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THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER AT VERMONT LAW SCHOOL

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 policy graduate students, government officials, teachers, scientists, and citizen activists. The program trains future 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.

“THE VLS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM IS THE RUNWAY FOR TOMORROW’S ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS TO LAUNCH THEIR CAREERS. IN THIS TIME OF CLIMATE CRISIS, WE VIEW OUR ROLE IN ADVANCING LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AS CRITICAL TO THE FUTURE OF OUR PLANET.”

—JENNIFER RUSHLOW,
Associate Dean for
Environmental Programs



Members of VLS's environmental faculty

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 '96, Executive Director,
GRACE Communications Foundation

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS



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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

For over twenty years, the Vermont Journal of Environmental Law (VJEL) has published on all facets of environmental



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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](#) (CAFS) trains law and policy students to develop real-world solutions for a more sustainable and just food system. CAFS offers a comprehensive array of residential, online, and experiential courses. These diverse course offerings, the [Food and Agriculture Clinic](#), and varied degree options give students the opportunity to explore food and agriculture law from a variety of perspectives and experiences. CAFS is also a center for research and advocacy. Student clinicians and research assistants work with local, regional, national, and international partners to develop legal tools and policy recommendations geared toward addressing food systems challenges related to the environment, public health, the economy, food security, and animal welfare. The Center benefits from an experienced legal and advocacy team, including [Laurie Beyranevand '03](#), Director; [Sophia Kruszewski '13](#), Clinic Director and Assistant Professor; [Emily Spiegel](#), Assistant Professor; [Lihlani Nelson](#), Associate Director and Research Fellow; [Claire Child '16](#), Assistant Director and Research Fellow; [Whitney Shields '17](#), Clinical Teaching Fellow; and [Esther Akwii](#), LLM Fellow.



CENTER INITIATIVES

- Train students, in one of the first food and agriculture law clinics in the nation, to develop law and policy solutions that support the food system
- Assist farmers and food producers with new federal food safety regulations for produce farmers through the Extension Legal Services Initiative
- Support the local food economy by connecting small-scale farms and food entrepreneurs with free legal assistance through the Vermont Legal Food Hub
- Provide legal resources and tools for beginning and retiring farmers through the Farmland Access Legal Toolkit
- Reduce food waste and address food insecurity through the National Gleaning Project, which supports and raises the visibility of gleaning organizations
- Elevate local food law and policy innovations that increase access to healthy food through the Healthy Food Policy Project
- Enable consumers and food producers and entrepreneurs to understand the law of the food label through the Labels Unwrapped Project

"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 focused on the energy policy of the future.



Institute for Energy and the Environment

We lead the nation in preparing students for the clean energy transition. Our energy law program has the largest selection of clean energy law and policy courses available, leading clean energy experiential opportunities, and a seamless integration with a world class environmental law and policy program, including unparalleled climate law course offerings. The institute serves as a center for graduate research on the transition to a clean energy future and maintains a unique and vibrant student-staffed [Energy Clinic](#), which works on developing and implementing legal and business models for community energy resources. In addition, our Research Associate program works more broadly on energy issues ranging from clean transportation policy to cybersecurity of the electric grid. The IEE's faculty includes [Kevin Jones](#), PhD, the Institute's Director and Professor; [Jeannie Oliver LLM'14](#), Assistant Professor and Staff Attorney for the Energy Clinic; and [Tade Oyewunmi](#), LLD, Assistant Professor and Senior Energy Research Scholar. The Institute is also staffed by a program coordinator, two staff attorneys, a student LLM fellow, and approximately twenty JD, LLM, and master's students who serve as research associates and clinicians.

INSTITUTE AND ENERGY CLINIC PROJECTS

- Develop legal and business models promoting community renewables ownership with a focus on increasing low income solar ownership and advocating for climate justice
- Collaborate with the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems on our Farm and Energy Initiative, which unites our interests in the economic health of farms and sustainable energy production
- Author 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*
- Research reports and publications on climate refugees, community choice aggregation, cybersecurity of the electric grid, smart cities and microgrids, clean transportation policy, and stakeholder governance in Regional Transmission Organizations
- 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



2019-20 energy research team students and faculty

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY CLINIC

Since 2003, the [Environmental Advocacy Clinic](#) (formerly known as 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. In 2019, the clinic partnered with the National Wildlife Federation; it will represent the Federation on high impact legal and other matters to protect the resources wildlife and people rely on. A faculty of experienced environmental attorneys and professionals work closely with the student teams on each case or project, including [Jim Murphy LLM'06](#), Director; [Ken Rumelt LLM'12](#), Senior Attorney; [Patrick Parenteau](#), Senior Counsel; [Rachel Stevens LLM'16](#), Staff Attorney; [Mason Overstreet LLM'19](#), Staff Attorney; and [Monica Litzelman MELP'12](#), 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.

CLINIC PROJECTS

- Representing residents of Graniteville, Vermont, suffering from excessive dust and fumes caused by rock crushers sited in their community
- Partnering with Earthjustice to advocate for an environmental justice community in Newark, New Jersey, surrounded by polluting facilities
- Protecting air quality in Springfield, Massachusetts by helping community members stop a proposed biomass facility
- Participating in a relicensing procedure for a nuclear power facility in Miami to ensure climate change and water resources concerns are addressed during the process
- Litigating a Clean Water Act enforcement case
- Challenging illegal pesticide spraying in a Vermont community

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CLINIC

VLS is offering a new Environmental Justice Clinic in 2019–20, focused on interdisciplinary practice at the intersection of civil rights and the environment. Student clinicians work in partnership with communities of color and low-income communities on projects to address racial disparities and improve environmental quality in environmentally overburdened communities. Students will work in small teams on projects to address inequality and race discrimination in the distribution of health hazards as well as procedural inequities experienced by communities as they try to assert their own vision for the future of their neighborhoods, towns, and cities. Professor [Marianne Engelman-Lado](#), an environmental justice lawyer and advocate from Yale and Earthjustice, directs the clinic.



“AT VLS, WE TEACH OUR STUDENTS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL LAW MUST SERVE ALL COMMUNITIES. WE STRIVE TO ARM OUR STUDENTS WITH THE FULL RANGE OF TOOLS THEY MIGHT NEED TO ASSIST A COMMUNITY IN OVERCOMING AN ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE. OUR STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE WORKING ON LAW AND POLICY ISSUES AT THE NEXUS OF ENVIRONMENT, RACE, AND POVERTY, AND THEY WILL LEARN TO BE NIMBLE IN CALLING UPON A RANGE OF SKILLS TO PROBLEM-SOLVE.”

—JENNIFER RUSHLOW, Associate Dean for Environmental Programs

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 Southeast 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, along with a program coordinator, a project leader, a student fellow, and VLS faculty advisor, [Jack Tuholske](#).

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

- Provide environmental governance trainings 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
- An Environmental Mission Scholars program that provides 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



2019 Environmental Mission Scholars in Kunming, China

LAW LABORATORY FOR INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Law Laboratory for International Sustainable Development researches innovative law and policy instruments to promote international sustainable development. The Lab seeks to promote an integrated approach to economic law, environmental law, and development law under the umbrella of sustainable development law and policy. The Lab works globally with research institutes, NGOs, and international development agencies, under the direction of **Sheng Sun MELP'18**.

LAB RESEARCH PROGRAMS

- **Multilateralism vs. Unilateralism: International Sustainable Development Law and Policy at a Crossroad.** The Lab is studying how to avoid disruptive and conflict-ridden institutional rivalry among the economic superpowers, and how to harmonize norms, rules, standards, and governance regimes for social and environmental safeguarding of trade, investment, and technology.
- **Law and Policy for Sustainable Trade in Emerging and Developing Economies.** Emerging and developing economies play increasingly important roles in the international supply and demand dynamics associated with agriculture and forest commodities. This requires innovative, collaborative, and evidence-based policy decisions. The Law Lab conducts research to support policy stakeholders in making real change.
- **Coupled Environmental and Economic Decision Making for Sustainable Development.** The Law Lab studies coupled environmental and economic decision making in both global and local contexts, seeking environmentally effective rules and avoiding economically burdensome rules.

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 20th Global Conference is in Cyprus in September 2019
- Analysis of proposals for carbon taxes at the federal and state level, including key design issues and the use of the revenue, 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

HOTHOUSE EARTH PODCAST

Vermont Law School's podcast Hothouse Earth debuted in 2019. Hosts [Mason Overstreet LL.M.'19](#), staff attorney at the Environmental Advocacy Clinic, and [Jeannie Oliver LL.M.'14](#), staff attorney at the Energy Clinic, speak with our faculty and other experts on fast-changing environmental law and policy developments like regulatory rollbacks and subsequent lawsuits. Our guests provide concise, accessible conversation on the most pressing issues of our time. Episodes in the first season included "The Border Wall, the Environment, and the President's Powers," a three-part series on "Trump's 'America First Energy Plan,'" and "Climate Migration." Subscribe at hothouseearthpodcast.com.

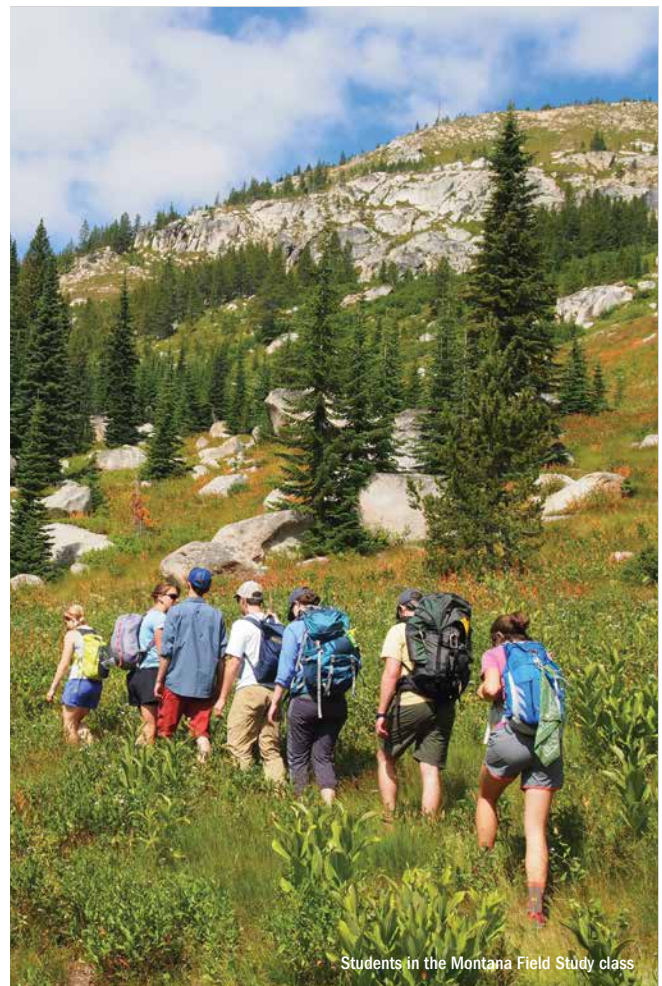


FIELD STUDY CLASSES

Vermont Law School offers students a number of opportunities to study environmental law and policy through hands-on, immersive learning experiences. Our students meet with staff of international NGOs in Southeast Asia and serve as an observer delegation at the UNFCCC in Chile. They meet with tribal leaders in Utah and hike in the public lands of Montana. They study forestry and ecosystems in our own backyard in Vermont.

2019-20 FIELD CLASSES

- Comparative U.S.-China Environmental Law
- Ecology
- Environmental Governance in the Developing World: Southeast Asia Field Study
- Forest Law and Policy
- Global Sustainability Field Study: Havana, Cuba
- International Climate Change: COP in Santiago, Chile
- Protected Public Lands and Tribal Rights: Utah Field Study
- Public Lands Management: Montana Field Study



Students in the Montana Field Study class



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

- Comparative U.S.-China Environmental Law
- Environmental Governance in the Developing World
- Global Energy Law and Policy
- Global Food Security
- International Climate Change
- International Environmental Law and Policy
- 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



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 Biological Diversity
- Center for International Environmental Law
- Conservation Law Foundation
- Earthworks
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Food and Water Watch
- Hawaiian Electric
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- New York State Energy Research & Development Authority
- Oceana
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)
- RiverKeeper
- Southern Environmental Law Center
- The Hershey Company, Corporate Social Responsibility Department
- U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Private law firms in multiple states with environmental practices

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

AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The regulatory and incentive-based programs that affect our agricultural crops, and the environmental impacts of these programs

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 ADAPTATION IN HUMAN SYSTEMS ⊕

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

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

CLIMATE, EXTINCTION, AND ADAPTATION ⊕

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

COMMUNICATIONS, ADVOCACY, AND LEADERSHIP +

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

COMPARATIVE U.S.-CHINA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The environmental challenges for China's 1.3 billion people and efforts to address them through law and regulation

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

ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

How environmental laws and policies interact with business and private sector behavior in adopting environmentally-friendly policies

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 HEALTH LAW SEMINAR

An examination of the field of environmental health, including toxic torts, lead poisoning, food protection, and pesticides

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

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

FOREST POLICY AND LAW

The policy and legal issues affecting forests and forest management

FRONTIER ISSUES IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The potential of science, law, and policy to tackle frontier (i.e., not yet fully discovered and appreciated) environmental concerns

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 TO 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



Utah Field Study students in Arches National Park

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

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

PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS AND TRIBAL RIGHTS: UTAH FIELD STUDY

A Utah-based study of federal laws governing public lands, tribal treaty rights, and other legally protected tribal interests in federal lands

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SPECIAL EVENTS AND GUESTS

SEPTEMBER 20–22, 2019: The tenth annual [Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship](#) offers the opportunity for environmental law scholars to present their works-in-progress and recent scholarship.

SEPTEMBER 25–28, 2019: The 20th **Global Conference on Environmental Taxation**, in which VLS's Environmental Tax Policy Institute is an active participant, is held in Limassol, Cyprus.

OCTOBER 4, 2019: “Legal Frameworks for a Green New World: Breathing Life Into the Goals of the Green New Deal” is the topic of the annual **Vermont Law Review Symposium**.

OCTOBER 25, 2019: “Bridging the Gap: Reconciling Agriculture with Environmentalism” is the topic of the annual [Vermont Journal of Environmental Law Symposium](#).

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 2019 scholars were:

AMY COHEN, John C. Elam/Vorys Sater Professor of Law, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

JOEL EISEN, Professor of Law, University of Richmond School of Law

CARMEN GONZALEZ, Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law

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Since 2003, [Environmental Law Media Fellows](#) have been spending two weeks attending summer classes and giving lectures as part of our Hot Topics in Environmental Law brown bag lecture series. The 2019 fellows were:

DAVID ABEL, Boston Globe

YVETTE CABRERA, independent environmental journalist

ELLEN GILMER, E&E News

ANNIE SNIDER, Politico

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

2019: JOHN NOLON, Professor of Law, Pace University, “From the Ground Up: Local Water Legislation that Works”

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 Rezoning of Almost One Quarter of Its Land”



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