



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Ms. Gwiazdon is a lawyer, author, advisor, and connector who specializes in the role of the state in global governance and the intersectionality of ethics and the environment with all policy issues.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- 20+ years of local-regional-global research, advocacy, and development in international environmental law and governance.
- Ms. Gwiazdon is often invited as a keynote, opening plenary, or closing plenary panelist for international law conferences on topics related to ethics, environment, human rights, and democracy.
  - In 2021, she was interviewed by CNN Chile and *La Tercera* on climate ethics, related to a keynote she provided for an UN Framework Convention on Climate Change COP26 preparatory event.
  - In 2020, she served as a keynote at the annual Lisbon Forum, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, speaking on ubuntu as an ethical approach for humans, nature, and nation-state solidarity.
  - In 2018, she presented before the UN General Assembly on the root causes of our global conservation crises, and her work is consistently included in the annual UN Reports of the Secretary General on Harmony with Nature; and returned in 2023 with an intervention on the creation of an “Earth Assembly” to advance Earth jurisprudence.
- 20+ edited and/or authored peer-reviewed publications on international law, environmental law, comparative law, human rights, human security, global governance, justice, and ethics; most recently, *Ecological Integrity and International Law: Peace, Public Health and Global Security* (Routledge 2025); *The Routledge Handbook on Applied Climate Change Ethics* (2023); and member of the Editorial Advisory Board for Public Health and Health Policy Ethics Journal (Springer Nature).
- 10+ years of experience teaching undergraduate (BA), graduate (Masters, JD, PhD), and post-graduate (LLM) courses in the US and abroad; she currently teaches J.D.-level courses on Publication International Law, International Law and Human Security, and Climate Law and Policy (US).
- Leadership, advisor, and expert roles with several international organizations, boards, and steering committees that advance good governance, environmental protection, and public health.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

#### Adjunct Professor

International Law and Human Security: South China Sea; Decolonizing International Law; International Humanitarian Law; Public International Law; International Business Transactions; Climate Change Law and Policy; Human Rights Law; and Faculty-led Directed Research Projects

DeKalb, Illinois USA

January 2021 – current

### CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS AND LAW (CEEL)

#### Founder and Executive Director

Vienna, Virginia USA

August 2016 – current

- Leads the development and implementation of CEEL's programs in advancing environmental ethics in law and policy at the local, regional, national, and international level
- Brings together cross-disciplinary experts with non-profits and government organizations to highlight existing ethics in action, develop local ethics to guide policy and action, and inform the international soft law program, the Biosphere Ethics Initiative
- Collaborates with scholars and practitioners to merge practice with theory and through different media, including advancing publications in environmental law and ethics and co-hosting monthly webinar series on ecological law and governance

#### **MRSH UNIVERSITÉ DE CAEN NORMANDIE**

##### **Guest Professor, Normandy Chair for Peace Summer School**

Decolonizing International Law and Institutions

Caen, France

August-September 2022

#### **UNIVERSIDADE FEDERAL DE SANTA CATARINA (UFSC)**

##### **Visiting Professor, Graduate Intensive Course**

International Ecological Law: Humans, Nature, and Neocolonialism

Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil

May-June 2022

#### **CENTER FOR HUMANS AND NATURE (CHN), 2005-2012**

##### **Director, Global Responsibilities Program**

Chicago, Illinois USA

August 2009 – October 2012

- Developed, facilitated, and led CHN's programmatic role in the international environmental conservation movement
- Built and promoted cross-disciplinary, government, and non-government local, regional, and global partnerships to best incorporate environmental ethics into social, legal, and policy regimes
- Served as head of delegation at Conferences of the Parties for international treaties and other international bodies
- Advanced scholarly research in comparative constitutional law, international soft law development, and social-environmental justice

#### **CHN Post-Doctorate Fellow in Environment, Ethics, and Law**

December 2007 – Aug. 2009

- Supported coordinated regional efforts with the international conservation community
- Explored democratic ecological citizenship in the Chicago region, including Indiana and the Great Lakes basin

#### **CHN Research Assistant to Professor J. Ronald Engel**

May 2005 – March 2007

#### **VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (VUSL)**

##### **Adjunct Professor**

Public International Law; and Independent Reading and Research: International Environmental Law

Valparaiso, Indiana USA

August 2010 – August 2012

- Invited and served as Faculty Advisor for the student-based International Law Society, and received the 2012 Best International Social Event Award by the International Law Students Association for a review of the documentary, "Wasteland," followed by a discussion with Ms. Gwiazdon on her time with the catadores of Gramacho Landfill in Rio de Janeiro
- Assisted with the student-based Moot Court and Law Review programs

## **UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND SCHOOL OF LAW**

### **Visiting Fellow and Associate Professor**

Law, Ethics and Governance for Sustainability (LL.M. intensive course)

New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law

Auckland, New Zealand

April 2009

## **COMMITTEE TO ELECT JUDGE LANG**

### **Campaign Manager**

LaPorte County, Indiana

November 2007 – November 2008

## **LAPORTE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1**

### **Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Kathleen B. Lang**

Michigan City, Indiana USA

August – December 2006; May 2007 – December 2007

## **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **Projects Coordinator**

Lake Michigan Coastal Program

Chesterton, Indiana USA

May 2004 – January 2006

- Managed 14 Great Lakes Coastal Restoration Grants, covering 2.3 million dollars in federal funding (NOAA)
- Conducted site visits and document reviews to ensure that project managers followed appropriate procedures

## **IMPROVING KIDS' ENVIRONMENT**

### **Associate**

Indianapolis, Indiana USA

May 2002 – August 2002

- Compiled and interpreted research on the 104 Indiana cities that had existing combined sewer outfalls (CSO), and related environmental justice issues
- Worked with city officials and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on appropriate planning for the cost and removal of CSO structures

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (blue = linked)**

**[IUCN Motions Working Group](#), IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 (2024 – current)**

**[IUCN US National Committee](#): facilitating the engagement of US members of IUCN**

Steering Committee Member (2023 – current)

**[Princeton Prize on Race Relations](#)**

Maryland Review Committee (2024 – current)

**[Inter-American Institute for Justice and Sustainability](#): bridging justice, sustainability, and prosperity**

Expertos Asociados (2023 – current)

**[Ethics Specialist Group, IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law \(IUCN WCEL ESG\)](#): ethics as the foundation of law and governance**

Chair (2022-current); Deputy Chair (2008 – 2013); Member (2005 – current)

**[Series: Public Health and Health Policy Ethics \(Springer Nature\)](#)**

Editorial Advisory Board (2022-current)

**[L'Institut International pour la Négociation Écologique \(INNÉ\)](#): bringing the voice of nature to the negotiation table**

Local Representative for the US (2022-current)

**Normandy Chair for Peace: rights of future generations, peace, and environment**

Member (2020-current)

**Ecological Jurisprudence Monitor: creating an online-interactive-public access platform to advance eco-centric law and governance systems; and the EJM Library (a project of secondary sources)**

Steering Committee, Academic Hub, Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature, with support from the Rockefeller Foundation (2020-current; launch October 2022)

**UN Harmony with Nature: promoting Harmony with Nature in order to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations**

Expert Advisor (2018 – current)

**Ecological Law and Governance Association (ELGA): advancing an ecological approach to law and policy**

Founding Steering Committee Member (2016 – current)

**Global Ecological Integrity Group (GEIG): global ecological integrity and human health through science, ethics, and law**

Steering Committee Member (2016 – current)

**International Network for Epidemiology in Policy (INEP): promoting integrity, equity, and evidence in policies affecting public health**

Expert Advisor (2016, 2022 – current); Executive Committee Member (2017-2022)

**Teen Court, Michigan City, Indiana USA**

Practitioner Judge (2008 – 2010)

**League of Women Voters of LaPorte County, Indiana USA**

Secretary (2008 – 2009)

**Supreme Court of the State of Indiana, Indiana Roll of Attorneys (In Good Standing, 2007-current)**

**PUBLICATIONS (available upon request)**

1. Forthcoming, K. Gwiazdon and C. Cannon, *When a City Kills: The Struggle for Care, Community, and Restorative Justice in Gary, Indiana*, in *Decolonizing International Development: A Global Feminist Critique*, Mayyada Abu Jaber and Rita Stephan, eds. (2025).
2. *Lessons from Ukraine: The Critical Role of Ecological Integrity in Times of War, Armed Conflict, and Occupation*, in [Ecological Integrity and International Law: Peace, Public Health, and Global Security](#), Gwiazdon, Bosselmann, and Zambrano, eds. (Routledge 2025)
3. Coordinating author, [A Call for Courage: declaration on human rights and health – statement of solidarity with the civilians of Israel and Palestine and with all those affected by war, armed conflict, forced displacement, occupation, and violence globally](#) (March 2024)
4. Coordinating project chair and author, *The Recife Declaration of Racism as a Global Public Health Crisis* (International Network for Epidemiology in Policy 2023).
5. *The Climate Change Disinformation Campaign: Attacking the Common Good, Advancing the Self, and Destroying Democracy and Saving Democracy: Denying the Alternate Reality of Climate Denialism*, in [The Routledge Handbook on Applied Climate Change Ethics](#), Brown, Gwiazdon, Westra, eds. (Routledge 2023).
6. *A Crisis of Identity: the UN Sustainable Development Goals within an Unsustainable Law and Governance Framework*, in [Ecological Limits of Development: Living with the Sustainable Development Goals](#), S. Quilley and K. Kish eds. (Routledge 2022, Open Access 2023).
7. Coordinating author, [INEP Declaration on human rights and health in war, armed conflict, forced displacement, occupation, and violence: statement of solidarity with the peoples of Ukraine and around the globe](#) (International Network for Epidemiology in Policy 2022)
8. *Water Ethics: Methodology for Engagement to Help Achieve SDG6*, in *The Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals* (Springer 2021).

9. *Crisis Management and Food Security*, in *The Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals* (Springer 2021).
10. B. Jennings and K. Gwiazdon, *Water and Ecological Ethics in the Anthropocene*, in *Ethical Water Stewardship*, I. Stefanovik, ed. (Springer 2020).
11. *State Global Responsibility for Environmental Crises: The Ethical and Legal Implications of a State's Failure to Protect Human Rights*, in *Ecological Integrity in Science and Law*, L. Westra, K. Bosselmann, M. Fermeiglia, eds. (Springer 2020).
12. *Looking Out the Window: The Political, Intellectual, and Moral Necessities of Modern Environmentalism*, in *Minding Nature*, B. Jennings, ed., Winter 2020, Volume 13, Number 1.
13. *Global Environmental Governance and Human Security*, in *Human Security in World Affairs: Problems and Opportunities*, 2d edition, A. Lautensach and S. Lautensach, eds. (2019).
14. *Defending the Tree of Life: The Ethical Justification for the Rights of Nature in a Theory of Justice*, in *Sustainability and the Rights of Nature in Practice*, C. LaFollette and C. Maser, eds. (CRC Press, Taylor and Francis 2019).
15. *From Stardust to Sacred Sands: Protecting Life on Earth through a Human Story of Ethics, Care, and the Cosmos*, in *The Crisis in Global Ethics and the Future of the Earth Charter: Essays in Honor of J. Ronald Engel*, P. Burdon, P. Taylor, eds. (Edward Elgar 2019).
16. *Ecological Integrity and Land Abuses: A Legal and Ethical Analysis of Consumption and Production*, in *Ecological Integrity and Land Uses: Sovereignty, Governance, Displacements and Land Grabs*, L. Westra, K. Bosselmann, V. Zambrano, eds. (Nova 2019).
17. *The State v. The Environment: The ethical and legal implications for state non-action in protecting the foundations of life*, in *Integrity, Governance and Law*, L. Westra, K. Bosselmann, and K. Gwiazdon, eds. (Routledge 2018).
18. *We Cannot Fail: The Promise and Principles of Ecological Law and Governance*, in *Minding Nature*: Spring 2018, Volume 11, Number 2.
19. *International Law and Human Security: The Environmental and Geopolitical Impacts of China's Artificial Island-Building at Fiery Cross Reef*, in *The Role of Integrity in the Governance of the Commons*, L. Westra, J. Gray, and F. Gottwald, eds. (Springer 2017).
20. *Japan's Consideration of Ethics and Justice Issues in Formulating Climate Change Policies*, in *Ethics and Climate Change: A Study of National Commitments*, D. Brown and P. Taylor (IUCN 2015).
21. *Seeking justice in a land without justice: The application of anti-corruption principles to environmental law*, in *Ecological Systems Integrity: Governance, Law and Human Rights*, L. Westra, J. Gray et al, eds. (Earthscan 2014).
22. K. Kintzele (née), *World Peace Begins at Gangjeong: Breaking the fallacy of the national security versus environment argument*, unpublished manuscript (2013).
23. K. Kintzele (née), *Keeping nature alive: Ethical principles on the environment and human health in state statutes*, in *Human Health and Ecological Integrity: Ethics, Law and Human Rights*, L. Westra, C. Soskolne et al, eds. (Earthscan 2012).
24. K. Kintzele (née), *Keeping Nature Alive: from moral motivations to legal implications*, in *Globalisation and Ecological Integrity in Science and International Law*, L. Westra, K. Bosselmann et al, eds. (Cambridge Scholars Press 2011), 515 pp.
25. B. Mackey and K. Kintzele (née), *Keeping Nature Alive: Toward a Code of Ethics for Biodiversity Conservation* (IUCN 2008).
26. K. Kintzele (née), *Book review: T. Greiber, M. Janki, et al., Conservation with Justice: A Rights-based Approach, IUCN Environmental Law and Policy Paper No. 71, 2009, 118 pp.*, IUCN-CEESP. Policy Matters 17: Exploring the Right to Diversity in Conservation Law, Policy, and Practice, 2010, pp. 246-248.
27. K. Kintzele (née), *Book review: Richard P. Hiskes, The Human Right to a Green Future: Environmental Rights and Intergenerational Justice (Cambridge University Press, New York 2009) 171 pp.*, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, Vol. 1 No. 1, March 2010, pp. 127–130.

## PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, and INTERVIEWS

- 2025 Forthcoming, Conference Coordinator and Scientific Committee, Law, Governance, and Ecological Integrity in the Era of Emergency, GEIG and Università Europea di Roma (Rome, Italy)
- 2025 Forthcoming, Invited Panelist, 4th IUCN WCEL World Environmental Law Congress: Integrated legal protection of Air, Ocean and Land (Rabat, Morocco)

- 2025 Forthcoming, Invited Keynote, “Ethical Futures for People and Planet,” Australian Earth Laws Alliance and the Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics (Brisbane, Australia)
- 2024 Moderator, Webinar: “Pinkwashing Palestine,” Gender-Sexualities Alliance and the Muslim Law Student Association, Northern Illinois University College of Law
- 2024 Panelist, “A Seat at the Table: Why Future Generations Need Institutional Representation,” UNGA/World Future Council (UNHQ, New York)
- 2024 Panelist, IUCN WCEL International Expert Colloquium: The Environmental Rule of Law: Future Directions, World Bank (Washington DC)
- 2024 Coordinator and Moderator, IUCN US National Committee Annual Meeting: Members at the Heart of IUCN; and IUCN Regional Conservation Forum (Washington DC)
- 2024 “Decolonizing Gaza/Palestine: International Law, Ecological Integrity, and Confronting the Colonial Legacy of Principles without Principled Action,” Conference Coordinator, “From Colonialism to Cosmologies: Ecological Integrity and Indigenous Knowledge in Law, Policy, and Science,” GEIG and Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Centro de Ciências Jurídicas (CCJ) (Florianopolis, Brazil)
- 2023 Keynote, international conference: “Human Security from a Multidisciplinary Perspective: Mainstreaming Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in a Post-Pandemic Society,” Universitas Slamet Riyadi, Indonesia (Indonesia, virtual)
- 2023 “Truth, Reconciliation, and Relational Sovereignty: A call for transformative, restorative justice in international law,” and Conference Coordinator, international conference: Ecological Integrity, Earth Systems, and the Crises of Democracy, GEIG and University of Potsdam (Potsdam, Germany)
- 2023 Intervention, “A Crisis of Democracy, A Crisis of Life: A Call for an Earth Assembly,” at the 12<sup>th</sup> Interactive Dialogue of the UN General Assembly on Harmony with Nature, with side events at Pace University School of Law and NYU School of Law (New York)
- 2023 “Rights of Nature as an Evolution of Justice,” at the Inaugural Symposium of the NIU College of Law Animal Law Society (DeKalb, IL, virtual)
- 2023 “A Crisis of Identity: the UN Sustainable Development Goals within an Unsustainable Law and Governance Framework,” for the webinar, Ecological Limits of Development: Living with the SDGs, International Society for Systems Sciences
- 2022 Conference host, The Principles of Ecological Law and Governance and How They Respond to the Crises of Today, ELGA, University of Siena (Siena, Italy)
- 2022 Workshop coordinator (A Response to Colonialist Conservation: the role of ethics in advancing just frameworks in international law and governance) and closing plenary panelist (Can a right to a safe and healthy environment trigger systemic change?), international conference: The Transformative Power of Law: Addressing Global Environmental Challenges, IUCN WCEL and University of Oslo (Oslo, Norway)
- 2022 “Lessons from Ukraine: the critical role of ecological integrity in times of war, armed conflict, and occupation,” international conference: Ecological Integrity, Peace, and Public Health, GEIG, University of Salerno (Salerno, Italy)
- 2022 Keynote, “Environmental Injustice in Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Vulnerable Communities,” annual conference of the NIU College of Law Embracing Diversity scholarship (DeKalb, IL)
- 2022 Planning Committee and Closing Chair, international conference: [Epidemiology for Global Action, American College of Epidemiology and the International Network for Epidemiology in Policy](#) (virtual)
- 2022 “International Ecological Law and Governance: Humans, Nature and Neo-colonialism,” international conference: Implementing a New Paradigm in the Post-COVID 19 World: Earth Jurisprudence and Latin America's Rights of Nature, Institute of Latin American Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea, and the National Research Foundation of Korea, with the support of the UN Harmony with Nature Program (South Korea, virtual)
- 2022 Coordinator/Chair, ELGA webinar, [Peace and Ecological Law and Governance](#), with the World Future Council
- 2021 Keynote, “Ethics in Action for the Future of Life,” keynote, Semana del Clima Masoneria Latinoamericana, “Los desafíos éticos ante la crisis climática global: una mirada reflexiva desde la Masonería,” with the Grand Lodges of Chile, Bolivia, Colombia, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Argentina; included interviews with Chilean journalists and CNN Chile (Chile, virtual)
- 2021 “The Ethics of Ecological Law and Governance,” international symposium: Peace with Nature: Laws for Ecological Resilience, Normandy Chair for Peace, International Council for Environmental Law, IUCN WCEL et al, MUCEM (Marseille, France)
- 2021 Coordinator/Chair, ELGA webinar: [Our Democratic Crisis: building covenant with one another and the Earth](#)
- 2021 “Global Governance and Ecological Integrity: Modern Day Colonialism and Foreign Direct Investment in Brazil,” and Conference Coordinator, international conference: Global Governance and Ecological Integrity, GEIG (Montréal, Canada, virtual)



- 2020 Coordinator/Chair, ELGA Webinar: [Ecological Sustainable Development Goals \(E-SDGs\)](#), co-hosted by the University of Siena
- 2020 Coordinator/Chair, ELGA Webinar: [Re-imagining and realizing cities for the common good](#)
- 2020 Keynote, “[Ubuntu as a Methodology for Human, Nature, and Nation-State Solidarity](#),” Lisbon Forum 2020, North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (virtual)
- 2020 “Climate Change Ethics in Law and Policy,” international conference: Earth Laws Asia Pacific: Earth, Sea, Fire, Spirit, Australian Earth Laws Alliance (AELA) (Brisbane, Australia, virtual)
- 2020 “[International Solidarity. Its changing face: how to harness the best from the new equality and social justice movements?](#)” Interview with the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe for the launch of their Solidarity Action campaign (virtual)
- 2020 Coordinator/Chair, ELGA Webinar: [Ecological Law, Policy, and Public Health: Climate Change, COVID, and a New Social Contract](#), with the International Network for Epidemiology in Policy
- 2020 “The Ethics of Climate Change Law and Policy” for the panel, “Climate change health impacts in the context of equity, policy, and the role of epidemiology,” at the annual gathering of the American College of Epidemiology, 2020 theme: Advancing Health Equity - Epidemiologic Research, Education, Policy, and Practice (virtual)
- 2020 Panel on Ethics and Law, International Celebration of Pachamama Day, with numerous indigenous leaders, the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), the Federal University of Goiás (UFG), University of São Paulo Public Health School, the Health Law Research Center of University of São Paulo, Catholic University of Pernambuco, and Derechos de la Madre Tierra (virtual)
- 2019 “The Courage to Care: Climate Change Policy Issues that Raise Important Ethical Questions,” in partnership with UNESCO, at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP25 (Madrid, Spain)
- 2019 “Looking Out the Window: A Humboldtian Approach to Ecological Law and Governance,” at the IX International Congress on Constitutionalism and Democracy, UFSC (Florianopolis, Brazil)
- 2019 “Advancing a Relational Ethic for Global Governance: re-defining state sovereignty through ubuntu,” international conference: Building Earth Ethics in Australia: Pathways and Challenges, AELA and the Australian Catholic University (Brisbane, Australia, virtual)
- 2019 “Relational ethics: the roots of ecological law and governance,” and Conference host, international conference: The Best Practices of Ecological Law and Governance, ELGA, University of Siena (Siena, Italy)
- 2019 “State Responsibility for our Global Crises,” international conference: Perspectives of Ecological Integrity in Science and Law, GEIG, University of Trieste, Faculty of Law (Trieste, Italy)
- 2018 “Ecological Law and Rooted Cosmopolitanism,” International Symposium: Exploring Our Relationships with the Living World, AELA and Griffiths University (Brisbane, Australia)
- 2018 “Ecological Integrity and Land Abuses: A Legal and Ethical Analysis of Consumption and Production,” international conference: Ecological Integrity and Land Uses: Sovereignty, Governance, Displacements, and Land Grabs, GEIG, University of Salerno, Faculty of Law (Salerno, Italy)
- 2018 “How Earth ethics can inform local and global law and governance to create sustainable consumption and production practices,” at the 8<sup>th</sup> Interactive Dialogue of the UN General Assembly on Harmony with Nature (New York, NY)
- 2017 IUCN WCEL Steering Committee Meeting and High-Level Discussion: “Executive Preparatory Colloquium on Sharing Water” for the Judges and Prosecutors Sub-process of the Political Process of the 8th World Water Forum, (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- 2017 “The Promise of Ecological Law: The Ethical and Legal Implications of State Non-Action in Protecting the Foundations of Life,” E4A-ELGA Workshop – From environmental to ecological law, McGill Law Faculty (Montréal, Canada, virtual)
- 2017 “The Role of Ethics in Ecological Law and Governance: Key Procedural and Substantive Considerations,” Launch of the Ecological Law and Governance Association, University of Siena (Siena, Italy)
- 2017 “The Role of Ethics in Ecological Law and Governance: Key Procedural and Substantive Considerations,” Seminar on Human Rights and Rights of Nature, UFSC, Florianopolis, Brazil (virtual)
- 2017 “The State v. The Environment: The ethical and legal implications for state non-action in protecting the foundations of life,” international conference: Ecological Integrity 25 Years On and Environmental Disasters as Crimes Against Humanity, GEIG, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law (Windsor, Canada)
- 2017 “A Way Forward: Environmental Ethics Serving the Public Good,” conference side event, Ecological Integrity and Democracy at a Tipping Point, GEIG, CEEL, and ELGA (Windsor, Canada)
- 2016 “International Law and Human Security: The Environmental and Geopolitical Implications of China’s Artificial Island-Building at Fiery Cross Reef,” international conference: The Common Good: The Role of Integrity in the Support of Life and Human Security, GEIG, Hochschule für Philosophie (Munich, Germany)
- 2014 “Seeking justice in a land without justice: The application of anti-corruption principles to environmental law,” international conference: Global Integrity at the Tipping Point: Imminent and Ongoing Threats to the Ecological,

- Social and Cultural Evolution of the Planet, GEIG, Aegean Institute of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Law (Rhodes, Greece)
- 2012 “Confronting Ecological and Economic Collapse: Ecological Integrity for Law, Policy, and Human Rights,” international conference: Confronting Collapse: What Agencies, Institutions, and Strategies Are Needed for a Better World? How to Achieve Environmental Justice? GEIG, University of La Rochelle (La Rochelle, France)
- 2011 “Climate Change, Ethics, and Human Rights,” workshop at the UNFCCC COP17 (Durban, South Africa)
- 2011 “Keeping nature alive: Ethical principles on the environment and human health in state statutes,” international conference: Human Rights and Duties: Supporting Biological Integrity for Public Health, GEIG, St. Charles Medical School (Prague, Czech Republic)
- 2010 “Keeping Nature Alive: from moral motivations to legal implications,” international conference: Ecological Integrity and Globalization: Science, Human Behaviour, Public Policy and the Law, GEIG, University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada)
- 2009-2010 Working Group Meetings: Ecological Political Economy, Yale University (New Haven, CT) and the New School for Social Research (New York, NY)
- 2009 “The Biosphere Ethics Initiative and the *Relato* Methodology,” international conference: State Sovereignty, International Law, and Ecological Integrity, GEIG: European University and University of Firenze (Firenze, Italy)
- 2009 Intl Env'tl Law Panel with Prof. D. Freestone, The George Washington University Law School (Washington, D.C.)
- 2008 “A Human Right to a Healthy Environment in State Constitutions,” international conference: Reconciling Human Existence and Ecological Integrity, GEIG, Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany)
- 2008 Coordinator, Ethics Workshop and IUCN President Candidate Panel, 4<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress (Barcelona, Spain)
- 2008 A Conversation with Sulak Sivaraksa on Applied Ethics (New York, NY)
- 2008 CHN and the New School for Social Research, Humans, Nature, and Democracy: The Legacy of Pragmatism (New York, NY)

TOPIC: Biosphere Ethics Initiative (BEI) – professional workshops of the international law program that highlights ethical principles of biodiversity conservation in action

- 2024 [postponed] International Symposium Honoring 40 Years of the Ethics Specialist Group (ESG) of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), [THE PLACE & POWER OF IUCN FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, & LIFE ON EARTH](#) (Amman, Jordan)
- 2024 Inaugural Gathering of Women's International Network in Gary Symposium (WINGS, a project of Gary, Rise) (Gary, Indiana)
- 2023 Recife Declaration on Racism as a Global Public Health Crisis (Recife, Brazil)
- 2023 Ourém *Relato* (Ourém, Portugal)
- 2022 Gary, Rise Citizens Inquiry (Gary, Indiana)
- 2022 “Gary, Rise and the *Relato* Methodology,” We are the Earth: Environmental Justice, a Moral Imperative (Global, National, Local), Indiana Center for Middle East Peace (Fort Wayne, Indiana)
- 2021 Gary, Rise, launch at the U.S. National Park Service (Gary, Indiana)
- 2012 5<sup>th</sup> IUCN World Conservation Congress, Congress Forum and Members Assembly (Jeju, Republic of Korea)
- 2011 Rio State *Relato* (Rio State, Brazil)
- 2011 BEI and a New Economics (Morton Arboretum, Chicago, IL)
- 2011 Jordan *Relato* (Amman, Jordan)
- 2011 IUCN WCEL Steering Committee Meeting (Asuncion, Paraguay)
- 2010 IUCN Council Workshop (Gland, Switzerland)
- 2010 COP10 Convention on Biological Diversity – Ethics of the CBD, Plenary, ICLEI Cities Summit (Nagoya, Japan)
- 2010 The Indiana Dunes *Relato* (Northwest Indiana region, Indiana)
- 2010 IUCN Environmental Law Centre (Bonn, Germany)
- 2010 Paris Nationale muséum d'Histoire naturelle and UICN Comité français (Paris, France)
- 2009 American University College of Law, Center for International Environmental Law and IUCN WCEL: Inaugural Conference on Developments in Intl Env'tl Law (American University College of Law, Washington, D.C.)
- 2009 CHN, Center for U.S.-China Arts Exchange and IUCN WCEL ESG: 4th Annual Keeping Nature Alive Symposium: Drafting the Biosphere Ethics Project's Draft Code of Ethics for Biodiversity Conservation (Libertyville, IL)
- 2009 Globalization for the Common Good: The Challenge to America (Loyola University, Chicago, IL)
- 2009 World Social Forum: Environment Ministry of Brazil, Local Agendas 21 Day Panel (Belém, Brazil)
- 2008 CHN and IUCN: BEI Drafting and Synthesis (Libertyville, IL)
- 2008 South African National Parks *Relato* (Cape Town, South Africa)
- 2007 Chicago Wilderness *Relato* (Libertyville, IL)
- 2005-2006 CHN and IUCN: Toward a Code of Ethics for Biodiversity Conservation (Libertyville, IL; Gland, Switzerland)



2005 Earth Charter +5 (Amsterdam, Netherlands)

## HONORS

2010 *Indiana Lawyer*, Up and Coming Lawyer of 2010

2007 Dean W. Kohloff Award for Excellence in Environmental Law

## EDUCATION

Valparaiso University School of Law (2007)

Valparaiso, Indiana USA

Degree: Juris Doctorate

Indiana University (2004)

Indianapolis, Indiana USA

Degrees: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; Bachelor of Arts in French (written translation), *with Distinction*

Minor: Social and Cultural Relations of Western Europe

The George Washington University (2002)

Washington D.C. USA

Certificate: Campaign Management, The Graduate School of Political Management

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