculty of the University of Oklahoma College of law in August 2023 as an associate professor and the director of the College’s Oil and Gas, Natural Resources, and Energy (ONE) Center. He has an article forthcoming in the BAYLOR LAW REVIEW analyzing the potential for conflicts between mineral development and carbon sequestration and the common law’s response. It is scintillatingly titled “[The Concurrent Use of Land for Carbon Sequestration and Mineral Development](#).” Two other articles were recently published: “[Subsurface Trespass: Private Remedies and Public Regulation](#)” appeared in volume 101 of the NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW discussing the remedies under private law for subsurface trespass, as well as the opportunities for just regulation of subsurface pore space through public law. “[The Ad Coelum Doctrine and the Design of Property Rights](#)” was published in a symposium issue of the TEXAS A&M JOURNAL OF PROPERTY LAW treating property rights and natural law. He is preparing to take over as the solo update author for the multivolume treatise KUNTZ ON OIL AND GAS LAW, beginning with the 2024 supplement.

Daniel Suman (Miami) presented his research on both nature-based solutions and climate migration [at the Panama Pavilion during COP 28](#) in [Dubai](#). He recently led his 30th travel course—

this time taking students to Panama to examine the tension between conservation and tourism. His recent projects include [documenting the planned relocation of Gardi Sugdub](#) (a small island off Panama's coast) to the mainland.

Buzz Thompson (Stanford) published his new book on the role of the private sector in water management: *LIQUID ASSET: HOW THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTORS CAN PARTNER TO SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS* (Stanford University Press, 2024).

Achinthi Vithanage (Pace | Haub), Associate Director of Environmental Law Programs, was [invited](#) to Cientifica Law in Lima, Peru for their Environmental Law Month and presented on Energy Justice during their Conference on Current Trends in the Regulation of Minerals and Energy. She attended the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium in Finland, where she co-presented a paper on developing climate justice partnerships to reinforce international climate change law and moderated a panel on "Decolonizing Environmental Law: Empowering Indigenous Communities and the Global South." She continues to serve on ABA SEER Council and was re-appointed to serve as Co-Chair of SEER's [Environmental Law Society Network \(ELSN\)](#), which connects 100+ environmental law-related student societies. At the SEER Fall Conference in Washington D.C., she was [awarded](#) the Chair's Award for Outstanding Contribution. She was [selected](#), alongside Nadia Ahmad, to attend COP28 in Dubai as an ABA Delegate, where she [presented](#) on the role of lawyers and bar associations in the climate crisis. The ELI FORUM published her Side Bar "Within the Cradle of Legal Practice" in their Nov/Dec 2023 issue and she was invited to join the ELI FORUM's Editorial Advisory Board. In her spare time, she taught an Advanced International Environmental Law course!

Elizabeth Kronk Warner (S.J. Quinney College of Law, Utah) published "[Laboratories of the Future: Tribes and the Rights of Nature](#)," 111 CALIF. L. REV. 325 (2023) (co-authored with Jensen

Lillquist). She also published "SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy", 53 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW INSTITUTE 10124 (2023) (co-authored with Uma Outka). She presented "Modern Expressions of Tribal Sovereignty" as part of the Tribal Sovereignty Speaker Series at the University of Kansas on Nov. 17, 2023. On October 27, 2023, she presented "Tribal Climate Change Innovations" as part of a panel on the Role of State Courts and Constitutions in Addressing Climate Change hosted by the Wisconsin Law Review. Finally, on October 24, 2023, she gave the Rennard Strickland Lecture, "Shared Stewardship," at the University of Oregon.

Daniel E. Walters (Texas A&M) published "Grid Governance in the Energy Trilemma Era" in 74 ALA. L. REV. 1033 (2023), "If We Build It, Will They Legislate?" in 108 CORNELL L. REV. 401 (2023), and "Reclaiming Regulatory Intermediation for the Public" in 86 L. & CONTEMP. PROBS. 157 (2023). He also placed forthcoming articles on the major questions doctrine in the IOWA L. REV. and the S. CAL. L. REV., and an article on agency visibility and public trust in government in the WIS. L. REV.

Gina S. Warren (Houston) was awarded the 2023 [Elizabeth D. Rockwell Faculty Fellowship](#) for her work in energy and environmental justice. Her forthcoming article, "[Where We Live Matters: Achieving Energy Justice Through Affordable Housing](#)," 45 FORDHAM ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW (2023) (with Isabel Huntsman), was workshopped at the 2023 AALS Section on Natural Resources and Energy Law works-in-progress. Warren was also the 2023 [Visiting Distinguished Energy Law Scholar](#) at Vermont Law and Graduate School, where she researched and workshopped her work on indoor marijuana cultivation and environmental justice. Her hot topic presentation, "[The Unwanted Neighbor: How Indoor Cannabis Cultivators Raise Environmental Justice Concerns](#)," was delivered on August 1, 2023, and her Hothouse Earth Podcast dated November 30, 2023, is available [here](#). In addition, she moderated three webinars in 2023, in her

role as co-director of the [Environment, Energy and Natural Resources \(EENR\) Center](#), on climate justice (featuring Sheila Foster), and transnational energy law regimes (featuring Nadia Ahmad) available [here](#), and a panel on geopolitical energy risks for the EENR [7th Annual North American Conference](#).

Janice Weis (Lewis and Clark) is the Associate Dean and Director, [Environmental, Natural Resources, & Energy Law Program](#). The program had its 35th annual [Distinguished Visitor Event and Lecture](#) (Sep. 2023) hosting [Professor Helen Kang](#) from Golden Gate University, and honoring [Gregory Adams](#), [Leah Feldon](#), [Prakash Sharma](#), and [Mark Riskedahl](#) as distinguished environmental graduates.

Tseming Yang (Santa Clara University) published “NEPA’s Conquest of the World” in 37 NAT. RES. & ENV. 29 (Spring 2023); his article “New and Old Environmental Racism” is forthcoming in the UTAH LAW REVIEW. (2024).

Sandi Zellmer (Montana) is publishing an article on “Conservation as Multiple Use” regarding the BLM’s proposed Public Lands rule in ARIZ. L. REV. in spring 2024. She also published an article entitled “A Critical 21st Century Role for Public Land Management: Conserving 30% of Lands and Waters Beyond 2030” (with Rob Glicksman (GW)), 54 ARIZ. ST. L.J. 1313 (2023). She is thrilled to have received the Clyde O. Martz teaching award from FNREL at the 2023 Annual Institute and is looking forward to teaching in green and yellow as a visiting Duck at Oregon this spring.

Tiffany Zezula (Pace | Haub) was recently [named](#) a 2023 Housing Justice Champion by Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County, and was one of six awardees [selected](#) for the special honor. She is the Deputy Director of the [Pace Land Use Law Center](#) and hosted the [6th Annual Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit](#), which brings together elected officials,

planners, and affordable housing experts, on the theme of “Compacts and Crises: Practical plans to address the Housing Shortage,” and moderated a panel on “Unlocking Housing Access: Transit Oriented Development to Creating Housing.” She also co-organized the Center’s [22nd annual Alfred B. DelBello Land Use and Sustainable Development Conference](#) in December. She is looking forward to hosting the [Land Use Leadership Alliance \(LULA\) Program](#) in Spring 2024. The award-winning program puts needed technical and process tools in the hands of local leaders whose decisions create the land use patterns and blueprint for future development and conservation. In partnership with the Westchester County Association, the content for the Spring training will focus specifically on land use, watershed protection, resiliency, sustainability, and collaborating with conservation advisory/sustainability committees.



Environmental and natural resources scholars share research and hike at a workshop at Starved Rock State Park in Illinois, hosted by Loyola Chicago Law School and Kalyani Robbins in October 2023.



Texas A&M School of Law hosting its 6th Annual EnviroSchmooze Workshop in August 2023



Sandi Zellmer (Montana) with Foundation President Rachel Salcido (McGeorge) (Salt Lake City July 2023)



Students of Texas Tech University School of Law making site visits to a new oil-well site, oil-and-gas production operations, a wind farm, and a solar farm during the Fall semester.



Elizabeth Elia (New Mexico – third from left) and students on a field trip to Acoma Pueblo’s Sky City.



Students and representatives from government, NGOs, and industry attended a symposium on Methane Mitigation hosted by the LSU Energy Law Center.



International Wildlife Conference Planning Workshop sponsored by the University of Wyoming Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources that included meetings in Yellowstone National Park. Attendees included Benoit Goosens (Cardiff University and Director of the Danau Girang Field Centre in Malaysia), Temple Stoellinger (University of Wyoming Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources and College of Law,), Madeline Kass (Seattle

University School of Law), Brent Ewers (University of Wyoming Botany Department and Director of the Biodiversity Institute), Camilla Sandstrom (Umea University Department of Political Science), and Melanie Armstrong (University of Wyoming, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources and Director of the Ruckelshaus Institute).



Helen Kang (left) and Janice Weis (right) at the 35th Distinguished Visitor Lecture hosted by Lewis & Clark.



Nadia Ahmad (Barry), Cymie Payne (Rutgers), Achinthe Vithanage (Pace | Haub), and Jessie Owley (Miami), congregating around the ABA Booth at the COP28 in Dubai. Just a handful of the many environmental, energy, and resources law academics (sweltering in the desert heat) at the climate change conference.