The Native Environmental Sovereignty Project

Examining emerging tribal roles in co-managing lands and resources

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Summary Sheet

Conferences and Events


• Teeth Marks on Stone, Teeth Marks on Arrow presented by Drew Viles, Siletz, instructor of English at Lane Community College, University of Oregon School of Law, November 11, 2009.

• Tribal Climate Change Forum, co-sponsored by the ENR Program and the USDA Forest Service, University of Oregon, Many Nations Longhouse, October 15-16, 2009.


• Tribal Climate Change Policy Training, co-sponsored by the ENR Program and the USDA Forest Service, University of Oregon in Portland, White Stag Building, September 14-15, 2009.

• Inaugural Oregon Tribes Professorship. October 12-23, 2009. Professor Rebecca Tsosie is a professor of law at the Arizona State University and director of the University’s Indian Legal Program. Events during Professor Tsosie’s visit included: October 21st Native Nations and the Spirit of Reconciliation: The Global Context of Indigenous Peacemaking; October 22nd visit with the Native American Student Union; and October 23rd Faculty Lecture on Indian Law.


• Jungle Law: Battling Chevron-Texaco in the Ecuadorian Amazon, Pablo Fajardo, 2008 Goldman Prize Winner, co-sponsored with the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics.

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• “We Shall Remain” PBS documentary film series on Native American history. Presented Mondays in September and October by the Native American Law Student Association in the Many Nations Longhouse, Fall 2008.

• Indian Gaming, presentation by Professor Howard Arnett, Many Nations Longhouse, University of Oregon, sponsored by Native American Law Students Association, April 13, 2008.


• Protecting Belize and Beyond: Indigenous Rights and the Environment, presented by Antoinette Moore, E-LAW human rights and environmental lawyer, on her recent victory securing land rights for the Native Mayan people of Belize, University of Oregon School of Law, September 10, 2008.


• 26th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: Compelling a Climate of Change, University of Oregon School of Law, March 6-9, 2008. Keynotes: Carrie Dann, Western Shoshone Defense Project; William Rodgers, University of Washington Law Professor; Sophia Rabliauskas, Poplar River First Nation. Panels: Culvert Case: Implications for the Future; Follow the Yellowcake Road: Updates on the Uranium Mining and Milling Boom; Indigenous Sacred Estates: Protecting the Climate at Home; Tribal Wilderness Land and Conservation Easements; Offshore Oil Exploration, Inupiat Eskimos and Environmental Justice; Makah Whaling Controversy; NAFTA’s Assault on Sacred Lands and the Environment; Native Environmental Justice; Exxon Valdez Legacy; Tribes as Trustees: The Emerging Role in the Global Conservation Trust Movement; The Forgotten Costs of Oil Industry in Alaska; Experiences of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe. Films: Teachings of the Tree People, Baked Alaska, Homeland, Shadow of the Salmon. Indigenous People's Reception and Dinner.

• Unveiling of a portrait of Chief Joseph, February 1, 2008. The portrait, a labor of love by artist James Gronsand, was honored in an unveiling ceremony by the words of Dean Margie Paris, Professor Dom Vetri, Professor Mary C. Wood, Arnold Eyle of the
Yakama Nation, and ENR Fellow Hillary Renick. The portrait will be on loan to the University of Oregon School of Law for two years.


- **Cherokee Nation History Course**: The Forty-hour course in Cherokee Nation History was held as part of an ongoing initiative to rejuvenate the knowledge of Cherokee language, culture, and history. Dean Margie Paris and the law school faculty welcomed the Cherokee Nation, registrants in the Cherokee Nation History Course, and distinguished visitors. September 2007.


- **25th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: Cultivating Corridors for the People**, University of Oregon School of Law, March 1-4, 2007. **Keynotes**: Shiela Watt-Cloutier, former Chair Inuit Circumpolar Council; Winona LaDuke, White Earth Land Recovery Project (former Vice-Presidential Candidate); Mary C. Wood, Philip H. Knight University of Oregon Professor of Law. **Panels**: Emerging Issues in Conservation Easement Law and Practice; Environmental Justice and Water; Indigenous Peoples: At the Intersection of Human Rights and Environment Law; Fish Passage Center: When Science, Treaty Tribes and Fish Interests Impact Hydropower; Health Effects and Impacts of Transboundary Pollution on Subsistence Users; Klamath Chinook: Perils and Promises; Offshore Drilling in Alaska and the Russian Far East; Reclaiming Our Public Trust: A Key Step Toward Sustainability; Wolf Conservation in Oregon: What is Planned and What is Happening; Re-wilding the Klamath: The Monumental Campaign to Un-Dam the Klamath and Bring the Salmon Home; Sacred Estates & Sacred Sites; Tribal Strategies to Combat Climate Change. **Films**: Caribou People and The Third Trustee: Native Alaska & The Big Spill. An Indigenous Peoples Reception and Dinner were also held.


- **Morse Theme of Inquiry 2005-2007**, **Indigenous Peoples: National Policy and International Human Rights.**

- **Native America in the 21st Century: Out of the Mists and Beyond Myth**, University of Oregon School of Law, October 2006.

- **Northwest Tribal Water Rights Conference**, University of Oregon School of Law, October 2006.

- **Welcome Reception for W. Richard West, Jr.**, founding director of the National Museum of the American Indian, University of Oregon School of Law, September 2006.


- **From the Warrior Viewpoint: The Next Generation of Indian Law and Policy**, University of Oregon School of Law, April 2006.


- **24th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference**: Toward a Global Public Trust, University of Oregon, March 2006.

Field Trip to Grande Ronde Tribal Court, November 2005.
Welcome Reception for Morse Chair, Chief Wilma Mankiller and Charlie Soap, University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse, October 2005.
Luncheon for Chief Wilma Mankiller, University of Oregon School of Law, October 2005.
Northwest Tribal Water Rights Conference, University of Oregon School of Law, October 2005.
Law Progress and the American Indian, lecture by Ray Cross, University of Oregon, October 2005.
Film Screening, In Light of Reverence, University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse, April 1, 2005.
Keynote Address by Caleen Sisk-Franco, Spiritual Leader and Chief of the Winnemem Wintu Tribe of California, 10th Annual Environmental Justice Conference, University of Oregon, April 2005.
23rd Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: Living as if Nature Mattered, University of Oregon School of Law, March 3-6, 2005.
Treaty Rights Fieldtrip, University of Oregon School of Law, July 2004.
22nd Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: Rousing the Restless Majority, University of Oregon School of Law, March 4-7, 2004.

Scholarship
- Rennard Strickland, Native People Aren’t Dinosaurs, Register-Guard (Sept. 10, 2006).
• Mary Christina Wood, Speech, *Politics of Abundance: Towards a Future of Tribal- State Relations* (Governor’s Summit with Tribes, Pendleton, Oregon, October, 29, 2004)(copy of transcript on file with Inside Oregon).
• Vine Deloria, Jr., Wilma Mankiller and Gloria Steinem, *Every Day is a Good Day: Reflections of Contemporary Indigenous Women* (Fulcrum Publishing 2004).

**Library**
- Database of Tribes
- Tribal Directory

**Fellows**
- 2009-2010: Santi Alston, Erin Farris, Teresa Jacobs, and Naomi Rowden.
- 2006-2007: Robin Vogel-Smith, Brianna Tindall, and Emily Jarrell.

**Externships and Internships**
- Research Assistant, *Center for Tribal Water Advocacy*, University of Oregon School of Law Pro Bono Program (Fall 2004).

**Research**
- Research Project with Professor Mary C. Wood, *Tribes as Trustees Again: the Emerging Tribal Role in the Global Conservation Trust Movement.*