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### **CAREER HISTORY**

Robert R.M. Verchick holds the Gauthier-St. Martin Endowed Chair in Environmental Law at Loyola University New Orleans. He is also a Senior Fellow in Disaster Resilience at Tulane University and President of the Center for Progressive Reform, a national policy institute focused on public health and environmental protection. He is one of the nation's leading scholars in disaster law and the law of climate change adaptation. He has taught as a visiting professor at Yale University, Peking University, and Aarhus University in Denmark.

In 2009 and 2010, Professor Verchick served in the Obama administration as Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In that role, he helped develop climate adaptation policy for the EPA and served on President Obama's Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force. In the fall of 2012, he researched climate adaptation policies in India as a Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi, supported by a Fulbright Award.

Professor Verchick's writing focuses on climate change adaptation, catastrophic hazards, and environmental regulation. He is an author of three books, including the award-winning, *Facing Catastrophe: Environmental Action for a Post-Katrina World* (Harvard University Press 2010) and *Disaster Law and Policy* (Aspen Press, 3rd ed. 2015) (with Daniel A. Farber, James Ming Chen, & Lisa Grow Sun). His work has appeared in many venues, including the *California Law Review*, the *Southern California Law Review*, and the environmental law reviews at Harvard, Stanford, and Berkeley. An enthusiastic speaker, Professor Verchick has presented his research at many schools, including Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Columbia, Oxford, the Panthéon-Sorbonne, Peking University, and the National University of Singapore. Professor Verchick holds an A.B. degree with distinction and honors from Stanford University and a J.D. degree *cum laude* from Harvard University.

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## **EDUCATION**

Harvard Law School, J.D. cum laude 1989

- Articles Editor, Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review

Stanford University, A.B., English with distinction and honors (highest awards) 1986

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Senior Thesis: Mark Twain and Comic Theory

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Spring 2018      Visiting Professor, Yale Law School and Yale School of Forestry  
and Environmental Studies (joint appointment) (on leave from  
Loyola University New Orleans)

2004-present      Wendell H. Gauthier ~ Michael X. St. Martin Eminent Scholar Chair  
in Environmental Law, Loyola University New Orleans, School of  
Law, New Orleans, LA

Founding Faculty Director, Loyola Center for Environmental Law

- 2013-present Senior Fellow, Tulane University, Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy, School of Social Work (M.S. program), New Orleans, LA
- Leads the “Environmental Pillar” of the Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy; teaches Disaster Resilience: Environment & Infrastructure (which I designed), a required course in the M.S. program; helps design curriculum, supervises independent student research; advises students on curricular and career matters; consults on academy's research projects
- 2012 Visiting Fellow and Fulbright-Nehru Environmental Leadership Scholar, Centre for Policy Research—India, New Delhi, India, Fall (on sabbatical from Loyola)
- 2009 & 2010 Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C (appointed by President Barack Obama) (on leave from Loyola University New Orleans)
- Co-managed (as deputy) Office of Policy which is responsible for developing innovative agency-wide policies (including climate adaptation), coordinating agency-wide rulemaking process, and overseeing economic analyses of proposed regulatory actions. Staff: 171.
- Served on White House Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force. Contributing author: *Progress Report [to the President] of the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force: Recommended Actions in Support of a National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy* (Oct. 5, 2010)
- Served on White House Interagency Work Group on “America's Great Outdoors” conservation initiative. Contributing author: *America's Great Outdoors: A Promise to Future Generations* (Feb. 2011)
- Helped craft EPA's priority environmental justice initiatives, including *Interim Guidance on Incorporating Environmental Justice During the Development of an Action* (Office of Policy) and *Plan EJ 2014* (Office of Environmental Justice)
- 1993-99 Ruby M. Hulen Professor of Law and Urban Affairs, University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC), School of Law, Kansas City, MO
- 2004 Visiting Professor of Law, Northwestern Law School of Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR, Summer

- 2002 Visiting Professor of Law, Peking University (“Beida”), Beijing, China, Summer
- 1998 Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Seattle University, Tacoma, WA (on leave from UMKC)
- 1997 Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Aarhus University, Århus, Denmark (on leave from UMKC)
- 1990-93 Associate, Riddell, Williams, Bullitt & Walkinshaw (now Riddell Williams P.S.), Seattle, WA
- 1987-88 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Cambridge, MA. Course: Sex Discrimination Law
- 1986 Teacher, Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT
- 1985-86 Instructor, Stanford University, School of Engineering, Stanford, CA. Course: Public Speaking

### **CURRENT AND RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)**

President, Board Member, and Member Scholar, Center for Progressive Reform, Washington, D.C.

Member, Advisory Board, YEARBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL DISASTER LAW (Brill Publishing)

Member, Executive Committee of the Coalition for Sensible Safeguards, Washington, D.C.

Co-Founder and Board Member, Blue Collaborative, a nonprofit film & theater production company

Founder and CEO, Cliffrose Media, LLC

Member, Louisiana State Council, Engage Cuba Coalition

Former Co-Editor, THE URBAN LAWYER law journal (American Bar Association)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

(for copies, see [www.robverchick.com](http://www.robverchick.com))

## ***In Progress***

LIVING WITH TIGERS: HOW TO SURVIVE A WARMING PLANET (book project, in discussion with literary agents)

## ***Books***

CLIMATE DISASTER LAW: BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES (Edward Elgar Pub., Rosemary Lyster & Robert R.M. Verchick eds., 2018).

DISASTER LAW AND POLICY (WoltersKluwer/Aspen 3d ed. 2015 and 2d ed. 2009) (with Daniel A. Farber, James Ming Chen, & Lisa Grow Sun)

FEMINIST LEGAL THEORY (NYU Press 2d ed. 2016 and 1st ed. 2001) (with Nancy Levit and foreword by Martha Minow)

FACING CATASTROPHE: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FOR A POST-KATRINA WORLD (Harvard University Press 2010)

- CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title of 2010 (American Library Association)

## ***Book Chapters***

*Big Chills: How U.S. Choices Will Affect Cuba's Environmental Future*, in THE CUBA-US BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP: NEW PATHWAYS AND POLICY CHOICES (Oxford University Press, Michael J. Kelly, et al. eds., 2019) (with Karen C. Sokol) (forthcoming)

*Disaster*, in OXFORD HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (Oxford University Press, Lavanya Rajamani & Jacqueline Peel eds., 2019) (forthcoming)

*Tales from the Back Bench*, in BEYOND ONE L: STORIES ABOUT FINDING MEANING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LAW (Nancy Levit & Allen Rostron eds., 2019)

*Planning for Disaster*, in CLIMATE DISASTER LAW: BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES (Edward Elgar Pub., Rosemary Lyster & Robert R.M. Verchick eds., 2018)

*Protecting the Power Grid from Climate Disaster*, in CLIMATE DISASTER LAW: BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES (Edward Elgar Pub., Rosemary Lyster & Robert R.M. Verchick eds., 2018) (with Rosemary Lyster)

*Environmental Law*, in CUBA: A LEGAL GUIDE TO BUSINESS, (Thomas Reuters Publishing, José Cot & Rolando Anillo eds., 2016)

*Disaster Law and Climate Change*, in CLIMATE CHANGE LAW, (Edward Elgar Publishing, Daniel A. Farber & Marjan Peeters eds., 2016)

*Natural Disaster and Climate Change*, in INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES, 491-507 (Shawkat Alam, Sumudu Atapattu, Carmen G. Gonzalez, & Jona Razzaque eds., Cambridge University Press 2015) (with Paul Govind)

*Protecting the Coast*, in THE LAW OF ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE: UNITED STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS (Michael B. Gerrard and Katrina Kuh, eds., ABA Publishing 2012) (with Joel Scheraga)

*Adaptive Justice*, in CLIMATE CHANGE READER (William Rodgers & Michael Robinson-Dorn eds., Carolina Press 2009)

*Adaptation, Economics, and Justice*, in ECONOMIC THOUGHT AND U.S. CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY (David Driesen ed., MIT Press 2009)

*Preemption and Theories of Federalism* (with Nina Mendelson, University of Michigan), in PREEMPTION CHOICE: THE THEORY, LAW AND REALITY OF FEDERALISM'S CORE QUESTION (William W. Buzbee ed., Cambridge University Press 2009)

*Fair Distribution of Environmental Harms and Benefits*, in A New Progressive Agenda for Public Health and the Environment (Rena Steinzor & Christopher Schroeder eds., Carolina Press 2004)

*Feminist Theory and Environmental Justice*, in New Perspectives on Environmental Justice: Gender, Sexuality and Activism, (Rachel Stein ed., Rutgers University Press 2004)

### ***Publications in Academic Journals***

*Diamond in the Rough: Disaster Justice in Surat, India*, in 1(3) ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING E: NATURE AND SPACE 288 (2018)

*Inequality, Social Resilience, and the Green Economy*, 86 U.M.K.C. L. REV. 755 (2018) (with Sidney A. Shapiro)

*Can "Loss and Damage" Carry the Load*, 376 PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY A: MATHEMATICAL, PHYSICAL, AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES, 20170070 (2018)

*Culture, Cognition, & Climate*, 2016 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LAW REVIEW 969

- selected by ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW as one of the top twenty environmental law articles published in 2016-17

*When Retreat Is the Best Option: Flood Insurance after Biggert-Waters and Other Climate Change Puzzles*, 47 JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW 695 (2013) (with Lynsey Rae Johnson)

*Disaster Justice: The Geography of Human Capability*, 24 DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY FORUM 23 (2012)

- selected by peers as one of the top environmental law articles published in 2012-13; reprinted in *Land Use and Environmental Law Review* (2014)

*Blow Out in the Gulf of Mexico: Assessing Environmental Damages and Minimizing Risk* (with Stephen Wussow), 56 LAW & TECHNOLOGY (2012) (translated into Japanese by Tadashi Otsuka)

*Adapting to Climate Change while Planning for Disaster: Footholds, Rope Lines, and the Iowa Floods*, 2011 B.Y.U. LAW REVIEW 2201 (2011) (with Abby Hall)

*Climate Change and the Puget Sound: Building the Legal Framework for Adaptation*, 2(3) CLIMATE LAW 1 (2011) (with Yee Huang, et al.)

*ONE L REVISITED: Tales from the Back Bench*, 78 U.M.K.C. L. REV. 1111 (2010)

*Katrina, Feminism, and Environmental Justice*, 13 CARDOZO JOURNAL OF LAW AND GENDER 791 (2007)

*Afterword: The Economics of Infrastructure*, 52 LOYOLA LAW REVIEW 933 (2007)

*Risk, Fairness, and the Geography of Disaster*, ISSUES IN LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP, Symposium on Catastrophic Risks: Prevention, Compensation, and Recovery (2007): Article 6, available at <http://www.bepress.com/ils/iss10/art6> (reprinted in DISASTER MANAGEMENT: LEGAL AND POLICY PERCEPTIONS (A. Sabitha, ed. 2007-08))

*The Case Against Cost-Benefit Analysis*, 32 ECOLOGY LAW QUARTERLY 101 (University of California at Berkeley 2005)

*Loving Las Vegas*, 37 URBAN LAWYER 619 (2005)

*Same-Sex and the City*, 37 URBAN LAWYER 191 (2005)

*Unique Property Annotated Bibliography*, 18 JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MATRIMONIAL LAWYERS 589 (2004) (with Nancy Levit)

*Toward Normative Rules for Agency Interpretation: Defining Jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act*, 55 ALABAMA LAW REVIEW 845 (2004)

*Let the People Speak: Notice and Comment Rulemaking (Lessons from the Controversial New Source Review Proposal of the Clean Air Act)*, 34 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10115 (Environmental Law Institute 2004) (with Victor Flatt, Michael M. O’Hear, and Mark Squillace)

*Can Local Government Save the Global Commons? Lessons from the Johannesburg Summit*, 3 STANFORD AGORA (2003)

*Why the Global Environment Needs Local Government: Lessons from the Johannesburg Summit*, 35 URBAN LAWYER 471 (2003)

*Beyond the “Courts of the Conqueror”: Balancing Private and Cultural Property Rights under Hawaiian Law*, 5 THE SCHOLAR: ST. MARY’S LAW REVIEW ON MINORITY ISSUES 201 (2003) (with M. Casey Jarman)

*Steinbeck’s Holism: Science, Literature, and Environmental Law*, 22 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 1 (2003)

*Foreword: Cities on the Frontline*, 34 URBAN LAWYER 557 (2002)

*Free Speech, Toxic Tort, and the Battle of Sugar Creek*, 70 UMKC LAW REVIEW 245 (2001)

*A Survey of Federal Agency Response to President Clinton’s Executive Order No. 12898 on Environmental Justice* (with Denis Binder, et al.), 31 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 11133 (lead article) (reprinted in CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN AND EILEEN GAUNA, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE (2002))

*Feathers or Gold? A Civic Economics for Environmental Law*, 25 HARVARD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REVIEW 95 (2001) (reprinted in SOPHISTICATED SABOTAGE (Thomas McGarity, Sid Shapiro, & David Bollier, eds. 2004))

*A New Species of Rights?* 89 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 207 (2001)

*Environmental Law, The Pre-quel*, 3 JURIST: BOOKS-ON-LAW (May 2000)

*Dust Bowl Blues: Saving and Sharing the Ogallala Aquifer*, 14 JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & LITIGATION 13 (1999)

*Critical Space Theory: Keeping Local Geography in American and European Environmental Law*, 73 TULANE LAW REVIEW 739 (1999) (excerpted in NATURAL RESOURCES LAW: A PLACE-BASED BOOK OF CASES AND PROBLEMS (Christine A. Klein, Frederico Cheever, Bret C. Birdsong, eds. 2005))

*The Commerce Clause, Environmental Justice, and the Interstate Garbage Wars*, 70 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1239 (1997)



*In a Greener Voice: Feminist Theory and Environmental Justice*, 19 HARVARD WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL 23 (1996)

*Engaging the Spectrum: Civic Virtue and the Protection of Student Voice in School-Sponsored Forums*, 24 JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW 339 (1991)

### ***Policy Papers***

DISASTER AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION, (2018) (with Kaitlin Brockett) Prepared for ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources. Received “Best Paper Award.”

FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING: A DISASTER RESILIENCE REPORT (2018) (with Rebecca Bratspies, Maxine Burkett, John Echiverria, Dan Farber, Victor Flatt, David Flores, Alyson Flournoy, Evan Isaacson, Alice Kaswan, Christine Klein, Joel Mintz, Sid Shapiro, Karen Sokol, Joseph Tomain, Katie Tracy, on behalf of Center for Progressive Reform)

REACHING HIGHER GROUND: AVENUES TO SECURE AND MANAGE NEW LAND FOR COMMUNITIES DISPLACED BY CLIMATE CHANGE (2017) (with Maxine Burkett and David Flores, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform).

CASE STUDIES OF NONSTRUCTURAL ADAPTATION STRATEGIES: LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE GULF COAST REGION (2015) (with Carmen Gonzalez, Yee Huang, Shawn Bowen, and Nowal Jamhour, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform)

WHAT LAWYERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (2013). Prepared for ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources.

FAIRNESS IN THE BAY: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND NUTRIENT TRADING IN THE CHESAPEAKE (2012) (with Rena Steinzor, Nicholas Vidargas, and Yee Huang, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform)

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE PUGET SOUND: BUILDING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ADAPTATION (2011) (with Robert L. Glicksman, Catherine O’Neill, Yee Huang, William L. Andreen, Robin Kundis Craig, Victor Flatt, William Funk, Dale Goble, and Alice Kaswan, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform)

PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT BY THE STROKE OF A PRESIDENTIAL PEN: SEVEN EXECUTIVE ORDERS FOR THE PRESIDENT’S FIRST 100 DAYS (2008) (with Rebecca Bratspies, David Driesen, Robert Fischman, Sheila Foster, Eileen Gauna, Robert Glicksman, and Alexandra Klass, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform)

AN UNNATURAL DISASTER: THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE KATRINA (2005) (with David Driesen, Alyson Flournoy, Sheila Foster, Eileen Gauna, Robert L. Glicksman, Carman Gonzalez, David Gottlieb, Donald T. Hornstein, Douglas Kysar, Catherine A. O'Neill, Clifford Rechtschaffen, Christopher Schroeder, Sidney Shapiro, Rena Steinzor, Joseph P. Tomain, and Karen Sokol, on behalf of the Center for Progressive Reform)

### ***Popular Articles***

*Our Energy Grid Is Amazingly Vulnerable. And Climate Change Is the Cause*, SLATE (Aug. 26, 2016), <http://slate.me/2bEnDu0>

### ***Opinion***

*Not Content with his War on Science, Scott Pruitt Now Wages a War on Economics*, L.A. TIMES (June 28, 2018), <https://lat.ms/2SmydtS>

*Burying Our Head in Sand on Climate Change No Longer an Option*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE (Sept. 28, 2017) (with Victor Flatt)

*About that Octopus in the Parking Garage*, MIAMI HERALD (Dec. 4, 2016) (with Daniel Farber)

*Time for Communities to Face Climate Change*, ADVOCATE (New Orleans) (Apr. 14, 2016)

*VW and GM Scandals Show Why Regulation Matters*, THE HILL (Washington, D.C.) (Sept. 30, 2015) (with Rena Steinzor)

*Katrina's Lessons: Learned and Unlearned*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE (Aug. 28, 2015)

*SB 469 Shouldn't Be Rushed*, THE ADVOCATE (New Orleans) (June 8, 2014) (with Christine Klein)

*Gov. Jindal, Don't Sign Away Our Legal Claims Against BP*, TIMES-PICAYUNE (New Orleans) (May 31, 2014)

*Become a Rulemaking Ninja: Exploring the OIRA Web Portal*, 43 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10980 (Nov. 2013)

*Politics and Progress: Will the White House Stall Its Own Climate Change Plans?*, THE HILL (Washington, D.C.) (July 25, 2013)

*In Making Disaster Plans, We Have to Imagine the Worst Case*, TIMES-PICAYUNE (New Orleans) Apr. 28, 2011)

*Recovery in Japan: Will It Be Heavy-Handed or Hands-Off?*, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR (Apr. 13, 2011)

*A Federal Obligation*, BALTIMORE SUN (Feb. 7, 2006)

*An Earth Summit Scorecard*, INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS NEWSLETTER, Oct. 2002

*Summit Produces Global Benefits*, KANSAS CITY STAR, Sept. 24, 2002

*“A Civil Action” Shows How Community Is Often Forgotten*, KANSAS CITY STAR, Feb. 4, 1999

### ***Fiction***

*Bears*, 2 VOICES 19 (2004) (short story)

### ***Honors and Awards***

Gillis Long Public Service Award (Loyola University New Orleans), 2019

Best Paper Award, 2018 Fall Meeting of the ABA’s Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, for *Disasters and Environmental Regulation* (with Kaitlin Brockett)

Recipient of teaching awards at Tulane University (2017), Loyola University New Orleans (2005), UMKC (1999 and 1995), Seattle University (1998), and Harvard University (1988)

Fulbright-Nehru Environmental Leadership Award (Council for International Exchange of Scholars), supporting research on climate change adaptation policy in India (Fall 2012)

2010 CHOICE Award (American Library Association), conferred to “Outstanding Academic Titles” of the year (for *FACING CATASTROPHE: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FOR A POST-KATRINA WORLD*)

Member, Louisiana Board of Regents Society of Eminent Scholars (since 2004)

New Orleans Chamber of Commerce Award, “In recognition for exemplary vision and devotion in inspiring a new generation of leaders,” March 28, 2008

Salzburg Fellow, Schloss Leopoldskron Center, Salzburg, Austria, Fall 1999

### ***Grants***

Fulbright-Nehru Environmental Leadership Award. Awarded Fall 2012 (see above).

Center for the City at UMKC, Research Grant to represent the Center at the U.N. World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, Aug. 2002. Awarded March 2002.

Thomas D. Barr Fellowship Grant (UMKC) to attend Salzburg Seminar in Salzburg, Austria, Oct. 1999. Awarded April 1999

UMKC, Grant to Diversify the Curriculum, 1994. Grant awarded to incorporate environmental justice issues into Property and Land Use curricula.

## **PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES (SELECTED)**

### ***Keynote Addresses and Featured Lectures***

Sydney University (Sydney, Australia), Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law Distinguished Speaker Address, *Lights Out: Energy, Resilience, & Fairness* (Aug. 2019)

University of Georgia (Athens, GA), Inaugural Peter Appel Keynote Address at Red Clay Conference, *Reaching Higher Ground: Climate Change Disaster and Forced Retreat in the United States* (March 2018)

The New School (New York, NY), Featured Lecture, *Lights Out: Energy, Resilience, & Fairness* (Jan. 2017)

National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute (Singapore), Conference on Disaster Justice in Anthropocene Asia and the Pacific, Keynote Address: *Diamond in the Rough—Toward Climate Resilience in India* (Dec. 2016)

University of Florida (Gainesville, FL), Featured Lecture, *Climate and Coastal Retreat* (Jan. 2016)

University of Nebraska School of Law (Lincoln, NE), Featured Lecture, “Deconstructing the Administrative State: Trump and the Public Interest” (March 2017)

Yale Law School (New Haven, CT), Featured Lecture, *Lights Out: Energy, Resilience, & Fairness* (Sept. 2016)

University of Georgia (Athens, GA), Keynote Address at Red Clay Conference, *Bridge Under Troubled Water: Climate Resilience and Transportation* (Feb. 2016)

William and Mary University (Williamsburg, VA), Symposium on Environmental Law, Keynote Address, “Climate Resilience and Social Vulnerability: A View from India” (Jan. 2014)

Bar-Ilan University (Ramat-Gan, Israel)/Tel-Aviv University (Tel Aviv, Israel), Featured Lecture, “Climate + Cognition: Toward More Resilient Cities,” Conference on Democratization and Risk Governance (Dec. 2013)

Louisiana State University School of Public Health (New Orleans, LA), Featured Lecture, “Disaster and Social Vulnerability in India,” (Dec. 2013)

Jadavpur University (Kolkata, India), Featured Lecture, "Climate Adaptation Policies in India and the United States," School of Oceanography and Environmental Studies (December 2012)

Indian Institute of Technology (Mumbai, India), Centre for Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Featured Lecture, “Resilient Cities: How to Survive on a Warming Planet” (December 2012)

Andhra Pradesh Forest Academy (Hyderabad, India), Featured Lecture, "Climate Resilience and Disaster Planning: How to Prepare for the New Century" (November 2012)

International Conference on Strengthening Green Governance (New Delhi), hosted by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Featured Lecture, "Adapting to Climate Change: Footholds, Rope Lines, and the Future of Green Governance" (Oct. 2012), supported by the Government of India and the World Bank.

Centre for Policy Research (New Delhi, India) Featured Lecture, “Can Tort Law Save the Climate?” (Sept. 2012)

Centre for Policy Research (New Delhi, India) Featured Lecture, “Asking the Climate Question: How the United States is Adapting to Climate Change at the Federal and Local Levels” (Oct. 2012)

Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan) Symposium Lecture, “Environmental Damage Assessments: the Fukushima Nuclear Accident and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill” (Jan. 2012) (funded by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology)

Yale Law School (New Haven, CT), Featured Lecture, “Facing Catastrophe: Environmental Action for a Post-Katrina World” (Dec. 2010)

University of Copenhagen (Denmark), Keynote Address, “Adaptation and Disaster Justice,” Symposium on Disaster and Sustainability (Nov. 2008)

Hebrew University (Jerusalem, Israel), Featured Lecture, “Risk, Fairness, and the Geography of Disaster” (Nov. 2006)

University of Georgia (Athens, GA), Keynote Address, “Unnatural Disasters,” Red Clay Conference (Mar. 2006)

University of Oregon (Eugene, OR), Keynote Address, “Katrina: Six Months After,” Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (March 2006)

University of Houston Law Center (Houston, TX), Featured Lecture, “Unnatural Disaster: Katrina and Beyond” (Nov. 2005)

University of Washington School of Law (Seattle, WA), Featured Lecture, “Was Katrina Racist? Hurricanes and Environmental Justice” (Sept. 2005)

### ***Presentations at Universities, Academic Conferences, and Symposia***

UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, CA), Workshop, *The Octopus in the Parking Garage: Facing and Preparing for Climate Disruption* (book proposal) (Feb. 2019)

UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, CA), Lecture, *Reaching Higher Ground: Climate Retreat in the United States* (Feb. 2019)

University of Florida School of Law (Gainesville, FL), 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Plenary Closing Speaker, “Surviving and Thriving in the Anthropocene” (Feb. 2019)

Annual Meeting of Association of American Law Schools (New Orleans, LA), Panelist, “Retreat from the Coasts” (Jan. 2019)

Annual Meeting of Association of American Law Schools (New Orleans, LA), Panelist, “Developments in Offshore Oil and Gas: Regulatory Pullbacks and Drilling Expansions” (Jan. 2019)

University of Maryland School of Law (via video conference), *Diamond in the Rough: Disaster Justice in Surat, India* (Oct. 2018)

Tulane University, School of Business, *Risk, Economics, and the Environment*, (Sept. 2018)

Friedrich-Alexander University (Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany), Workshop (by invitation), Cultures and Disasters III (July, 2018)

University of Florida (Gainesville, FL), 6th International Network of Tropical Architecture Conference, Tropical Storms as a Setting for Adaptive Development and Architecture, Paper Presentation, *Relocating Communities in Response to Climate Change* (Dec. 2017)

Pusan National University (Busan, South Korea), Conference on Climate Change and Human Migration, Plenary Lecture, *Reaching Higher Ground: Climate Change Relocation and Property Law* (Nov. 2017)

Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), Symposium: ClassCrits at Ten: Mobilizing for Resistance, Solidarity and Justice, "Economic Inequality, Social Resilience, and the Green Economy" (Nov. 2017)

University of Colorado Law School (Boulder, CO), Faculty Colloquium, "Economic Inequality, Social Resilience, and the Green Economy" (Oct. 2017)

University of Missouri–Kansas City (Kansas City, MO) Symposium: The Green Economy—The Role of Public-Private Partnerships, Presenter, *Economic Inequality and the Green Economy* (Oct. 2017)

Loyola University New Orleans (New Orleans, LA), Progressive Property Workshop, Presenter, *Reaching Higher Ground: Avenues to Secure and Manage New Land for Communities Displaced by Climate Change* (April 2017)

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, LA), Symposium on Intersection of Energy and Coastal Hazards, Presenter, *Lights Out: Energy, Resilience, & Fairness* (March 2017)

Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), Environmental Law Summit, Moderator, Climate Geoengineering, Law, & Policy (March 2017)

Columbia Law School (New York, NY), Presenter, "Experts Workshop: Legal Solutions for Failure to Act on Knowledge of Climate Risk" (Jan. 2017)

University of Florida (Gainesville, FL), Invited Participant, "Workshop on Law and Policy in the Century of Climate-Changed Coasts" (Jan. 2017)

Annual Meeting of Association of American Law Schools (San Francisco, CA), Panelist, "Environmental Law in the New Administration" (Jan. 2017)

Loyola University (New Orleans, LA), lecture, *Culture, Cognition, and Climate* (Sept. 2016)

University of Oxford, All Soul's College (Oxford, U.K.), Workshop: Regulating the Energy Transition; presented *Lights Out: Energy, Resilience, & Fairness* (June 2016)

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), presented, *Lights Out: Energy, Resilience, and Fairness* (May 2016)

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), presented *Bridge Under Troubled Water: Climate Resilience and Fairness* (May 2016)

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), panel, “The Coming Era of Gender Inequality” (May 2016)

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS), Symposium, *Justice in the Low-Carbon Transition*, panelist (April 2016)

Loyola University New Orleans, Conference on Coastal Resilience (co-sponsored with Oxfam America), Moderator, Non-Structural Tools for Adaptation (April 2016) (forthcoming)

Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), Environmental Law Summit, Panelist, Culture, Cognition and Climate (Feb. 2016)

University of Florida (Gainesville, FL), faculty colloquium *Culture, Cognition, and Climate* (Jan. 2016)

Annual Meeting of Association of American Law Schools (New York, NY), panel, “International Environmental Law and the North-South Divide: Crossroads of Economic, Environmental, Human Rights, Energy, Food, Climate, and Sustainable Development Law” (Jan. 2016)

Stanford Law School (Stanford, CA), panel, “Understanding Disasters in the Context of Climate Change,” Workshop: *How Can International Environmental Law Reduce Disaster Risk?* (May 2015)

Tulane Law School (New Orleans, LA), panel, “The Levee Board Suit,” Annual Conference on Environmental Law and Policy, Tulane Law School (Feb. 2015)

Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), Environmental Law Summit, Moderator, Waters of the United States (Feb. 2015)

Pantheon-Sorbonne University (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne; Paris, France), panel, “Adapting to a Changing Climate,” Symposium: Exploring the Toolbox of International Law from the Perspective of the December 2015 Paris Conference on Climate, with support from the French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development, and Energy (Feb. 2015)

Stanford University, Woods Institute for the Environment (Stanford, CA), panel, “Governing for Extreme Risk,” Climate Change and Water Governance Workshop (Sept. 2014)



Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, panel, "Culture, Cognition, and Climate" (May 2014)

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, panel, "Disaster Justice and Climate Adaptation" (May 2014)

Fordham Law School (New York, NY), Symposium: Hurricane Sandy Response and Rebuilding Strategies through the Lens of Environmental Justice, presentation, "Disaster Justice: The Geography of Human Capability" (Feb. 2014)

John Marshall Law School (Chicago, IL), lecture, "When FEMA Heads for the Hills: Climate Retreat and the Flood Insurance Reform Act," Kratovil Symposium: Adaptation of the Built Environment to Climate Change (Sept. 2013)

Center for Progressive Reform (Washington, D.C.), lecture, "In Search of Resilience on the Indian Subcontinent" (May 2013)

Progressive Property Workshop (New Orleans, LA), lecture, "Property as Security" (May 2013)

University of Mumbai, Department of Law (Mumbai, India) panelist, "Environmental Regulation in the United States" (December 2012)

Waseda University (Tokyo, Japan) lecture, "The BP Blowout: Compensation and Prevention" (Jan. 2012) (funded by the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology)

Stanford Law School (Stanford, CA), lecture, "The Role of Federal Law and Policy in Climate Change Adaptation" (Oct. 2011)

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs (Los Angeles, CA), panel and workshop, "Closing the Environmental Justice Gap: A Workshop on Advancing Evaluation Methods" (Sept. 2011)

Yale Law School and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (New Haven, CT), panel and workshop, Scenario Analysis of Solar Radiation Management: Imagining Possible Futures (September 2011)

Yale Law School (New Haven, CT), panel, "Cleaning the Air," New Ideas and New Directions in Environmental Law and Scholarship (April 2011)

Brigham Young University School of Law (Provo, UT), panel, "Climate Change Adaptation," B.Y.U. Law Review Symposium: Disasters and the Environment (Feb. 2011)

UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, CA), panel, “Oil and Water: The Gulf Coast Five Years after Katrina” (October 2010)

University of Florida (Gainesville, FL), Environmental Capstone Colloquium (Feb. 2009)

University of Arizona (Tucson, AZ), panel, Adaptation to Climate Change Conference (Jan. 2009)

University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, NC), panel, Adaptation of Legal Regimes in the Face of Climate Change (Oct. 2008)

Tulane Law School (New Orleans, LA), panel, “Climate Change,” Annual Conference on Law, Science, and the Public Interest, Tulane Law School (Mar. 2008)

University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS), workshop, Climate Change and the Neoliberal Model (Oct. 2007)

Yale Law School (New Haven, CT), panel, “The Importance of Alliances: The Place of Men in a 21st Century ‘Women's Movement,’” Legally Female: What Does it Mean to Be “Ms. J.D.?” (Mar. 2007)

Tulane University (New Orleans, LA), panel, “Structural Racism and Recovery: Opportunities for Change,” Institute for the Study of Race and Poverty (Mar. 2007)

Tulane Law School (New Orleans, LA), panel, “Environmental Justice Along the Gulf Coast,” Annual Conference on Law, Science, and the Public Interest (Mar. 2007)

Cardozo Law School (New York, NY), panel, “Lessons Learned from Katrina,” Symposium on Poverty and Family Health: Environmental Dangers and Progressive Solutions (Feb. 2007)

Association of American Law Schools, panel, “Hurricane Katrina and the Environment,” (Jan. 2007)

Tel Aviv University, Buchmann Faculty of Law (Israel), lecture, “Risk, Fairness, and the Geography of Disaster” (Nov. 2006)

Georgia State University School of Law (Atlanta, GA), faculty workshop (Oct. 2006)

Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA), lecture, “Race and Resilience after Katrina,” Urban Fellows Forum, (Oct. 2006)

University of Colorado School of Law (Boulder, CO), faculty workshop (Oct. 2006)

Harvard Law School (Cambridge, MA), panel, “The Roberts Court, the Commerce Clause, and Environmental Federalism” (Mar. 2006)

University of Oregon (Eugene, OR), panel, “Environmental Degradation after Katrina” and “Toxic Contamination after Katrina,” Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (March 2006)

Annual Meeting of Association of American Law Schools, panel, “Environmental Federalism: Evolution through Devolution?” (Jan. 2006)

Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, D.C.), “Was Katrina Racist? Hurricanes and Environmental Justice” (Sept. 2005)

Law and Society, Annual Meeting, “Public Participation and the Dynamics of Power in Environmental Disputes,” (June 2005)

Tulane Law School (New Orleans, LA), panel, “Mercury Regulation: Winds of Change,” Tulane Environmental Law Summit (Apr. 2005)

Rice University (Houston, TX), “Tragedies of the Commons and Anti-Commons: Louisiana’s Incredibly Shrinking Coast,” Conference on Climate Change, Extreme Events & Coastal Cities (Feb. 2005)

Law and Society, Annual Meeting, “Feminist Theory and Environmental Justice,” Annual Meeting, Law and Society (May 2004)

Rocky Mountain Mineral Foundation, Conference of Natural Resources Law Teachers, “Why the Global Environment Needs Local Government: Lessons from the Johannesburg Summit (June 2003)

Association of American Law Schools, Annual Meeting, “Property and the Role of Land-Based Cultural Heritage--Global and National” (with Casey Jarman) (Jan. 2003)

China University of Politics and Law (Beijing, China), lecture, “Law and the Global Environment” (June 2002)

Harvard Law School (Cambridge, MA), “Johannesburg and Beyond: Words into Action for Development and the Global Environment,” (Oct. 2002)

Hofstra University (Long Island, NY), lecture, “Steinbeck, Ecology, and Law,” John Steinbeck’s Americas: A Centennial Conference (Mar. 2002)

University of Oregon (Eugene, OR), “A Civic Economics for Environmental Law,” Conference on Public Interest Environmental Law (Mar. 2001)

University of Oregon (Eugene, OR), “Dustbowl Blues: Saving and Sharing the Ogallala Aquifer,” Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation Symposium on Water Law/Conference on Public Interest Environmental Law (Mar. 1999)

Schloss Leopoldskron Center (Salzburg, Austria), lecture, “The American Environmental Justice Movement” (Oct. 1999)

University of Washington School of Law (Seattle, WA), faculty colloquy, “The Commerce Clause, Environmental Justice, and the Interstate Garbage Wars” (May 1998)

University of Oregon (Eugene, OR), “Environmental Liability and Toxic Torts in the United States and the European Union,” Conference on Public Interest Environmental Law (Mar. 1998)

Seattle University School of Law (Seattle, WA), faculty colloquy, “The Commerce Clause, Environmental Justice, and the Interstate Garbage Wars” (Feb. 1998)

Oslo University Law Faculty (Oslo, Norway), faculty colloquy, “Geographic Space and Environmental Law in the United States and the European Union” (Dec. 1997)

Aarhus University Law Faculty (Århus, Denmark), lecture, “Comparing Environmental Liability Law with Products Liability Law in the U.S.” (Dec. 1997)

Centre for Social Science Research on the Environment (Århus, Denmark), “The Commerce Clause, Environmental Justice, and the Interstate Garbage Wars” (Nov. 1997)

Nordic Council on Doctoral Studies (Uppsala, Sweden), panel, Conference on Liability for Pollution and Other Environmental Impact (Sept. 1997)

University of Oregon (Eugene, OR), “In a Greener Voice: Feminist Theory and Environmental Justice,” Conference on Public Interest Environmental Law (Mar. 1996)

Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, D.C.), panel, Environmental Justice, Crit Networks' Conference on Class and Identity (Mar. 1995)

***Presentations to Non-Academic Audiences***

*Global Resilience Summit*, New Orleans, LA, *Designing and Zoning for Resilience* (Dec. 2018)

Louisiana Smart Growth Summit, *Louisiana on the Frontier of Resilience* (plenary), Baton Rouge, LA (Nov. 2018)

ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, Spring Meeting, panel presentation, “Disaster and Environmental Regulation,” San Diego, CA (Oct. 2018)

Webinar Presenter and Host, *From Surviving to Thriving: Equity in Disaster Planning and Recovery*; Guests: Joyce Coffee, Climate Resilience Consulting; Bob Marshall, Times-Picayune (Oct. 2018), *available at* [http://www.progressivereform.org/survivingthriving\\_main.cfm](http://www.progressivereform.org/survivingthriving_main.cfm)

National Food and Beverage Foundation, Food for Thought Law CLE (New Orleans, LA), Lecture, “Women and The Public Health Movement” (Nov. 2017)

Loyola University New Orleans (New Orleans, LA), Panelist, “Life by the Drop: A Forum on Water Management in NOLA” (Sept. 2017)

Summer Gathering at Hollyhock (Manson’s Landing, Canada), Plenary Lecture, *Reaching Higher Ground: Communities Displaced by Climate Change* (July 2017)

Vashon Island Land Trust (Vashon Island, WA), Public Lecture, *Is the Coast Climate-Ready?* (July 2017)

Society of Environmental Journalists, “Searching for Truth in the Age of Alternative Facts,” Earth Day Texas event, Keynote Address: “Deconstructing the Administrative State” (Dallas, TX 2017)

Conference of American College of Environmental Lawyers (New Orleans, LA), Panelist, *Climate Change & Adaptation in the Flesh: What It Looks Like and Who Pays for It* (October 2016)

State of the Coast Conference (New Orleans, LA); presentation: “Climate Change, Resilience, and Fairness” (May 2016)

Loyola University New Orleans (New Orleans, LA), Conference: Beyond the Levees (sponsored by Loyola Center for Environmental Law, Oxfam America, and Center for Progressive Reform); presentation: “Climate Change, Resilience, and Fairness” (April 2016)

National Adaptation Forum, St. Louis, MO, panel, “Social Cohesion: The Secret Weapon in the Fight for Equity and Resilience” (May 2015)

University of Havana, Cuba, lecture, Technological Disaster and the Oil and Gas Industry, *Cuba Hoy* Conference (April 2015)

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, lecture, “Climate Resilience and the City,” Journalists Forum on Land and the Built Environment, sponsored by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the Harvard University Graduate School of Design, and the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University (April 2015)

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, Climate Change Institute, panel (Jan. 2015)

New England Smart Growth Leadership Forum (Boston, MA), sponsored by U.S. E.P.A. Region 1 and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, keynote address: "Disaster Justice" (Nov. 2014).

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), panel "Climate Change, Health, and Place: The New Orleans/Gulf Coast Saga" (Nov. 2014).

Gulf Coast Restoration Summit (New Orleans, LA), panel "BP Litigation in the Wake of SB 469" (June 2014)

Environmental Law Institute, webinar panel, "Flood Insurance, Finances, and Climate Change: The Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act" (June 2014)

Building Resilience Workshop V, keynote address, "*When FEMA Heads for the Hills: Climate Retreat and the Flood Insurance Reform Act*" New Orleans, LA (March 2014)

Environmental Research Development Workshop, "Unnatural Disaster: Coastal Flooding, Sea Level Rise, and Environmental Justice in Virginia's Tidewater Region," Training Session in Policy Advocacy, Williamsburg, VA (Jan. 2014)

Israel Ministry of Environmental Protection, Conference on Stream Rehabilitation, lecture, "What Obama's Executive Order on Climate Change Impacts Means for U.S. Water Policy," Tel Aviv, Israel (Dec. 2013)

ABA Section of Environment, Energy and Resources, Spring Meeting, panel presentation, "What Lawyers Should Know About Climate Change Adaptation," Salt Lake City, UT (March 2013)

World Bank Retreat on Interdisciplinary Resilience at Tulane University, lecture, "Environmental Aspects of Resilience," New Orleans, LA (Feb. 2013)

West Bengal Department of Forestry (Kolkata, India), panelist, "Environmental Policies and Land Use in Fragile Ecosystems like Sundarbans" (December 2012)

Centre for Environment and Development (Kolkata, India), lecture, "The Role of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency" (December 2012)

U.S. Consulate of Kolkata, panelist, "Government Policies and Land Use for Public Parks and Gardens in Big Cities," (audience consisting of government officials, NGO representatives, journalists, and members of various civil society groups) (December 2012)

Bombay Natural History Society (Mumbai, India), roundtable, "Climate Change Adaptation" (December 2012)

Andhra Pradesh Department of Forestry (Hyderabad, India), lecture, "Resilient Cities: How to Survive on a Warming Planet" (Nov. 2012)

Workshop, "Climate Resilience and Disaster Planning: How to Prepare for the New Century," U.S. Consulate in Hyderabad (audience consisting of NGO representatives, law students, and scientists)

Sustainability + Globalization Lecture Series (sponsored by the University of New Orleans, Tulane University, and the World Trade Center New Orleans), Lecture, "Climate Change and Disaster Planning," New Orleans, LA (Feb. 2012)

Tulane University, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Lecture, "The BP Blowout: Lessons for Recovery" New Orleans, LA (Feb. 2012)

Los Angeles County Bar Association Fall Symposium, Panel, "Lessons from the Gulf Oil Spill," Santa Monica, CA (Nov. 2011)

Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), Second World Congress on Cities and Adaptation to Climate Change, "Asking the Climate Question: How National Action Helps Local Action," Bonn, Germany (July 2011)

American Planning Association, National Conference, Bettman Symposium, "Disaster Planning in the Face of Climate Change: The Federal Role," Boston, MA (April 2011)

Building Resilience Workshop II, keynote address, "Retooling Resilience" New Orleans, LA (March 2011)

Bullitt Foundation and the Center for Progressive Reform, Toward a Well Adapted Future in the Puget Sound: A Symposium on Climate Change Adaptation and the Law, Seattle University, Seattle, WA (Jan. 2011)

Loyola University New Orleans Alumni Association, "Facing Catastrophe: Environmental Action for a Post-Katrina World," Washington, D.C. (Sept. 2010)

Busboys and Poets Bookstore and Restaurant, lecture and reading, "Facing Catastrophe: Environmental Action for a Post-Katrina World," Washington, D.C. (August 2010)

People's Government of Guangdong Province Leadership Program at Yale, panel, "Adaptation: Asking the Climate Question," Washington, D.C. (August 2010)

Rising Tide V Conference, panelist, New Orleans, LA (August 2010)

J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Annual Conference, keynote address, "Facing Catastrophe: Environmental Action in a Post-Katrina World," New Orleans, LA (Jan. 2010)

Octavia Books, lecture and reading, "Facing Catastrophe: Environmental Action in a Post-Katrina World," (August 2010)

Entergy Louisiana/Entergy Gulf States Louisiana Annual Low-Income Summit, keynote address, "Disaster Justice," Baton Rouge, LA (Apr. 2009)

Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Annual Conference, lecture, "Framing Risk and Rebuilding Resources," Baton Rouge, LA (Nov. 2006)

Stanford Alumni Center, Stanford University, "Katrina and Beyond" (Oct. 2006)

International Conference on Probabilistic Safety Assessment and Management, lecture "Shelter from the Storm: Risk, Precaution, and Hurricane Protection," New Orleans, LA (May 2006)

Restoration 2006, speaker, Community and Economic Recovery after a Disaster, New Orleans, LA (May 2006)

Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Annual Conference, lecture, "Unnatural Disasters," Baton Rouge, LA (Nov. 2005)

Capitol Hill Briefing, "Unnatural Disaster: Hurricane Katrina and the Aftermath," Democratic Caucus, Washington, D.C. (Sept. 2005) (with Alyson Flournoy)  
Presenter, "Unnatural Disaster: Katrina and Beyond," Goosefoot Community Fund, Langley, WA (Sept. 2005)

Lakeside School, lecture, "Unnatural Disaster: Katrina and Beyond," Seattle, WA (Sept. 2005)

National Practice Institute, panel, "Arthur Miller Unravels Ethical Dilemmas for Today's Lawyer" (with Arthur Miller), UMKC School of Law (May 2002)

Missouri Repertory Theater, panel, "The Fourth Trial of Oscar Wilde," following performance of Moises Kaufman's *Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde*, Kansas City, MO (February 2000)

Starr Symposium on the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally, "Women and the Global Environment," Kansas City, MO (Nov. 1995)

Planned Parenthood and UMKC's Women's Studies Program Discussion Panel, Kansas City, MO (Oct. 1995)



***Presentations as Representative of EPA***

State-EPA Environmental Innovation Symposium, "Environmental Protection for a Changing Climate and Greener Economy," Madison, WI (Nov. 2010)

Institute for Sustainable Communities, keynote address, "The Intersection of Climate Change Adaptation and Environmental Justice," Boston, MA (Sept. 2010)

White House Council on Environmental Quality Public Meeting, "Adaptation: Asking the Climate Questions," Chicago, IL (June 2010) (with Chair Nancy Sutley of White House Council on Environmental Quality and Deputy Secretary Ron Simms of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

EPA National Tribal Operations Committee, "Adaptation: Asking the Climate Questions" (June 2010)

White House Council on Environmental Quality Public Meeting, "Adaptation: Asking the Climate Questions," Miami, FL (June 2010) (with Administrator Jane Lubchenco of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)

Resources for the Future, dinner speaker, "Asking the Climate Question," Washington, D.C. (June 2010)

Entergy Louisiana/Entergy Gulf States Louisiana Annual Low-Income Summit, "Agency Planning and 'Global Weirding,'" San Antonio, TX (June 2010)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regions 2 and 9, "Adaptation: Asking the Climate Questions," New York, NY (June 2010)

Environmental Evaluators Networking Forum, lecture, "Evaluating Adaptation and other Impossible Tricks," George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (June 2010)

Harvard Law School, lecture, "Agency Planning and 'Global Weirding,'" (Apr. 2010)

Corporate Counsel Institute: The Obama Administration and the Corporation's Legal Concerns, Georgetown Law Center, "Environmental, Energy, and Climate Change Developments," Washington, D.C. (Mar. 2010)

Conference on Climate Change Adaptation, North Carolina Interagency Leadership Team, Keynote Address, "Adaptation: Asking the Climate Questions," Raleigh, NC (Mar. 2010)

University of North Carolina School of Law, "Agency Planning and Climate Change Adaptation" (Mar. 2010)

Annual Conference of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “Environmental Justice and the Rulemaking Gateway,” New Orleans, LA (Jan. 2010)

Capitol Hill Briefings, “Updated Principles and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies,” Washington, D.C. (Dec. 2009)

## **MEDIA**

I have been interviewed many times by television, radio, online, and print news organizations, including “All Things Considered” (NPR), “Marketplace” (American Public Media), the Associated Press, E&E News, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, *The Times of India*, and the journal *Nature*.

I am a regular contributor to *CPRBlog* (<http://progressivereform.org/CPRBLog.cfm>)

CPR’S CONNECT THE DOTS WITH ROB VERCHICK, Season 1 (episodes 1-6): Preparing for Climate Change, [www.ctd.podbean.com](http://www.ctd.podbean.com), available on Apple Podcast.

## **TESTIMONY (SELECTED)**

Before Budget Committee U.S. Senate Budget Committee at a hearing titled, “Moving Toward a Stronger Economy with a Regulatory Budget” (Dec. 9, 2015).

Before Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate. Topic: Preliminary Findings on the Failure of Louisiana’s Levees and Recommendations for Future Restoration of Hurricane Protection (Nov. 17, 2005).

Before Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Material, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives. Topic: Hurricane Katrina: Assessing the Present Environmental Status (Sept. 29, 2005). Available at <http://energycommerce.house.gov/108/Hearings/09292005hearing1646/Verchick2652.htm>

Before Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources, and Regulatory Affairs, Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives. Topic: Office of Management and Budget’s 2004 Report to Congress on the Costs and Benefits of Regulation. (Feb. 25, 2004). Available at [www.progressiveregulation.org/articles/verchick\\_CB.pdf](http://www.progressiveregulation.org/articles/verchick_CB.pdf)

Before Missouri State Senate Committee. Topic: Legal Consequences of Belated Adoption of Proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (January 2000).

Before Missouri State House Committee.. Topic: Legal Consequences of Belated Adoption of Proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (March 1999 and 2000).

### **ADVOCACY**

I have represented environmental interests in friend-of-the-court briefs in important cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals, including Coliseum Square Association v. Jackson, 128 S.Ct. 40 (2007); Kelo v. City of New London, 545 U.S. 469 (2005), and Fort Gratiot v. Michigan Dep't of Natural Resources, 504 U.S. 353 (1992).

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

PADI Open Water Diver (scuba); Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSE**

State of Washington. Admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Eighth and Ninth Circuits, and the U.S. District Court in the Western District of Washington.

### **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Drawing/painting, hiking, kayaking, scuba diving, tennis