

2024

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**UCLA** School of Law  
**Emmett Institute on Climate  
Change & the Environment**

# A POWERHOUSE YEAR

FOR THE EMMETT INSTITUTE



With the future uncertain, we are finding strength in past achievements and building capacity for the years ahead.

This year, we celebrate a major milestone: the 30th anniversary of the founding of our Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic, one of the first—and most impactful—clinical programs of its kind in the country. We also just founded a brand-new initiative called the Emmett Clean Energy Law & Leadership project, which we’re building to break ground for years to come.

This combination of tradition and innovation makes the UCLA Emmett Institute the most effective climate change center at any law school as well as an increasingly influential policy hub at the #1 public university in the nation. We continued to expand our reach this year thanks in part to a \$2.5 million matching grant through 2028 from the Emmett Foundation. International engagements from Peru to China, Azerbaijan to the Hague; exciting new hires; and the return of Faculty Director Ann Carlson from the Biden administration all add up to a powerhouse year for the Emmett Institute.

Scientists warn that the planet is entering a “critical and unpredictable” phase of human-caused climate change. National political developments are elevating that unpredictability. Our donor support, faculty direction, top-notch staff, and student talent position the UCLA Emmett Institute to meet this critical moment. I’m thrilled to share our 2024 Annual Report in several forms, and just as excited to stay in touch with you throughout the year ahead.

## **Cara Horowitz**

Andrew Sabin Family Foundation Executive Director  
Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment

# BY THE NUMBERS

THE EMMETT INSTITUTE



22

**Events**  
this year



1,500

**Event**  
attendees



26

**ELS**  
graduates



255,000+

**Views on**  
Legal Planet



1,000

**Participants at**  
GCF Task Force annual  
meeting in Peru



24

**Faculty & Staff**  
this year



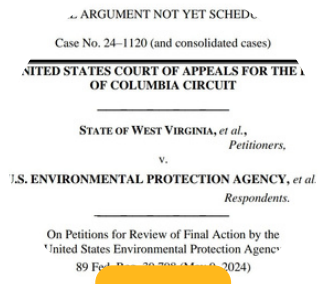
470+

**Students taught in**  
the Wells Clinic  
over 30 years



16

**Students supported by**  
scholarships and  
fellowships



320

**Pages of amicus briefs**  
filed 2023-2024

# BIGGER AND STRONGER THAN EVER

Our bench is one of the deepest in the country. Our **15 faculty members** give us the resources to offer students robust experiential and doctrinal courses and produce influential scholarship and service projects across key areas, including federal climate and pollution-control law; natural resources; air pollution and climate change regulation in China; California's climate policies; environmental risk regulation; energy law; and the governance of emerging energy, carbon removal, and geoengineering technologies.

- **Sabrina Ashjian**, Clinical Supervising Attorney and Project Director for the California Environmental Legislation & Policy Clinic
- **William Boyd**, Professor of Law and Michael J. Klein Chair in Law; Professor, UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability; Faculty Co-Director, Emmett Institute
- **Ann E. Carlson**, Shirley Shapiro Professor of Environmental Law; Faculty Director, Emmett Institute
- **Kimberly Clausing**, Eric M. Zolt Chair in Tax Law and Policy
- **Denise Grab**, Director, Emmett Clean Energy Law and Leadership Project
- **Jason Gray**, Project Director, Governors' Climate and Forest Task Force
- **Cara Horowitz**, Andrew Sabin Family Foundation Executive Director, Emmett Institute; Director, Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic
- **Timothy Malloy**, Professor of Law, Frank G. Wells Endowed Chair in Environmental Law
- **Mary Nichols**, Distinguished Counsel
- **Edward A. Parson**, Dan and Rae Emmett Professor of Environmental Law; Faculty Director, Emmett Institute
- **Peter L. Reich**, Continuing Lecturer in Law; Director, Law & Communication Intensive
- **James Salzman**, Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law
- **Julia E. Stein**, Director, California Environmental Legislation and Policy Clinic; Deputy Director, Emmett Institute
- **Alex Wang**, Professor of Law; Faculty Co-Director, Emmett Institute
- **Jonathan Zasloff**, Professor of Law



The Institute is supported by full-time fellows, whose law and policy research, writing, and teaching provide critical support for our efforts. During 2023-2024, these fellows were **Daniel Carpenter-Gold**, **Beth Kent**, **Gabriel Greif**, **Ruthie Lazenby**, and **Brennon Mendez**.

The Institute includes Staff Attorney **Juan Pablo Escudero**, Communications Director **Evan George**, and Program Manager **Heather Morpew**. We are grateful for the help of four student workers: **Danielle Anz**, **Malia Garcia**, **Emily Camarena**, and **Elisabeth Floyd**.



*Students, staff and faculty with California Attorney General Rob Bonta at a U.N. climate conference.*



*Staff Attorney JP Escudero moderating a panel discussion.*



*Deputy Director Julia Stein meeting new students.*



*Emmett/Frankel Fellow Brennon Mendez*



*Prof. Alex Wang and Senior Fellow Zhao Zhong on a panel*

# THE LAUNCH OF E-CELL — OUR NEW ENERGY PROJECT



*Denise Grab heads our new E-CELL project.*

This fall, we launched the Emmett Clean Energy Law and Leadership project (E-CELL), a new hub to contribute to the clean energy transition while enhancing the institute's longstanding focus on energy law. E-CELL is headed by Project Director **Denise Grab**, who has spent over a decade advancing clean energy policy at nonprofits and before government regulators. Before joining the Emmett Institute, Grab served as a Principal at the clean energy nonprofit RMI (formerly known as the Rocky Mountain Institute), where she led initiatives on building electrification policy, helping to secure cutting-edge all-electric building codes in dozens of cities and states across the country, as well as the nation's first zero-emissions standards for building appliances. The new project expands upon the scholarly work on energy regulation from Faculty Co-Director **William Boyd** who is leading the conversation on how and why electricity markets have failed, and where we go from here. "This project is uniquely suited to

support California policymakers and practicing lawyers as they navigate the changes occurring in the energy sector—and to compare the California experience with other jurisdictions across the United States and around the world," Boyd said.

The launch also builds on a growing portfolio of the Emmett Institute's work on decarbonization, equitable electricity rate design, and how policymakers can prioritize equity while meeting climate goals. This spring, we published "Highly Charged" by Shapiro Fellow in Environmental Law & Policy **Ruthie Lazenby**, which makes recommendations regarding California's proposal for an Income Graduated Fixed Charge. In April, we convened a panel discussion to dig deep into the equity implications with leading experts from the California Public Utilities Commission's Energy Division and several advocacy groups.





# THE FRANK G. WELLS CLINIC TURNS 30



*Watch this short documentary about the Wells Clinic.*

Thirty years ago, the UCLA School of Law did a simple but profound thing by launching a legal clinic where students could work outside of the classroom on behalf of community groups to help enforce environmental laws. That first class worked with NRDC and Santa Monica Baykeeper (now Los Angeles Waterkeeper) on a case against the California Department of Transportation over stormwater pollution. In this way, students gain experience working with real clients while solving actual environmental problems. That has been a winning formula for the last 30 years for the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic, which was named to honor Wells, a lawyer, entertainment executive and avid environmentalist. When this clinic started, the environmental law field was really burgeoning, and advocates were feeling their way through the use of environmental statutes. Since then, climate change has moved front-and-center for policymakers — and for students.

This spring, students in the Wells clinic worked on a variety of matters from environmental concerns about a proposed coal terminal in the Bay Area, to efforts to protect mobile home dwellers from extreme heat, to work to conserve increasingly scarce Colorado River water. The clinic, directed by **Cara Horowitz** and **Julia Stein**, filed multiple amicus briefs in high-profile cases at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on behalf of leading experts in the reliability of the U.S. power system.



*Wells Clinic students with Ann Carlson in the early years*



*Wells Clinic students in the early years*

# ANN CARLSON RETURNS AS FACULTY DIRECTOR



*Ann Carlson*

Our cohort of environmental law faculty has been bolstered by the return of Professor **Ann Carlson**, who concluded a 3-year stint as General Counsel and then Acting Administrator at National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The agency oversees thousands of auto recalls each year. Carlson also enacted tougher safety regulations for cars and trucks, including two sets of stricter fuel economy standards.

This spring, Carlson was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the honorary society and research center that convenes leaders from across disciplines, professions, and perspectives to address significant challenges. Members are elected “for their accomplishments and for the curiosity, creativity and courage required to reach new heights.”



Back on campus, Carlson is finishing a book on fighting Southern California air pollution and is set to teach a new class called “Regulating the Automobile,” focused on the dual revolution of electrification and automation.



*Ann Carlson with then-White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg*



# ENGAGING CHINA ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND GREEN TECH

The US-China relationship is increasingly important, if complicated. As a go-to expert on the two nations' climate cooperation and China's green energy sector, **Alex Wang** participated in a range of public and private events with high-level delegates this year.



*Participants in the China symposium at UCLA Law*

At UCLA, Wang coordinated a daylong journal symposium on China and the environment hosted at the School of Law in conjunction with the Pacific Basin Law Journal, which included both closed-door conversations and a lunchtime event open to the public. The symposium, titled "China & the Environment: Taking Stock of Domestic and Global Developments in Law & Governance," brought together scholars and practitioners from China, the US, Canada, and Europe to discuss pressing issues in Chinese environmental law and governance. Last fall, Alex attended the COP28 talks in Dubai and there participated in several discussions on US-China subnational and research cooperation.



*Alex Wang*

We also benefited this year from the work of Senior Fellow **Zhao Zhong**. In China, Zhao Zhong founded Green Camel Bell, an environmental NGO dedicated to protecting the environment of West China. At the Emmett Institute, he collaborated with Wang on studying the role of Chinese civil society in global environmental governance and the government's policies and attitudes toward the internationalization of Chinese NGOs.



*China symposium at UCLA Law*

# LEADING THE WAY ON A NEW FOREST ECONOMY

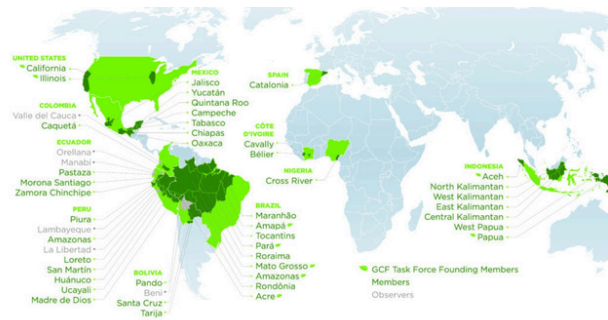


*William Boyd*

The Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force led by **William Boyd** continues to advance tropical forest protection globally. This year, with support from Project Director **Jason Gray**, the Task Force ramped up advocacy efforts on the urgent need to secure larger-scale, more flexible funding to support robust jurisdictional strategies and investment plans to drive down tropical deforestation at jurisdictional and regional scale. This included the launch of a \$1 billion call-to-action to finance the "New Forest Economy" and a companion report on shovel-ready, investable actions within the Task Force membership base. That launch was the focus of the Task Force's 14th Annual Meeting of members and partners in the Peruvian Amazon. It synthesizes nearly two years of political commitments and technical exchanges around forest and carbon finance.

The GCF Task Force is a major initiative housed at UCLA jointly between the Emmett Institute and the Institute of the

Environment and Sustainability that arms its 43 member states with technological expertise and training. The Task Force led workshops in Brazil, Peru, Indonesia, Mexico, and beyond. It also convened a technical exchange in Santa Cruz, Bolivia and co-hosted a remote sensing workshop with UCLA's Center for Tropical Research, the US Forest Service, and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú in Lima, Peru.



*GCF Task Force member states and provinces*



*GCF members and partners announcing the call for action.*



# ADVANCING METHANE REGULATIONS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Since launching a year ago, our Advancing Methane Regulation Project is making strides in helping guide policymakers as they develop regulations to hunt and halt super-polluting methane. The project, led by Faculty Director **Ted Parson** along with Executive Director **Cara Horowitz** and Staff Attorney **Juan Pablo Escudero**, aims to help jurisdictions worldwide improve regulations by incorporating new monitoring technologies, including remote sensing and satellite data. With input from leading experts around the world, they have produced a **global survey** of existing and imminent methane regulations. The survey supports our work to assess how new remote sensing technologies can expand regulators' ability to control methane emissions under existing and new regulatory frameworks in diverse jurisdictional settings.



*Ted Parson on a panel at COP29*



*JP Escudero, Ted Parson, and Cara Horowitz at COP29*

Parson, Horowitz, and Escudero were on the ground in Baku for COP29, the annual UN climate conference, to engage in side talks on methane regulations and share their global survey as well as a primer on remote sensing science for policymakers. In Baku, Parson participated in a panel called “A Methane Data Revolution: Translating insight into action” put on by the International Methane Emissions Observatory at UNEP.

Our funding for this work has grown: This summer we received a significant grant from the **Global Methane Hub**, one of the world's largest climate organizations, to expand on this critical work.

# A STUDENT-CENTERED HUB FOR CALIFORNIA INNOVATION



*Students, Julia Stein, and Assemblymember Lori D. Wilson*

Our California Environmental Legislation & Policy Clinic, led by Deputy Director **Julia Stein**, continued to help develop innovative state climate and environmental bills while giving our students unique hands-on experiences.

This year saw the introduction of AB 2623 (Arambula), a bill drafted by clinic students to ensure robust safety measures for pipelines that transport carbon dioxide as part of carbon capture projects. Other clinic students provided research support for SB 615 (Allen), a bill to create an extended producer responsibility program for electric vehicle batteries. A student team helped plan a series of informational hearings for the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies. Another group facilitated a town hall for multiple Northern California municipalities to discuss hot-button housing, transit, and sustainability issues.



*Senator Henry Stern visits the clinic.*

Stein, along with Clinical Supervising Attorney and Project Director **Sabrina Ashjian**, also informally advised legislators on a range of efforts from implementation of California's climate disclosure bills to legislation supporting local oil and gas phaseouts.



*Senator Ben Allen visits the clinic.*



# OUR EXPANDED REACH IN EUROPE



*Promise Institute Europe's conference: Anisa Xhomaqi*

This year we increased our engagement with partner organizations in Europe that specialize in environmental and climate law – partnerships that form strong bonds between faculty and give students exciting international opportunities.

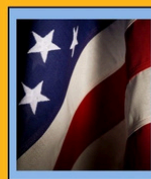
One is with our UCLA Law colleagues at the new **Promise Institute Europe**, based in the Netherlands. In late May, dozens of the world's top advocates in international law, human rights, and environmental justice convened in Amsterdam for a conference marking the center's launch. The Emmett Institute was proud to co-sponsor "The Promise of International Law in the Face of Ecological Crises." Over three days, participants, including UCLA Law students, engaged with lawyers, youth activists, and global diplomats.

Another valued partner is the **European Law Institute**, which initiates, conducts, and

## Climate Justice and Climate Litigation in the US and the EU:

### Comparative Perspectives

w/ *visiting scholar* **Alberto De Franceschi**



**Feb. 1**  
**12:15-1:30 p.m**

**UCLA Law Room 1314**

Alberto De Franceschi, professor of law at the University of Ferrara in Italy, discusses developments in climate litigation with UCLA Law's Prof. Cara Horowitz and Prof. William Boyd.

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UCLA School of Law  
International & Comparative Law Program

facilitates research, while providing practical guidance in the development of European legal frameworks. In June, ELI hosted the 3rd annual conference on Climate Justice at the University of Ferrara in Italy, with a focus on new challenges for law and judges. The Emmett Institute co-sponsored and Prof. **William Boyd** helped open the conference with a talk on ESG, Supply Chains, and Tropical Deforestation. Earlier in the year, we hosted Distinguished Visitor Alberto De Franceschi, Professor of Law at the University of Ferrara in Italy, for a series of engaging events comparing legal systems in the U.S. and EU in relation to climate law.

# EVENTS THAT PACK POWER AND INFLUENCE



*Symposium 2024 panel discussion on community impacts*

The Emmett Institute held 22 public and private events this year, including our spring symposium focused on the pressing issues raised by the clean energy transition-driven demand for critical minerals. Moderators and panelists from around the world confronted the policy drivers of the transition; governance questions related to supply chains; the rise of resource nationalism with its implications for the U.S. and the global order; and the risks to communities created by critical minerals mining and ways to reduce those risks. California Tribal Affairs Secretary **Christina Snider-Ashtari** ('13) gave the symposium's keynote address.



*Tribal Affairs Secretary Christina Snider-Ashtari*



*Symposium 2024 presentation on critical minerals*

Roughly 1,500 participants attended our events this year. This expanded events program serves to advance important ideas and conversations among researchers and policymakers; to strengthen our community; and to introduce students to new ideas and to information about career opportunities. With that in mind, we brought the legendary conservationist **Kris Tompkins** of Tompkins Conservation to campus to talk about the critical work of protecting wildlife, creating parkland, and rewilding damaged ecosystems. Tompkins talked with faculty, met with students, and shared her insights into fighting the climate and biodiversity crises during a lunch panel discussion.



*Kris Tompkins with UCLA Law students and faculty*



Our events also focus on career advancement for our students. This fall, we brought together the former EPA General Counsel **Jeffrey Prieto** ('95) and **Alegría De La Cruz**, director of Government and Community Relations for the Dolores Huerta Foundation, who spoke to a rapt audience about pursuing social justice in, and out of, government. UCLA always brings one of the biggest contingents to the annual **Environmental Law Conference in Yosemite**. And this year was no different. We had more than 30 students join us for expert panels, hikes through the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias, and a sustainable cheese tasting with our fantastic alumni, staff, and faculty.



*UCLA hike at Environmental Law Conference in Yosemite*



*UCLA party at Environmental Law Conference in Yosemite*



*Students and community partners*



*Q&A for students during an event*



*Cara Horowitz, Alegría De La Cruz, Sandra Robbie, Jeffrey Prieto*



# UNRIVALED STUDENT TALENT



**Alice  
Carli**



**Evelyn  
Cliff**



**Aleja  
Cretcher**



**Leah  
Fattor**



**Bailey  
Harris**



**Annika  
Krafcik**



**Gabrielle  
Rosenfeld**



**Kristen  
Stipanov**

Every year, the students at UCLA School of Law blow us away. This year, **26 extraordinary graduating students** made environmental law their area of specialization. On a sunny day in May we gathered to celebrate the 21 J.D. and 5 LL.M. students who are choosing to make a difference in some of the most pressing issues of our time. Many more graduates participated in UCLA Law's environmental law programs, clinics, career panels, faculty mentoring, Environmental Law Society events, and more. Get to know a few of them below:

**Alice Carli** studied public health before law school and ran a small business that provided food and nutrition education to K-12 students. After graduation, Carli went to work on an environmental litigation team at Morrison and Foerster.

**Evelyn Cliff** studied electrical engineering in undergrad and was headed on a path toward energy and environmental law, but still found UCLA's courses eye-opening. Evelyn is working as an Associate at Milbank LLP.

**Aleja Cretcher** long wanted to work on environmental justice, so at UCLA Law she quickly gravitated towards environmental law, civil rights, and critical race theory classes. After graduation, Aleja returned to Communities for a Better Environment in their Southeast LA program thanks to an environmental public interest fellowship sponsored by the Emmett Institute.

**Leah Fattor** grew up in Boulder, Colorado where she was introduced to the catastrophic effects of climate change. Now, Leah is working in Washington D.C., where she's a Public Interest Environmental Law Fellow at the Environmental Law Institute.

**Bailey Harris** got his bachelor's and master's degree in environmental studies and wanted to make an impact in the law and policy space. After UCLA Law, Bailey is now working at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, where he worked as a summer law clerk.

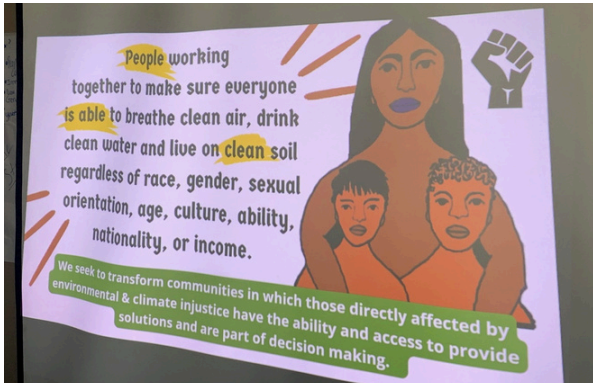
**Annika Krafcik** was drawn to environmental law through her love for Alaska, where she interned as a summer law clerk. After graduation, she headed back to Alaska for a one-year clerkship for Judge Amanda Browning at the Sitka Superior Court.

**Gabrielle Rosenfeld** came to UCLA specifically because of the environmental law offerings. She's now working as an Associate at Paul Hastings, where she was a summer associate in 2023 as part of the Energy & Environment practice group.

**Kristen Stipanov** previously lived and worked for Eastern Sierra Land Trust, which works with landowners to protect lands in the Owens Valley. After graduating, Kristen moved back to the Owens Valley for an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to help advocate for the Owens Valley Tribes' rights to water.



# SUPPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OPPURTUNITIES FOR GRADS



*A slide from Communities for a Better Environment*

Seeing a need, the Emmett Institute created a new, funded opportunity for graduates interested in environmental justice and federal climate policy. The Postgraduate Fellowship for Federal Climate Justice is a two-year fellowship we created with the UCLA Law Fellowship Committee. Our two inaugural fellows are **Jay Parepally** at Communities for a Better Environment and **Nicola Steelnack** at Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability respectively.

This year, Parepally worked on a wide range of issues from EPA power plant rules to the



*Jay Parepally and family at graduation*

Department of Energy's environmental justice strategic plan, drafting comments and gathering stakeholder input.

He recently gave a presentation raising equity concerns around hydrogen at the California Climate and Energy Collaborative conference in Palm Springs. "I particularly enjoyed this opportunity and got to improve my public presentation skills about EJ concerns related to the rollout of hydrogen," Parepally says.



*Nicola Steelnack and family at graduation*

Steelnack is based in Fresno with Leadership Counsel, where she does outreach and frequently attends community meetings. The fellowship has allowed her to work on the intersection of federal funding and equitable building decarbonization. She recently gave an internal presentation about the pros and cons of the federal government's Justice40 Initiative—the goal that 40 percent of environmental investments flow to disadvantaged communities. "I love hearing people's stories and how our advocacy is meaningful to them," Steelnack says.

# THE AUTHORITY ON GEOENGINEERING GOVERNANCE



**Ted Parson** continued, through his project on Geoengineering Governance, to advise the Climate Overshoot Commission and the Degrees Climate Fund, which is the largest initiative supporting climate-science research on impacts and risks of solar geoengineering by scientists and institutions in the Global South. In addition to this work, Ted co-authored two papers on geoengineering governance that are currently in production for publication.

In a new paper published in WIREs Climate Change, Parson and his coauthors argue that a non-use agreement that shuts down discussion and bans research of geoengineering is a bad idea. Instead, they propose an alternative pathway for a “more informed, responsible, and inclusive approach” to limiting climate risks. Parson also wrote a new paper in the Annual Review of Environment and Resources, with co-author David Keith of the University of Chicago, to address the issues of research and governance as well as ongoing concerns about risks, misuse, or overreliance.

# A COMMANDING VOICE ON CLIMATE TAX POLICY

**Kimberly Clausing** likes to say that climate policy has become tax policy. And 2025 is proving to be a crucial year, because many provisions of the Tax Cuts Job Act of 2017 are set to expire.

As a go-to expert on taxes, carbon pricing, and tariffs who previously served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tax Analysis in the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Clausing has been in high demand in recent months. Since joining the Emmett Institute as affiliated faculty, she’s written and spoken extensively on how the Inflation Reduction Act could be impacted by the next presidential

administration, and which tax policies would get the U.S. closest to meeting climate targets. Clausing has also discussed how the United States might adopt a carbon border adjustment mechanism, alongside parallel domestic measures, as the European Union takes the lead in this space.



# ORIGINATOR OF TRENDING IDEAS



Climate accountability for corporations was a hot topic this year. Prof. **James Salzman** literally wrote the book on it – he co-authored a textbook titled "Private Environmental Governance" that seeks to be "the first user-friendly and comprehensive guide to these innovative new approaches that go farther than government regulation."

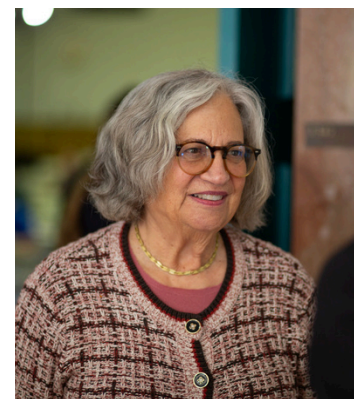
In the Harvard Environmental Law Review, Salzman and a co-author dissected why carbon offsets have come under such scrutiny and what strategies could help carbon offsets regain credibility, with other government programs as models. While "permitting reform" remains elusive in Congress, Salzman has led the way on how to think about the tradeoffs, coining the phrase the "Greens' Dilemma" to explain the tension between old laws and new priorities. This year, Salzman and his co-author won an award for a magazine article on the subject.

# ARCHITECT OF CALIFORNIA CLIMATE POLICIES

Distinguished Counsel **Mary Nichols** was the state's top climate regulator from 2007 to 2020, helping steer California policy during the first Trump administration. Policymakers are again looking to her expertise and guidance for so-called Trump-proofing.

Nichols has recently written and spoken in favor of amending important state policies like the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and California's Cap-and-Trade Program. Another area of interest has been corporate climate

accountability. Nichols, along with former California State Treasurer and Emmett Institute Board member Phil Angelides, also led work offering key recommendations for how California's pension funds can maximize their efforts on strong climate risk management.





# PIONEER ON SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFETY



Prof. **Timothy Malloy** continued his extremely varied portfolio of research on top of teaching. This year, he and a team released a report on cumulative impact assessment in California under the pesticide regulatory program, proposing reforms at the state and county level. With another group, he released a report about sustainability assessment for grid-level battery deployment. He and colleagues also formed a group within the Society of Environmental Toxicology and

Chemistry on alternatives assessment of chemicals in commercial and consumer products. Malloy is also working to assess the governance challenges of genomically engineered kelp, which holds promise as a form of carbon sequestration. Malloy and his team are crafting proposed governance frameworks following input from stakeholders across California.

## SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTSWASHING

In June, **Cara Horowitz** drew attention to Big Oil sponsorships in sports through a piece about the Dodgers posted to Legal Planet. It turns out many major league sports teams in the U.S. have sponsorship deals with some of the companies most responsible for the polluting products fueling climate change, but there was no single comprehensive list. A survey completed this year by **Evan George** with help from our student researchers revealed nearly 70 sponsorship deals with high-polluting companies across six leagues. The survey generated several news stories and columns. By the time the Dodgers reached the World Series, a grassroots campaign had a petition with 22,000 signatures calling on the team to drop Phillips 66 as a sponsor.



# GO-TO EXPERTS ELEVATING PUBLIC DISCOURSE



The unique expertise of our faculty and staff allows the Emmett Institute to communicate widely with myriad audiences about law and policy through the press, events, social media, and blog publishing. We are practitioners, researchers, educators, and advisors. We are former state and federal officials, newsroom leaders, and NGO directors.

Our faculty tapped all of these experiences this year to publish several op eds in major news outlets and more than 100 blog posts this year on **Legal Planet**, the policy blog run by UCLA Law and Berkeley Law. Last year was huge for Legal Planet, racking up 228,937 views. With a month to go in 2024, we have already far surpassed that record with 255,000+ views from 165,000 visitors.

This year, our experts also helped journalists and their audiences make sense of several major developments, including a U.S. Supreme Court term that challenged the administrative state and a 2024 presidential election with major climate implications. Our faculty appeared in national media including the New York Times, NPR, Associated Press, Politico, the Washington Post; they were frequently quoted by regional media like the Los Angeles Times, Sacramento Bee, San Jose Mercury News, and Cal Matters; they also gave their time to plenty of local reporters.

With the help of Communications Director **Evan George**, UCLA Law students receive media and communications training through clinic lectures and the opportunity to write for Legal Planet.

# FACULTY PUBLICATIONS, ARTICLES, AND BRIEFS

## **William Boyd**

- Decommodifying Electricity, 97 Southern California Law Review 101 (2024)
- De-Risking Environmental Law, 48 Harv. Env'tl. L. Rev. 153 (2024)

## **Kimberly Clausing**

- US International Corporate Taxation After the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, J. of Econ. Perspectives (2024)
- The Green Transformation and Tax Policy Criteria (2024)
- Climate Policy Reform Options in 2025. with John Bistline, Neil Mehrotra, James Stock, and Catherine Wolfram. (2024, forthcoming). Environmental and Energy Policy and the Economy.
- How Trade Cooperation between the United States, European Union, and China Can Fight Climate Change, with Chad Bown, (2024). The Green Frontier: Assessing the Economic Implications of Climate Action. Pisani-Ferry, Jean and Adam Posen, eds. PIIE.
- Capital Taxation and Market Power, Tax Law R. (2024)
- Taxation in the Open Economy, Oxford research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance (2024, forthcoming)
- Why Trump's Tariff Proposals Would Harm Working Americans, Peterson Inst. for Int'l Econ. Policy Brief (2024), with ME Lovely
- US Presidential Election 2024: Consequences for Fiscal Policy, Econ. Policy Forum (2024)

- How Carbon Border Adjustments Might Drive Global Climate Policy Momentum, Resources for the Future (2024), with Milan Elkerbout, Katarina Nehrkorn, and Catherine Wolfram

## **Cara Horowitz**

- Amicus brief in Utah v. EPA for grid experts
- The State of Methane Regulation: A Global Survey, with Edward A. Parson et al, (Nov. 2024)

## **Tim Malloy**

- Report on cumulative impact assessment in CA under the pesticide regulatory program (forthcoming)
- Overcoming barriers to improved decision-making for battery deployment in the clean energy transition, Perspective (2024), with Brian Tarroja et al.

## **Edward A. Parson**

- Toward an Evidence-Informed, Responsible, and Inclusive Debate on Solar Geoengineering: A Response to the Proposed Non-Use Agreement, WIREs Climate Change, 15(5), e903 (May 2024)
- Geoengineering: History, Methods, Governance, Prospects, with David W. Keith, Annual R. of Env't and Resources (Oct. 2024)

# FACULTY PUBLICATIONS, ARTICLES, AND BRIEFS

## **Peter Reich**

- “The Food- Water Nexus in the Post-Revolutionary Mexican Supreme Court,” chapter in Research Handbook on International Food Law 148 (Michael T. Roberts ed., Edward Elgar Publishing 2023).
- “The Orange County Model for California Water Law and Policy,” Orange County Lawyer, October 2023, 24.
- “Greening the Ghetto Revisited: Three Decades of Environmental Justice Law,” 51 Northern Kentucky Law Review 151 (2024).

## **James Salzman**

- The Additionality Double Standard, Harvard Env't L. R. (2024)
- Rights of Nature: Fact and Fiction, Drake L. R. (forthcoming)
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