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# EENR Newsletter Fall 2023

## Faculty Publications



**Tracy Hester**  
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*Ecoworship and Federal Environmental Law*, 48(2)  
Columbia Journal of Environmental Law 55 (2023).

*Carbon Capture and Sequestration, and Carbon Dioxide Removal*, chapter in *Global Climate Change and U.S. Law* (3d ed.), ed. Michael Gerrard, Jody Freeman, and Michael Burger (2023).

*Spinning Off Carbon: Corporate Restructuring in a Climate Bankrupt World*, \_\_\_ New York University Environmental Law Journal \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2023).



**Gina S. Warren**  
A.L. O'Quinn Chair in Environmental  
Studies  
Co-director, Environment, Energy &  
Natural Resources Center

*Where We Live Matters: Achieving Energy Justice Through Affordable Housing*, 45 Fordham Environmental Law Review \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2023) (with Isabel Huntsman).



**Darren Bush**  
**Leonard B. Rosenberg College Professor of Law**

*Why Economists Should Support Populist Antitrust Goals*, 2023 UTAH L. REV. 769 (2023) (with Mark Glick and Gabriel A. Lozada)

*Breaking up Consumer Welfare's Antitrust Policy Monopoly*, 56 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 203 (2023) (with Mark Glick)



**Julian Cardenas Garcia, Research Assistant Professor**  
**Director, Center for U.S. and Mexican Law**

*The Transnational Practice of Petroleum Law*, \_\_\_\_ Houston Journal of International Law \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2024).

*El desarrollo y protección legal de inversiones de litio en América Latina*, in *Energía 2050*, Vol. 2. Tirant lo Blanch, Mexico (forthcoming 2024 )



**Elizabeth Trujillo, Mary Ann & Lawrence E. Faust Professor of Law**  
**Founding Director, Initiative on Global Law and Policy for the Americas**

*Global Challenges, Local Solutions: An Introduction to New Perspectives to International and Comparative Law* (with Sabrina Ragone), 45 Houston Journal of International Law 1: xiii (2022)

*The USMCA and the Environment: Setting Trends for Global and Regional Trade in The Future of Trade: A North American Perspective*, David A. Gantz and Tony Payan, eds. (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2023)



## Jacqueline Weaver (Emeritus)

Ernest E. Smith, Jacqueline Lang Weaver, & Owen L. Anderson, *Texas Law of Oil and Gas* (2023 update).



## Bret Wells Law Foundation Professor of Law

Reform of Section 367(a) and Section 367(b) in a Post-TCJA Era, 23 *Hous. Bus. & Tax L. J.* 195 (2023).

Tax Credit Redux, 26 *Chapman L. Rev.* 159 (2022)



## Denney Wright Professor of Practice

Denney L. Wright and Julie M. Chapel, 512-2nd T.M., *Tax Incentives for Production and Conservation of Energy and Natural Resources* (2022-23 update).



## Kellen Zale Associate Professor of Law George Butler Research Professorship

Stadiums and State Environmental Policy Acts, in *Sports Stadiums and Environmental Justice* (Timothy Kellison ed., 2023).

*The Anti-Tenancy Doctrine*, 171 *U. Penn. L. Rev.* 267 (2023) (with Sarah Schindler)

## Conference Highlights

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Denney L. Wright International Energy Tax Conference and the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Houston Business and Tax Law Journal Symposium, “Exploring International Energy

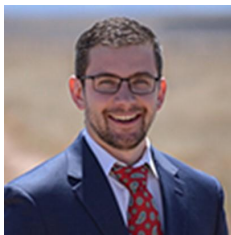
Investments During Transition,” March 24, 2023.

EENR faculty, Denney Wright and the Houston Business and Tax Law Journal hosted the 5th Annual Denney L. Wright International Energy Tax Conference. The all-day conference included panels on investment, taxes, and sanctions in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, Australia, Russia, and Venezuela, as well as the changing energy business models and moving forward during a time of transition. The conference was sponsored by BakerHostetler, Bracewell, ExxonMobil, Holland & Knight, KPMG, Skadden, White & Case, Baker Botts, Mayer Brown, Akin, and Dr. Windsong Hollis, M.D., Washington D.C.

7th Annual North American Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Conference, “Increasing Risks to Energy Security: Taking on Political, Climatic, and Criminal Risks to North American Energy Supply,” April 27, 2023.

EENR’s 7th Annual North American Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Conference included presentations and discussions on geopolitical risks, the impacts of a changing climate on electricity and other energy supplies, privacy and cyber-security risks, and risks from supply chain disruptions, as well as a dialog with general counsel on the prestigious Dean’s General Counsel Panel. The conference was co-sponsored by Blank Rome, EENR, UH Energy, The University of Calgary Faculty of Law, Global Law and Policy for the Americas, and Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

## Research and Visiting Scholar Happenings



Connor Thompson is going into his third year as a research scholar with EENR. His research has focused on advancement of carbon capture utilization and storage (“CCUS”), decarbonizing the electric grid, and low carbon power with stakeholders across industry, state governments, and the University. He has two studies and authored two white papers, which will soon be published by UH Energy. He has also worked on two Department of Energy grant proposals for CCUS demonstration projects. He is separately

working on other projects involving carbon dioxide pipeline siting and safety, carbon market protocols, and the role that state utility commissions can play in implementing the Inflation Reduction Act and other similar legislation which will be crucial in implementing federal decarbonization goals - all while ensuring the grids they regulate maintain reliability and affordability.



Aubin Nzaou  
Visiting Scholar

Nzaou organized and hosted the robust Marie Sklodowska-Curie Speaker Series as follows:

**[Climate Justice: Understanding the Link Between Land Use, Climate Risk, and Social Vulnerability](#)**, featuring Sheila Foster, the Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Urban Law and Policy, and Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University (June 8, 2023)

**[Avoiding Performative Climate Justice](#)**, featuring Katrina F. Kuh, Haub Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law at Pace University (April 13, 2023)

[Transnational Energy Law Regimes and Systems Dynamics: Calibrating Finance Mechanisms of the International Renewable Energy Agency and the Energy Charter Treaty](#), featuring Nadia B. Ahmad, Associate Professor at Barry University School of Law (March 23, 2023)

[On \(Corporate\) Purpose](#), featuring Judd Sneirson, Professor of Law at Southern University Law Center (February 23, 2023)

[Confronting the other Climate Imperative: An Approach to Sky Cleanup Using Natural Climate Solutions \(NCS\)](#), featuring Mary Christina Wood, Philip H. Knight Professor of Law, Faculty Director Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center, University of Oregon School of Law (January 31, 2023)

[Winds of Change?: Expansion of Industrial Offshore Wind and Reflection on the need for Ocean Ethics](#), featuring Anastasia Telesetsky, Professor of Law at California Polytechnic State University (January 12, 2023)

[Expediting the Approval of Renewable Energy Project](#), featuring Michael Gerrard, the Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice, Faculty Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School (December 8, 2022)

## Student Corner

Kevin Donovan, J.D.'22

*Decarbonizing Decentralized Currency: How Decentralized Datacenter Overlay Zones Could Ensure Bitcoin Mining's Clean Transition to the United States*, The Urban Lawyer 52-1 (2023)



Isabel Huntsman, J.D.'23

*Where We Live Matters: Achieving Energy Justice Through Affordable Housing*, 45 Fordham Environmental Law Review \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2023) (with Gina S. Warren).



Holton Farnum, J.D.'23

*Spaghetti, Meet Wall: What Midstream Energy Companies Can Do to Combat Contract Rejection During Upstream Bankruptcy Proceedings*, 60 *Houston Law Review* 937 (2023)



Muriel Hague, J.D.'24 (anticipated)

*Muriel Hague, A Hitchhiker's Guide to Carbon Capture and Sequestration: Regulation in Texas and Beyond*, 61 *Houston Law Review* \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming 2024)



Kaileigh Mallin, J.D.'24 (anticipated)

*ESG Disclosure Mandates: It's Not Easy Being Green*, 61 *Houston Law Review* \_\_\_\_ (forthcoming s2024)



## Upcoming Events

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Denney L. Wright International Energy Tax Conference and the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Business and Tax Law Journal Symposium, "Lessons Learned from International Energy Investments," March 22, 2024.

8<sup>th</sup> Annual North American Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Conference, "Energy in Transition: Obstacles and Opportunities for Carbon Capture, Infrastructure Repurposing, and a Resilient Electricity Grid," April 18, 2024.

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