

Environmental Justice and Community Impacts: from Theory to Practice

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Time: 6-7pm ET

Format: Zoom Webinar

Description: This panel will focus on applying the lens of environmental justice and community impact to jobs and decisions in the sustainable and environmental industries.

Moderator: Pat Gonzales-Rogers, Lecturer and Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, Yale School of the Environment and Yale Center for Environmental Justice

Panelists:

Christine Appah, Environmental Lawyer

Danielle Flanagan, Project Management Fellow, Environmental Defense Fund

Nina Lagpacan, Program Officer, Oceankind

Lindsey Lawson, Sustainability Consultant, The Green Engineer

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Moderator

Pat Gonzales-Rogers

Lecturer and Distinguished Practitioner in Residence | Yale School of the Environment and Yale Center for Environmental Justice

Pat is a Distinguished Practitioner in Residence at the Yale Center for Environmental Justice and Lecturer at the Yale School of the Environment as well as a Fellow of Practice and a Visiting Resident Fellow and the Distinguished Simpson-Hewett Lecturer for the Yale School of Divinity. Pat also acted as the Executive Director of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition and was the Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs, as well as the Chief of Congressional and Legislative Affairs for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Previously, he served as Senior Policy Advisor for the US Affiliated Pacific, Special Assistant at the Administration for Native Americans, Assistant General Counsel to the US Senate Indian Affairs Committee, and the Director of Policy for Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico. Pat holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and is a graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Panelists

Christine Appah

Environmental Lawyer

Christine Appah is an attorney and consultant who specializes in environmental justice and sustainability. Her background includes several years of experience in the nonprofit sector, working on environmental, housing, food justice and civil rights issues. Christine has worked as a senior staff attorney in the Environmental Justice Program at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and as a regional director at the New York State Division of Human Rights. She began her career as a staff attorney in the Civil Division of The Legal Aid Society of New York. She has served as a member of New York City's Environmental Justice and OneNYC Advisory Boards. A dedicated educator and mentor, Christine

teaches courses on environmental justice as an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Climate School and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.

Christine graduated magna cum laude from The City College of New York (CUNY) and received her law degree from Duke University School of Law. She is also a graduate of the New York City Environmental Law Leadership Institute.

Danielle N. Flanagan

Project Management Fellow | Environmental Defense Fund

Danielle is a recent Yale School of the Environment graduate. Currently, she is working at the Environmental Defense Fund as a Program Management Fellow. Her work focuses on creating and overseeing project management structures for tracking the deliverables of the Justice and Equity Team as well as tracking organizational progress on equity and justice. Prior to her current role, she worked at a San Francisco Bay Area climate action non-profit named Acterra, wherein she supported the business partnership efforts.

Nina Lagpacan

Program Officer | Oceankind

Nina is a Program Officer with Oceankind, a philanthropic organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area dedicated to protecting marine ecosystems. She provides operational support and manages Oceankind's investments that advance diversity, equity, inclusion and justice in marine conservation and environmental philanthropy.

Prior to joining Oceankind, Nina worked with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation supporting the Ocean and Seafood Markets and Forests and Agricultural Markets portfolios. Before entering philanthropy, Nina worked as a park ranger in the Tetons and Rockies for the National Park Service.

Nina received a joint MBA/ Master of Environmental Management degrees from Yale University and a B.A. in Integrative Biology and German from the University of California Berkeley.

Lindsey Lawson

Sustainability Consultant | The Green Engineer

Lindsey works as a sustainability consultant for The Green Engineer, an employee-owned firm based in the greater Boston region. She provides facilitation, design reviews, and permitting assistance for commercial building projects seeking LEED, WELL and other sustainability and occupant health goals. Previously, Lindsey served as a Sustainability Consultant at WSP and a Staff Engineer at Langan Engineering & Environmental Services. She draws on her civil design background in green infrastructure and stormwater management in her current role as a sustainability consultant. Lindsey holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Princeton University.