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Environmental Law & Policy Program

Fall 2008 Conference

An Environmental Agenda for the Next Administration

September 25 – 26, 2008

University of Michigan Law School
Hutchins Hall
625 South State Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Featured Speaker
The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor, State of Michigan

September 25, 2008
4:00 p.m.

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The Environmental Law and Policy Program

The Environmental Law and Policy Program (ELPP) at the University of Michigan promotes scholarship, teaching, and interdisciplinary programs to address the myriad challenges facing our global environment. ELPP draws on the Law School’s rich tradition in environmental and natural resources law, which dates to the early years of the environmental movement in the United States, and builds on the University of Michigan’s outstanding interdisciplinary and dual degree programs with the School of Natural Resources and Environment, the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, the School of Public Health, and the A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture + Urban Planning.

ELPP offers a diverse range of course and independent study opportunities to Michigan Law students who want to learn more about environmental issues and may be considering careers in environmental law. In addition to sponsoring an annual conference, ELPP hosts an annual lecture series and an array of special programs that bring distinguished leaders, policymakers, academics, corporate officials, and attorneys from public interest, public service, and private practice to Michigan Law.

The Environmental Law Society

The University of Michigan Environmental Law Society (ELS) serves foremost as a forum for students energized by environmental issues and concerned with how the law may or may not adequately address those issues. ELS also strives to provide first hand opportunities for those students who see environmental law in their professional future. We encourage students from all backgrounds to become involved; we currently have members from the schools of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE), Business, Public Policy, and Public Health, as well as the Law School.
Welcome to the inaugural conference for Michigan Law’s Environmental Law and Policy Program. We gather in the midst of a presidential election year, at a time when the global environment faces unprecedented challenges. After eight years of an administration when the environment was not a priority, our conference offers an opportunity to consider “An Environmental Agenda for the Next Administration” that provides the leadership and change necessary for us to become better stewards of the earth and our natural environment.

We are honored that Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm will be our featured speaker on Thursday. Gov. Granholm has made alternative energy and sustainability central features of her agenda for the State of Michigan. We are grateful for the leadership that she is providing both within our state and nationally through her work with the National Governors Association.

We also are delighted that Georgetown Law Professor Lisa Heinzerling will be our luncheon speaker on Friday. Professor Heinzerling was the lead author of the petitioners’ briefs in Massachusetts v. EPA, where the Supreme Court held that greenhouse gases are pollutants that can be regulated under the Clean Air Act.

Our moderators are University of Michigan professors who are leading interdisciplinary efforts to address climate change, alternative energy, and sustainability issues. They are joined by panelists that include prominent academics, policy-makers, public interest lawyers, and corporate officials.

We are pleased that our conference attendees include Michigan Law faculty and students, their colleagues from other schools at the University of Michigan, as well as other law schools, and civic leaders and interested citizens from the Ann Arbor community and throughout Michigan.

We would like to extend a special welcome to our alumni, many of whom will be here this weekend to celebrate their 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, and 55th law school reunions, and a special thank you to the Environmental Law Society, which is co-sponsoring the conference, and the Michigan Law Review, which will feature the conference in an online issue of First Impressions.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the next two days and welcome your suggestions about themes and topics for future conferences, as well as other ELPP events. Thank you for joining us and helping to make our inaugural conference a success.

David M. Uhlmann
Director, Environmental Law and Policy Program
Jeffrey F. Liss Professor from Practice
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008
Honigman Auditorium, 100 Hutchins Hall, Law School

4:00 p.m. 

**WELCOME**
David M. Uhlmann Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Program; Jeffrey F. Liss Professor from Practice, University of Michigan Law School

**FEATURED SPEAKER INTRODUCTION**
Evan H. Caminker Dean, University of Michigan Law School

**FEATURED SPEAKER**
The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm Governor, State of Michigan

**TRIBUTE PRESENTATIONS**
Certificates of Tribute to the University of Michigan Members of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

5:00 p.m.

**RECEPTION** Lawyers Club

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008
All panel discussions are held in 250 Hutchins Hall, Law School

8:00 a.m.

**REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

**CLIMATE CHANGE PANEL**

**MODERATOR**
Thomas P. Lyon Director of the Erb Institute for Global Environmental Sustainable Enterprise; Dow Professor of Sustainable Science, Technology and Commerce; Professor of Business Economics; Professor of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan

**PANELISTS**
Joseph E. Aldy Fellow, Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.; Co-Director of the Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements

Ann E. Carlson Faculty Director of the Emmett Center on Climate Change and the Environment; Co-Director of the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic; Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law

Edward A. Parson Professor of Law; Professor of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan

10:45 – 12:15 p.m. **ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PANEL**

**MODERATOR**
Gary S. Was Director of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Energy Institute; Walter J. Weber Jr. Professor of Sustainable Energy, Environmental and Earth Systems Engineering; Professor of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences; Professor of Material Science and Engineering, University of Michigan

**PANELISTS**
Anna Aurilio Director of the Washington, D.C., office for Environment America
Michael Dworkin Director of the Institute for Energy and the Environment; Professor of Law, Vermont Law School
Victor B. Flatt Taft Distinguished Visiting Professor of Environmental Law, University of North Carolina School of Law; A.L. O’Quinn Chair in Environmental Law; Director of the Center for Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources, University of Houston Law Center
Miriam Horn Co-author of *Earth: The Sequel; The Race to Reinvent Energy and Stop Global Warming*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **LUNCHEON** Law Quadrangle (Tent)

**SPEAKER**
Lisa Heinzerling Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Lead Author, Petitioners’ Briefs, in *Massachusetts v. EPA* (U.S. S. Ct.)

1:45 – 3:15 p.m. **SUSTAINABILITY PANEL**

**MODERATOR**
John R. Chamberlin Director of the Center for Ethics in Public Life; Professor of Public Policy, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy; Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan

**PANELISTS**
Jonathan Z. Cannon Director of Environmental and Land Use Law Program; Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School
John C. Dernbach Professor of Law, Widener University
Phyllis P. Harris Vice President for Environmental Compliance, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas
Howard A. Learner President and Executive Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, Chicago, Illinois

3:15 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS**
David M. Uhlmann
Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor, State of Michigan

Jennifer M. Granholm was re-elected the 47th governor of Michigan in November 2006. Since taking office in 2003, she has successfully resolved more than $4 billion in budget deficits, trimming more from state government than any governor in Michigan's history. A fiscal hawk, Granholm has worked to ensure that state government spends every penny efficiently. At the same time, she is working aggressively to diversify Michigan's economy, ensure world-class educational opportunities for every Michigan student, create universal access to affordable health care, and stand up for Michigan workers and families during tough economic times.

Granholm began her career in public service as a clerk for U.S. Judge Damon Keith on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1990, Granholm became a federal prosecutor in Detroit, where she maintained a 98 percent conviction rate. In 1994, Granholm was appointed Wayne County corporation counsel. She worked to reduce taxpayer-funded lawsuit payouts by 87 percent. Elected Michigan's first female attorney general in 1998, Granholm continued her fight to protect Michigan's citizens and consumers. She established the state's first high-tech crime unit to prosecute Internet crimes.

Following the September 11 attacks, Granholm led a multi-agency effort to ensure that Michigan laws could effectively be used to fight terrorism at the state level. In the wake of the attacks, as well as following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Granholm, an advocate for protecting citizens and their pocketbooks, took swift action to protect consumers from price gouging at the pump by unscrupulous gas station owners. As attorney general, Granholm also started a successful statewide mentoring initiative. Despite tough fiscal times, Granholm has increased spending for Michigan's public schools to record levels. The first in her family to attend college, Granholm has championed universal access to higher education. In December 2006, Granholm signed legislation creating the Michigan Promise scholarship, a first-in-the-nation program that awards $4,000 to every Michigan student who successfully completes two years of post-secondary education.

Michigan was cited by Governing magazine as the third best-managed state in the nation giving Michigan and the Granholm administration high marks in the areas of money, people, infrastructure, and information management.

Jennifer Granholm was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is an honors graduate of both the University of California at Berkeley and Harvard Law School. She serves as the Policy Chair of the Democratic Governors Association and is chair of the Economic Development and Commerce Committee of the National Governors Association. She and her husband, Daniel G. Mulhern, have three children.
Governor Granholm is presenting tributes to six University of Michigan faculty members and two graduate students who contributed to the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). The IPCC, a global network of approximately 2,000 scientists, shared the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former Vice President Al Gore. According to the Nobel Peace Prize citation, the IPCC has produced scientific reports for two decades that have “created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming.”

The IPCC tribute recipients are the following:

Rosina Bierbaum Dean and Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment. She led four U.S. delegations to IPCC meetings in Shanghai, Montreal, Costa Rica, and Mexico City. She was an expert reviewer of the “Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability” volume for the 1995, 2001, and 2007 IPCC reports.

Henry Pollack Emeritus Professor of Geophysics, Department of Geological Sciences. He is one of the world’s leading experts on global climate change and worked extensively creating an international research consortium that has reconstructed the earth’s climate history over the past 500 years. He was a contributing author of the paleoclimatology chapter in the 2007 IPCC reports.

Joyce Penner Ralph J. Cicerone Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric Science, Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences. She was a coordinating lead author of a chapter in one of the 2001 IPCC reports and a lead author of a chapter in the 2007 IPCC reports. Two of her graduate students, Minghuai Wang and Li Xu, contributed to the 2007 IPCC reports and also are tribute recipients.

Natalia Andronova Research Scientist, Department of Atmospheric, Oceanic and Space Sciences. She was a contributing author of a chapter titled “Understanding and Attributing Climate Change” in the 2007 IPCC reports.

Maria Carmen Lemos Associate Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment. She contributed to a chapter in the “Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability” volume of the 2007 IPCC reports.

Detlaf Sprinz Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science. He reviewed the “Mitigation and Climate Change” volume in the 2007 IPCC reports.
Lisa Heinzerling
Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Lisa Heinzerling is Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center. She received an A.B. from Princeton University and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the law review. She clerked for Judge Richard A. Posner on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and for Justice William J. Brennan Jr. on the United States Supreme Court. She served as an assistant attorney general in Massachusetts, specializing in environmental law. She has been a visiting professor at the Yale and Harvard law schools. In 2003, Heinzerling won Georgetown’s faculty teaching award. She is a member scholar of the Center for Progressive Reform, a think tank devoted to promoting the affirmative case for health, safety, and environmental protection. Professor Heinzerling has co-authored several books, including *Priceless: On Knowing the Price of Everything and the Value of Nothing* (The New Press, 2004, with Frank Ackerman). She was the primary author of the briefs for Massachusetts and other petitioners in *Massachusetts v. EPA*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court held that the Clean Air Act gives the Environmental Protection Agency the authority to regulate greenhouse gases.
Joseph E. Aldy

Joe Aldy is a Fellow at Resources for the Future and Co-Director of the Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements. His research focuses on climate policy, mortality risk valuation, and energy policy. He co-edited *Architectures for Agreement: Addressing Global Climate Change in the Post-Kyoto World* (Cambridge, 2007, with Robert Stavins). Mr. Aldy also is Co-Director of the International Energy Workshop, an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, and Treasurer of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists.

He served on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisers from 1997-2000 where he was responsible for domestic and international climate change policy. Mr. Aldy participated in bi-lateral and multi-lateral conferences and meetings on climate policy in Argentina, Bolivia, China, France, Germany, Kazakhstan, Korea, Israel, Mexico, and Uzbekistan, including COP-4, COP-5, the OECD, and the IEA. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University, a M.E.M. from the Nicholas School of the Environment, and a B.A. from Duke University.

Anna Aurilio

Anna Aurilio is the Director of the Washington, D.C., office for Environment America responsible for overseeing policy development, research and advocacy on energy, global warming, protecting public lands, clean air, water, and toxic chemicals. Since 1993, she has been working to shift America's energy away from dirty sources such as coal, oil, and nuclear and towards increased energy efficiency and clean renewable power. She has testified numerous times before House and Senate Science, Energy, and Appropriations committees and is quoted regularly in the national press. Ms. Aurilio received her B.S. in physics from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and her M.S. in environmental engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Prior to receiving her Master’s degree, Ms. Aurilio was a staff scientist with the National Environmental Law Center and the Public Interest Research Groups’ National Litigation Project.

Evan H. Caminker

Evan H. Caminker, Dean and Professor at the University of Michigan Law School since 2003, writes, teaches, and litigates about American constitutional law, focusing on matters concerning individual rights, federalism, and the nature of judicial decision-making. Dean Caminker came to Michigan Law from the UCLA School of Law, where he was a faculty member from 1991-1999. He received his B.A. in political economy and environmental studies, *summa cum laude*, from UCLA, and his J.D. from Yale Law School. He clerked for Justice William Brennan at the Supreme Court and for Judge William Norris of the Ninth Circuit. Dean Caminker also practiced law with the Center for Law in the Public Interest in Los Angeles and with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C., and served as deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel, U.S. Department of Justice.
Jonathan Z. Cannon

Jonathan Z. Cannon is the Director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program and a Professor of Law at the University of Virginia Law School. Professor Cannon joined the University of Virginia faculty in 1998 from the Environmental Protection Agency, where he served as general counsel (1995-1998) and assistant administrator for administration and resources management (1992-1995). Prior to his work with the EPA, Professor Cannon was in the private practice of environmental law; served as an adjunct professor at Washington and Lee Law School, where he taught environmental law; and was a lecturer at the University of Virginia Law School. Professor Cannon received his B.A. from Williams College and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Ann E. Carlson

Ann Carlson is Professor of Law and the inaugural Faculty Director of the Emmett Center on Climate Change and the Environment at UCLA School of Law. She is also on the faculty of the UCLA Institute of the Environment. Professor Carlson's scholarship in environmental law focuses on climate change law and policy, federalism, and the role social norms play in affecting environmentally cooperative behavior. Her recent work involves analyzing unusual models of environmental federalism, with a focus on the unique role California plays in regulating mobile source emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions, under the Clean Air Act. She has also written on the legal and political obstacles utilities will face in cutting greenhouse gas emissions and on the threat of heat waves and climate change. She is a frequent commentator and speaker on environmental issues, particularly on climate change. Professor Carlson's article *Takings on the Ground* was selected in 2003 by the *Land Use and Environmental Law Review* as one of the top ten environmental articles of the year. She co-authored *Environmental Law*, 7th Ed. (West, 2006, with Daniel Farber and Jody Freeman). Professor Carlson teaches Property, Environmental Law, and Climate Change Law and Policy and was the recipient of the 2006 Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching. Professor Carlson served as the law school's academic associate dean from 2004-2006. She received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School and her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

John R. Chamberlin

John R. Chamberlin is Director of the University of Michigan's Center for Ethics in Public Life, Professor of Public Policy at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, and Professor of Political Science in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. He has been a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan since 1970. His research interests include ethics and public policy, legislative redistricting, and methods of election and representation. He regularly teaches a course on Values, Ethics, and Public Policy at the Ford School. He served as Interim Dean of the School of Public Policy from 1997-1999 and as Associate Dean of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies (1986-1989), the College of Literature, Science and the Arts (1991-1995), and the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy (1999-2001). He is currently the director of the Ford School's undergraduate program. He has a B.S. in industrial engineering from Lehigh University and a Ph.D. in decision sciences from the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University.
John C. Dernbach

John C. Dernbach is Professor of Law at Widener University. His scholarship focuses on environmental law, climate change, and sustainable development. He is the editor of *Agenda for a Sustainable America* (Environmental Law Institute, Fall 2008) and *Stumbling Toward Sustainability* (Environmental Law Institute, 2002). He co-authored an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of 18 prominent climate scientists in *Massachusetts v. EPA*. Professor Dernbach is a council member for the ABA Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, and former chair of the ABA Committee on Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Ecosystems. Professor Dernbach previously held a variety of positions at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He graduated *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School, where he was legislative notes editor of the *Journal of Law Reform*, and *summa cum laude* from the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire.

Michael Dworkin

Michael Dworkin, Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Energy and the Environment at Vermont Law School, has also been a litigator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a management partner in an engineering firm, and a utility regulator.

Professor Dworkin was Chair of the Vermont Public Service Board from 1999-2005, and he chaired the national utility commissioners' Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment. In 2003, on behalf of the Public Service Board, he received the “Innovations in American Government Award” from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University for helping oversee Efficiency Vermont's development into one of America's five most innovative and effective public service programs.

Professor Dworkin is now a non-utility Trustee of the Electric Power Research Institute and is a Director of the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. For many years, he has helped pursue more sustainable energy portfolios, with special emphasis on energy-efficiency and renewable energy choices.

A graduate of Middlebury College and the Harvard Law School, Dworkin's work has focused on the points where technical, economic, and legal issues intertwine. He believes that: “Energy policy is our world's most pressing environmental challenge, and environmental issues are the energy sector's most important constraint.”
Victor B. Flatt

Victor B. Flatt is currently the Taft Distinguished Visiting Professor of Environmental Law at the University of North Carolina School of Law. His permanent appointment is as the A.L. O’Quinn Chair in Environmental Law and Director of the Center for Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources at the University of Houston Law Center. He received his undergraduate degrees in chemistry and math, magna cum laude, from Vanderbilt University, where he was a Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Scholar, and his J.D., cum laude, and Order of the Coif, from Northwestern University School of Law, where he was a Wigmore Scholar. Professor Flatt began his academic career at the University of Washington and became the first holder of the O’Quinn Chair at the University of Houston in 2002. He has published extensively on environmental and energy law issues in specialty and general law reviews. Five of his articles have been finalists or selected as one of the top environmental law articles of the year in the Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law. He represented Congressional amici Boxer, Clinton, Kerry, Jeffords, Leahy, and Reed in the Clean Air Act New Source Review case, New York v. EPA. He is a member scholar of the Center for Progressive Reform.

Phyllis P. Harris

Phyllis P. Harris is the Vice President for Environmental Compliance at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., in Bentonville, Arkansas. In this capacity, she is responsible for developing corporate environmental compliance programs for 4200 Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., facilities across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Ms. Harris also serves as chair of the Compliance Subcommittee of the Retail Sustainability Initiative for the Retail Industry Leaders Association.

From 2002-2005, Ms. Harris served as the Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency where she directed the development and execution of enforcement and compliance assurance programs for the more than 3000 enforcement and compliance personnel across the United States. Prior to this position, she served as the Regional Counsel for EPA's office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ms. Harris received her J.D. from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law and her B.A. from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Miriam Horn

Miriam Horn, now on staff at the Environmental Defense Fund, has worked for the U.S. Forest Service and written for numerous newspapers and magazines, including Vanity Fair, The New York Times, and The New Republic. She was a senior editor at U.S. News and World Report, where she was a finalist for a National Magazine Award. She is the author of Rebels in White Gloves; Coming of Age with Hillary’s Class—Wellesley ’69 (Times Books, 1999) and co-author of Earth: The Sequel; The Race to Reinvent Energy and Stop Global Warming (Norton, 2008, with Environmental Defense Fund president Fred Krupp). Ms. Horn is a graduate of Harvard University and studied environmental science at Columbia University.
Howard A. Learner

Howard A. Learner serves as President and Executive Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Center, which works to promote clean energy development solutions to global warming problems, improve the Midwest's environmental quality, and preserve the region's natural resources and heritage.

Mr. Learner previously served as the General Counsel for Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, a public interest law center in Chicago, where he specialized in environmental, energy, and community economic development litigation and policy development. He has successfully represented environmental and consumer organizations in complex civil litigation in the federal and state courts.

Mr. Learner received the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois—Federal Bar Association's Award for Excellence in Pro Bono and Public Interest Service (2006), the Public Interest Law Initiative's Distinguished Public Service Award (2005), and the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy's National Champion of Energy Efficiency Award for Energy Policy (2002). He and the Center received ShoreBank's Green Neighbor Award (2007), the American Wind Energy Association's National Wind Energy Advocacy Award (2004), and WPWR-TV Channel 50 Foundation’s Award for Sustained Excellence in Advocacy (1999). He also appears in Crain's Chicago Business' “Who’s Who in Chicago Business”.

Mr. Learner is an adjunct professor at Northwestern University Law School, teaching an advanced seminar on environmental law and sustainable development. He also has a lecturer appointment at the University of Chicago where he teaches environmental law and policy. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. (Honors) from the University of Michigan.

Thomas P. Lyon

Thomas P. Lyon is the Director of the Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise at the University of Michigan. He is the Dow Professor of Sustainable Science, Technology and Commerce, with appointments in both the Ross School of Business and the School of Natural Resources and Environment. Professor Lyon is a leader in using economic analysis to understand corporate environmental strategy and how it is shaped by emerging government regulations, non-governmental organizations, and consumer demands. His book, Corporate Environmentalism and Public Policy (Cambridge, 2004, with John W. Maxwell), is the first rigorous economic analysis of this increasingly important topic. Professor Lyon earned his B.A. at Princeton University and his Ph.D. at Stanford University. His current research focuses on corporate environmental information disclosure, greenwash, the causes and consequences of renewable energy policy, and voluntary programs for environmental improvement.
Edward A. Parson
Ted Parson is Professor of Law and Professor of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. His research examines international environmental policy, the role of science and technology in public policy, and the political economy of regulation.


Professor Parson has chaired and served on several senior advisory committees for the National Academy of Sciences and the U.S. Government Global Change Research Program, including the Synthesis Team for the U.S. National Assessment of Climate Impacts. In 2005, he was appointed to the National Advisory Board of the Union of Concerned Scientists. He has worked and consulted for the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress, the Privy Council Office of the Government of Canada, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and spent 12 years on the faculty of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. He holds degrees in physics from the University of Toronto and in management science from the University of British Columbia, and a Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard. In former lives, he was a professional classical musician and an organizer of grass-roots environmental groups.

Lois J. Schiffer
Lois J. Schiffer is General Counsel at the National Capital Planning Commission. She has extensive experience in environmental law through her work in federal jobs, in private practice, and for non-profit organizations. From 1993-2001, Ms. Schiffer was the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, with responsibility for litigation on behalf of federal agencies related to pollution, natural resources, wildlife, certain Indian issues, and land condemnation. For over 20 years she has been an adjunct professor of environmental law at Georgetown University Law Center and in 2004 taught a course on environmental policy at Harvard Law School. She has authored many articles on environmental law topics. Ms. Schiffer serves on the Boards of Appleseed, Audubon Naturalist Society, and the International Senior Lawyers Project, and in the past on the boards of a number of non-profit organizations, including the District of Columbia Bar and American Rivers. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Radcliffe College.
David M. Uhlmann

David M. Uhlmann is the Jeffrey F. Liss Professor from Practice and the inaugural Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Program. His research, writing, and advocacy interests include criminal and civil enforcement of environmental laws, Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act jurisprudence, international environmental treaties, and efforts to address global climate change. Since joining the Michigan faculty in 2007, Professor Uhlmann has published articles in *The Environmental Law Forum, The New York Times*, and the American Constitution Society Issue Briefs series; he is also the co-author of a forthcoming article regarding climate change in the *Stanford Environmental Law Journal*. Professor Uhlmann previously served for 17 years at the U.S. Department of Justice, the last seven as Chief of the Environmental Crimes Section, where he was the top environmental crimes prosecutor in the United States. Professor Uhlmann coordinated national legislative, policy, and training initiatives regarding criminal enforcement and chaired the Justice Department’s Environmental Crimes Policy Committee. Earlier in his Justice Department career, Professor Uhlmann was the lead prosecutor in *United States v. Elias*, chronicled in *The Cyanide Canary* (Simon & Schuster, 2004). Professor Uhlmann received his B.A. from Swarthmore College and his J.D. from Yale Law School.

Gary S. Was

Gary S. Was is the Walter J. Weber Jr. Professor of Sustainable Energy, Environmental and Earth Systems Engineering, and holds appointments in Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences, and Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan. He is the Director of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Energy Institute and has held positions as Associate Dean of the College of Engineering and Chair of the Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences Department. Professor Was’ research is focused on materials for advanced nuclear energy systems and radiation materials, science, including environmental effects on materials, radiation effects, ion beam surface modification of materials, and nuclear fuels. He is a Fellow of ASM International, NACE International, and the American Nuclear Society. Professor Was has published over 160 technical articles in referred, archival journals, presented over 200 conference papers, delivered 75 invited seminars and talks, and has recently published a graduate level textbook on Radiation Materials Science.
A conference cannot occur without assistance and support from throughout the Law School community. ELPP and ELS wish to express their appreciation to the following individuals who were instrumental to the success of our inaugural environmental law conference.

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