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Second Annual Environmental Law and Justice Symposium
Florida A&M College of Law
Thursday and Friday, November 3-4, 2011

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Agenda: Thursday, Nov. 3 - FAMU College of Law, Room 240

5:30 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
LeRoy Pernell, Dean, FAMU College of Law

5:35 p.m. Introduction of Distinguished Lecturer
Victoria Orero, President, International Law Students Association

5:40 - 6:30 p.m. Distinguished Lecture: Climate Change and Environmental Justice
Dr. Albert Mumma, Senior Lecturer, University of Nairobi
Faculty of Law, Kenya

Agenda: Friday, Nov. 4 - FAMU College of Law, Room 240

7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
LeRoy Pernell, Dean, FAMU College of Law
Linda Barge-Miles, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Florida A&M University
Jeremy Levitt, Associate Dean for International Law, FAMU College of Law
Randall S. Abate, Associate Professor of Law, FAMU College of Law
Dr. Richard Gragg, Director, FAMU Center for Environmental Equity and Justice, Florida A&M University
Cassandra Mesa, Symposium Editor, FAMU Law Review
Jerry Leakey, President, FAMU Environmental Law Society
Kenneth Dukes, President, Hatchett Pre-Law Society

8:55 a.m. Introduction of Opening Keynote Speaker
Tremaine Reese, President, Student Bar Association

9:00 a.m. Opening Keynote Presentation: The Past, Present, and Future of Environmental Justice
Carlton Mark Waterhouse, Associate Professor of Law
Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, IN

9:45 a.m. Disproportionate Impacts of Energy on Low Income Communities and Communities of Color in the Southeast

Moderator: Ronald Griffin, Professor of Law, FAMU College of Law

Panelists:
George Cavros, Esq., Clean Energy Policy Consultant, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., Esq., Williams & Jacobs, Tallahassee, FL
Seandra Rawls, Diversity & Community Partnerships Coordinator, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Atlanta, GA
11:00 a.m. Human Rights and Environmental Disputes

Moderator: Randall S. Abate, FAMU Associate Professor of Law
Panelists:
Prof. John Bonine, University of Oregon School of Law
Philomena Kebec, Esq., Indian Law Resources Center, Washington, D.C.
Prof. Itzchak Kornfeld, Giordano Scholar, Faculty of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem, Israel
Prof. Svitlana Kravchenko, University of Oregon School of Law

12:30 p.m. Lunch and Networking

1:10 p.m. Introduction of Luncheon Keynote Presenters
Randall S. Abate, FAMU Associate Professor of Law

1:15 p.m. Luncheon Keynote Presentation: Climbing PoeTree

2:00 p.m. Networking Break

2:20 p.m. Breakout Panels on Current Developments in Environmental Justice

Panel I: State and Regional Developments in Environmental Justice (Room 111)

Moderator: Dr. Marcia Owens, Assistant Professor, FAMU School of the Environment
Panelists:
Brett Paben, Esq., Environmental Justice Attorney, Orlando, FL
Prof. Kamille Wolff Dean, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX
Justine Thompson, Esq., Executive Director, GreenLaw, Atlanta, GA
Quentin Pair, Esq., U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. (Invited)

Panel II: Comparative Law Perspectives on Environmental Justice (Room 111)

Moderator: Jeffrey M. Brown, Associate Professor of Law, FAMU College of Law
Panelists:
Prof. Maria Cristina d’Ornellas, Centro Universitario Franciscano (Law Faculty - UNIFRA), Santa Maria, Brazil
Prof. Bibiana Graeff, University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Prof. Jungjing Liu, Director, U.S.-China Law Initiative Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT
Dr. Kalanithy Vairavamoorthy, Director, Patel Center of Global Sustainability University of South Florida

4:10 p.m. Introduction of Closing Keynote Speaker
Farheen Jahangir, Career Development Chair, Environmental Law Society

4:15 p.m. Closing Keynote Presentation: Youth Mobilization and Global Climate Politics
Esperanza Garcia, Founder and Executive Director, Philippine Youth Climate Movement, Cebu, Philippines

4:30 p.m. Reception
Dr. Albert Mumma is a lawyer with 18 years of experience in academia and in the practice of law. Mumma is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Nairobi Faculty of Law where he has taught on Environmental and Natural Resources Law, International Environmental Law, Land Law, and Physical Planning Law. He also has expertise in human rights law. He is qualified as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya.

Dr. Mumma has worked professionally at the national, regional and international levels. His experience includes assignments in the UK, in Eastern and Southern African countries, in the Horn of Africa, as well as in Uganda and Zambia. He prepared the initial draft of the Water Act (2002) and the Kenya Roads Board Act (1999) on behalf of the Government of Kenya. Both statutes were subsequently enacted by Parliament. He also was part of a team advising the East African Community Secretariat with regard to the legal and institutional arrangements for the common management of the Lake Victoria environment. This assignment resulted in the establishment of the Commission for the Sustainable Management of Lake Victoria. He has also been part of a team advising the East African Community on guidelines for regional environmental assessment.

Dr. Mumma has published widely in the area of environmental law, including on the emerging subject of climate change law. Several of the assignments in which Dr. Mumma has been engaged have involved producing publications as a consultant to institutions. In this respect, he has advised the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as a consultant on the Compendium of Judicial Decisions in the Field of the Environment, published between 1998 and 2000. At the request of the Law Society of Kenya, he prepared the Kenya Law Society Human Rights Report in 2003 and in 2004. He has also been a contributor to the Yearbook of International Environment Law in 1999, 2002 and in 2003. Mumma also has been a consultant to the World Bank and UNESCO on issues dealing with the management of natural resources.

Dr. Mumma is also a frequent speaker at international and local conferences and an experienced facilitator of workshops and meetings. For instance, he delivered the keynote address at the Issue Based Workshop on Ensuring Compliance on Dams and Development Projects at UNEP in 2004. He has also participated in continuing legal education programs. He was the contact person for the American Bar Association project to support legal education at the University of Nairobi. He also was a key facilitator of the preparation of the rules governing the Masters of Laws program at the University of Nairobi.

Dr. Mumma received an LL.B. degree from the University of Nairobi in 1985. He obtained an LL.M. from Yale Law School in 1987 and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University in 1991, specializing in the law of water resources management.
Carlton Mark Waterhouse, J.D., Ph.D., serves as an Associate Professor at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis. Prior to his appointment at Indiana University, he served as an Associate Professor of Law at Florida International University School of Law in Miami. Professor Waterhouse is nationally recognized for his work on environmental justice and is known internationally for his research and writing on reparations for historic injustices and state human rights violations. His views have been published in the Wall Street Journal online as well as the Indianapolis Star, and his writings have appeared in numerous books and notable law journals at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, Boston College School of Law, University of Iowa School of Law, and the University of Minnesota School of Law.

He attended college at the Pennsylvania State University where he studied engineering and the ethics of technology before deciding to pursue a legal education. He is a Merit Fellow graduate of the Howard University School of Law, where he participated in the school’s Civil Rights Clinic, worked as an intern for the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, and as an extern for the Environmental Protection Agency Office of General Counsel. He began his legal career as an Assistant Regional Counsel with the United States Environmental Protection Agency where he served in the Office of Regional Counsel in Atlanta, Georgia. During his career with EPA, he also served as an Associate Regional Counsel in Atlanta and as an Associate General Counsel in the Office of General Counsel in Washington, D.C. He was the chief counsel for the agency in significant civil and administrative cases and a national and regional expert on environmental justice as well, earning three of the Agency’s prestigious national awards. His responsibilities included enforcement actions under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, RCRA, FIFRA and CERCLA, the development of regional and national policy on Environmental Justice and the application of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to EPA permitting actions.

While working for the EPA, Professor Waterhouse began teaching law as an adjunct professor at the Georgia State University College of Law where he designed and taught courses on Environmental Justice and Environmental Ethics. Professor Waterhouse graduated with honors with a master’s degree in Theological Studies from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and a Ph.D. in Social Ethics from the Emory University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. In addition to teaching courses on property law, administrative law, and environmental law, Professor Waterhouse teaches seminars on environmental justice, political reconciliation and reparations, and race and the law. Professor Waterhouse is the recipient of multiple student awards as a teacher and mentor and is an active member of the National Bar Association. He resides with his wife and two children in Indianapolis, Indiana.
Climbing PoeTree is the expression of a growing movement for radical social change. Poets, performers, print-makers, dancers, muralists, and designers, Alixa and Naima have sharpened their art as a tool for popular education, community organizing, and personal transformation. With roots in Haiti and Colombia, Alixa and Naima reside in Brooklyn and track footprints across the country and globe on a mission to overcome destruction with creativity. Each with her own impressive background in performing, teaching, and activism, Alixa and Naima made their debut as a duo in July of 2003, when they launched a four-month tour across the nation with a riveting multi-media dance and poetry performance about the effects of the War on Drugs on the people of America’s ghettos and Colombia’s farmlands.

In its premier year, Climbing PoeTree also released its first album Stethoscope, and founded Fashion Statement, their sought-after line of sweat-free, silk-screened clothing. Upon return to New York, Alixa and Naima joined Blackout Arts Collective and propelled their 2004 and 2005 Lyrics on Lockdown tours, conducting workshops and headlining performances in prisons, detention centers, and communities most affected by rampant incarceration. In 2004, Alixa and Naima also began co-teaching poetry, visual arts, break-dancing, and leadership classes to children of incarcerated parents and youth in the New York City school system, launching them into a fertile career as resident artists and guest facilitators at schools, youth programs, and juvenile correctional institutions across New York City and the nation. Naima was a featured poet and panelist alongside Sonia Sanchez and Jessica Care Moore at the National Spoken Word Symposium in Iowa City, and Alixa was chosen as the “Ground Breaking” poet to represent the U.S. in a televised cultural exchange hosted in South Africa by LoveLife. Other televised appearances include HBO’s Def Poetry Jam and BET’s The Next. Climbing PoeTree starred alongside National Slam Champion Bryonn Bain in the hit music video Ancestors Watching, produced by Warrington Hudlin of House Party.

Among Climbing PoeTree’s numerous successes of recent years, highlights include an artist residency at the University of Illinois, a three island tour in Hawaii raising funds for young single mothers, and three powerful keynote: “The 23rd Annual Empowering Women of Color Conference” at UC Berkeley, Resource Generation’s “Making Money Make Change,” and the “Bioneers 2007 Conference” at UMass Dartmouth. Numerous magazines and literary journals—among them Clamour, Colorlines, and African Magazine—document the shockwaves of the soulsister co-conspiracy of warrior poets who moonlight as street artists and infiltrate public schools and prisons with infectious ideas of how people can shape their own destinies. Their highly acclaimed tour, “Hurricane Season,” focused on powerful messages of social and environmental justice related to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

In five self-organized independent tours, Climbing PoeTree has catalyzed over 500 crowds in more than 70 cities from Oakland to Atlanta, Johannesburg to Havana, with artists such as Amiri Baraka, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, Danny Glover, The Last Poets, and Dead Prez. Alixa and Naima have led more than 100 arts-based political education, anti-racism, and entrepreneurial workshops in institutions from Cornell University to Rikers Island. And they have painted murals on walls from the Bronx to Santiago, Toronto to Jamaica. Through compelling artistry, these multitalented, tireless, and driven young women expose injustice, help us heal from violence, and make a better future visible, immediate, and irresistible.
Esperanza Garcia is a 24-year-old global youth leader, speaker, climate change policy negotiator, educator, blogger, and student. She was born and raised in Cebu, Philippines. In 2011, she studied at Yale University in the summer and is currently studying at Columbia University. She is co-founder and director for International Youth Council, which has provided educational resources and leadership opportunities to young global leaders.

Ms. Garcia has served as consultant for the Philippine Senate Oversight Climate Change Committee. She founded the Philippine Youth Climate Movement (PhilYCM), visiting schools and universities in the Philippines, awarding climate heroes and raising climate change awareness. In four months, PhilYCM engaged 50,000 young Filipinos in the campaign to urge the Filipino youth to take action on Climate Change. Following her work for the Senate, she worked as a consultant for Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, where she focused her efforts in organizing the 7th Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations attended by hundreds of young global leaders.

Ms. Garcia also was a consultant for the Millenium Development Goal Awards Committee, honoring efforts by governments and civil society in their contribution towards the achievement of the millennium development goals. She was a consultant for South-South News, which works with UN agencies to help South-South countries develop programs. She was a journalist for UNICEF’s “Unite for Climate” and South-South News covering news from the UN General Assembly and Clinton Global Initiative. In this capacity, she interviewed heads of state, A-list celebrities, and Nobel laureates on their work helping humanity.

Ms. Garcia has served as a negotiator and official delegate of the Philippines at the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen (2009) and Cancun (2010). She has received awards on youth leadership and has been invited to speak at international conferences, including the UN, on the importance and necessity of young people’s engagement in global affairs and environmental sustainability.

Ms. Garcia was featured as one of the “Top 30 Filipinos under 30” in UniPro magazine in 2011. She is a proud mother of a 6-year-old daughter.
Jeffrey M. Brown is an Associate Professor of Law at Florida A&M University College of Law, an Affiliate Professor in the Center for International Law and Justice (CILJ), and a noted comparative law scholar. Professor Brown's courses include Comparative Law, Public International Law, the Theory and Practice of International Courts and Tribunals, the Law and Politics of the Caribbean, Torts, and Mass Torts. He has also taught the Environmental Law Survey Course and International Environmental Law. He has written in the areas of race, international law, Pan-Africanism, Haitian reconstruction, and Balkan peace and security. His current research focuses on Haitian rule of law and judicial reform challenges, and the creation of institutional and normative space for rule of law and human rights-based Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in post-conflict states. His 2010 conference “Obama and the Jasmine Revolution: Terrorism, Self-Determination, and the Islamic World in North Africa”, co-organized with CILJ and the Fulbright Occasional Lecture Fund, examined the political, cultural and security implications of the Arab Spring revolutions, especially in Egypt. He has spoken on a range of comparative and international law topics both domestically and abroad, including presentations in the Russian Federation, the Republic of Bulgaria, and the Former Yugoslavia. He has served as an external evaluator for the Vermont Law School/Sun Yat-Sen University Partnership for Environmental Law in China, a USAID-funded initiative, and the Vermont Law School-Petrozavodsk State University Law Faculty Legal Education Partnership, a State Department-funded program. Professor Brown is a two-time William J. Fulbright Fellowship recipient, having served with distinction as a comparative law lecturer in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Russian Federation. Professor Brown continues to collaborate with the Fulbright program on a number of initiatives. Professor Brown attended Davidson College, and received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. He worked in private practice for several years as an environmental law and litigation specialist with the Atlanta-based law firm Alston & Bird before beginning a multi-year tour of duty in Eastern Europe under the auspices of the Soros Foundation-funded Civic Education Project.

Randall S. Abate is an Associate Professor of Law and Project Director of the Environment, Development & Justice Program at Florida A&M University College of Law. Professor Abate teaches Environmental Law, International Environmental Law, Environmental Justice: Domestic and International, Human Rights and the Environment Seminar, and Constitutional Law I and II. Professor Abate joined the FAMU College of Law faculty in 2009 with 15 years of full-time law teaching experience at five law schools. He has taught international environmental law courses in study abroad programs in Nairobi, Vancouver, Northern India, and the Cayman Islands. Professor Abate has published and presented widely on environmental law topics, with a recent emphasis on climate change law and policy. His most recent climate change law and policy articles have been published in the Connecticut Law Review (2008), Duke Environmental Law and Policy Forum (2009), Washington Law Review (2010), and Pace Environmental Law Review (2010). In 2010, Professor Abate delivered climate change presentations at Yale Law School and Tulane Law School, and a climate change law and justice lecture series in three cities in Brazil. He has been invited to deliver another climate change law and justice lecture series in the Philippines in December 2011. His most recent book, CLIMATE CHANGE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, AND THE SEARCH FOR LEGAL REMEDIES, is scheduled for publication in November 2012 (Edward Elgar Publishing Co., co-edited with Professor Elizabeth Kronk). Early in his career, Professor Abate handled environmental law matters at two law firms in Manhattan. He holds a B.A. from the University of Rochester and a J.D. and M.S.E.L. (Environmental Law and Policy) from Vermont Law School.

Moderators

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Ronald Griffin is a Professor of Law at Florida A&M University College of Law. Professor Griffin served as a scholar and consultant in the specialized field of international trade and sales as a visiting professor of law at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. He has published several articles including: “A Prairie Perspective on Global Warming and Climate Change,” 2 IJPL 426 (2009); “Equality: A Comparison of Three Countries.” 23 U. Dayton L. Rev. 560 (1998); and “Republicanism: How Can Blacks Revive a Constitutional Dream” 30 How. L.J. 675 (1987). He was invited to observe the hearings of the Meech Lake Accord, Canada’s process for reconstructing its Constitution. His international study of law and culture has also included extended visits to Scotland, Ireland, South Africa and Japan.

Dr. Marsha Allen Owens, a native of Jackson, is an honors graduate of Jackson State University, where she earned a B.S. in Biology. Following graduation, she moved to Atlanta, where she pursued graduate work in Biology at Atlanta University. Dr. Owens earned a J.D. from the Emory School of Law, and specialized in environmental law, as Assistant Regional Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and then as Assistant City Attorney and Chief of the Environmental Advisory Unit for the City of Atlanta Law Department. She also holds a Ph.D. in Educational Studies (Science and Environmental Education) and a Master of Divinity from Emory University. Currently, Dr. Owens serves as an Assistant Professor in the Florida A&M University School of Environment. As a transdisciplinary scholar, Dr. Owens’ research interests include environmental literacy, environmental law and policy, environmental justice, religion and ecology, and climate change. Dr. Owens also serves on the Justice Working Group. In 2008, she was part of an NCC delegation to the United Nations Climate Change Talks in Accra, Ghana. This delegation, with members from the U.S., Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Uganda, addressed the issue of climate change as a justice issue. In October 2009, Dr. Owens participated as the environmental justice expert at the Gulf Coast Public Meeting of the White House Council of Environmental Quality’s Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force.
Panelists

John E. Bonine holds the B.B. Kliks Endowed Chair in Law at the University of Oregon, where he has been teaching for 34 years. He teaches Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Environmental Law, and the LL.M. Seminar. Bonine is one of the pioneers of environmental law. He worked in the U.S. Senate in 1972 and in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1972 through 1977, where he became Associate General Counsel for Air, Noise, and Solid Waste. In 1978, he co-founded the world’s first environmental law clinic at the University of Oregon. He co-founded the internationally renowned Public Interest Environmental Law Conferences (www.pielc.org) in 1983, which have grown to attract more than 2,000 participants annually. Bonine also co-founded a domestic network of public interest environmental lawyers in the United States and, in 1992, created the worldwide discussion network that environmental law professors use to communicate with one another. Bonine helped negotiate the Aarhus Public Participation Convention in Europe and remains active in its implementation. He has visited 91 countries in his travels. In 1989, he co-founded the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (E-LAW) (www.elaw.org), an international network of public interest environmental lawyers in 70 countries. Professor Bonine co-authored the casebook THE LAW OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION in 1984 and 1992 and HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT in 2008 (with Dr. Svitlana Kravchenko). His current academic research involves barriers to access to justice in environmental matters in countries around the world.

George Cavros, Esq. is an energy law attorney in private practice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He works with the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy as a clean energy policy consultant. He has testified and provided written comments to the Governor’s Climate Action Team, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Public Service Commission, and the Florida Energy Commission on issues ranging from energy efficiency implementation to renewable policy design. Mr. Cavros has also worked with the Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. in the Stationary Air Enforcement Division. He received his J.D. from Nova Southeastern University.

Maria Cristina d’Ornellas is a Professor at the Centro Universitário Franciscano (Law Faculty – UNIFRA) and at the Centro Universitário Ritter dos Reis (Law Faculty – UNIRITTER) since March 2005, teaching courses on Business Law, International Trade Law, and Intellectual Property Law. Additionally, since March 2011, Professor d’Ornellas has taught a course on International Trade Law and Human Rights Protection at the Master of Laws Program of the Centro Universitário Ritter dos Reis. Her current areas of research are concerned with human rights, international trade and intellectual property, developing world issues on trade, agriculture, and protection of small farmers. She holds a Ph.D. in International Public Law from Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, as well as a Master in Latin American Integration from Universidade Federal de Santa Maria and an LL.M. in European and International Trade Law from Universiteit van Amsterdam. Supervised by Professor Martha Lucía Olivar Jimenez, her Ph.D. thesis on international trade in agricultural products received distinction and a recommendation for publication.
Bibiana Graeff is a Professor at the University of São Paulo (School of Arts, Sciences and Humanities - EACH) since February 2011, teaching courses on Human Rights and aging issues. From 2008 to 2010, she served as Professor of Environmental and International Law of the Law School of the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS). Her current research areas are concerned with human migration, environmental justice, and elder protection. She holds a Ph.D. in Administrative Law from the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne and the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, as well as a Master in Environmental Law from both Universities of Paris I and Paris II. Supervised by Professor Jacqueline Morand-Deviller and Professor Claudia Lima Marques, her Ph.D. thesis on water supply services was commended as “très honorable, avec les félicitations du jury” and was recommended for publication (highest distinction). She has published several book chapters and articles including L’Harmattan, Bruylant (forthcoming), Revista dos Tribunais, Juruá, Les Petites Affiches, Revista de Direito Ambiental, Revista Internacional de Direito e Cidadania (REID). Additionally, Professor Graeff is the vice-director of “Instituto de Direito Comparado Brasil-França,” dedicated to the comparative study of French and Brazilian law.

E. Leon Jacobs, Jr., Esq. is co-owner of Williams & Jacobs, Attorneys at Law, LLC. Mr. Jacobs is an experienced consultant and attorney in Tallahassee, Florida, who brings more than 20 years of legal experience, and more than 30 years of experience in the public and private sectors. Mr. Jacobs has been deeply involved in the formation of public policy for most of his career, with a particular focus on the issues now driving the remarkable economic and social transformations under way in the global, information-based economy. Mr. Jacobs presently serves as a member of the Florida Elections Commission, and is a recent past Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer of the Florida Public Service Commission (“FPSC”), having served a four-year appointed term that ended in 2002. During his tenure with the FPSC, Mr. Jacobs also served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), as well as Chair of NARUC’s Consumer Affairs Committee and as Chair of NARUC’s Y2K Ad-Hoc Task Force. Mr. Jacobs additionally served as President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (an alliance of thirteen state regulatory agencies), and as Chair of the Energy Market Access Partnership Board (an alliance between NARUC and the U.S. Department of Energy fostering diversity in energy markets). Mr. Jacobs was appointed to serve on an advisory panel to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Small Water Systems Implementation Working Group (under the National Drinking Water Advisory Council), and was appointed to serve on a public/private effort under the Consumer’s Energy Council of America to develop public policy on Distributed Generation technologies. He also testified before the U.S. Congress. Mr. Jacobs is a graduate of Florida A&M University and earned his J.D. from Florida State University College of Law.
Itzchak Kornfeld, Esq. is the Giordano Scholar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem’s Faculty of Law, where he focuses on transboundary environmental and natural resources disputes and the impact of these disputes on human rights. He is also a Ph.D. candidate at the Faculty of Law. Professor Kornfeld holds an LL.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center, with a focus on environmental and international law. He currently advises Bedouin NGO’s in Israel’s Negev desert on their environmental and water rights. Previously, he advised Congresswoman Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.) on water reclamation in the Southwest. Professor Kornfeld has served as a visiting professor, adjunct professor, or guest lecturer at several law schools. He was in private practice for sixteen years, litigating environmental, land use and international commercial disputes. Kornfeld authored Louisiana’s Coastal Trust Fund Restoration Law. He has written widely on water-related and environmental issues. His recent articles include Of Dead Pelicans, Turtles, and Marshes: Natural Resources Damages in the Wake of the Deepwater Horizon Spill, 34 B.C. ENVTL AFF. L. REV. 315 (2011) and A Global Water Apartheid: Health and the Human Right to Water, 43 VANDER. J. TRANS. L. 701 (2010). Prior to receiving his J.D. from Tulane Law School, Prof. Kornfeld worked for 10 years as a hydrogeologist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and as a geologist for Texaco, U.S.A., where he supervised both onshore and offshore exploratory and development drilling.

Philomena Kebec, Esq. is a staff attorney at the Indian Law Resource Center and an enrolled member of the Mashkizibii Ojibwe Nation (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians). At the Center, Ms. Kebec focuses on the Multilateral Development Banks Project and monitors activities related to REDD+ and climate change. Ms. Kebec also is currently preparing a chapter on REDD+ for Professor Abate’s book, CLIMATE CHANGE, INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, AND THE SEARCH FOR LEGAL REMEDIES. Before joining the Indian Law Resource Center in 2010, Ms. Kebec clerked for the Honorable Kathleen A. Mottl of the Tenth Judicial District in Minnesota. Ms. Kebec received her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2008.
**Dr. Svitlana Kravchenko** is the Director of the LL.M. program at the University of Oregon School of Law. She teaches Human Rights and the Environment, International Environmental Law, and Climate Change in International Law. Before coming to Oregon, she taught environmental law for 25 years at Lviv National University, Ukraine. Kravchenko is a pioneer in environmental litigation in Eastern Europe. In 1994, she founded Ukraine’s first public interest environmental law firm, and continues to serve as its President. She has also served as an adviser to the Parliament and the Ministry of Environment of Ukraine and as a Vice-Chair of the Commission of Environmental Law of the World Conservation Union (IUCN). Professor Kravchenko has 188 publications in the field of international environmental law, including twelve books and book chapters in English, Ukrainian, and Russian. Her latest is *HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT* in 2008 (with Prof. John Bonine). Dr. Kravchenko has been a citizen negotiator in United Nations bodies and is the elected Vice-Chair of the Compliance Committee of the Aarhus Convention on Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making. She is also a Regional Governor of the International Council of Environmental Law.

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