

# Pack 2022

## A Different Normal

MARCH  
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# PIELC 2022 AT A GLANCE

## KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:

**JOHN LESHY**  
**FRIDAY, 3/4**  
**2:30-3:45 PM**  
**PST**

**EARTH REFUGE**  
**SATURDAY, 3/5**  
**3:00-4:30 PM PST**

**KATHINKA FÜRST**  
**SUNDAY, 3/6**  
**2:30-3:45 PM**  
**PST**

## AWARD RECIPIENTS:

### SVITLANA KRAVCHENKO AWARD

*For a professor who leads a life of activism and inspires students to do likewise*

**ELIFURAHA**

**LALTAIKA**

Faculty of Law, Tumaini University  
Makumira, Tanzania

### KERRY RYDBERG AWARD:

*For a grassroots, public interest, environmental lawyer*

**ELISABETH (ELI)**

**HOLMES**

Attorney, Blue River Law & Willamette  
Riverkeeper

## PLEASE NOTE THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

*In Person!*  
**"Living Landscapes"  
Nature Walk**

**Friday, 3/4**  
**4:00-6:00 PM**

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E 18th Ave. & Potter St.

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**PIELC AFTER PARTY!**

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**@ 6:30 PM**

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first come first serve basis.**

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### *Necessity: Part II*

Please stream and enjoy the film  
*Necessity: Climate Justice and the Thin  
Green Line* for free starting Friday, 2/25,  
through Sunday, 3/6,

*Necessity* follows activists as they enlist the necessity defense in a jury trial after being arrested for a direct action at Zenith Energy in Portland, Oregon. This story of climate resistance in the Pacific Northwest brings into view a historical landscape of tribal leaders, Indigenous activists and white allies as they resist oil trains and trucks carrying their highly inflammable products through protected waterways and treaty lands.

Then, join us for a Q&A with the film's director, Janice Haaken on Sunday, 3/6 at noon.

Link to stream:  
<https://vimeo.com/638914038>  
PW:Waterislife!

# PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

all times are in Pacific Standard Time

## Thursday, March 3rd

**12:00-1:00 PM**

### **The intersection of Climate Change and Poverty in the Wake of the Mayfield Candle Company Collapse\***

Amos Jones, Plaintiff's Lawyer in the Mayfield Candle Company Lawsuit, expounds on the intersections between poverty, civil rights, and climate change.

Amos Jones (Amos Jones Law Firm)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86831239062>

**1:00-2:00 PM**

### **Protecting Vulnerable Populations Under the New Toxic Substances Control Act\***

A 2016 amendment to the Toxic Substances Control Act requires consideration of potentially exposed and susceptible subpopulations in risk evaluation and decision making. The EPA has exercised its authority to grant a petition from six North Carolina public health and environmental justice organizations to compel companies to conduct testing of certain PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and examine their public health effects.

Panelists: Dianne Barton (Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission) & Bob Sussman (Sussman and Associates)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88647744838>

**1:30-2:30 PM**  
**Re-imagine Recreation\***

The rapid expansion of human-powered recreation on public lands has resulted in increasingly adverse impacts to wilderness values, wildlife, visitor experiences, and natural and cultural resources. Yet no federal land management agency has conducted a comprehensive review of these impacts, much less made plans for how to address them. A new report, Outdoor Recreation and Ecological Disturbance, A Review of Research and Implications for Management of the Colorado Plateau Province, by Dr. Christopher Monz, synthesizes over 60 years of published scientific research on recreation ecology to identify the impacts of non-motorized recreation on the Colorado Plateau. This panel will discuss the findings and management recommendations of this recreation report and the available (and needed) legal and policy tools to ensure recreation planning and management are responsive to growing recreation demands while maintaining ecological and cultural integrity.

Panelists: Judi Brawer (Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance) & Dr. Christopher Monz (Utah State University)

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89664733499>

**12:00-1:30 PM**

### **Local Governments Can Regulate Gas Infrastructure in Oregon\***

In 2021 and 2022, the Green Energy Institute, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, and Breach Collective worked together to investigate local authority to regulate "natural"/methane gas in Oregon. The findings of this research will be released in Spring 2022. This panel will discuss the research findings, offer suggestions to advocates, lawyers, and government officials on how they can regulate "natural"/methane gas to protect health, safety, and the climate in their communities, and discuss potential legal obstacles to local regulation.

Panelists: Nick Caleb (Breach Collective), Carra Sahler (Green Energy Institute), Amy Schlusser (Green Energy Institute), & Amy Turner (Sabin Center for Climate Change Law)

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81821890742>

**1:30-2:30 PM**

### **Of Human and Biodiversity**

What do efforts to ensure Oregon has abundant, thriving wildlife have to do with advocating for more equitable and inclusive institutions? A lot in fact! Conserving Oregon's wildlife means conserving them for the benefit of all Oregonians, and for the generations to come. Please join our panel as we discuss how diversity and inclusion play a critical role in reflecting conservation values at positions of power, key actions being taken to reform decision-making bodies that oversee wildlife policies in our state, and the importance of accessibility to the outdoors in enhancing conservation values.

Panelists: Danielle Moser (Oregon Wild), Sristi Kamal (Defenders of Wildlife), Quinn Read (Center for Biological Diversity)

Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83893757259>

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## Thursday, March 3rd

**5:00-6:00 PM**

### **Saviors or Scams? For Forest Carbon Offsets, the Devils are in the Details!\***

Since the recognition in 2016 of the incredible capacity of PNW forests to absorb CO2 the question of forest carbon offset sales has been a topic of disagreement, with some seeing a market for carbon sequestration by Oregon forests as the salvation of family forests, and others rejecting the whole concept of carbon trading markets as a false solution only distracting from real climate solutions. Please join us as Many Rivers and Juniper Groups of Sierra Club bring you three extremely knowledgeable and experienced experts to explore the promise and risks of forest carbon markets

**Panelists:** Julia Grant (Green Diamond Resources), Lauren Wayburn (Pacific Forest Trust), & Dr. Jerry Franklin (University of Wash.)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89590083651>

**5:00-6:30 PM**

### **Using Land Use Laws to Take Down Fossil Fuel Giants\***

Over the past decade, multiple fossil fuel infrastructure projects throughout the Pacific Northwest have been blocked using a combination of organizing and legal strategies. In many instances, advocates used local land use laws to take down these giants. Panelists will provide legal framing and background, and discuss several examples including the recent victory for communities who defeated the Jordan Cove/Pacific Connector LNG terminal and pipeline.

**Panelists:** Courtney Johnson (Crag Law Center), Tonia Moro (Law Office of Tonia Moro), Maur Fahey (Crag Law Center), & Erin Saylor (Columbia Riverkeeper)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84394708169>

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**5:00-6:15 PM**

### **Public Trust Doctrine and Recreation\***

An exploration of the public trust doctrine and how it can create equitable access to recreation. A look at how this access to recreation can affect the environment.

**Panelists:** Hope Babcock (Georgetown Law), Sarah Adams-Scheon (UO Law), & Robin Craig (USC Gould Law)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87076965948>

# PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

## Friday, March 4th

**8:00-9:00 AM**

### **A Scientific and Critical Look at 'Net Zero' Climate Solutions and Offset-Oriented Goals**

A scientific look at some of the more misleading rhetoric about 'net zero' climate solutions and caution against offset-centered climate solutions

**Panelists:** James Dyke, research professor at University of Southampton, & Anders Carlson, Our Children's Trust

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83077549478>

**9:00-10:30 AM**

### **Legal Ethics Workshop\***

CLE credit legal workshop with UO Law legal ethics professor Mark Fucile. Topic will cover the legal ethics requirements for working from home in the COVID/Zoom era.

**Mark Fucile (UO Law)**

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84992944732>

**10:00-11:00 AM**

### **Global Commerce and the Environmental Impact on South American Countries\***

A review of the development of international commerce in South American countries and how the development of commerce in the region has contributed to deforestation. The panelists will provide general guidance on the role of NGOs with operations outside the United States.

**Panelists:** Raquel Burson (Nature Conservancy) & Josi Sales (Nature Conservancy)

**Link:** <https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/93537301530>

**10:30-11:45 AM**

### **The Impacts of Urban Forests\***

A look into the development and benefits of urban forests and street trees.

**Panelists:** Erik Burke (Friends of Trees), Paul Ries (Oregon State University), Dana Coelho (Colorado Forest Service), & Scott Altenhoff (City of Eugene)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86364616678>

**9:00-10:00 AM**

### **Coexisting with Wolves in the Midst of Climate Change\***

Coexisting with carnivores implies a landscape shared by both human and wildlife communities without each impeding the other's ability to survive and thrive. But what happens when the landscape itself is changing? Impacts of climate change coupled with human modification of the environment can influence how wildlife behave and interact with their environment. The panelists will use recent examples from Oregon, other regions along the west coast, to talk about climate change impacts on carnivores – specifically gray wolves. It will take a closer look at conflict mitigation tools and techniques at our disposal to reduce human-wolf conflict, and the importance of integrating ecological and social data to contextualize human-carnivore conflict.

**Panelists:** Dr. Sristi Kamal & Dr. Zoe Hanley (Defenders of Wildlife)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87281130840>

**9:30-10:30 AM**

### **Elliott State Forest: the proposal to become an Oregon State University research fores**

Conservation advocates who have been involved in the Elliott State Forest will present an update about the future of this outstanding Oregon Coast Range Forest. The panel will cover the history of the Elliott, relationship to the Common School Fund, litigation history, and the unique habitat the Elliott provides for imperiled salmon and wildlife. We will describe the Elliott State Research Forest proposal being considered and the associated Habitat Conservation Plan and Forest Management Plan.

**Panelists:** Josh Laughlin (Cascadia Wildlands), Bob Sallinger (Audubon Society of Portland), Brett Brownscombe (Wil Salmon Center), & Francis Etherington (Volunteer with Cascadia Wildlands)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85714934004>

**10:00-11:00 AM**

### **The Wildland Urban Interface and Wildfires**

The wildland urban interface is the buffer zone that exists between public lands and the homes of many citizens. As home growth continues to expand, humans increasingly encroach into this buffer zone. This panel seeks to explore the challenges that will be faced in the era of climate change induced wildfires and how land use law can approach these challenges.

**Panelists:** Sarah Adams-Schoen (UO Law) & Douglas Toomey (UO)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89241007179>

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**11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

### **Fossil Free Eugene and Efforts to Build Power and Mass Municipal Climate Policy in Oregon\***

The Fossil Free Eugene coalition is a partnership between climate and other progressive groups in the city, and is focused on the landmark campaign for bold municipal climate action that is already having ripples across the state. Listen as members of the coalition discuss their efforts to pass policies to transition Eugene off of gas, build a progressive coalition to gain long term power, and set the state of Oregon up to lead on electrification and climate action. Conversation will include the legal avenues available to cities in light of state preemptions, opportunities for partnership and the intersections between electrification, tenants rights and social justice.

**Panelists:** Dylan Plummer (Senior Campaign Representative, Sierra Club; Co-Founder and Board Secretary, Breach Collective; Steering Committee, Fossil Free Eugene), Nick Caleb (Breach Collective), & Aimée Okotie-Ovekan (NAACP)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88401897254>

**12:00-1:15 PM**

### **Universal Access to Water\***

At the foundation of human rights and environmental justice is the universal access to water. Researchers, activists, and lawmakers around the world have struggled not only with universal access to water; but access to clean, sustainable, and renewable sources of water. These panelists come from different backgrounds and perspectives but are each working towards viable solutions for water accessibility in a time where access to water is no longer guaranteed.

**Panelists:** Heather Tanana (University of Utah Law), Alexandra Cassivi (University of Montreal), & Crystal Tulley-Cordova (Navajo Nation Dept. of Water)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83897542414>

**12:00-1:15 PM**

### **Global Vaccine Justice\***

Panel discussing the injustices created by exclusive vaccine patents

**Panelists:** Zain Rizvi (Public Citizen) & Brook Baker (Northeastern University School of Law)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89555372444>

**11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

### **Mink Fur Farming: A threat to public health and wildlife\***

This panel will provide an overview of the fur farming industry in the U.S. and abroad, why it raises concerns for public health and wildlife, and how the U.S. and other countries have responded to outbreaks of COVID-19. We will then summarize efforts to reform the industry through legislation and regulatory changes at the state and federal levels.

**Panelists:** Zack Strong (Animal Welfare Institute) Hannah Connor (Center for Biological Diversity); Kate Dylewsky (Animal Welfare Institute) Gillian Lyons (Humane Society Legislative Fund)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87116261868>

**12:00-1:15 PM**

### **Successful Tactics in River Restoration\***

A deepdive into several riversystems that have been improved over the last several decades. This panel will focus on the political legal and science based tactics that have been successful to improve water quality and ecosystem health in these waterways.

**Panelists:** Mary Lou Soscia (EPA, Columbia River Coordinator), Neil Goeller (Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, B.C. Government) Eli Holmes (Willamette Riverkeeper)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85673538750>

**1:15-2:15 PM**

### **American Investments in Wildlife Infrastructure\***

Late in 2021, the Biden Administration ushered through one of the largest infrastructure bills this country has ever seen. As part of the bill, \$350 million dollars were set aside to create a new Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program within the department of transportation. Over the next five years, local government agencies and tribes will now be able to apply annually to the Federal Highway Administration for grants that will help reduce wildlife vehicle collisions, (thus protecting wildlife, people, and property) by making our road systems more permeable for wildlife. This panel will explain the growing field of road ecology, its importance to improving biodiversity and fighting climate change, and how this particular environmental issue has gained traction in both state and federal legislation over the past few years.

**Panelists:** Kylie Paul (Road Ecologist, Center for Large Landscape Conservation), Erin Sito (U.S. Public Policy Associate, Wildlands Network), & Renee Callahan (Executive Director, ARC Solutions)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84961884154>

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**1:30-2:30 PM**

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

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

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

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

**1:30-2:30 PM**

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

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

**Panelists:** Lisa Arkin (Executive Director, Beyond Toxics), Jennifer Eisele (Pesticide Program Manager, Beyond Toxics), Michael Wargo (Superintendent, Willamalane), Eric Adams (Parks, Planning & Facilities Director, Willamalane), & Kenny Weigandt (Community Engagement Director, Willamalane)

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

**2:30-3:45 PM**

## **John Leshy Keynote Address\***

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

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

**3:30-5:00 PM**

### **"New Normal" Needs a New Constitutional Amendment\***

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

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

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82943468640>

**4:00-6:00 PM**

### **"Living Landscapes" Nature Walk**

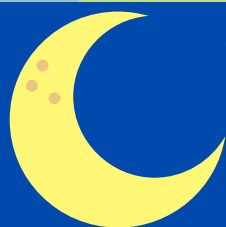
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Whitey Lueck (University of Oregon)

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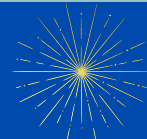


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## Saturday, March 5th

**8:00-9:00 AM**

### **Replacement of Lower Snake River Dams' Energy Attributes in an Era of Decarbonization\***

This panel will look at the Lower Snake River dams as a case study for what it would take to replace their energy attributes in an era of decarbonization. With state mandates in Oregon and Washington for 100% GHG-free electricity by the 2040s, any retired generation must be replaced with non-polluting resources. This panel will explore what planning and replacement would look like to meet multiple goals of a reliable, GHG-free, socially just electricity system.

**Moderator: Jason Eisdorfer (Energy Consultant)**

**Panelists: Nancy Hirsh (Northwest Energy Coalition), Giulia Good Stefani (NRDC), & Scott Simms (Public Power Council)**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84399153325>**

**9:00-10:15 AM**

### **Offshore Wind and Fisheries\***

The state of Oregon remains a leader in renewable energy and continues to find new opportunities in renewable growth. In October 2021, the Biden Administration and Department of Interior announced seven new offshore wind farms, with one being located off the Oregon coast. An offshore wind development from the Department of Interior means a massive investment in Oregon's renewable system, but what does this mean for those who rely on the coast and ocean for revenue already? This panel will discuss the recent developments in offshore wind, from both the state policy standpoint and the fisheries who are impacted directly.

**Panelists: Dr. Caren Braby (ODFW), Susan Chambers (West Coast Seafood Processors Association), Jason Sierman (ODOE), & Mike Okoniewski (Consultant for Pacific Seafoods)**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87099280803>**

**10:15-11:15 AM**

### **Field Surveying for Forest Defense**

Industry and top-down governmental appeals to "increase the pace and scale of forest management" by reducing public discourse ignore how truly complex Pacific Northwest forests are, and how relatively little we can appreciate by just sitting behind a computer or looking at a map. For decades, passionate land defenders from all walks of life have used simple, on-the-ground observations to build legal challenges to large, destructive logging proposals. In this panel, activists from Oregon will share how making curious excursions into threatened forests can expose flawed rationale for forest management, raise public awareness, support personal growth, and strengthen relationships to the forest and each other.

**Panelists: Michael Krochta (Bark), Madeline Cowen (Cascadia Wildlands), Karen Coulter (Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project), & Kasey Hovik (Umqua Watersheds)**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897245172>**

**8:00-9:00 AM**

### **Sustainability in the Wine Industry**

**Cohosted with UO's student group, 'May it Please the Cork'**

Join current and former wine industry professionals in a discussion of the challenges of sustainable winemaking. From the vineyard to the table, the winemaking industry has a myriad of opportunities to address ecological shortcomings. This discussion will address the challenges of bringing innovation to an industry steeped in tradition.

**Panelists: Simone Landau (UO Law), Deandra Anderson (Ebb & Flow Keg), & Andy McVay (The Wine Cellar)**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81302673823>**

**8:30-10:00 AM**

### **Cautionary Tales from the Collaborative Industrial Complex**

Even as conservationists and climate defenders cast an increasingly skeptical eye towards them, Forest Collaboratives continue to gain more power. While some successes are real, so too are failures. Increasingly driven by financial motives, the public facing narratives tend to be selective and self-congratulatory. With a focus on real world examples from Eastern Oregon, this panel will try to provide balance in hopes we can see better outcomes for our forests and communities.

**Panelists: Robert Klavins (Oregon Wild), Paula Hood (Blue Mountain Biodiversity Project), & Chad Hanson (John Muir Project)**

**Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88631858845>**

**10:00-11:00 AM**

### **Flooding and Social Vulnerability**

Federal spending for major flood events is at an all-time high. However, research examining the distribution of federal disaster assistance reveals that recovery funding underserves low-income and BIPOC communities. This panel features different perspectives on the intersection of flooding and social vulnerability. Cristina, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Iowa, will discuss her research on disaster assistance and implementing an equity framework. Monica, a community organizer, will discuss her experience working with community members in the wake of major floods in Iowa.

**Panelists: Cristina Muñoz De La Torre (Climate & Environmental Justice Scientist and Advocate) & Monica Vallejo (Community Organizer)**

**Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82621468022>**

**11:00 AM-12:15 PM**

### **Food Waste and Sustainability\***

Global food waste is critical issue with several impacts including climate change, food insecurity, declining agricultural diversity, and economic stability. As the population increases, important steps must be taken to ensure our resources are being utilized efficiently and sustainably.

**Panelists: Jane Ambuko-Lukachi (University of Nairobi) & Debasmita Patra (University of Maryland)**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82477922591>**

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## Saturday, March 5th

**12:00-1:00 PM**

### **Renewable Energy Transition in Oregon and Potential Benefits for Minority Communities\***

This panel will discuss efforts in Multnomah County and throughout Oregon to transition to renewable energy and how this transition may provide jobs, economic benefits, and environmental benefits to environmental justice communities.

**Panelists:** Silvia Tanner (Multnomah County Office of Sustainability) & Oriana Magnera (VERDE)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86571683132>

**1:00-2:00 PM**

### **Clean Energy: There is No Nuclear Option**

The panel will present a brief history of nuclear energy in the Pacific NW, the current state of the industry and its current push for development and increased subsidization of small modular nuclear reactors. Panelists will discuss the environmental injustice, safety & economic risks and irresponsible hype associated with this energy source.

**Panelists:** Damon Motz-Storey (Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Advisory Board & former OPR Healthy Climate Program Director), Ana Molina (Columbia Riverkeeper Field Manager), Cathy Sampson-Kruse (Enrolled Member Wallulapum-Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation), & Cathryn Chudy (Oregon Conservancy Foundation Board Member, Alliance for Community Engagement, Stop Nuclear WorkGroup)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87089292403>

**2:00-3:00 PM**

### **Environmental Impacts of the Border Wall**

Motivated by fear and prejudice, the Trump administration ramped up construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall, costing taxpayers up to \$46 million per mile. Even after Trump left office, over 650 miles of border wall remain. But the damage to wildlife and landscapes cannot be measured in dollars and miles. The harm to biodiversity, impacts on endangered species, and destruction of wildlife corridors are much more nuanced. Panelists from the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, and the Wildlands Network will discuss these complex effects and the role each organization plays in addressing these issues.

**Panelists:** Paulo Lopes (Staff Attorney & Senior Public Land Policy Specialist, Center for Biological Diversity), Erick Meza (Borderlands Coordinator, Sierra Club), Myles Traphagen (Borderlands Program Coordinator, Wildlands Network)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81932769301>

**12:00-1:00 PM**

### **Thinking Big, and Thinking Local for Forest Protection**

A recent study published in the journal *Nature* finds that the U.S. needs to develop Strategic Forest Reserves to protect biodiversity and mitigate climate change, and that forests in Oregon are a high priority for protection to help the global effort to protect 30% of natural areas succeed. This panel will discuss the prioritization framework from this study, highlight current campaigns in Oregon to protect priority areas, and examine the impacts of ongoing logging in southwestern Oregon to communities and ecosystems that could otherwise be part of a climate and biodiversity solution.

**Panelists:** Chandra LeGue (Oregon Wild), David Mildrexler (Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands), & Francis Eatherington

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84004178635>

**12:30-2:30 PM**

### **Workshop: How to Build Collective Power between the Forest & Climate Movements\***

The two-year old Pacific Northwest Forest Climate Alliance is a vibrant regional network that functions at the intersection of forest and climate defense. This workshop will explore why it is essential to connect these movements with a social and economic justice vision. We will share how the PNW Forest Climate Alliance began, how it operates, and how coordinated on-the-ground campaigns bridge the forest and climate movements and build our collective power. Attendees will learn about various campaigns led by grassroots members of the PNW Forest Climate Alliance and have an opportunity to discuss and strategize on where to go from here - both in the PNW and wherever participants are working

**Panelists:** Brenna Bell (350 PDX), Grace Brahler (Beyond Toxics), and Andrew Collins-Anderson (Coast Range Association)

**Link:** <https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/96638072678>

**1:30-2:30 PM**

### **Protecting Native Biodiversity with Informed Landscape Management: Developing and Implementing Strategies to Protect Native Flora and Fauna**

Three professors from diverse academic fields will discuss protecting and/or recreating biodiverse landscapes from the East Coast to the West Coast. Their perspectives and projects span from theory, to planning, to implementation, across urban and suburban settings, different project sizes, and project frameworks.

**Panelists:** David Black (Groton School), Ric Stephens (UO Public Planning), & Whitey Lueck (UO School of Architecture & Environment)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84336163346>

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# PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

## Saturday, March 5th

**3:00-4:30 PM**

### Earth Refuge Keynote Address\*

Stephanie Hader and Yumna Kamel are the co-founders of Earth Refuge, a legal think tank dedicated to climate migrants. The organisation works to fill the gap in protections for communities displaced by climate, whilst providing context about this underreported issue for a wider audience. Together, they will be presenting the current legal landscape facing climate migrants, its shortcomings, and the organisation's novel approach to producing customised legal solutions through consultation with affected communities.

**Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89659148104>**

**4:45-5:45 PM**

#### Wildfire Management in the Pyrocene

"Treadmilling to Tragedy: The USFS Wildfire Crisis Strategy"  
&

"Smokey Bear Says: Help Wanted. Inquire Within"

This panel will feature experts addressing needed changes in wildfire policy and fire/forest management with the "new normal" of large-scale, long-duration, high-intensity wildfires driven by climate change.

**Panelists: Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director, Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology (FUSEE) & Michael Beasley, retired National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service fire manager**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85172309969>**

**5:00-6:30 PM**

#### The Sustainable Groundwater Act of 2014: Analyzing the Effects and Shortcomings of California's Landmark Groundwater Statute\*

Eight years after the implementation of California's landmark groundwater regulatory scheme, two experts in groundwater analysis will discuss the implementation and myriad, multifaceted effects of the law. Panelist Mark Lubell, the Director of the Center for Environmental Policy and Behavior at UC Davis, specializes in water studies and environmental systems. Lisa Beutler will bring her expertise as an accomplished strategist and consultant for SMGA implementation. Together, the two will offer a range of scientific, social, and economic perspective in discussing this foundational venture in groundwater management.

**Panelists: Mark Lubell (UC Davis), Lisa Beutler (StanTec), Mariana Rivera-Torres (EDF), & Angela Islas (Self-Help Enterprises)**

**Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88525797217>**

**4:45-6:15 PM**

#### Tackling Toxicity: Environmental Justice in West Eugene

In West Eugene, 550,000 pounds of toxic emissions were released in 2019 alone, accounting for 96% of all the emissions released in the entire city of Eugene, Oregon, that year. Polluted air in West Eugene persists due to outdated zoning laws, housing located near major polluting sources, and inadequate air quality protections. Air pollution levels like those in West Eugene are linked to heart ailments, lung disease, asthma attacks, cancer, and an overall reduction in life expectancy. These conditions have become the lived experience of the West Eugene community. This panel will share the history of major sources of pollution in West Eugene and how community members formed a "Core Team" to fight for better air and soil quality, increased livability, and healthier families and neighbors.

**Panelists: Lisa Arkin (Executive Director, Beyond Toxics), Arjorie Arberry-Baribeault (West Eugene Community Organizer, Beyond Toxics), Travis Knudsen (Public Affairs Manager, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency), Lin Woodrich (Co-Chair, Active Bethel Citizens), Mira Mason-Reader (West Eugene Community Member), & Matt Walton (West Eugene Community Member), & Josey Heston (West Eugene Community Member)**

**Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81524173974>**

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# PIELC 2022 PROGRAMMING

## Sunday, March 6th

**8:00-9:00 AM**

### **The Youth-led movement for an International Court of Justice Advisory Opinion on Climate Change\***

World's Youth For Climate Justice outlines their campaign in seeking an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the global climate crisis. The groups wants to emphasize the urgent and existential threat this crisis poses to youth worldwide, particularly in the Pacific Islands and in other vulnerable countries.

**Panelists:** JWorld's Youth for Climate Justice: Aditi Shetye, Robin Happel, Manon Rouby, & Himmat Bakshi

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84115524858>

**9:00-10:00 AM**

### **The Fight to End Line 3\***

This panel is a deep exploration of the social justice and legal issues surrounding the proposed update to the line 3 pipeline. Indigenous leaders are at the forefront of activist and legal battles trying to stop the construction of this pipeline.

**Panelists:** Megan Bond (Bond Law Office) Frank Bibeau (Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights), Tom Linzey (Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights), & Deirdre Dlugoleski (EarthRights International)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87039110692>

**9:00-10:00 AM**

### **Patriarchy & Capitalism: Solutions to Two Systems of Oppression Hurting People & Wildlife**

Center staff will discuss the use of climate action plans to build climate-resilient solutions through gender equity and empowerment. Another topic of discussion will be the Center's work to find economic models that support people and the planet. One such model is the solidarity economy which is grounded in the values of solidarity, sustainability, participatory democracy, equity, and the diverse needs that require more than a one-size-fits-all approach. Center staff will also highlight our Endangered Species Condom project launched 12 years ago to bring the discussion of human population growth back into the environmental movement with a focus on human rights and reproductive justice. The condoms are introduced in both formal teaching settings as well as informal settings to reach a broad, diverse audience.

**Panelists:** Kelley Dennings (Center for Biological Diversity), Sarah Baillie (Center for Biological Diversity), & Adoma Addo (Center for Biological Diversity)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82712573259>

**9:00-10:00 AM**

### **Defending Our Vanishing Coasts and Communities\***

This panel intends to bring together public interest lawyers in Asia to discuss the growing threats of reclamation (or dump and fill) projects and seabed quarrying causing irreversible damage to the fragile ecosystems in the marine environment as well as loss of fishing grounds that many artisanal fisherfolks are directly reliant on. Panel discussants will be invited to present their legal perspectives, remedies and strategies with respect to these activities in their countries.

**Panelists:** Rose-Liza Eisma-Osorio (Oceana), Grizelda Mayo-Anda (Environmental Legal Assistance Center), Aaron Pedrosa (Philippine Movement for Climate Justice), Rhea Yray-Frossard (Oceana), & Roger Guzman (Duke University; Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81292032651>

**10:00-11:30 AM**

## **Kathinka Fürst Keynote Address\***

Kathinka Fürst is a Senior Researcher at the Norwegian Institute for Water Research and an adjunct professor of Environmental Policy at Duke Kunshan University where she is the Associate Director of the Environmental Research Center. Originally from Norway, Dr. Fürst received her PhD degree at the Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, her MA degree at the University of Oslo, and a BA in Sinology from Beijing Language and Culture University. Having been living, studying and working in China for fifteen years, she brings a new and comprehensive perspective on environmental issues. Kathinka's talk will highlight her research on plastic issues in Asia and potential environmental policy and law solutions.

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88061805533>

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## Sunday, March 6th

### 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

#### Career Panel

University of Oregon Law alumni will discuss their current jobs and give insight into different environmental law career paths. These recent graduates work in various legal positions in the Pacific Northwest, from policy work to legal advocacy. This will be an interactive panel with time for questions and break out rooms at the end.

**Panelists:** Erin Sito (wildlands network), Alexis Biddle (1000 Friends of Oregon), Brendan Keenan (Yakama Nation), & Dan Lawler (1000 Friends of Oregon)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86701884524>

### 12:00-12:45 PM

#### *Necessity* Part II: Q&A with Janice Haaken Cohosted with UO's National Lawyers Guild

Janice Haaken is the director of *Necessity* Part I and II. PIELC attendees will have the opportunity to stream the *Necessity* Part II through the PIELC brochure. This Q and A is to talk about the ins and outs of the film.

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89513399402>

Please stream and enjoy the film *Necessity: Climate Justice and the Thin Green Line* for free starting Friday, 2/25, through Sunday, 3/6

**Link to stream:**

<https://vimeo.com/638914038>

**PW:** WaterisLife!

### 12:00-1:00 PM

#### Creating the Chumash National Marine Sanctuary

An environmental historian and her undergraduate research assistants will discuss the ongoing designation process of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary, proposed for the Central California coast. The interdisciplinary project has focused on analysis of the federal comment process and inclusion of Native voices and perspectives.

**Jennifer Martin** (UCSB Environmental Studies)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84980388672>

### 1:00-2:00 PM

#### Finding Sustainable Food Solutions in Different Communities Across the US

As land use patterns change and populations continue to increase, finding and supporting sustainable food solutions will be one of the major issues of the coming decades. For an exploration of the topic spanning the West and East coasts, Chuck Toombs will share his entrepreneurial experience creating and distributing protein-rich Dulse seaweed in Oregon, while Ivory Harris, who is the Manager of Farm Inspections for New York City's largest farmers' market organization, will discuss the metropolis-based non-profits' experience.

**Panelists:** Ivory Harris (GrowNYC) & Charles "Chuck" Toombs (Oregon Dulse)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88256358503>

### 1:00-2:00 PM

#### Industry and Environmental Justice Issues\*

Historically, environmental justice issues have been an often-overlooked part of the American environmental movement. Climate change and its associated risks have highlighted the need for green structural and societal change greater than ever before, and considerations of diversity and equity must be part of the blueprint. Three panelists with hands on experience with environmental advocacy and law discuss equity issues in environmental lawmaking, and how to incorporate the needs of diverse people as we change the nation's infrastructure in pursuit of our climate goals.

**Panelists:** Alberto Saldamando (IEN), Gregory Sotir (CAAT), & Daniel Ress (CRJE)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88660780616>

### 1:00-2:00 PM

#### One Step Forward, Two Steps Back – Roadblocks and Opportunities on the Path to Wolf Recovery in the West\*

This panel will explore exciting new developments and disappointing setbacks for wolves in the West, including a discussion on the recent court decision reinstating ESA protections for wolves in portions of the contiguous United States, liberalized wolf killing regulations in the northern Rockies, and the development of a new ESA 10(j) rule for Mexican wolves and the challenges they face to their continued survival.

**Panelists:** John Mellgren (General Counsel at the Western Environmental Law Center), Talasi Brooks (Staff Attorney at Western Watersheds Project), & Cyndi Tuell (Arizona/New Mexico Director at Western Watersheds Project)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82034168904>

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## Sunday, March 6th

**1:30-3:00 PM**

### **Climate Emotions Conversations**

Climate Emotions Conversations are small group sharing and listening sessions for anyone in pain about the climate emergency. Guided by videos and conversation prompts from clinical psychologist and climate activist Margaret Klein Salamon, you'll find a space to express yourself, be understood and connect with others about the human experience of living in this age of crises.

Conversations take place in groups of 3-5 and last about 70 minutes. For top functionality, use a laptop or a tablet and a Chrome or Safari browser. If you join from a phone or another browser, the technology may not work.

Link to register:

<https://app.voicevoice.com/register/climateconversation?interest=PIEC>

**2:30-3:45 PM**

### **The Tohono O'odham and the US-Mexico Border\***

The Tohono O'odham Nation includes 62 miles of international border. Long before there was a border, tribal members travelled back and forth to visit family, participate in cultural and religious events, and many other practices. This panel will discuss the destruction caused by the border wall and border patrol, as well as the forced separation imposed on the tribe's people.

**Panelists:** Amy Juan (International Indian Treaty Council) & Nellie Jo David (University of Arizona Law)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81650065974>

**3:00-4:00 PM**

### **How Climate Change is Affecting Landslide Patterns**

This panel will focus on how changes in climate and precipitation are changing landslide patterns.

**Panelists:** Josh Roering (University of Oregon) & Steaphan Harrison (University of Exeter)

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86236793289>

**2:00-3:15 PM**

### **Environmental Justice and the Historic Exclusion of BIPOC in Environmentalism**

This panel will focus on the historic exclusion of BIPOC from environmentalism and the lived experience of BIPOC people in the movement.

**Panelists:** Jennifer Rushlow (Vermont Law) & Katie Moreland (Oregon Law)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87343332576>

**3:30-4:45 PM**

### **Climate Education: Empowering Youth to Get Involved in Climate Action**

This panel will look at how we can properly talk to and educate our youth about the climate crisis. We would like to inform young people about the problems in world while empowering them to take positive action.

**Panelists:** Andy Beckman (UNC school of social work (PhD candidate)), Sarah Stapleton (University of Oregon), & Sarah Ruggiero Kirby (Oregon Educators for Climate Education)

**Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89704637586>

**4:00-5:00 PM**

### **Contamination of the O'ahu Aquifer and the Movement to Shut Down Red Hill\***

This panel highlights the contamination of Hawaiian drinking water by the U.S. Navy-managed Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility, and the fight of Hawaiians to shut down Red Hill for the protection of Hawaiian water sovereignty and public health.

**Panelists:** Sierra Club of Hawaii: Wayne Tanaka, David Kimo Frankel

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83234475351>

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