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#### 45th Annual Leonard v.B. Sutton Colloquium in International Law "Approaching the Limits of Growth in the 21st Century: Sustainable Development vs. Sustainability"

## **David Aronofsky**



**David Aronofsky** is an adjunct faculty member at The University of Montana (UM) Schools of Law and Education who recently retired as the UM General Counsel to assume a UM international projects development position. David received his J.D. and B.S. in Education from the University of Texas at Austin; a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Florida State University; and a M.Ed. in Counseling from Southern Methodist University. He is licensed to practice law in Montana, Texas and the District of Columbia. In addition, he is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court and a number of federal appellate and district courts. He is an elected American Law Institute member.

David's UM law teaching includes International Business & Trade Law, Public International Law, Technology & the Law, Advanced Legislation; and Higher Education Law. He also taught a UM course in Chile every January for 8 years with emphasis on Patagonia and continues to work extensively in that country. He received a 2001 Fulbright Scholar award to teach U.S. law on a continuing year basis each summer in Uruguay, where several other UM Law School faculty and Montana's Supreme Court Chief Justice have joined him as instructors; and he has taught there annually for the past 11 years. David's broad range of scholarly international and education law publications include two co-authored Montana Education Law books. He regularly participates in UM international law and education projects involving Latin America, China and Europe.

Before coming to UM in 1994, David was an attorney at a large Washington, D.C. law firm. His legal specialty areas included education law; most aspects of private and public international law with emphasis on Latin America and on developing countries generally. He received a 1990 Fulbright Scholar award to serve as a legal advisor to Chile's Congress during the country's first year of post-dictatorship democratic rule and to design a Chilean law school legislation course/clinical program. For the past 25 years he has continuously lectured and consulted with emerging democracy governments on economic and political law reforms.

David has been involved with the HidroAysen project in Chile in teaching and consultative capacities since the project was first proposed. He helped create the Patagonian Ecosystems Research Centre (CIEP), an environmental research center through UM, two European universities, two Chilean universities, the Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica, and the northern Patagonia regional government to study ecosystems in Chile's northern Patagonia Aysén region where the HidroAysén project is centered. He also directed a complex Inter-America Development Bank mining law reform project in Panama.

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### **Federico Cheever**



**Federico Cheever** is Professor of Law and Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. After graduating from Stanford University (B.A./M.A. 1981) and UCLA (J.D. 1986), and clerking for Judge Harry Pregerson of the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in Los Angeles (1986-1987), he came to Denver as an Associate Attorney for the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (1987-1989). With a few exceptions, he has been in Denver ever since. In 1990, he briefly commuted to Boulder to be a Research Fellow at the Natural Resources Law Center (University of Colorado School of Law). Between 1990 and 1993, he was an

associate at the law firm Faegre & Benson, in Denver, doing commercial and environmental litigation. He began teaching at the University of Denver College of Law in 1993 specializing in Environmental Law, Wildlife Law, Public Land Law, Land Conservation Transactions and Property.

Professor Cheever served as the Hughes/Rudd Research Professor at the University of Denver College of Law in 2002. He briefly left Denver again in 2000 to be a Visiting Fellow at Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London. He served as a Visiting Professor at Northwestern Law School, Lewis & Clark College during the summer of 2005. In 2007 he was a visiting research fellow at the Australian National University in Canberra, ACT. From 2005-2007 he served as an adjunct professor at the Colorado School of Mines, teaching Environmental Law. In 2006 he was selected DU Law Star for excellence in teaching.

Professor Cheever writes extensively about the Endangered Species Act, federal public land law and land conservation transactions. He has recently co-authored a natural resources casebook, Natural Resources Law: A Place-Based Book of Problems and Cases, with Christine Klein and Bret Birdsong (2005).

Over the years, Professor Cheever has represented environmental groups in cases under the Endangered Species Act, the National Forest Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Wilderness Act and a number of other environmental laws. While in private practice he also represented regulated parties in disputes under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Clean Air Act.

# Luke Danielson



**Luke Danielson** is a lawyer, researcher and professor who has directed substantial research programs in the fields of sustainable development and mining and mineral policy over the past 35 years. He has a degree in economics from Antioch College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley. He has worked in numerous sustainable development projects both in the United States and abroad. Mr. Danielson currently has a practice in Gunnison, Colorado.

Mr. Danielson was the Director of the global Mining Minerals and

Sustainable Development Project for the International Institute for Environment and Development, a two and a half year worldwide process of research and engagement sponsored by over 40 organizations, including some 30 of the world's largest mining and minerals companies. Mr. Danielson developed, organized, and managed the global program designed to examine the role of mining in sustainable development in advance of the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in September 2002.

Mr. Danielson was Director of the Mining Policy Research Initiative in Montevideo, Uruguay. He established and organized a program of interdisciplinary research, research funding, and public dialogue on environmental, social and economic issues in the mining industry in the 23 nations of Latin America and the Caribbean. The program emphasized development of partnerships with research institutions within the region. He has worked and has experience in the majority of countries in Latin America, as well as several Asian countries, North America, and selected other countries.

Mr. Danielson was a Fulbright Fellow and Law Professor at the University of Chile. He assisted in developing the program in environmental law at one of Chile's leading law schools. Responsibilities included curriculum development; development of course materials; teaching of courses at undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels; acting as thesis advisor to masters and doctoral candidates; research; and publication. Additionally, Mr. Danielson organized the First International Congress of Environmental Law at the University of Chile in January 1998.

Mr. Danielson was an attorney in private practice from 1982 to 1998, focusing on environmental law, natural resources law, and energy issues, and is former Chairman of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, the state's permitting authority for mining.

Mr. Danielson speaks and writes Spanish fluently.

# Albin J. Gasiewski



Albin J. Gasiewski is Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Colorado at Boulder and Director of the CU Center for Environmental Technology. He received the Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering and computer science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1989. Previously, he received the M.S. and B.S. degrees in electrical engineering and the B.S. degree in mathematics from Case Western Reserve University in 1983. From 1997 through 2005 he was with the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Environmental

Technology Laboratory in Boulder, Colorado, USA, where he was Chief of ETL's Microwave Systems Development Division. From 1989 to 1997 he was a faculty member at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has developed and taught courses on electromagnetics, remote sensing, instrumentation, and wave propagation theory.

Prof. Gasiewski is a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), Past President (2004-2005) of the IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society, and founding member of the IEEE Committee on Earth Observation (ICEO). He is a member of the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, the International Union of Radio Scientists (URSI), Tau Beta Pi, and Sigma Xi. From 2009-2011 he served as Chair of US National Commission of URSI, Commission F. He served on the U.S. National Research Council's Committee on Radio Frequencies (CORF) from 1989-1995. He was the General Cochair of the 2006 International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) in Denver, Colorado, and a recipient of the 2006 Outstanding Service Award from the GRSS.

# Lakshman Guruswamy



Lakshman Guruswamy is the Nicholas Doman Professor of International Environmental Law at the University of Colorado School of Law (CU), was born in Sri Lanka, and is a recognized expert in International Environmental and Energy Law. Professor Guruswamy teaches International Environmental Law and Energy Justice at CU. He is also the Director of the Center for Energy & Environment Security (CEES) located at the University of Colorado. This is an interdisciplinary Center that seeks to find practical renewable energy solutions for the energy deficits confronting the globe, and pursues environmental justice for peoples of the developing world. He is widely published in international energy and environmental

law in legal and scientific journals, and his present scholarship is focused on access to energy for the Other Third of the world.

Prior to joining the University of Colorado, he taught in Sri Lanka, the UK, and the Universities of Iowa and Arizona. Guruswamy is a frequent speaker at scholarly meetings around the country and the world. He is the author of: *International Environmental Law in a Nutshell* (4d ed. 2011), and the co-author of: *International Environmental Law and World Order* (2nd. 1999), *Biological Diversity: Converging Strategies* (1998), *Arms Control and the Environment* (2001), and other books.

He has also authored numerous scholarly articles published in law reviews as well as peer reviewed journals.

# Anita Halvorssen



**Dr. Anita M. Halvorssen** teaches Sustainable Development and Trade and Global Climate Change Law and Policy at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Dr. Halvorssen is Director of Global Legal Solutions, LLC, an international think tank and consultancy. She was formerly a Senior Executive Officer at the Royal Ministry of Environment in Norway, and has worked at the law firm of Holme Roberts & Owen, in Denver, Colorado. She has also taught International Environmental Law and European Union Law at the School of Law, and

International Law at the Political Science Department at the University of Colorado and was a Fellow at the Natural Resources Law Center (NRLC). She has also been a consultant for the World Health Organization.

Dr. Halvorssen received her first degree in law from the University of Oslo, Norway, and an LLM and a Doctor of the Science of Law (JSD) from Columbia University, New York. Her doctoral dissertation, *Equality Among Unequals in International Environmental Law: Differential Treatment for Developing Countries* was published by Westview Press in 1999. Dr. Halvorssen's research interests include: International law; trade and sustainable development; sovereign wealth funds; international environmental law; climate change law; international institutional reform; the role of civil society in sustainable development; international human rights; and corporate social responsibility.

Recent publications include: 'Origin and Development of International Environmental Law', in *Routledge Handbook of International Environmental Law* (Tareq M.R. Chowdhury et al. eds.) (September, 2012), *Using the Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund's Ethical Guidelines as a Model for Investors, Be They Private or Government-Owned,* 8 European Company Law 88 (2011); and *Addressing Climate Change through the Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) – Using Responsible Investments to Encourage Corporations to take ESG Issues into Account in their Decision-Making,* 8 International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal 1 (2011).

# **Howard Kenison**



**Howard Kenison** is an partner at Lindquist & Vennum in Denver, CO and chairs that firm's Environment, Natural Resources, and Climate Change practice group. His environmental practice focuses on regulatory and litigation cases before state and federal courts, and administrative agencies. He is the former Colorado Deputy Attorney General in charge of Colorado's Superfund Litigation Section, and he maintains key contacts with environmental agencies.

He practices in the following areas: Air quality litigation and permitting; NEPA litigation for utility and transportation projects;

Wetlands permitting and enforcement actions; Hazardous and radioactive waste facility permitting and litigation; Water quality permitting and enforcement actions; Superfund and natural resource damage litigation; Environmental due diligence in business transactions; Environmental audits for corporate risk prevention; and Environmental insurance litigation.

Mr. Kenison earned his B.A. from the University of Washington in 1968 and his J.D. from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 1972. In 2010, Mr. Kenison was the Distinguished Natural Resources Practitioner-in-Residence at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Recent publications include: *EPAs Evolving Regulation of Greenhouse Gases* (Colorado Lawyer, October 2011); *Inside the Boardroom: Being Green And Generating Green Dominates Roundtable*; and *Environmental Issues and the Rule of Law*.

### Sarah Krakoff



**Sarah Krakoff** is the Wolf-Nichol Fellow at the University of Colorado School of Law . Professor Krakoff teaches and writes in the areas of American Indian law and natural resources law. Her publications include "American Indian Law: Cases and Commentary," (with Robert Anderson, Bethany Berger and Phil Frickey), "Tribes, Land and Environment," (coedited with Ezra Rosser) and numerous articles and book chapters. Her article examining the effects of federal law on the Navajo Nation's exercise of sovereignty, "A Narrative of Sovereignty: Illuminating the Paradox of the Domestic Dependent Nation," received the Jules Millstein Faculty Writing Award at the University of Colorado Law School in 2006 and has been cited in several federal district court opinions. Professor

Krakoff has also written about environmental ethics, public lands, and global warming. Her current projects include a book (currently titled "*Parenting the Planet*,") about the different stages of the human relationship to nature. When Professor Krakoff first joined CU Law, she was the Director of the American Indian Law Clinic, supervising students in a range of federal Indian and tribal law matters. She succeeded in securing permanent University funding for the Clinic before moving to non-clinical teaching in 1999.

Before coming to Colorado, Professor Krakoff was awarded an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work on the Navajo Nation as Director of the Youth Law Project for DNA-People's Legal Services. Professor Krakoff clerked on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for Judge Warren J. Ferguson from 1992-93, and received her J.D. from Boalt Hall, U.C. Berkeley, in 1991 and her B.A. from Yale University in 1986.

# Alice Madden



Alice Madden started her career in the high tech industry and then practiced law for nine years before running for office. First elected in 2000, Alice served four terms as a Colorado State Representative. Recognized as the architect of the stunning victories for progressives in 2004 and in 2006, Alice's tenure also included four years (2004 - 2008) as House Majority Leader.

One of Alice's main focuses during her time in the legislature was building the foundation for what is now referred to nationally as the New Energy Economy. Alice continued to apply her experience and passion for economic and environmental sustainability issues as Governor Ritter's

Climate Change Advisor and Deputy Chief of Staff.

Two key accomplishments include taking Colorado to a 30% renewable energy standard by 2020 – the 2nd most aggressive standard in the nation, and overseeing the implementation of the groundbreaking Clean Air Clean Jobs Act that will lead to the early retirement of over 900MWs of coal power, to be replaced with cleaner burning fuels such as natural gas, wind and solar.

Alice also served as a Senior Fellow on Climate Change issues at the Center for American Progress.

Alice is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law School and is a die hard Buffs fan. She and her husband Pete are proud parents of two teens. Her entire family has a great love of the outdoors and they regularly take advantage of their beautiful surroundings and proximity to the Rocky Mountains. Her focus on sustainability and climate change comes from her desire to preserve what makes the American West so special.

# **Stephen McCaffrey**



**Stephen McCaffrey** is one of the world's foremost authorities on international water law. He was a member of the United Nations International Law Commission from 1982-91 and chaired that prestigious organization's 1987-88 session, only the third American to do so. He served as special rapporteur for the commission's draft articles on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses, which formed the basis of the 1997 U.N. Convention on the subject. Professor McCaffrey was Counselor on International Law in the State Department in 1984-85. He was counsel to Slovakia in the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros Project case decided by the International Court of Justice in 1997 and serves as counsel

to Nicaragua in the Navigational and Related Rights case (Costa Rica v. Nicaragua). He also advises the Palestinians in connection with the Permanent Status talks with Israel and is Legal Adviser to the Nile River Basin Negotiation Committee. Professor McCaffrey also was a member of the U.S. National Research Council's Committee on the Scientific Bases of Colorado River Basin Water Management and advised India in the Baglihar HEP case, before the Neutral Expert appointed under the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty.

Professor McCaffey received his B.A. from the University of Colorado in 1967, his J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 1971, and a Dr. iur. from the University of Cologne, Germany in 1974. He has taught at McGeorge since 1977. He has published numerous law review articles and has authored or co-authored several books, including the casebook, International Environmental Law, the treatisse, The Law of International Watercourses, and Understanding International Law. Professor McCaffrey is able to work in German, French, and Spanish.

Professor McCaffrey's recent publications include: *The International Law Commission's Flawed Draft Articles on the Law of Transboundary Aquifers: The Way Forward*, 36 Water Int'l 566 (2011); *Beyond International Water Law: Successfully Negotiating Mutual Gains Agreements for International Watercourses*, 22 Pac. McGeorge Global Bus. & Dev. L.J. 139 (2012) (with Alex Grzybowski & Richard K. Paisley); *The Politics of Sharing Water: International Law, Sovereignty and Transboundary Rivers and Aquifers*, in <u>The Politics of Water</u> 18 (Kai Wegerich & Jeroen Warner eds, Routledge 2010) (with Kate J. Neville); and *Public International Law: Cases, Problems and Text* (with Dinah Shelton & John Cerone, LexisNexis 2010).

# Ved P. Nanda



**Ved Nanda** is John Evans University Professor at the University of Denver and Thompson G. Marsh Professor of Law and Director of the International Legal Studies Program at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. From 1994 to 2008 he also served as Vice Provost for Internationalization at the University. In 2007 Professor Nanda was honored with a \$1 million gift to the College of Law, and a matching amount from friends and former students, to found the Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law, which began its programming in 2008. Other students and friends have raised more than \$1 million to establish

the Ved Nanda Professorship at the College of Law.

He currently serves as Honorary President of the World Jurist Association, an elected member of the American Law Institute and as a council member-at-large for the American Bar Association Section of International Law and Practice, and Honorary Vice-President of the International Law Association – American Branch. He was formerly Vice President of the American Society of International Law, United States Delegate to the World Federation of the United Nations Associations, Geneva, Vice-Chair of its Executive Council, and on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

Professor Nanda has received honorary doctorates from Soka University in Tokyo, Japan, and Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, India. He is widely published in law journals and national magazines, has authored or co-authored 25 books in the various fields of international law and more than 225 chapters and major law review articles, and has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor and Scholar at a number of universities in the United States and abroad.

Among his numerous national and international awards Professor Nanda has received the Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award for Peace Building from Soka Gakkai International and Morehouse College and the Lifetime Best Teacher Award from the Indian Law Teachers Association. He was awarded the World Jurist Association's Highest Order of Justice and earlier its World Legal Scholar award. He was also the recipient of the United Nations Association's Human Rights Award and the Anti-Defamation League's Civil Rights Award.

Most recently Professor Nanda published *Climate Change and Environmental Ethics* (2011), a collection of essays aimed at re-conceptualizing global environmental policy. Other relevant publications include: *Climate Change and Developing Countries: The International Law Perspective*, ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law (2010); *European Union's Multinational Carbon Trading Program*, The Denver University Law Review (2008); and *International Environmental Norms Applicable to Nuclear Activities, with Particular Focus on Decisions of International Tribunals and International Settlements*, Denver Journal of International Law and Policy (2006).

## **Andrew Reid**



Andrew Reid has been an activist most of his life. He obtained degrees in Sociology, Liberal Studies, and law from the University of Oklahoma. As a law student, he organized the legal defenses of prison reform and Native American activists. As a second-year law student in 1976, he interned with a small legal collective on the Menominee Indian Reservation in Wisconsin during the "reign of terror" and stayed on after finishing his last year the University of Wisconsin School of Law.

In 1978, a unique coalition of Native American, ranch, environmental, and peace activists in South Dakota, called the Black Hills Alliance, recruited Mr. Reid as staff counsel to challenge, successfully, the planned wholesale

mining of the Black Hills for uranium by a consortium of multinational energy corporations. This was one of the early "environmental justice / environmental racism" controversies. During the 1980s, he represented numerous citizens' groups on a wide range of front line environmental issues, including some of the first litigation under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. He also went to bat for many small family farmers and ranchers during the Family Farm crisis, never losing a farm or ranch.

Mr. Reid joined an intentional community collectively homesteading an organic farm in the Nebraska panhandle. While living in a teepee and then a passive solar cordwood home, and with his solar powered typewriter, he brought a successful challenge to the deployment of the MX nuclear weapons system, the most destructive ever proposed, in Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado. The litigation established precedent requiring full NEPA compliance by the military despite issues of national security and classified documents. He later represented a citizens' organization in its challenge to the restarting of the US Army's biological and chemical research program at the Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah.

In 1993, Mr. Reid took a year off to work with citizens' organizations in Nagoya, Japan on wetlands and river preservation issues and to study martial arts. After returning to the U.S. he eventually joined the Denver law firm of Kevin Hannon and participated in the Redfields and Lowery class action toxic tort litigation. In 2004, he joined the law firm of Walter Gerash, as senior litigation counsel.

Mr. Reid obtained an LLM in Environmental and Natural Resources Law and Policy with specializations in water law and environmental policy from Denver University Law School developing his personal interests in "sustainable" development and mining and the rights of indigenous peoples.

His trial and appellate practice have resulted in over 40 published decisions setting legal precedent in many areas of law. His litigation has been covered in numerous national magazines and books, including law school text books.

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#### **Nicholas Robinson**



Nicholas A. Robinson is University Professor for the Environment at Pace University and the Gilbert & Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental law at Pace Law School, and since 2006 holds an appointment as Professor Adjunct at Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. In September, 2012, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) World Conservation Congress conferred upon him IUCN's Honorary Membership for lifetime contributions to IUCN and its environmental law program.

He founded the environmental legal studies at Pace Law School (1978), served as the General Counsel of the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (1983-85), and as Legal Advisor to IUCN (1996-2004). His publications including editing an annotated edition of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit's Agenda 21 and the UNCED Proceedings, and two volumes on Capacity Building for Environmental Law in the Asia and Pacific Region. For 20 years he was a member of all US delegations on cooperation on environmental law with the Soviet Union under a 1972 US-USSR bilateral detente agreement. He co-edited the 2006 edition of the UN Environment Programme's Manual on International Environmental Law. Through IUCN he helped to draft the UN World Charter for Nature UNGA Res. 37/7) and has drafted both domestic legislation and international agreements. He is a graduate of Brown University (Phi Beta Kappa) and Columbia University School of Law.

Professor Robinson's recent publications include: *Ensuring Access to Justice Through Environmental Courts*, Pace Environmental Law Review (2012); *Beyond Sustainability: Environmental Management for the Anthropocene Epoch*, Journal of Public Affairs (2012); *Climate Disruption: Remaking the Agenda of MEAs in Asia and the World*, Crucial Issues in Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol (2010); *The Sands of Time: Reflections in the Copenhagen Climate Negotiations*, Pace Environmental Law Review (2010); and *Climate Change Law: Mitigation and Adaptation* (with Richard G. Hildreth, David R. Hodas, and James Gustave Speth) American Casebook Series, West (2009).

### **Andrew Romanoff**



**Andrew Romanoff** is a Senior Advisor at iDE, an international development organization based in Lakewood, Colorado. Over the last 30 years, iDE has equipped four million rural households in Africa, Asia and Latin America with the technology and training they need to increase their standard of living and climb out of extreme poverty.

Andrew joined iDE after serving for eight years in the Colorado House of Representatives, including four as the Speaker of the House. He sought

the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in 2010.

In 2005, Andrew authored the Colorado Economic Recovery Act (Referendum C) and his other legislative achievements included: the Sudan Divestment Act of 2007, which cut state ties to the regime responsible for the genocide in Darfur; and the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Act of 2008, a billion-dollar plan to repair Colorado's crumbling classrooms. Andrew also authored laws to protect the victims of domestic violence and child abuse, provide treatment for mental illness and substance abuse, and expand the supply of affordable housing.

Andrew has been honored by more than 40 state and national organizations. The Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation present the William M. Bulger Award to the "legislative leader who has worked to preserve and build public trust in the institution of the state legislature and whose career embodies the highest principles of leadership – integrity, compassion, vision and courage." In 2006, Andrew became the award's youngest recipient. Two years later, Governing Magazine named him as a "Public Official of the Year."

Before he joined the legislature in 2000, Andrew worked as an education policy advisor to then-Governor Roy Romer. He was previously an associate at the management consulting firm of Greenberg Baron Simon & Miller, Inc.

Andrew served as a Scholar-in-Residence at the University of Colorado's School of Public Affairs and taught political science at the Community College of Aurora, Metropolitan State College of Denver, and Red Rocks Community College. He began teaching in Central America and speaks fluent Spanish.

Andrew earned a bachelor's degree with honors from Yale University, a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and a juris doctorate from the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law. He is a member of the inaugural class of the Aspen Institute's Rodel Fellowship in Public Leadership.

#### Linda Sheehan



Linda Sheehan is the Executive Director of the Earth Law Center. Ms. Sheehan has 20 years of environmental law and policy experience. Earth Law Center takes on initiatives to develop, increase awareness of, and advocate for Earth-based laws, policies, economies, philosophies and governance systems.

Most recently, Ms. Sheehan took action on behalf of California's waterways and ocean habitats as Executive Director of the California Coastkeeper Alliance, where she represented California's 12

Waterkeeper organizations on statewide issues. Prior to the Coastkeeper Alliance, Ms. Sheehan ran the Pacific Region Office of the Ocean Conservancy, advocating for clean coastal waters, healthy fish populations, and vibrant ocean habitats. Among other efforts, Ms. Sheehan successfully advanced federal and state legislation, policy and litigation initiatives to: increase enforcement of clean water laws, provide state water quality data to the public, curtail sewage spills, boost water monitoring, conserve designated marine parks, improve oil spill prevention and response, control marine invasive species, reduce polluted runoff discharges, expand implementation of sustainable water supply strategies, and create new funding sources to ensure healthy waters. For her efforts in "fight[ing] pollution of the Pacific and the streams and rivers that flow into it," Ms. Sheehan was recognized as a 2009 "California Coastal Hero" by Sunset Magazine and the California Coastal Commission. Ms. Sheehan is a contributing author to *Exploring Wild Law: The Philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence*, published by Wakefield Press in 2011.

Ms. Sheehan holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering with a Concentration in Economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; an M.P.P. from the University of California, Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, where she was a Berkeley Policy Fellow; and a J.D. from the University of California's Boalt Hall School of Law. She is a Research Affiliate with the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, which is similarly advancing rights for nature, and is a member of the Commission on Environmental Law in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

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# **Celia Taylor**



**Celia Taylor** came to the University of Denver Sturm College of Law from Columbia University, where she taught a course in legal writing and research while obtaining an LLM in international human rights law. Prior to Columbia, Taylor was in private practice in San Francisco, specializing in corporate and securities law. Professor Taylor currently teaches primarily in the corporate area, including contracts, corporations and corporate drafting classes among others. She currently is working with an international group of corporate scholars sponsored by the University of Oslo examining the potential uses of corporate law to compel companies to pay heed to environmental issues, with specific

focus on climate change. In addition, Prof. Taylor is providing the US perspective on takeover regulation to a consortium of EU lawyers working on a proposed revision of the European Takeover Directive.

### Laura Westra



Laura Westra performed her undergraduate and graduate work in philosophy, and she received her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1983. In 2005 she received her second Ph.D. in Jurisprudence at Osgoode Hall Law School, and her new doctoral thesis was published in 2004. She is the founder of the Global Ecological Integrity Group (GEIG), and has organized several conferences of that group in conjunction with the IUCN Commission on Law and Environment (CEL), Special Ethics Group (ESG), to which she belongs for the last five years. She is also the co-chair of the IUCN-CEL Specialist Indigenous Peoples Group with John Scott. She has been reinstated at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law, in 2008.

Ms. Westra has held offices/served in the International Society for Environmental Ethics, the science for Peace Group, the Occupational Ethics Group, the Society for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology (Ontario), the York Centre for Applied Sustainability. She is on the Editorial Board of many philosophical and scientific journals, including Environmental Ethics, Environmental Values, the Journal of Ecosystem Health and Global Bioethics. She has been a member of many boards and committees, including the IUCN Commission for Environmental Strategy and Planning, the NSERC/SSHRC Board, the NSF (USA), and the Planning and Implementation Group for the Earth Charter. She is a member of the IUCN Committee on Environment and Law (CEL) Ethics Specialist Group, and co-chair of the Specialist Indigenous Peoples Group.

Professor Westra has been the Principal Investigator for SSHRC (1992-1999) and for NATO'S Advanced Scientific Research Workshop (1999) and has organized numerous meetings and sessions in that capacity, in Europe, Australia, the U.S. and Canada. She has won several fellowships including the Harley D. Hallett Fellowship (to pursue a law degree), and is currently funded by SSHRC for her second doctorate in Jurisprudence (2001- 2004). She has been a consultant for the World Health Organization, the University of Peace (Costa Rica) and the Ontario Government, and she has successfully worked on Environmental Justice together with the lawyers for an African American community in Birmingham, AL. She is legal consultant for a Health Canada Grant (2004-2006 on Governance Instruments and Child Health:Informing Canadian Policy); and Post-Doctoral Student on a SSHRC Grant on "Controlling Ecoviolence:Linking Consumption and the Loss of Ecological Integrity to Population, Health, Ecojustice and International Law (2004-2007; University of British Columbia, PI William Rees). She is a Post-Doctoral Scholar with Bradford Morse, University of Ottawa, on Public Health and Indigenous Peoples (SSHRC Grant)

Recent publications include: *Future Generations' Rights: Linking Intergenerational and Intragenerational Rights in EcoJustice*, a chapter in <u>Climate Change and Environmental Ethics</u>; *Human Health and Ecological Integrity* (with C. Soskolne and D. Spady) (2012); *Environmental Justice and the Rights of Ecological Refugees* Earthscan Publishers (2009); with the forthcoming book, *Confronting Ecological and Economic Collapse: Ecological Integrity in Law and Human Rights* (2013).

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