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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER AT VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

Since its establishment in 1973, Vermont Law School has educated thousands of students on the basis of one ideal: provide an expansive and challenging legal education rooted in a commitment to civic values. VLS is a place where a dedicated and distinguished faculty cultivate a learning environment rich in cooperative spirit.

The Environmental Law Center, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2018, has the largest graduate environmental law program in the country, consistently ranked among the best by U.S. News & World Report.

Ours is a multidisciplinary program in law, policy, science, economics, and ethics for lawyers, law and graduate students, government officials, teachers, scientists, and citizen activists. The program addresses the need for environmental leaders who are skilled in working with environmental and public policy issues within the framework of the legal system—leaders prepared to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century.

“ALMOST EVERY ISSUE BEARS ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN SOME WAY, AND SOME OF THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUES ARE ONES WE DON’T EVEN THINK OF AS ENVIRONMENTAL—POLITICAL REFORM, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND EQUITY!”

—GUS SPETH,  
Senior Fellow



Students in the Summer 2018 Global Energy Law and Policy class

# ENVIRONMENTAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

In addition to the traditional Juris Doctor degree, Vermont Law School offers a number of master's degrees, LLM degrees, joint degrees, dual degrees with other academic institutions, certificate programs, and the renowned Summer Session program. These programs range from the Master of Environmental Law and Policy, which VLS has awarded to over 2,500 students since the program's inception in 1978, to the LLM in Food and Agriculture Law, which welcomed the first students in fall 2015. The master's degrees may be completed in as little as one year or up to five years. Students have the choice and flexibility to complete a master's or LLM degree on campus or online, or a hybrid of both.



Over the past four decades, scores of VLS graduates from all degree programs have worked at the EPA

## MASTER'S DEGREES

- The [Master of Environmental Law and Policy](#) (MELP) program is designed for students who want to develop expertise in environmental law and policy while obtaining interdisciplinary training in science, economics, and public advocacy.
- The [Master of Energy Regulation and Law](#) (MERL) program responds to opportunities presented by the rapid growth of the clean energy sector, as well as the environmental challenges associated with traditional energy production and transmission, by offering intensive training in energy law, regulation, markets and policy analysis.
- The [Master of Food and Agriculture Law and Policy](#) (MFALP) is designed for students who want to develop the legal infrastructure needed to support sustainable food and agriculture systems.

## LLM DEGREES

- The [LLM in Environmental Law](#) offers post-JD students the opportunity to prepare for a career practicing environmental law with a private firm, as a public interest environmental litigator, or in academia.
- The [LLM in Energy Law](#) allows those with a JD degree to specialize in the law of clean energy, regulation, markets and the environment.
- The [LLM in Food and Agriculture Law](#) allows students to take advantage of our extensive food and agriculture law curriculum and develop a deep specialty in an important area of environmental law.

## JOINT DEGREES

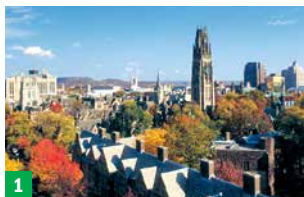
Vermont Law School students may combine the JD with a Master's or LLM degree to develop expertise in environmental, energy, or food and agriculture law.

- [JD/Master of Environmental Law and Policy](#)
- [JD/Master of Energy Regulation and Law](#)
- [JD/Master of Food and Agriculture Law and Policy](#)
- [JD/LLM in Environmental Law](#)
- [JD/LLM in Energy Law](#)
- [JD/LLM in Food and Agriculture Law](#)

“A LEGAL EDUCATION CAN PREPARE YOU TO DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS, NOT JUST WORK IN A COURTROOM OR WITH STACKS OF PAPER.”

—SCOTT CULLEN, JD'96, Executive Director,  
GRACE Communications Foundation

## DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS



1

Vermont Law School students can combine a JD or Master's degree with degrees from other institutions.

1 [JD/Master of Environmental Management](#) with the **Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies**



2

2 [JD/Master of Philosophy](#) with the Department of Land Economy at the **University of Cambridge**



3

3 [JD, LLM, or Master's/ Sustainable Entrepreneurship MBA](#) with the **University of Vermont** School of Business Administration



4

4 [MELP/Master of Science in Natural Resources](#) with the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the **University of Vermont**



5

5 MELP/MBA with the Tuck School of Business at **Dartmouth College**

## SUMMERS-ONLY MASTER'S PROGRAM

JD students from any other law school may earn a master's degree from Vermont Law School with one summer of classes, one summer externship, and at least one online course. Special arrangements with the law schools at Boston College, Elon University, Northeastern University, Quinnipiac University, the University of South Carolina, and the University of South Dakota allow those students to transfer additional JD credits to the master's degree and earn the degree at a lower cost.

## CERTIFICATES

Certificates are a tangible indication that students have mastered a specific subject area. The environmental program at Vermont Law School offers the following certificates:

- [Certificate in Climate Law](#)
- [Certificate in Energy Law](#)
- [Certificate in Food and Agriculture Law](#)
- [Certificate in Land Use Law](#)
- [Certificate in Water Law](#)

## SUMMER SESSION

Vermont Law School's [Summer Session](#) is nationally recognized for its impressive range of courses taught by VLS professors and leaders from national and international nonprofit environmental groups and research centers, consulting firms, federal and state agencies, academic programs at other law schools, and private practice. Attendees include VLS JD, LLM, and Master's students; JD students from other law schools; nonlaw graduate students; teachers; citizen advocates; practicing attorneys; planners; and state and federal agency personnel. Summer Session also includes the popular Hot Topics in Environmental Law lecture series.

## CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE)

Nondegree educational opportunities are available through the VLS Summer Session. Practicing attorneys can take summer courses or attend our summer lecture series for CLE credit.

## VERMONT JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The [Vermont Journal of Environmental Law](#) (VJEL) is entering its twentieth year of publishing on all facets of environmental law. The journal staff seeks to provide a forum for enlightened discussion on the emerging environmental issues affecting our local, regional, and global communities. The journal is published exclusively online. VJEL is about environmental discourse and environmental action, and online publication greatly embodies both. Please visit <http://vjel.vermontlaw.edu/>.



"AT VLS THEY EMBED IN YOU THE ETHIC OF ZEALOUS ADVOCACY FOR YOUR CLIENT, AND AT THE SAME TIME, THEY TELEGRAPH THAT OUTCOMES REQUIRE COLLABORATION AND RESOLVING COMPETING DEMANDS."

—ADAM NECRASON JD/MELP'96, Founder and Managing Partner, Sirotkin & Necrason, PLLC

# CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS

The [Center for Agriculture and Food Systems](#) at Vermont Law School houses the most comprehensive sustainable food and agriculture law and policy program in the country. Building on Vermont's reputation for food innovation and ethos of environmental and social sustainability as well as VLS's own legacy of producing food advocates and entrepreneurs, the Center is developing the next generation of food and agriculture advocates who are changing food systems nationally and internationally for the better. As part of its mission, the Center also produces free resources for the food and farm community that marry the law with cutting-edge legal design. The Center benefits from an experienced legal and advocacy team, including [Laurie Beyranevand '03](#), Director; [Sophia Kruszewski '13](#), Clinic Director; [Emily Spiegel](#), Assistant Professor; [Lihlani Nelson](#), Associate Director; and [Claire Child '16](#), Program Officer. The team has expertise in multiple areas relating to sustainable food systems, including environmental law, food law and policy, animal law, agroecology, urban planning, and international food security, to create a robust and comprehensive program.



## CENTER INITIATIVES

- Launch one of the first [food and agriculture law clinics](#) in the nation pioneering development of legal solutions to support diversified, sustainable food systems through research, strategic partnerships, and creative media
- Improve access to farmland by new farmers through the Land Tenure Project, which provides legal resources and tools for new and beginning farmers
- Reduce food waste through the National Gleaning Project, which provides a unique hub to help expand gleaning organizations in order to reduce food waste and food insecurity
- Elevate local food law and policy innovations through the Healthy Food Policy Project
- Advocate for migrant dairy workers through a bilingual legal guide explaining worker rights

“THE CENTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL LAW AND POLICY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING A DIVERSE, SYSTEMS-BASED CURRICULUM IN COMBINATION WITH REAL WORLD OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE IN FOOD SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY WORK.”

—LAURIE BEYRANEVAND, Director, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems

# INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



The [Institute for Energy and the Environment](#) is a national and world energy policy resource with an advanced energy law and policy curriculum focused on the energy policy of the future. The Institute serves as a center for graduate research on the clean energy sector, with a year-round student-staffed Energy Clinic, working on legal and business models for renewable energy development. Students learn how to work with and improve America's legal system in order to help humanity meet the challenges created by the energy sector. The IEE's faculty includes [Kevin Jones](#), the Institute's Director and Professor; [Jeannie Oliver LLM'15](#), Assistant Professor and Staff Attorney for the [Energy Clinic](#); and [Mark James LLM'16](#), Assistant Professor and Senior Fellow with the Institute. The Institute is also staffed by a program coordinator, a staff attorney, two student fellows, and approximately twenty JD, LLM, and master's students who serve as research associates and clinicians.

## INSTITUTE AND ENERGY CLINIC PROJECTS

- Developing legal and business models promoting community solar ownership with a focus on increasing low income solar ownership and advocating for climate justice
- Research funded by regional NGO's analyzing competing proposals for reaching 100% renewable energy, and by national advocacy organizations developing effective state policies that promote coordinated and adequately funded effort to make the nation's electric grid more resistant to all threats
- Collaborating with the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems on our new Farm and Energy Initiative, which unites our interests in the economic health of farms and sustainable energy production
- Authoring books such as *The Electric Battery: Charging Forward to a Low Carbon Future*; *A Smarter, Greener Grid: Forging Environmental Progress from Smart Energy Policies and Technologies*; and *Global Energy Justice*
- Publications on climate refugees, community choice aggregation, smart cities and microgrids, federal tax incentives for small scale hydro, electric vehicle charging policy, and stakeholder governance in Regional Transmission Organizations

“OUR PASSION AND SPECIAL TRAINING IS CONCERNED WITH THE ENERGY POLICY OF THE FUTURE. THAT'S OUR STRENGTH—AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE PLACING OUR GRADUATES.”

—KEVIN JONES, Director, Institute for Energy and the Environment



Students and faculty visit the VLS solar array, which provides 50% of the school's electricity

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES LAW CLINIC

Since 2003, the [Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic](#) has provided hands-on learning opportunities for law students, achieving environmental protection goals and representing clients who otherwise would not have the resources for legal representation. The clinic provides a structured, supportive setting in which students develop skills in environmental advocacy, litigation, administrative processes, and client interaction. A faculty of experienced environmental attorneys and professionals work closely with the student teams on each case or project, including [Jill Witkowski Heaps](#), Director; [Ken Rumelt](#), Senior Attorney; [Patrick Parenteau](#), Senior Counsel; [Rachel Stevens](#), Staff Attorney; [Mason Overstreet](#), LLM Fellow; and [Monica Litzelman](#), Litigation Paralegal. The students have worked on an impressive array of matters in various federal and state courts, including the Vermont and United States Supreme Courts.

**“WORKING AT THE CLINIC HAS GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE MY KNOWLEDGE, MAKE PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS, IMPROVE MY RESEARCH AND WRITING SKILLS, AND WORK ON ISSUES THAT FUEL MY PASSION. THE HANDS-ON LEARNING THAT WE EXPERIENCE AT THE ENRLC IS PREPARING US FOR OUR FUTURES AS ATTORNEYS. THE CLINIC EXPERIENCE IS EDUCATIONAL AND INSPIRING. DAILY, IT CONFIRMS THAT I CHOSE THE RIGHT CAREER PATH.”**

**—TRISTAN J. DURAND '18**

## CLINIC PROJECTS

- Represented residents of Graniteville, Vermont, suffering from excessive dust and fumes caused by rock crushers sited in their community
- Weighing in on a Supreme Court case about the critically endangered Mississippi Gopher Frog
- Participating in a relicensing procedure for a nuclear power facility in Miami to ensure climate change concerns are addressed during the process
- Assisting water organizations in Alabama to participate in a state-level process to fight shortcomings in Alabama's water protections
- Partnering with Earthjustice to advocate for a community in Newark, New Jersey, surrounded by polluting facilities
- Challenging illegal pesticide spraying in a Vermont community

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEGAL LAB

VLS's Entrepreneurship and Legal Lab (VSELL) is a novel, new collaboration between Vermont attorneys, business leaders, and government officials to provide free or low-cost legal assistance to entrepreneurs who are seeking to launch new green and sustainable businesses. The VSELL program will train law students interested in learning how to practice business law, while supporting a broader state effort to encourage more business startups. **Trey Martin '08**, Of Counsel to Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, is VSELL's Attorney Advisor.

# U.S.-ASIA PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The [U.S.-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law](#) is a collaborative program to advance environmental and energy law and policy in



China and throughout Asia. The goal of the partnership, which is supported by a number of public and private organizations, is to strengthen the rule of law in environmental protection and to build capacity among individuals and academic, government, and private-sector institutions to solve environmental problems.

At its inception in 2006, the partnership's goals were to strengthen the capacity of Chinese education, government, and civil society sectors to become effective environmental problem solvers; to improve China's policies, laws, and regulations to advance the development of environmental law in China; and to enhance municipal, provincial, national, and international networks in China to advance best practices in environmental protection and energy regulation. Building upon the success it has achieved in China, the partnership has expanded its geographic scope in an effort to respond to the environmental governance needs of the region. [Siu Tip Lam](#), a former assistant attorney general in the Environmental Protection Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, is the Director. The program's staff includes Professor [Yanmei Lin](#), Associate Director, and [William J. Schulte LL.M.'14](#) and [Xiaoyu Zhang LL.M.'16](#) as Assistant Directors, along with two fellows, two support staff, and VLS faculty advisors.

## PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

- Provide environmental governance training in Myanmar, to give stakeholders a range of legal and policy tools that can be adopted to provide broad scale protection of the country's key biodiversity areas
- Launch an Environmental Mission Scholars program to provide experiential training to young legal professionals from China to become environmental advocates and stewards
- Train stakeholders, including judges and prosecutors, to apply and enforce environmental laws and take steps to increase the role prosecutors could play in civil enforcement of environmental laws
- Provide opportunities for VLS students to work on cutting-edge research projects relating to environmental issues in China and throughout Southeast Asia
- Provide opportunities for regional dialogues among stakeholders to share experiences and lessons learned in developing an effective environmental governance system in light of the local conditions



## NEW ECONOMY LAW CENTER

The [New Economy Law Center](#) is a community of law and policy scholars who are part of the New Economy movement that has emerged to provide an alternative system where ecological integrity, social justice, and vibrant democracy are central. Gus Speth and Melissa Scanlan co-founded the center in 2015 to engage students and faculty at VLS and throughout the world. While the movement is informed by and engaged with the work of multiple disciplines, the center is focused on the development of law and policy. The scholars and lawyers involved share ideas, best practices, and curricula to educate the next generation of leaders in policy and law. The center sponsors symposia, scholarship, and internships to create a lively forum for exploring the role of policy and law in transitioning to a new economy. [Melissa Scanlan](#) directs the center, working closely with VLS senior fellows [Gus Speth](#), [Kevin Jones](#), [Patrick Parenteau](#), and [Jennifer Taub](#).

## CENTER INITIATIVES

- Used the NELC Fellow-written book, *Law and Policy for a New Economy: Sustainable, Just, and Democratic*, Melissa K. Scanlan, ed., Edward Elgar (2017), in teaching an advanced environmental policy seminar and are providing teaching materials based on that experience to any professors who would like to use this book in their courses
- Provided a four-part series on system change, invigorating local economies, running for elected office, and reforming funding of political campaigns, that has reached over 80,000 people and is available online
- Continued the "VLS New Economy Law and Policy Forum, a Speaker Series on Building a Sustainable, Just, and Democratic Future," a global education platform to engage the public at VLS and online. This fall it features events on transforming the corporation to be a positive force of social and environmental change.

**"ENVIRONMENTAL SUCCESS DEPENDS ON CORRECTING THE UNDERLYING DRIVERS OF ENVIRONMENTAL DECLINE AND WORKING FOR DEEP, SYSTEMIC CHANGE."**

—GUS SPETH, Senior Fellow and Co-Founder of the New Economy Law Center at VLS



## WATER AND JUSTICE PROGRAM

The [Water and Justice Program](#) focuses on water law, environmental justice, and policy initiatives to further shared use of water as a public, common-pool resource. Student research associates contribute to reports, conference presentations, legal analyses, and articles to support the program's work. A cohort of the nation's leading water law professors and lawyers constitute this program, including VLS's own [Jack Tuholske](#) and [Jill Witkowski Heaps](#), along with [Elena Mihaly](#), Staff Attorney at Conservation Law Foundation, and Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director at Vermont Natural Resources Council. Students often work directly with NGO staff or attorneys for a "hands on" practical experience.

### PROGRAM PROJECTS

- Public interest research and advocacy, with a special emphasis on fostering application of the public trust doctrine, by working with local, regional, and national NGOs to further public rights in water
- Partner with the University of Toledo School of Law to publish a report entitled "Moving Forward: Legal Solutions to Lake Erie's Harmful Algal Blooms"

**"EXPANDING DEMANDS FOR WATER, COMBINED WITH ANTICIPATED REDUCTIONS IN WATER SUPPLY IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, REQUIRE MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC GOVERNANCE OF PUBLIC WATER RESOURCES."**

—[JOHN ECHEVERRIA](#), Professor of Law

## ENVIRONMENTAL TAX POLICY INSTITUTE

The [Environmental Tax Policy Institute](#) analyzes the ways in which taxation can be used to address environmental problems. By serving as a resource for the public and private sectors, nongovernmental organizations, the press, and academia, the Institute seeks to better inform the public policy debate about the role of environmental taxes at the federal, state and local levels. [Janet E. Milne](#), the Institute's director, has devoted her career to matters involving taxation, the legislative process, and the environment. She has taught environmental tax policy at VLS since 1994.

### INSTITUTE PROJECTS

- Active participant in the Global Conferences on Environmental Taxation; the 19th Global Conference will be held in Madrid, Spain, in September 2018
- Analysis of proposals for carbon taxes at the state level, including bills introduced in Northeastern states, Oregon and Washington, as well as the relationship between carbon taxes and cap-and-trade programs
- Sharing of knowledge about other countries' use of carbon taxes
- Development of *The Handbook of Research on Environmental Taxation*, edited by Janet E. Milne and Mikael Skou Andersen, and *Environmental Taxation and the Law*, edited by Professor Milne
- Research on how environmentally related taxes might help finance climate change adaptation, published as "Storms Ahead" in the *Vermont Law Review*
- U.S. contributor to a European project evaluating tax incentives that preserve cultural heritage
- Investigation of the potential role of environmental pricing in the emerging digital economy
- Invaluable research by VLS students throughout these projects

## LAND USE LAW

Sustainable development, ecology planning, siting of energy installations, permitting processes, and the scope of eminent domain: the legal and planning aspects of these current issues are part of Vermont Law School's extensive land use curriculum. Our courses include Ecology, Ecosystem Conservation Strategies, Environmental Dispute Resolution, Land and the Law of Takings, Land Conservation Law, Land Transactions and Finance, Land Use Regulation, Law of Ecosystem Management, Public Lands Management, and Watershed Management and Protection. VLS hosts the annual Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture in Land Use and Planning Law.



# INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

Environmental issues are global issues. The unique opportunities at Vermont Law School prepare our graduates to be leaders in [international environmental law and policy](#). A curriculum of over one dozen international environmental courses is further enhanced by study opportunities through our partnerships with leading foreign universities. Hands-on learning through experiential courses, externships, and clinics rounds out the academic experience.

## CUTTING-EDGE COURSES

- Environmental Governance in the Developing World
- Global Energy Law and Policy
- Global Food Security
- International Trade and the Environment
- Peace, War, and the Environment

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING THROUGH COURSES, EXTERNSHIPS, AND CLINICS

- In the International Climate Change course, students serve on VLS's observer delegation, attending the COP and supporting a LDC state party delegation to engage in the UNFCCC negotiations through a service-learning partnership
- In JD Semesters in Practice and Masters Externships, students have interned for a variety of international environmental law actors, including the UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva; Refugee Legal Aid Project in Cairo; UN Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development; and the Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice

## EDUCATION ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

- International Dual Degree with University of Cergy-Pontoise in Paris: Dual JD/M1 and M2 Degrees, with eligibility to sit for the bar exams in US and France
- International Dual Degree with University of Cambridge: Dual JD/MPhil in Environmental Policy
- Semester exchanges at University of Cergy-Pontoise, Paris; McGill University Faculty of Law, Montreal; University of Paris 1 (Panthéon-Sorbonne); and University of Trento (Italy)

**"INTERNATIONAL INEQUITY BROUGHT ME TO LAW SCHOOL, AND I SEE CLIMATE CHANGE AS THE MOST SERIOUS THREAT OUR SPECIES HAS EVER FACED. I PLAN TO FIGHT TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE FROM THE RESOURCE ABUSES OF THE MOST POWERFUL."**

**—JULIA MUENCH JD'18**, former Peace Corps Volunteer in Kenya, VLS Environmental Mission Scholar



Fall 2018 entering JD and master's students visit the Vermont state capitol

## ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Thirty years ago VLS launched one of the nation's first programs to teach the skills of dispute resolution—negotiation, mediation, and arbitration—that provide highly effective methods of achieving client needs by cooperation outside of the courtroom. Through courses such as Environmental Dispute Resolution, Negotiation, and Mediation Advocacy, the Dispute Resolution Clinic, competitions, externships, and research, the VLS Dispute Resolution Program offers instruction to students from across the globe. Courses are taught by experienced practitioners and accomplished scholars including VLS Professor [Sean Nolon](#) and [Cathy Costantino](#), Counsel at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Dispute resolution skills are critically important to environmental professionals. The complex nature of environmental disputes, the involvement of multiple parties, and the overlapping legal jurisdictions characteristic of environmental disputes mean that every dispute resolution technique must be considered.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EXTERNSHIPS

An integral part of our environmental degree programs is gaining real-world experience through externships. Our Master's, LLM, and joint degree students explore environmental law, science, and policy in a wide variety of settings both locally and worldwide. In the Semester in Practice program and the Judicial Externship program, JD students spend a full semester off campus in a governmental, public interest, or private legal setting under the direct supervision of an experienced attorney or judge.

## RECENT EXTERNSHIPS

- Center for International Environmental Law
- Conservation Law Foundation
- EarthJustice Coal Program
- EarthRights International
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Food and Water Watch
- Midwest Environmental Advocates
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- RiverKeeper
- Texas Water Development Board
- The Hershey Company, Corporate Social Responsibility Department
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environmental Enforcement Section
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service
- Western Environmental Law Center

# THE CURRICULUM

## **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW +**

The implementation of legislative policy through administrative agencies

## **ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL RESEARCH**

The most useful, efficient strategies and resources for environmental law research

## **AIR POLLUTION LAW AND POLICY**

A detailed reading of the Clean Air Act and an exploration of the major statutory provisions

## **ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ⊕**

The local, state, and federal laws and policies that govern transition to renewable energy sources

## **ANIMAL LAW AND ETHICS**

The laws, doctrines, and policies that address human interactions with animals

## **ANIMAL WELFARE LAW**

The rapidly evolving field of law concerning the welfare of animals used for human purposes, and laws used in wildlife conservation

## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE LAW +**

How existing laws may address climate change and how new, more comprehensive laws may be fashioned

## **CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ⊕**

The legal, policy, and economic issues in our attempt to mitigate our carbon footprint and reduce greenhouse gasses

## **CLIMATE CHANGE: THE POWER OF TAXES**

How tax systems can be used to reduce greenhouse gases and develop more environmentally compatible technologies

## **COMMUNICATIONS, ADVOCACY, AND LEADERSHIP +**

The skills to advocate, counsel, investigate, persuade, research, and educate

## **COMPARATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW RESEARCH SEMINAR**

A research and writing seminar that provides a framework for students to engage in comparative environmental law research

## **CULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

A cross-cultural study of the interaction of humans and the environment with legal anthropology

## **ECOLOGY**

A field course on an integrative science that can provide insight into many contemporary environmental problems

## **END USE ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

The reasons for, techniques of, and results from energy efficiency measures around the U.S.

## **ENERGY LAW AND POLICY +**

Key issues in American energy policy, and ways to ease the strains that the policy puts upon environmental sustainability

## **ENERGY REGULATION, MARKETS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT +**

The legal, economic, and structural issues involved in both energy regulation and energy markets, focusing on electricity

## **ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS**

Liability, diligence, and drafting issues in complex environmental business transactions

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION +**

Alternative dispute resolution processes for resolving complex, multiparty environmental disputes

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS AND MARKETS +**

How market-based tools to protect the environment work, their basic assumptions, and the challenges they face during implementation

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

The theory and practice of enforcement of the federal pollution control laws

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS SEMINAR**

The foundations of environmental reasoning: intrinsic value theory, biocentrism, ecofeminism, deep ecology, and spirituality

## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

Discrimination and justice concerns about the benefits and burdens of environmental protection and natural resource management

## **ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD**

The challenges to developing and implementing strong environmental governance systems in the developing world

## **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW +**

The law pertaining to environmental issues such as population, economic growth, energy, and pollution

## **EXTINCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE +**

The ecological, social, and ethical consequences of climate change and various legal and policy options to address it

## **THE FARM BILL**

An introduction to the breadth of policies and legal authorities included in the Farm Bill

## **FEDERAL REGULATION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ⊕**

An overview of the Farm Bill and other laws that affect growing policy, animal husbandry, and food production

## **FOOD REGULATION AND POLICY**

Current policies regarding food regulation and how to effectively advocate for policy changes

## **FOOD JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY +**

The policies and programs that could help create a Good Food environment

## **GLOBAL ENERGY LAW AND POLICY**

Energy policy frameworks, policies implementing global and regional climate commitments, and emerging issues outside of the U.S.

### GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY +

The legal landscape of global hunger

### INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE LAW

A study of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Kyoto Protocol; students represent VLS at COP as members of its Observer Delegation

### INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY

The structure and basic principles of international environmental law and policy

### INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The intersection and frequent clash between trade liberalization and environmental protection

### INTRODUCTION AGRICULTURE AND FOOD LAW AND POLICY +

A survey of American law affecting agriculture and food and the traditional divisions between agriculture, food, and environmental regulation

### LAND CONSERVATION LAW

The legal issues around donation of conservation easements and private/public partnerships for land conservation

### LAND USE REGULATION

The traditional legal controls available to regulate the use of land, including local zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations

### LAND TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCE

How land is divided and transferred, including an introduction to the title system, title insurance, and land contracts



### LAW OF ANIMALS IN AGRICULTURE

The laws and market pressures affecting the conditions of farmed animals

### LAW AND POLICY OF LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS ⊕

A study of policies that affect distribution of food and state-level initiatives to bolster local food markets

### LAW OF TOXIC AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

How government agencies manage the public health and environmental risks of hazardous waste and toxic substances

### LEGAL ADAPTATIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING IMPACTS +

The legal challenges raised by the unavoidable need for our society to adapt to the impacts of global warming

### NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE LAW ⊕

The constitutional, statutory, and jurisprudential rules of law which make up the field of Federal Indian Law

### NATURAL RESOURCES LAW +

The statutes and regulations governing the management of the federal lands and their resources

### OCEAN AND COASTAL LAW

The natural components of estuarine, coastal, and marine ecosystems and some of the conservation issues confronting them

### OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT +

The major contracts used to explore for and produce oil and gas in the U.S. and internationally

### PEACE, WAR, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

International environmental law, the law of armed conflict, and international humanitarian law

### PUBLIC HEALTH AND U.S. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY

Diverse public health issues and the debate about food systems and sustainability

### PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT: MONTANA FIELD STUDY

Montana provides the venue for a comparative study of the competing legal mandates and diverse philosophies of federal land management

### REGULATING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT

The interaction of state, federal, and international regimes in the regulation of the marine environment

### RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Legal and policy issues associated with the development and project financing of renewable energy projects

### REPRESENTING FARMERS AND FOOD PRODUCERS +

The nuts and bolts of providing legal services to farmers and food entrepreneurs

### SCIENCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ⊕

The science most relevant to environmental law, including climate science, air and water pollution, toxicology, and endangered species management

### THREE ESSENTIALS OF THE ELECTRIC GRID

Fundamental legal, engineering, and business knowledge for energy professionals

### WATER QUALITY

The Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Ocean Dumping Act

### WATER RESOURCES LAW

The allocation of water among competing claimants—for consumptive uses, waste disposal, recreation, and other purposes

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The environmental faculty members at Vermont Law School are teachers who know the law, work at their craft, and care about their students; scholars who challenge conventional wisdom and push the envelope of knowledge; and professionals who respect environmental values, enjoy what they do, and devote their talents to making the world a better place.

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MA, JD, University of Minnesota; BA, Yale University. She clerked for the Honorable Harriet Lansing of the Minnesota Court of Appeals. In 2002, Professor Bach was a visiting professor at the National University of Rwanda Faculty of Law in Butare, Rwanda. She specializes in health care law and international human rights, especially concerning genocide. She teaches International Climate Change Law, and leads the VLS Observer Delegation at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change each year.



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JD, Washington University in St. Louis; BA, University of Notre Dame. She joined the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic in 2017 with a robust background as a clinical educator, having served as Deputy Director of the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic for several years. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, an EPA Federal Advisory Committee on environmental justice.



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LLM in Energy Law, Vermont Law School; JD, University of Ottawa. He served as an IEE Global Energy Fellow from 2014 to 2016. His current work explores privacy protections for data generated by smart meters and rooftop solar arrays. His prior work includes leading a research team on a multi-year SunShot Plug and Play project to commercialize adhered solar PV panel technology and researching federal hydropower production tax credits. He teaches Energy Law and Policy and Alternative Fuels and Renewable Energy.



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JD, Northeastern University School of Law; AB, Harvard University. She was an assistant attorney general in the Environmental Protection Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, where she handled a variety of cases enforcing environmental laws and regulations. She worked as a litigation associate at the Boston law firm of Brown, Rudnick, Freed & Gesmer.



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JD, Georgetown University Law Center; BA, Williams College. She has served as an attorney for the Washington Post, as an attorney with the Washington firm of Covington and Burling, and as Senator Lloyd Bentsen’s staff member responsible for tax, international trade, and health care issues. She is the editor of *Environmental Taxation and the Law* (2017). She teaches Climate Change: The Power of Taxes and Land Use Regulation.



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JD, Pace University School of Law; BA, Cornell University. In his positions as director of the Land Use Law Center and as executive director of the Theodore W. Kheel Center on Environmental Solutions at Pace University School of Law, he designed and implemented curricular offerings as well as web-based services to facilitate distance learning. He served as an associate at Melito & Adolfsen, coordinating litigation in environmental cases and class actions. Professor Nolon teaches Environmental Dispute Resolution.



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JD, Northeastern University School of Law; Master’s in Public Health, Tufts University School of Medicine; BA, Oberlin College. She came to VLS from the Conservation Law Foundation, where she was a senior attorney for CLF Massachusetts and Director of Farm & Food, leading CLF’s New England-wide advocacy on agriculture and food issues. She also worked on clean energy and transportation at CLF. Prior to joining CLF in 2011, she was an associate at Anderson & Kreiger LLP, where she worked on a range of environmental, land use, and municipal issues. Ms. Rushlow argued and won a major climate change case before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (*Kain v. Department of Environmental Protection*) in 2016.



**CHRISTINE RYAN**  
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MA, Dartmouth College; MS in library science, Simmons College; BA, University of Connecticut. She is an experienced legal research instructor. She has created and continues to expand the VLS Environmental Law Research Guide, which links to carefully selected Internet resources that support the practice of environmental law. She develops the environmental law collection of electronic resources and books for VLS, and provides information services to the VLS community. She published LibGuide, "Archived Environmental Information deleted from Federal Government Web Sites," in 2017. Ms. Ryan teaches Advanced Environmental Legal Research.



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JD, MS, University of California—Berkeley; BA, Catholic University of America. Prior to joining VLS, she was the University of Wisconsin Law School's Water Law and Policy Scholar. She received a competitive Equal Justice Works Fellowship and an Echoing Green Fellowship to found and direct Midwest Environmental Advocates, Wisconsin's first non-profit environmental law center. From 2013 to 2017, she was the Associate Dean for the Environmental Law Program and Director of the Environmental Law Center at Vermont Law School. She will spend the spring 2019 semester on a Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Alicante Law School in Spain. She teaches Legislation and Regulation, New Frontiers in Environmental Policy, and Watershed Management and Protection.



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JD, University of Montana. As a private practitioner in Montana, he specializes in public interest environmental litigation throughout the West. In recognition of his work on behalf of public interest groups, he was awarded the Kerry Rydberg Award in 2010 by the University of Oregon Public Interest Environmental Law Conference. As a Fulbright Scholar in 2009, he taught courses in climate change and comparative environmental law at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia. Professor Tuholske teaches Climate Change Mitigation, Natural Resources Law, Public Lands Management, and the Montana Field Study.



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MA, JD, University of California—Los Angeles; BA, George Washington University. She has presented widely on topics of legal pluralism, new teaching methods in labor law, tort reform, and on the "Lemon Laws." She has served as chair of the Law and Anthropology and the Labor and Employment Law sections of the Association of American Law Schools. Professor Vogel teaches Culture and the Environment.



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LLB, Harvard University; BA, Yale University. He came to VLS as dean in 1996, after having served as dean of the University of Maine School of Law. As reporter and consultant to the Vermont Supreme Court's rules advisory committees since 1969, he has drafted many of Vermont's rules of procedure, evidence, and professional and judicial conduct, including rules to implement the expanded jurisdiction of the Environmental Court.



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# SPECIAL EVENTS AND GUESTS

**SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2018:** The ninth annual [Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship](#) offers the opportunity for environmental law scholars to present their works-in-progress and recent scholarship.

**SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2018:** The 19th [Global Conference on Environmental Taxation](#), in which VLS's Environmental Tax Policy Institute is an active participant, is held in Madrid, Spain.

**OCTOBER 19, 2018:** "The Rights of Nature" is the topic of the annual [Vermont Journal of Environmental Law Symposium](#).

**OCTOBER 24, 2018:** Marjorie Kelly, Senior Fellow and Executive Vice President at the Democracy Collaborative, delivers the [New Economy Law Center Lecture](#).

**APRIL 4, 2019:** John Nolon, Professor of Law at Pace University, delivers the 15th annual [Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture](#) in Land Use Planning and the Law.

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The Environmental Law Center's [Distinguished Environmental Summer Scholars](#) spend two weeks meeting with students and faculty and presenting lectures on their current work. The 2018 scholars were:

**ANDREA FREEMAN**, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law

**SHI-LING HSU**, D'Alemberte Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Florida State University College of Law

**TSEMING YANG**, Professor of Law, Santa Clara University Law School

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Since 2003, [Environmental Law Media Fellows](#) have been spending two weeks attending Summer Session classes and giving lectures as part of our Hot Topics in Environmental Law brown bag lecture series. The 2018 fellows were:

**ROSEANNE GERIN**, Radio Free Asia

**MAYA KAPOOR**, High Country News

**REBECCA LEBER**, Mother Jones

The **Norman Williams Distinguished Lecture in Land Use and Planning Law** series began in 2006. Featured speakers have included:

**2018: THOMAS MITCHELL**, Interim Dean and Professor, Texas A&M University School of Law, "How to Address Racial Disparity in Property Ownership"

**2017: UMA OUTKA**, Professor of Law, University of Kansas School of Law, "Shifting Energy Landscapes"

**2016: PATRICIA SALKIN**, Dean and Professor of Law at Touro Law Center, "Gaming the Future: A Winning Strategy for Land Use and Sustainable Development"

**2015: MICHAEL GERRARD**, the Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice, Associate Chair of the Earth Institute, Columbia Law School, "Climate Change and Land Use Law: A Strategy to Avoid the Worst Impacts"

**2014: LEE ANN FENNELL**, Max Pam Professor of Law and Herbert and Marjorie Fried Research Scholar at the University of Chicago Law School, "Co-location, Co-location, Co-location: Land Use and Housing Priorities Reimagined"

**2013: ROBERT L. LIBERTY**, Director of the Urban Sustainability Accelerator at Portland State University, "Rising to the Land Use Challenge: How Planners and Regulators Can Help Sustain Our Civilization"

**2012: VICKI BEEN**, Professor and Director of the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, NYU School of Law, "Explaining the Motivations Behind Land Use Regulation: New York City's Rezonings of Almost One Quarter of Its Land"



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