

The Environmental Law Center presents

Hot Topics in Environmental Law

Summer 2010 Brown Bag Lecture Series

VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

Lectures at Vermont Law School

THURSDAY, JUNE 3

Marine Protected Areas: Safeguarding the Ocean Environment

Michael Sutton, Monterey Bay Aquarium

Amid enormous controversy, California is currently implementing the Marine Life Protection Act, which mandates a new network of marine reserves in state waters.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

City Planning and Climate Change

Michael Coté '10, Urban Planning Researcher,
and Teresa Clemmer, Environmental and Natural
Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School

What can and should city planners be doing to adapt to the inevitable threats and crises posed by climate change?

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

Can Environmental Courts Save China from Its Pollution Challenges?

Tseming Yang and Siu Tip Lam, U.S.-China Partnership for
Environmental Law, Vermont Law School

A discussion of China's recently created environmental courts and their prospects for solving its pollution challenges.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

When Environmental Negotiations Fail

Sean Nolon, Dispute Resolution Program,
Vermont Law School

A look at process failures in recent environmental cases.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

The U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Stop the Beach Renourishment v. Florida Department of Environmental Protection*

John Echeverria, Vermont Law School

What does this decision mean for future public efforts to manage the coastline, adapt to climate change, and confront other environmental challenges?

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Mountaintop Mining: Challenges and Change

LaJuana Wilcher, English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley

A look at the tortured evolution of the law and policy addressing mountaintop mining, including an update on recent actions by the Obama administration.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Public Lands in a Climate-Changed World: Some Speculations

John D. Leshy, University of California,
Hastings College of the Law

What might a destabilized climate mean for policies governing the one third of the real estate in the country that is owned by the public?

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

Guns, Fences, and Raw Sewage: Border Policy Barriers

Rob Davis, Voice of San Diego

A discussion of the environmental issues along the U.S.-Mexico border that run into physical, jurisdictional, and cultural barriers.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

Climate Change and EPA Water Programs

Randy Hill, Office of Wastewater
Management, U.S. EPA

Climate change is often thought of as an air quality problem, but its biggest effects may be on water resources and water quality.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

Brave New World: The Supreme Court Weighs the Risks and Benefits of Genetically Modified Organisms

Patrick Parenteau, Environmental and Natural
Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School

A review of *Monsanto v. Geertson Seed Co.*, a case brought by organic farmers about the potential for genetically modified alfalfa to contaminate organic alfalfa.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

Conservation Easements: When Perpetual Isn't Forever

Jessica Jay '97, Conservation Law, P.C.

An examination of the judicial, legislative, and administrative practices developing in response to the amendment and termination of perpetual conservation easements.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

Covering Climate Change amid the Vitriol

Beth Daley, *The Boston Globe*

A reporter's experience of navigating the treacherous terrain of the climate science debate.

TUESDAY, JULY 27

The Future of Food Eco-Labeling

Jason J. Czarnecki, Vermont Law School

What labeling schemes and legal policies best support environmentally friendly food consumption?

THURSDAY, JULY 29

International Law and Tropical Forests: Sovereignty, Corruption, and Failed Agreements

Catherine MacKenzie, Cambridge University

At one time, tropical rainforest encircled the earth. Today, only a fraction of that forest remains and degradation continues. Can international law stop illicit logging?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

Sustainable Development in Afghanistan

Lea Swanson, U.S. Agency for International
Development/Afghanistan

Sustainable development is a global standard for public and private sector development assistance. In Afghanistan, "clear, hold, build" is the roadmap. Is this sustainable?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

Capitalism + Climate Change = Cooperation: How and Why Co-ops Will Save Civilization

Don Kreis, Institute for Energy and the Environment,
Vermont Law School

The cooperative form of doing business offers an opportunity to harness entrepreneurial energy in the service of the greater good, including the prevention of climate change.

Lectures at Montpelier

FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Nutrients Happen: A Story About Lawyers, Algae, and Money

David Mears '91, Environmental and Natural
Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School

A recent Vermont Supreme Court case involved Montpelier's wastewater treatment plant. Where does Montpelier's wastewater go and why does that matter for Lake Champlain?

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

The Likely Future of Carbon Emission Control

Marc Mihaly, Environmental Law Center,
Vermont Law School

A discussion and comparison of cap-and-trade, carbon tax, and direct regulation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Clean Water Act Permitting and Climate Change

Jim Murphy '06, National Wildlife Federation

Climate change will stress our waters and make water quality harder to achieve. How must we implement the CWA going forward to meet the challenges of climate change?

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Better Never Than Late: The Likelihood that a Nuclear Renaissance Will Worsen Climate Change

Peter Bradford, Former member, U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission

Expensive commitments to nuclear construction will decrease cost-effective investment in efficiency, thereby making climate change more intractable than it needs to be.

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 12:00–1:00 PM | Oakes Hall Room 007 | Vermont Law School, South Royalton

Fridays | 12:00–1:00 PM | Vermont Historical Society Museum | 109 State Street, Montpelier

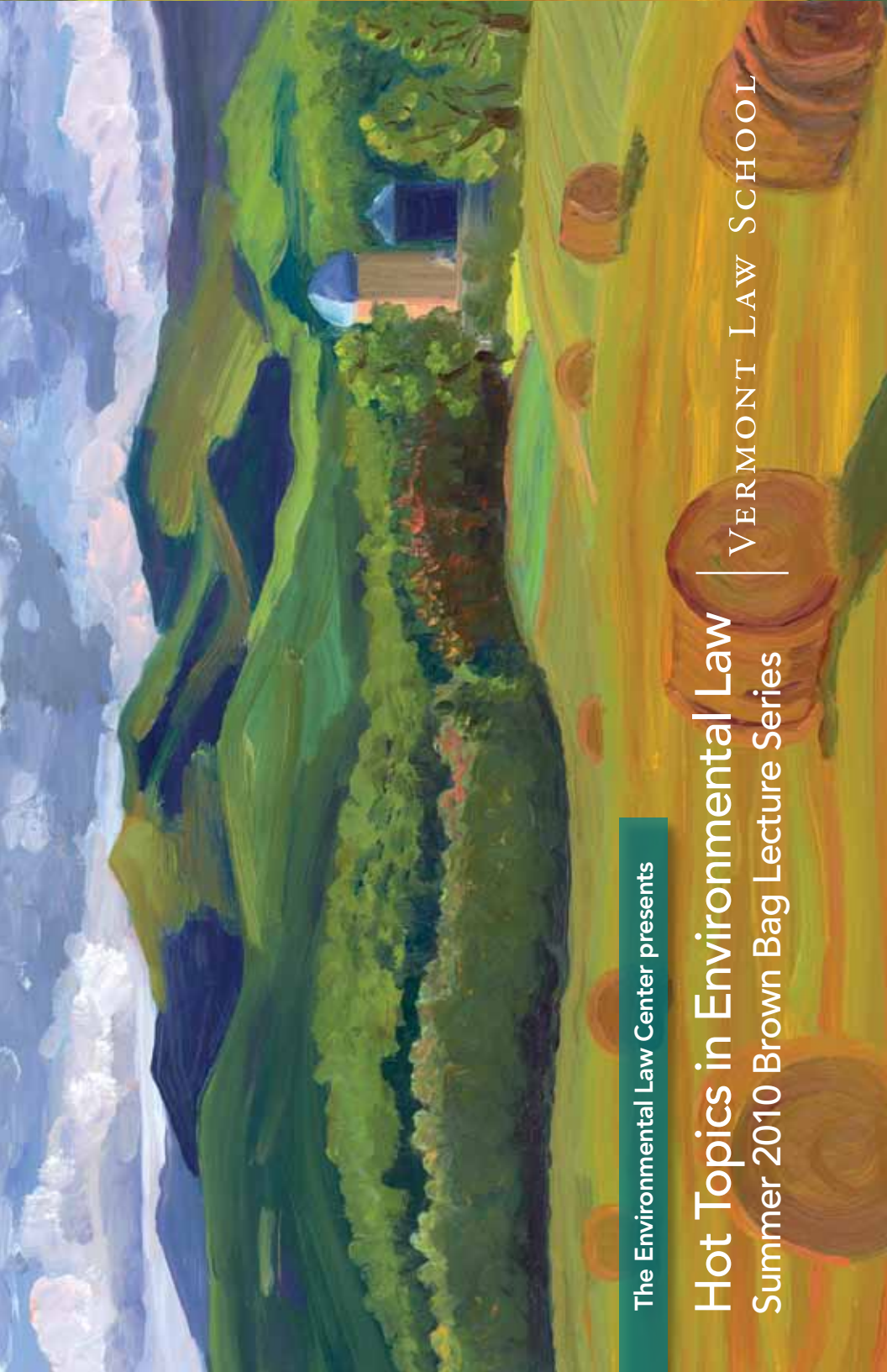
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Michael Coté '10 is an urban planning researcher specializing in climate change adaptation for coastal communities. He is a student in the MELP program at Vermont Law School.

Jason Czarnecki is a professor at Vermont Law School. He spent the 2009-10 academic year as a Fulbright Scholar at Sun Yat-sen University in Guangzhou, China.

Beth Daley is a reporter for *The Boston Globe*. She is one of Vermont Law School's 2010 Environmental Media Fellows.

Rob Davis is a reporter for Voice of San Diego. He is Vermont Law School's other 2010 Environmental Media Fellow.

John Echeverria is a professor at Vermont Law School. He teaches Legal Adaptations to Global Warming Impacts.

Randy Hill is the deputy director of the Office of Wastewater Management at U.S. EPA. Prior to that, he was the deputy director of EPA's Office of Civil Enforcement.

Jessica Jay '97 is a founding partner of Conservation Law, P.C., a law firm devoted to ensuring the permanence of land conservation through perpetual conservation easements.

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