

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON SCHOOL OF LAW
ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW PROGRAM

The Native Environmental Sovereignty Project
Examining emerging tribal roles in co-managing lands and resources

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Summary Sheet

Conferences and Events

- *28th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: Recover-Renew-Reimagine*, University of Oregon School of Law, February 25-29, 2010. Keynotes: Patricia Cochran, Maria Gunnoe, Charles Wilkinson. Panels: Water is Life! – Indigenous Water Protection and Indigenous Law: Case Studies from Montana Tribal Water Rights Negotiations and British Columbia; The Role of Federal Acknowledgment in Protecting Sacred Lands; Challenging Big Coal on Public and Tribal Lands in the Western U.S.; Workshop: Collaborative Intrusions on Indigenous Domains; Tribal Court Jurisdiction: A Story of Race, Land, and Federal Second-Guessing; Tribes vs. Enviros/ Enviros vs. Tribes.
- *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.
- *3rd Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture*: “Native Nations and Climate Change: Building an Ethics of Environmental Stewardship,” Rebecca Tsosie, Professor, Arizona State University, University of Oregon School of Law, October 15, 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.
- *Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation: Advocating for an Environment of Equality: Legal and Ethical Duties in a Changing Climate*, University of Oregon School of Law, September 11, 2009. Panels: *International Impacts and Equity: Displacement to Refuge* with Professors Elizabeth Burleson, Maxine Burkett, and Wade Norris; *The Face of Climate Change in the US: Access to Justice for Victims of Environmental Racism and Classism* with Brent Newell and Professor Alice Kaswan.
- *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.

- “*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.
- *27th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: Solidarity! United Action For the Greener Good*, University of Oregon School of Law, February 26 - March 1, 2009. Keynotes: Pablo Fajardo Mendoza, Ecuadorian public interest attorney; Riki Ott, Cordova, Alaska; Gail Small, Director of Native Action Lame Deer, Montana. Panels: Cultural Conservation Easements; Where’s Your Indians? Successful Indigenous Community Leadership Tales from the Wild West and Alaska; Offshore Oil Development in a Warming Arctic; Bringing a Voice to Disadvantaged Communities Around the World; Squeezing Oil from Stone: The Legal, Political and Moral Implications of Oil Shale and Tar Sand Development in the U.S.; Indigenous Enforcement of Environmental Laws Both Traditional and Statutory; Sacred Indigenous Estates Held in the Land; Life After Montana: Alternative Implementation Strategies for Environmental Protection on the Reservation; The Destruction of Sacred Lands; The Politics of Recognition: The Process and Political Effects of the Federal Recognition of Native American Tribes. Films: The Cost of Oil: Voices from the Arctic; Bring Back the Buffalo: A Musical, Video & Discussion; Crude. Indigenous Peoples Reception with traditional food prepared by Eddie Helms and music by Good Shield.
- *Second Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture*, "Indian Tribes and Environmental Law: The Loneliness of Leadership, the Burden of History, and The Distinction of Place," presented by Professor William Rodger, Many Nations Longhouse, University of Oregon, October 22, 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.
- Mary C. Wood, “United States v. Oregon: The Columbia River Salmon Fishing Case,” Keynote Address, co-sponsored by the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and Tribal Leadership Forum, Portland, Oregon, May 28-29, 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.

- *First Annual Rennard Strickland Lecture: "EPA's Protection of Tribal Harvests: Braiding the Agency's Mission,"* presented by Professor Mary C. Wood, Event Reception and Salmon Dinner, Courtyard at William W. Knight Law Center, September 2007.
- *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.
- *Tribes as Trustees Again: the Emerging Tribal Role in the Global Conservation Trust Movement,* workshop led by Mary C. Wood, April 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.
- *Native America, Discovered and Conquered,* lecture by Robert J. Miller, February 2007.
- 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.
- *Preserving Our Pasts, Telling Our Stories: Indians, Museums and the Management of History,* University of Oregon School of Law, September 2006.
- *Environmental Justice 101,* 11th Annual Environmental Justice Conference, May 2006.
- *From the Warrior Viewpoint: The Next Generation of Indian Law and Policy,* University of Oregon School of Law, April 2006.
- *Environmental Racism,* 4th Annual CoDaC Graduate Research Conference, University of Oregon, April 2006.
- *24th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference: Toward a Global Public Trust,* University of Oregon, March 2006.
- *ENR Fireside Conversation Series: "The Difference Indian Lawyers and Law Students Can and Have Made in the Lives of Native Americans,"* Rennard Strickland, January 2006.

- *Women in Tribal and Community Leadership*, University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse, November 2005.
- *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.
- *Sovereignty and Native Education*, University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse, 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.
- Reading, Charles Wilkinson, *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations*, University of Oregon School of Law, April 2005.
- Film Screening, *In Light of Reverence*, University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse, April 1, 2005.
- *10th Annual Environmental Justice Conference: In Your Own Backyard*, University of Oregon, April, 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.
- Opening of the Longhouse, University of Oregon Many Nations Longhouse, January 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

- Teresa Jacobs, *Federal Permitting of the Desert Rock Power Plant: A Case Study Advocating for Application of the Indian Trust Doctrine* (2009). The Oregon State Bar Indian Law Section 2009 Student Writing Competition Winner.
- Mary C. Wood, *Tribes as Trustees Again (Part I): The Emerging Tribal Role in the Conservation Trust Movement*, Harvard Environmental Law Journal (with Zach Welcker) (Spring 2008).
- Mary C. Wood, *Tribes as Trustees Again (Part II): Evaluating Four Models of Tribal Participation in the Conservation Trust Movement*, Stanford Environmental Law Journal (with Matthew O'Brien) (Spring 2008).
- Mary C. Wood, *Nature's Trust: A Legal, Political and Moral Frame for Global Warming*, 34:3 Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review (May 2007).
- Rennard Strickland, *Native People Aren't Dinosaurs*, Register-Guard (Sept. 10, 2006).
- Mary C. Wood, Keynote Address, *EPA's Protection of Tribal Harvests: Braiding the Agency's Mission*, EPA Region 10-Tribal Leaders Summit, Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton, Oregon (Aug. 22, 2006).
- Mary C. Wood, *Restoring the Abundant Trust: Tribal Litigation in Pacific Northwest Salmon Recovery*, 36 Env'tl. L. Rep. 10163 (2006).

- Mary C. Wood, Lecture, *The Nez Perce Role in Columbia River Basin Salmon Restoration* (Nez Perce National Historic Park Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Series, Spalding, Idaho, May 21, 2006).
- Mary Christina Wood, Lecture, *Restoring Abundant Fish Runs to Idaho Waters: Tribal Litigation and the Columbia River Basin Hydrosystem* (McCall, Idaho, Feb. 23, 2006).
- Mary Christina Wood, Speech, *Tribal Homelands and the Promise of Sovereignty: Revisiting the Trust Doctrine* (Sovereignty in Crisis: Tribal Leaders Forum, Las Vegas, Nevada, May 27, 2005).
- 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).
- James Olstead, *Handling the Land Use Case: A User's Manual for the Public Interest Attorney*, 19 J. Env'tl. L. & Litig. 23 (2004).
- Vine Deloria, Jr., Wilma Mankiller and Gloria Steinem, *Every Day is a Good Day: Reflections of Contemporary Indigenous Women* (Fulcrum Publishing 2004).
- Keith Aoki, *Weeds, Seeds & Days: Recent Skirmishes in the Seed Wars*, 11 Cardozo J. Int'l & Comp. L. 247 (2003).

Library

- Database of Tribes
- Tribal Directory

Fellows

- 2009-2010: Santi Alston, Erin Farris, Teresa Jacobs, and Naomi Rowden.
- 2008-2009: John-Michael Partesotti, Naomi Rowden.
- 2007-2008: Monica Kerslake, Hillary Renick.
- 2006-2007: Robin Vogel-Smith, Brianna Tindall, and Emily Jarrell.
- 2005-2006: Ela Orenstein, Robin Vogel-Smith.
- 2004-2005: Ela Orenstein.

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*.