

DANIELLE DIAMOND

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Driven and conscientious attorney trained in applied anthropology with 10+ years of field experience working at the intersection of social justice, food, agriculture, and environmental policy to drive complex campaigns and positively impact communities. Please see attached vitae for more information.

CONTACT

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EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

Denver, Colorado | August 2023

- Adjunct Faculty

VERMONT LAW & GRADUATE SCHOOL

South Royalton, VT | August 2023

- Adjunct Faculty

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Brooks McCormick JR, Animal Law & Policy Program
Cambridge, Massachusetts | September 2021 – June 2023

- Visiting Fellow

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT

Golden, Colorado | July 2009 – August 2021

- Executive Director
- Director of Field Operations
- Senior Director of Research & Resources
- Consultant

DIAMOND LEGAL, PC

Formerly Diamond & LeSueur, PC
McHenry, Illinois | August 2009 – Present

- Of Counsel
- Associate Attorney

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Department of Anthropology
DeKalb, Illinois | August 2005 - August 2021

- Research Associate
- Head Teaching Assistant
- Research Assistant

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW

State Bar of Illinois | 2004
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois | 2004

CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED ANTHROPOLOGY

Northern Illinois University | 2007

EDUCATION

JURIS DOCTOR

College of Law
Northern Illinois University

MASTER OF ARTS

Anthropology
Northern Illinois University

BACHELOR OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

Anthropology | Archaeology | English
Weber State University

SKILLS

- Legal research and writing
- Community organizing
- Community-driven campaigns
- Litigation consulting
- Policy advocacy
- Case development
- Policy analysis and creation
- Coalition and partnership building
- Strategic communications
- Program development
- Project management
- Organizational leadership
- Strategic planning
- Project and organizational development
- Community-driven research
- Land use and zoning
- Teaching

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EDUCATION

Juris Doctor | Northern Illinois University, College of Law

Master of Arts | Anthropology (First in Class/High Honors) | Northern Illinois University

Bachelor of Integrated Studies | Anthropology, Archaeology, English | Weber State University

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT & APPOINTMENTS *

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law | Lawyering Process | Denver Colorado | 2023-Present
Adjunct Faculty

Vermont Law & Graduate School | Online Program | South Royalton, Vermont | 2023-Present
Adjunct Faculty

Harvard Law School | Animal Law & Policy Program | Cambridge, Massachusetts | 2021-2023
Visiting Fellow

Northern Illinois University | Department of Anthropology | Dekalb, Illinois | 2005-2021
Research Associate (2007-2021) | Departmental Head Teaching Assistant (2006-2007) | Teaching Assistant (2006-2007) | Research Assistant (2005-2007)

**Professional work experience is provided in a separate section below*

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 *Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A State-by-State Guide to Understanding and Transforming the Right-to-Farm.* Loka Ashwood, Danielle Diamond, Allen Franco, Aimee Imlay, and Lindsay Kuehn. University of North Carolina Press. Chapel Hill, NC. September 2023. Available for pre-order, at: <https://uncpress.org/book/9781469674599/empty-fields-empty-promises/>
- 2022 "Agricultural Exceptionalism, Environmental Injustice, and U.S. Right-to-Farm Laws." *Environmental Law Reporter*. 9:52 ELR 10727. Danielle Diamond, Loka Ashwood, Allen Franco, Lindsay Kuehn, Aimee Imlay, and Crystal Boutwell. September 2023. Available at: <https://animal.law.harvard.edu/news-article/environmental-injustices>.
- 2021 "Defenders of Rural Illinois' Communities and Environment." In: Ramos et al. (eds.). *Policy Matters*. Special Issue on Environmental Defenders 22 (Vol. I) 114-117. Danielle Diamond

and Loka Ashwood. Gland, Switzerland: IUCN. Available at:
https://www.iucn.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/-i-policy-matters-22_1sept-web.pdf

“The False Promises of Biogas: Why Biogas is an Environmental Justice Issue.”
Environmental Justice. Online Ahead of Print, May 26. Phoebe Gittelson, Danielle
Diamond, Lynn Henning, Maria Payan, Lynn Utesch and Nancy Utesch. Available at:
<https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/10.1089/env.2021.0025>

- 2019 “Property rights and rural justice: A study of U.S. right-to-farm laws.” *Journal of Rural Studies*. 67: 120-129. Loka Ashwood, Danielle Diamond, Fiona Walker.
PlumX Metrics: [Top Social Media Article](#) for 2019.
- 2013 “Where’s the Farmer? Limiting Liability in Midwest Industrial Hog Production.” *Rural Sociology*. 79(1): 2-27. Loka Ashwood, Danielle Diamond, and Kendall Thu. Available at:
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/ruso.12026#>.
- 2006 “Illinois’ Failure to Regulate Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations in Accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act.” *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*. 11:2, 185-224.
- 2000 A Cultural Resource Inventory of the Veritas - Pinedale Anticline 195 Square Mile 3-D Seismic Program in Sublette County, Wyoming. *JBR Environmental Consultants*. Report #00-02. Jenni Prince-Mahoney with contributions by Richard Crosland, Jeffery Rust, Scott Billat, Aaron Fergusson, Danielle Diamond, Beth Ann Camp, and Tuula Rose.
- 1998 A Cultural Resource Inventory of Sections 21 and 28 Within the Monument Butte and Travis Units, Duchesne County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1041-01. Ann S. Polk and Danielle Diamond.
- 1999 A Cultural Resource Survey of the East of Odekirk Unit, Uintah County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report # 1051-01. Ann S. Polk and Danielle Diamond.
- A Cultural Resource Survey of Rock House Well #25, Uintah County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1052-01. Ann S. Polk and Danielle Diamond.
- A Cultural Resource Survey of the South Wells Draw Unit, Duchesne County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1030-01. Ann S. Polk and Danielle Diamond.
- A Cultural Resource Survey of the Blackjack Unit, Duchesne County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1028-01. Sarah Cowie, Danielle Diamond, and Heather Weymouth.
- A Cultural Resource Inventory of West Point and Wells Draw Expansion Unit Block Areas, Duchesne County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1040-01. Ann S. Polk, James R. Christenson and Danielle J. Diamond.

A Cultural Resource Inventory in the Second Portion of The Blackjack Unit Block Area, Duchesne County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1053-01. Ann S. Polk and Danielle Diamond.

A Cultural Resource Inventory of Rosewood Federal Well #14-6, Uintah County, Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1055-01. Ann S. Polk and Danielle J. Diamond.

A Cultural Resource Survey of Lone Mountain Production's Federal Wells T #31-11, N #41-17, T #44-24, and State Well T #44-22, Associated Pipelines and Access Roads, Uintah County Utah. *Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.* Report #1073-01. Heather M. Weymouth and Danielle J. Diamond.

ACADEMIC LECTURES & PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2022 "Barriers to Addressing Problems from CAFOs and Client Intakes and Communications." Guest lecture for Vermont Law & Graduate School, Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic Seminar. Fall 2022 for Professor Laura Fox. October 6. South Royalton, Vermont.
- "CAFO Impacts and Barriers to Address Them." Lecture for the Harvard Law School's Animal Law & Policy Program Clinic Seminar. Spring 2022 for Clinical Professor Katherine Meyer. February 23. Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2021 "Farm Fiction: How U.S. right-to-farm laws advance injustices in rural areas and contribute to the decline of the rural environment." Yale University, Thurman Arnold Project in Law, Ethics & Animals Program (LEAP). Big Ag & Antitrust: Competition Policy for the Food System Conference. Danielle Diamond, Allen Franco, Loka Ashwood, Lindsay Kuehn, and Aimee Imlay. Virtual-National.
- 2020 "Illinois Livestock Operations Laws, Regulations and Lack Thereof." Chicago Bar Association, Environmental Law Committee. Continuing Legal Education Seminar. Albert Ettinger and Danielle Diamond. Chicago, Illinois.
- "Illinois Livestock Operations Laws, Regulations and Lack Thereof." Illinois Environmental Council, Lunch and Learn. Continuing Legal Education Course. Albert Ettinger and Danielle Diamond. Available at: <https://ilenviro.org/livestock-operations-2/>. Virtual-Illinois.
- 2013 "Moving the Levers of Power under the Clean Water Act in the U.S." Society for Applied Anthropology. 73rd Annual Meeting. Session: The Incorporation of Social Sciences in Environmental Health Sciences Research. Kendall Thu, Danielle Diamond, et al. Denver, Colorado.
- 2012 "Moving the Levers of Power to Enforce the Clean Water Act in the U.S." Dimensions of Political Ecology: Conference on Nature/Society. Session: Water. Kendall Thu and Danielle Diamond. Lexington, Kentucky.

“When a CAFO Comes to Your Community: Local Perspectives on the Regulation of Large-scale Livestock Facilities in Illinois.” Illinois State Bar Association. 11th Annual Environmental Law Conference, Breakout Session 3: Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations – Developments in Illinois. Chicago, Illinois.

2011 “The Political Ecology of Environmental Policy in U.S. Agriculture.” Graduate Environmental Anthropology Class Lecture. Department of Anthropology. Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, Illinois.

“Engaging Interdisciplinary Approaches to Water Pollution in Illinois: Citizen Environmental and Clean Water Act Enforcement from the Air.” Northern Illinois University. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Science Advisory Group Meeting. Kendall Thu, Danielle Diamond, et al. DeKalb, Illinois.

2007 “The Political Ecology of Environmental Policy and Agriculture in the Midwestern U.S.” Society for Applied Anthropology. 67th Annual Meeting. Session: Agriculture and the Environment: Challenges and Policies in the 21st Century. Tampa, Florida.

S E L E C T S P E A K I N G E N G A G E M E N T S

2020 “Emissions: Why do they matter?” SRAP LIVE! Presents: Agriculture, Engagement & Solutions. Livestream Summit, Day 2, Panel 1. Danielle Diamond, Karen Hudson, Kathy Martin, and Maria Payan. Virtual-National. Available at: <https://youtu.be/GTHE5Aex-ME>.

“The Hidden Harm in Right to Farm.” SRAP LIVE! Presents: Agriculture, Engagement & Solutions. Livestream Summit, Day 1, Panel 1. Danielle Diamond, Karen Hudson, Chris Nidel, and Jack Einstein. Virtual-National.

“When a CAFO Comes to Town: Safeguarding Rural Communities.” City University of New York (CUNY). Urban Food Policy Institute and Richman Law Group, Food Systems Summit. Session 5: Building bridges with farmers and the food industry. New York, New York.

2017 Expert testimony before the Illinois Senate Subcommittee on Confined Animal Feeding Operations. Subject Matter Hearing. November 7. Springfield, Illinois.

“Illinois Factory Farm Policy Reform Initiative.” Humane Society of the United States. Illinois Agriculture Advisory Council Meeting and Press Event. Chicago, Illinois.

“Regulating CAFOs under the Clean Air Act.” Socially Responsible Agricultural Project, National Factory Farm Summit. Ocean City, Maryland.

2016 “Going Whole Hog for Animal Welfare in Agriculture: Trends in Factory Farm Expansion Across the U.S. and Rural Community Responses.” Animal Grantmakers 2016 Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado.

- 2015 “Update on Legislative Barriers in Illinois in Addressing Problems from Factory Farms.” Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water, Annual Statewide Meeting, Edwards, Illinois.
- “Introducing the Citizens CAFO Guide Project: Overviews of various laws and regulations that apply to CAFOs in each of the 50 states.” Animal Agriculture Reform Collaborative (AARC). Special Webinar Presentation. Danielle Diamond and Audrey Clungeon. Virtual-National.
- 2014 “Factory Farm Impacts on Rural Communities: A National Perspective.” STOPP Town Hall Meeting. Tonopah, Arizona.
- 2013 “Community Defense Strategies Fighting Factory Farms at the Local Level.” Watershed Media and Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future. Online Webinar Series # 4. Virtual-National.
- “Confronting a Factory Farm: The Story of HOMES and the Traditions Mega-Dairy and Strategies for Success,” Peach Bottom Concerned Citizens CAFO Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Status of Campaign to Reform the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act and Proposed Strategies Moving Forward.” Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water. Annual Statewide Meeting. Danielle Diamond, Max Muller, and Stacy James. Elmwood, Illinois.
- 2012 Expert testimony before the Illinois Senate Environment Committee on the proposed Clean Water Funding Fairness Bill (HB5642) to require fees for pollution discharge permits for CAFOs. (This bill subsequently passed both the House and Senate and is now law in Illinois.)
- “Status Update on the Illinois CAFO Clean Water Act Federal EPA De-delegation Petition and State of Illinois Pollution Control Board CAFO Rulemaking.” Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water. Annual Statewide Meeting, Elmwood, Illinois.
- “Citizen CAFO Water Monitoring: Developing Strategies, Protocols and Field Guides.” Environmental Integrity Project. CAFO Water Monitoring Workshop. Washington, D.C.
- “Reform of the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act and CAFO Issues Briefing.” Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water. Annual Statewide Meeting. Elmwood, Illinois.
- 2011 “Illinois De-delegation Petition and Illinois EPA Rulemaking Workgroup Updates.” Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water. Annual Statewide Meeting. Elmwood, Illinois.

L I C E N S E S & C E R T I F I C A T I O N S

Admitted to the Practice of Law

State Bar of Illinois (May 2004) | U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (June 2004)

Certificate in Applied Anthropology
Northern Illinois University (May 2007)

P R O F E S S I O N A L E X P E R I E N C E

Socially Responsible Agriculture Project | Golden, Colorado | 2009-2021

Executive Director (Co-Director) (2012-2018) | Director of Field Operations (2018-2020) | Senior Director of Research and Resources (2020-2021) | Consultant (2009-2012)

Provided nonprofit leadership and organizational development, including grant writing and strategic planning and implementation; coached and managed staff; developed staff management systems and administrative protocols; interfaced with in-house counsel to ensure compliance with 501(c)(3) best management practices and performed all the responsibilities of the Director of Field Operations (DFO). DFO responsibilities included directing national field staff of community organizers; developing and directing community outreach programs, campaigns, partnerships, and coalitions; creating and implementing internal processes, protocols, and systems for organizational management and community engagement. Responsibilities also included managing a team of technical consultants to provide expert legal and policy analysis and guidance to frontline community partners; identifying research gaps and creating and implementing community-driven research projects to advance policy initiatives; overseeing the development of self-help resources and other public educational outreach materials, and providing consultation, guidance and other types of support to local grassroots and other state and national partner organizations to address the negative impacts caused by large-scale industrial livestock production facilities. (A recommendation letter from this organization is attached).

Northern Illinois University, Department of Anthropology | DeKalb, Illinois | 2007-2021

Research Associate

Developed and implemented applied anthropological environmental research projects and community-driven research and policy initiatives from a political-ecological standpoint to address human and environmental health impacts caused by industrial agriculture on rural communities.

Diamond Legal, PC (formerly Diamond & LeSueur, PC) | McHenry, Illinois | 2004-Present

Of Counsel (2009-Present) | Associate Attorney (2004-2009)

Participated in all phases of municipal and county land use and zoning actions, including preparing ordinances and zoning and annexation petitions; drafting and editing of motions, pleadings, legal memoranda, and briefs; conducting legal research, organizing discovery, and performing various types of other civil litigation practices.

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 | Chicago, Illinois

Legal Intern

Assisted Regional Counsel in preparing environmental enforcement actions and settlement proposals; drafted pretrial motions, agency referrals, legal memoranda, and briefs and researched the interrelationship between state, federal, and American Indian tribal laws.

La Defensoria de los Habitantes de la Republica | San Jose, Costa Rica

Legal Intern

Researched and prepared an analysis of the impacts of free trade agreements on environmental policy between Latin American countries, with special consideration given to provisions outlined in the North American Free Trade Agreement and the proposed Free Trade Agreement of the Americas.

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance | Salt Lake City, Utah

Legal Intern

Drafted agency appeals, conducted research for ongoing litigation, and prepared for environmental protection and natural resource management lawsuits.

JBR Environmental Consultants | Springville, Utah

Crew Archaeologist

Participated in various stages of cultural resource inventories, including project planning and navigation, surveys, excavations, artifact, site recordation, artifact illustration, research of historical and archaeological records, and writing final project reports. Assisted in the supervision and training of temporary field technicians and preparing site nominations for the National Register of Historic Places.

Sagebrush Consultants, LLC | Ogden, Utah

Assistant Archaeologist

Participated in various stages of cultural resource inventories, including project planning, surveys, site recordation, excavations, mapping, research, writing, and the compilation of final project reports.

H O N O R S , A W A R D S & A P P O I N T M E N T S

- 2022 Northern Illinois University, Department of Anthropology Alumni Advisory Board (2014-Present). Dekalb, Illinois.
- 2021 Visiting Research Fellowship. Harvard Law School Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law & Policy Program. Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- 2020 Collaborator on a multi-year research project with Dr. Loka Ashwood, PI with Co-PIs S. Carlson and M. Perdue on "The Right-to-Farm for Small and Medium-Sized Farmers: A National Legal Analysis." USDA NIFA, \$499,564. Available at: <https://onerural.uky.edu/right-to-farm-map>.
- 2010 Citizen stakeholder representative for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Bureau of Water Task Force to develop technical standards for the state's revised Clean Water Act regulations for CAFOs. Springfield, Illinois.
- 2009 Citizen Stakeholder representative for the New Mexico Environment Department, Groundwater Quality Bureau workgroup to develop groundwater pollution discharge permitting requirements for industrial dairy facilities. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 2007 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from the Northern Illinois University Graduate School College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. DeKalb, Illinois
- Honored as the Top Graduate Student for the 2007 graduating class at Northern Illinois University, Department of Anthropology. DeKalb, Illinois.

SELECT MEDIA QUOTES

- 2022 “B.C. is leading the way in growing Canada’s biogas-renewable natural gas sector, say industry experts.” *Research Money*. Mark Lowey. March 30. Available at: <https://researchmoneyinc.com/articles/b-c-is-leading-the-way-in-growing-canadas-biogas-renewable-natural-gas-sector-say-industry-experts>.
- 2021 “A Huge New Chicken CAFO in West Virginia Has Stoked Community Resistance: The same private equity firm funding Costco’s chicken houses is bankrolling what will soon be West Virginia’s largest poultry farms.” *Civil Eats*. Lisa Held. April 7. Available at: <https://civileats.com/2021/04/07/a-huge-new-chicken-cafo-in-west-virginia-has-stoked-community-resistance/>.
- 2019 “Opinion: Right-to-Farm laws run counter to rural culture and property rights.” *Environmental Health Network*. Loka Ashwood and Danielle Diamond. April 11. Available at: <https://www.ehn.org/right-to-farm-laws-failing-rural-people-2634037860.html>.
- “Auburn University study is first of its kind to analyze right-to-farm laws.” *Auburn University*. May 6. Paul Hollis. Available at: <https://www.poultryproducer.com/poultry-news/auburn-study-is-first-of-its-kind-to-analyze-right-to-farm-laws/>.
- “Hickman’s controversy goes national with documentary.” *West Valley View*. Connor Dziawura. May 1. Available at: https://www.westvalleyview.com/news/hickman-s-controversy-goes-national-with-documentary/article_f0d93904-6b88-11e9-bb8d-1752f97ec20e.html?utm_medium=social.
- 2018 “Smithfield verdict raises hopes for opponents of industrial ag.” *FERN*, Leah Douglas. April 29. Available at: https://thefern.org/ag_insider/smithfieldverdict-raises-hopes-for-reform-of-industrial-ag/.
- “Finally, Somebody Heard What the People Were Saying Was Happening to Them.” *Mother Jones*. Leah Douglas. May 1. Available at: <https://www.motherjones.com/food/2018/05/the-growing-grassroots-opposition-to-industrial-hog-farming-just-scored-a-major-victory/>.
- “Giant Hog Farms Are Fighting for the Right to Keep Polluting. The Trump Administration Is on Their Side.” *Mother Jones*. Tom Philpott. May 5. Available at: <https://www.motherjones.com/food/2018/05/giant-hog-farms-are-fighting-for-the-right-to-keep-polluting-the-trump-administration-is-on-their-side/>.
- 2016 “EPA Files Letter Questioning Hickman's Family Farm Impact On Air Quality.” *KJZZ 91.5*. Casey Kuhn. September 29. Available at: <http://kjzz.org/content/373956/epa-files-letter-questioning-hickmans-family-farm-impact-air-quality>.

“Protesters Cry Fowl in Tussle with Maricopa County Over Stinky Egg Ranch.” *Phoenix New Times*. September 22. Available at: <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/news/protesters-cry-fowl-in-tussle-with-maricopa-county-over-stinky-egg-ranch-8668829>.

“The price of pork' in Illinois: Poisoned creeks yet limited regulation.” *Chicago Tribune*. Editorial Board. August 11. Available at: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/editorials/ct-price-pork-hogs-pigs-farms-containments-edit-0812-20160811-story.html>.

2013 “Stopping a CAFO: The Biggest Victory You Never Heard About.” *Civil Eats*. Chris Hunt. March 22. Available at: <https://civileats.com/2013/03/22/stopping-a-cafo-the-biggest-victory-you-never-heard-about/>.

2012 “EPA looking for census of large-scale livestock farms.” *Peoria Journal Star*. Steve Tarter. October 2. Available at: <https://www.pjstar.com/story/news/2012/10/02/epa-looking-for-census-large/42342853007/>.

2008 “Monitor livestock operations.” *Chicago Tribune*. Kendall Thu, Karen Hudson, Danielle Diamond, Matthew Alschuler, and Illinois Citizens for Clean Air and Water. April 18. Available at: <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-2008-04-18-0804170652-story.html>.

S E L E C T R E P R E S E N T A T I V E P R O J E C T S

2022 Co-founded the non-profit organization, Environmental & Social Justice Associates. Information is available at: <https://ej-associates.com/>.

2021 Completed a year-long Racial Justice Learning Table training hosted by Up With Community and the Animal Agriculture Reform Collaborative.

2020 Co-founded the National One Rural Collective with Dr. Loka Ashwood. Information is available at: <https://onerural.uky.edu/about>.

Drafted proposed environmental regulations for citizen groups participating in state administrative agency rulemakings, as well as proposed legislation. This work has been ongoing beginning in approximately 2010.

2018 Created a task force of movement leaders to identify gaps in rural community defense needs and developed a concept plan for a legal center to address some of those needs; resulting in the creation of a special project that is now in operation at the public interest law organization, Public Justice.

- 2015 Organized, represented, and served as co-counsel for a citizen environmental coalition in an Illinois Pollution Control Board rulemaking to develop Clean Water Act regulations for concentrated animal feeding operations in Illinois from 2012 through 2015.
- 2013 Assisted in developing content for the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future report entitled, "Industrial Food Animal Production in America: Examining the Impact of the Pew Commission's Priority Recommendations."
- 2011 Drafted proposed implementing legislation for the Illinois Constitution Environmental Provision at the request of Illinois Governor Pat Quinn.
- 2010 Served as co-counsel for a citizen coalition in a New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission rulemaking to develop groundwater regulations for industrial dairy operations in New Mexico from 2010 through 2015.
- 2009 Developed a citizen-based water monitoring protocol and handbook for rural residents in Illinois to collect evidence of illegal pollution discharges and report violations to spur governmental agency enforcement. This protocol is now being adapted and used by citizen environmental advocacy groups in other states.
- Developed a citizen-based air and odor pollution monitoring protocol for Illinoisans being impacted by emissions from CAFOs to aid them in documentation in preparation for potential environmental litigation and for reporting suspected regulatory violations with state and federal regulators.
- 2008 Drafted and filed a formal administrative citizen-suit petition with the USEPA on behalf of Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water to withdraw the State of Illinois' authority to administer the Clean Water Act because of its failure to regulate CAFOs. The petition compelled the USEPA to conduct a two-year investigation, agreeing with nearly every allegation and finding that the state's CAFO program failed to meet minimum federal requirements. This led to commitments made by the State to correct its program deficiencies.
- Developed a legal externship program with the Northern Illinois University College of Law to provide law students with opportunities to gain hands-on experience in environmental law and rural community advocacy.
- Co-founded the Illinois Coalition for Clean Air & Water (ICCAW) (formerly the Illinois Citizens for Clean Air & Water), which is a statewide coalition of small farmers, rural community groups and like-minded state and national organizations to advocate for sound policies and practices to protect the environment, human health, and rural quality of life. This coalition now has over 500 members from nearly 30 counties in Illinois.
- 2000 Obtained field experience in Old World and New World Archaeology, and participated in various cultural resource management projects throughout the Western United States and an excavation in Israel. A more detailed fieldwork history is available upon request.