Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to share another year of growth in our Environmental Law and Policy Program: launching our unique global fellowship with the United Nations Environment Programme; adding two professors in the field of urban land use and energy law; and expanding our energy law curriculum.

Georgetown’s Environmental Law and Policy Program continued to host multiple events regarding the most pressing environmental issues of the day, including two post-oral argument panels with the advocates in the Clean Power Plan litigation and the *Murr v. Wisconsin* Supreme Court case. In the coming months we will host events in concert with the Energy Bar Association, the Environmental Law Institute, the American Bar Association, the United Nations Environment Programme, and Bike Law advocates to explore issues ranging from environmental justice, energy law “enforcers and defenders,” and smart growth, cycling-friendly land use design. We will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Georgetown Environmental Law Review during its spring symposium, and in November we will host an environmental and energy alumni reunion at which we expect to welcome hundreds of attendees. We hope you can join us for some of these events.

Below, we share some highlights of our year.

**Curriculum & Faculty Additions**

The Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Program provides opportunities for students to excel in the fields of environmental, energy, natural resources, land use, and food law. As scholars and practitioners, our environmental law faculty provide critical legal knowledge and real-world experience to prepare our students for success. Georgetown’s is among the largest law faculties in the nation, and the professors teaching core environmental courses in our J.D. and LL.M. programs include: Vicki Arroyo, Hope Babcock, William Buzbee, Peter Byrne, Sara Colangelo, Lisa Heinzerling, and Edith Brown Weiss. This year we were honored to add Sheila Foster and David Spence (Visiting Fall 2017) to our faculty.
Professor Foster joins Georgetown after many years at Fordham University. Following an early career focused on environmental justice and publishing key textbooks in that field, Professor Foster’s most recent scholarship explores the emerging concept of the “urban commons” and related property, land use and urban governance issues at the local and metropolitan level. Professor Foster also continues her work with federal, state and local agencies on environmental policy and serves on the New York City Panel on Climate Change investigating the relationship between climate change and inequality at the neighborhood level.

Professor Spence joins us this fall to teach a foundational course in Energy Law. He is Professor of Law, Politics & Regulation at the University of Texas at Austin. Professor Spence is co-author of the leading energy law casebook, Energy, Economics and the Environment and he has published extensively on energy policy, regulation and the regulatory process. His current research addresses the environmental regulation of the oil and gas industry and the electric utility industry, as well as economic regulation of price and competition in the public utility industry.

In addition to our full-time faculty, Georgetown Law’s exceptional adjunct faculty includes leading practitioners of environmental and energy law and policy. From these experts, our students gain practical skills and first-hand insights into some of the most compelling and current issues, such as renewable energy, water law, and emerging issues in oil and gas. For example, students can study topics in energy law with former FERC Commissioner William Massey or with Vice President of Government Relations at Berkshire Hathaway Energy, Jonathan Weisgall; students can study federal environmental litigation with Judge Nancy Firestone or environmental law from former EPA Deputy General Counsel, Ethan Shenkman.

Further, Georgetown Law’s two clinics and one on-site center - the Institute for Public Representation, the Harrison Institute for Public Law, and the Georgetown Climate Center - provide hands-on opportunities for our students. We also continue to provide unparalleled experiential learning options through our expansive externship program covering governmental, political, NGO, international, judicial, and private sector opportunities.

Finally, our specialized masters of law is now in its fourth year, and we have amended our degree name, now the Environmental & Energy Law LL.M. Degree, to reflect our growth in energy law. This masters program continues attracting top candidates both from the United States and abroad. For our 2017-1018 academic year, we welcomed graduate students from ten countries, spanning five continents.

**The UNEP-GULC Global Environment & Sustainability Law Fellowship**

The Global Environment & Sustainability Law Fellowship is a unique collaboration aimed at strengthening the environmental capacity of lawyers worldwide. The Fellowship provides the opportunity for environmental lawyers in developing countries to earn an Environmental & Energy Masters of Law Degree at Georgetown. Following their time at Georgetown, Fellows will train at UNEP offices as interns, then return to their home governments to apply their enhanced expertise. Director of the Environmental Law and Policy Program, Sara Colangelo, administers the Fellowship, including recruitment, admissions, academic and research advising, fundraising, and press on behalf of the Law Center.
In its inaugural application cycle, the Law Center received approximately one hundred applications from around the globe. Finalists were selected based on their achievements, experience as environmental lawyers working in the public sector, and their passion for sharing this enrichment with their colleagues at home. The 2017 Law Fellows are Jeanie Namugga from Uganda and Andrea Jacobs from Antigua and Barbuda.

Jeanie Namugga will focus her studies on the link between land use issues and the emerging oil and gas exploration market in Uganda. Before winning this Fellowship, Ms. Namugga worked in the Land and Environmental Law Division of the High Court of Uganda, writing draft judicial opinions. She has also been involved with multiple organizations focused on environmental, land use, and public justice issues. Andrea Jacobs will focus her studies on development and climate change adaptation in the Caribbean. Ms. Jacobs’ current work focuses on energy, environment, and development planning laws. She also represented Antigua and Barbuda at the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change and was the coordinator for the Preambular and Compliance section of the Paris Agreement on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States.

**Faculty Achievements**

In the last academic year, our faculty contributed to the Environmental Law community through publications, presentations, and media appearances, and were honored for doing so:

**Publications**

- **Books**

- **Book Chapters**
  - Buzbee, William - *Transportation as a Climate Policy Wedge and Challenge Under United States Law* in *CLIMATE ENCYCLOPEDIA* (Daniel Farber & Marjan
• Articles
  


  o Arroyo, Vicki, *The US is the biggest loser on the planet thanks to Trump’s calamitous act*, THE GUARDIAN, (June 2017).


  o Babcock, Hope, *The President Has No Direct or Implied Authority to Rescind or Modify a Proclamation Designating a National Monument Issued by a Prior President, __STANFORD ENVTL. L. J. __* (publication forthcoming 2017)

  o Babcock, Hope, *Here Today, Gone Tomorrow -- Is Global Climate Change Another White Man’s Trick to Get Indian Land? The Role of Treaties in Protecting Tribes as They Adapt to Climate Change, __MICH. ST. L. REV. __* (forthcoming 2017)


o Byrne, Peter and Zyla, Kathryn, *Climate Exactions*, 47 ENV’T. L. REPORTER 10666 (August 2017).


o Foster, Sheila, *The City as a Commons*, 34 YALE LAW AND POLICY REVIEW 281 (2016) (with Christian Iaione)


**Contributions to Blogs, & Policy Submissions**


o Foster, Sheila, “The Co-City: From the Tragedy to the Comedy of the Urban Commons,” blog, The Nature of Cities, November 2016


o Weiss, Edith Brown. “Our Voyage into Uncharted Waters,” Georgetown University, Main Campus, on climate change, Fall 2016.

**Presentations, Testimony, & Media**

- **Vicki Arroyo**

  o Presentations include: ELI Annual Meeting Policy Forum, The Paris Agreement & Private Actors: Extra-jurisdictional Considerations of the Climate Agreement (October 2016); Fordham Urban Law Journal Colloquium, on New Strategies for Reducing Transportation Emissions (October 2016); O’Neill Institute Colloquium, on Climate Change and Global Health (November 2016); Kresge Foundation Community-Based Adaptation Report Release event, Washington DC (November 2016); Silver Jackets meeting (flood mitigation working group from local, state, federal agencies) on adaptation tools, Washington DC (January 2017); Dialogue
with UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa and other leaders on climate and gender equality, Georgetown School of Foreign Service (March 2017); RESCON (resilience) conference, New Orleans (March 2017); DC Bar panel on the outlook for climate policy (March 2017); Georgetown India Initiative talk on clean energy and climate (March 2017); Georgetown Climate Center Low-Carbon Transportation Summit, dialogue with Robin Chase of ZipCar on the future of transportation (April 2017); Energy Trends Panel, Austin TX (April 2017); First National Conference of Lawyers Committed to Addressing the Climate Emergency, on state leadership (April 2017); National Defense University on US climate policy (April 2017); National Adaptation Forum, workshop on federal agency roles in promoting adaptation, St. Paul (April 2017); New America Foundation Annual Meeting workshop with James Fallows and Sharon Burke on the use of technology in fostering community resilience (May 2017); Eno Center for Transportation Forum for minority students pursuing careers in transportation (June 2017); EU Energy/Climate Delegation, on the state of US climate and energy policy (June 2017); National Press Foundation, on climate change policy developments (June 2017); Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments’ Climate Change Conference, on climate policy, data and tools, Georgetown (June 2017); Nationswell Council dialogue with ASU President Michael Crow on the future of education (June 2017); Georgetown Climate Center Low-Carbon Transportation Summit during Climate Week, in New York City (September 2017); ABA webinar on President Trump's Revisiting the Paris Climate Agreement (September 2017); Society of Environmental Journalists annual meeting panel, “Will the next climate leader please stand up?” Pittsburgh (October 2017); UC-Davis Institute for Transportation Studies, policy and technology developments in California and beyond (October 2017).

Media appearances/quotes include: EPA Says It Will Write a New Carbon Rule, but No One Can Say When (New York Times, October 2017); As Trump Retreats, States Are Stepping Up on Climate Action (Yale Environment 360, October 2017); Recent Natural Disasters Revive Political Discussions On Climate Change (NPR, September 2017); RGGI States Agree to Cut Utility Emissions by Another 30% (E&E News August 2017); States Bet on Green Economy as Trump Dumps Climate Programs (Bloomberg BNA, June 2017); Paris Treaty Pullout Won't Derail Climate Action, Experts Say (San Diego Union-Tribune, June 2017); Trump Ignites Climate Pledges with Paris Withdrawal (ClimateWire June, 2017); Will U.S. Withdrawal from Paris Climate Deal Make a Difference? (RFI, June 2017); States Step Into Void Left by Exit from Paris Climate Accord (PBS NewsHour, June 2017); Economics Expert Says Withdrawing from Paris Accord Will Have Little Impact (CBS News, June 2017); Trump's Proposed
Cuts to Climate Agency Would Disarm Our Coasts in the Face of Rising Seas, Scientists Say (Washington Post, March 2017); The Blue-Collar Climate Plan (CNN, February 2017); It’s Judges, Not Trump, Who Will Decide Obama’s Environmental Legacy (The Verge, January 2017); Take a Deep Breath and Don’t Freak Out About the Future of Clean Energy Under Trump (Washington Post, November 2016); Trump Could Reverse 'Dramatic' Progress on Clean Energy, Experts Fear (The Guardian, November 2017); States See Same Climate Paths After Trump Election (Bloomberg BNA, November 2017).

• William Buzbee
  o Presentations and testimony include: Moderator and panelist, Fundamentals of Consistency Doctrine panel, “How Agencies Reverse Policy: Stays, Remands, and Reconsideration,” D.C. Bar Association (October 2017); Presenter, The Tethered President: Consistency and Contingency in Administrative Law, Administrative Law Discussion Forum, University Paris Dauphine Research University (June 2017); Panelist, 2016-17 Executive Branch and Legislative Administrative Law Developments, D.C. Bar Association (June 2017); Panelist, The Trump Administration’s Environmental and Regulatory Policies, Amherst College (May 2017); Panelist, Science and the Art of Regulatory War, Amherst College (May 2017); Lecture, Supreme Court Update, Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association (May 2017); Panelist, What’s in Store for the Clean Water Rule, Environmental and Natural Resources Section, D.C. Bar Association (May 2017); Panelist, “Progressive Regulatory Reform: Will Pending Bills Help or Harm Public Protections?”, Center for Progressive Reform Hill Briefing for the Senate (May 2017); Congressional testimony at Hearing on H.R. 1689, The Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2017, (March 2017); Co-author, Brief of Amici Curiae Environmental and Administrative Law Professors Supporting Respondents, Murray Energy v. United States Environmental Protection Agency (6th Cir.) (filed on Jan. 19, 2017) (supporting legality of the Clean Waters Rule); Introduction for Mindy Goldstein, Greenlaw Environmental Heroes Celebration (October 2016); Moderator, Clean Power Plan Advocates Panel Discussion, Georgetown University Law Center (September 2016).

• Peter Byrne
  o Presentations include: The Special Merit Provision in Historic Preservation Ordinances: Coordinating Planning Priorities and Preservation Policy, Queen’s University, Belfast, N.I. (May 2016); Property in the Anthropocene, Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference, The Hague, NL (October 2016); Climate threats to Historic Preservation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Georgetown University Law Center Preservation Law Conference, Washington, DC (October 2016); The Property Rights Legacy of Justice Scalia, Annual Regulatory Takings Conference, Tulane Law, New Orleans, LA (November 2016); Climate Exactions, Environmental Law Institute and Vanderbilt University Environmental Law

• Sara Colangelo
  o Media appearances/quotes/background interviews include: Legal Experts from Africa and the Caribbean Selected for the Prestigious Global Environment & Sustainability Law Fellowship Program (UNEP North America News July 2017); Weathering the Storm: Climate Policy in DC (The Georgetown Voice December 2016); Has the Moment for Environmental Justice Been Lost? (Propublica July 2017).

• Sheila Foster
  o Presentations include: Resilient Cities, Convening of the Global Parliament of Mayors, Stavanger, Norway (September 2017); Presenter, Faculty Workshop University of Texas School of Law (April 2017); Faculty Presentation, “The City as a Common,” Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada (March 2017); Presentation, “Environmental Justice, Vulnerability and Equality,” Institute of Feminist Legal Studies, Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada (March 2017); Panelist, The Modernity of Work and Place: Jane Jacobs and the Design of the 21st Century, University of Virginia Law School (November 2016); Lunch Keynote, “Environmental Justice and the City,” at The Modernity of Work and Place: Jane Jacobs and the Design of the 21st Century, University of Virginia School of Architecture, (November 2016); “Environmental Justice, Vulnerability and Equality,” Equality Roundtable, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY (November 2016); Workshop on Cities and Democracy, Tulane University, (November 2016); Symposium on Law and Social Movements, Georgetown Law School (October 2016); Cities, Climate Change and Inequality, Inaugural Convening of the Global Parliament of Mayors, The Hague, Netherlands (September 2016); Property Works in Progress Workshop, Boston University School of Law (September 2016).
• Lisa Heinzerling
  o Presentations and Testimony include: ABA, Administrative Law Conference, panel on the past and future of *Chevron* deference (December 2016); Federalist Society national convention, panel on the evolution of Justice Scalia’s views on administrative law (November 2016); Panelist, Executive Branch and Legislative Administrative Law Developments, D.C. Bar Association (June 2017); Panelist, Federalist Society, Congress enabling administrative state (May 2017); Panelist, “Progressive Regulatory Reform: Will Pending Bills Help or Harm Public Protections?”, Center for Progressive Reform Hill Briefing for the Senate (May 2017); Panelist, Conference on toxic waste in Vietnam (May 2017). Senate Commerce Committee, Hearing on A Growth Agenda: Reducing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens (Feb. 1, 2017).

• Edith Brown Weiss

Honors

• Vicki Arroyo has recently been appointed by the National Academies of Sciences Chair Marcia McNutt to serve as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) and to serve on a Congressionally-mandated study on the Future of the Interstate Highway System. She has recently been appointed Chair of the Resilience and Sustainability Task Force of TRB’s executive committee. She also serves on the advisory board to the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis and on the Editorial Boards of the Climate Policy Journal and of the Georgetown Environmental Law Review.

• Edith Brown Weiss delivered the General Course on Public International Law at The Hague Academy of International Law in July 2017. The General Course consists of fifteen lectures and three seminars. The written articles will be published as a volume of *Receuil des cours*. On August 2, 2017, the Supreme Court of India issued an historic judgment in a large-scale mining case in the State of Odisha, formerly Orissa. (*Common Cause v. Union of India & Ors*, SC WP© 114 of 2014, Judgment (2 August 2017)). The Supreme Court specifically referred in its opinion to Edith Brown Weiss and the principle of intergenerational equity. The Supreme Court required the development of a policy to address intergenerational equity before the end of 2017.
Environmental Clinic Activities

Professor Hope Babcock is in her 27th year leading the Environmental Law Section of the Institute for Public Representation (IPR). The Clinic’s recent major legal achievements include:

- Successfully negotiated fees with the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) after defeating a motion to dismiss the complaint in a case in the D.D.C. regarding a challenge to the OSM’s interpretation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act;

- Filed an appeal in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the district court’s dismissal of IPR’s lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture for lack of standing. The lawsuit challenges the agency’s appointments of individuals to the National Organics Standards Board;

- Filed an opening and reply brief in a case challenging EPA's approval of DC's and Maryland's plan to cleanup the Anacostia River;

- Entered into a settlement agreement with the City of Charleston, the state of South Carolina, and a local developer to resolve claims alleging violations of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. IPR is currently engaged in negotiations with the Department of Justice regarding attorneys’ fees and costs.

Significant events calendared for this calendar year include:

- IPR will file a reply brief in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in its case against the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- IPR expects to file an amicus brief in support of Intervenor-Respondents Sierra Club, Environmental Defense Fund, and American Lung Association in the litigation surrounding the Environmental Protection Agency’s “Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Update for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS.”

- IPR expects to file an amicus brief on behalf of a coalition of faith groups in forthcoming litigation related to proposed changes to existing national monument designations.

Georgetown Climate Center Activities

The Georgetown Climate Center (GCC) continues to support state and local leadership in efforts to curb climate change and prepare for climate impacts. Much of GCC’s focus has been
on supporting development and implementation of the Clean Power Plan (CPP). This included coordinating engagement of leadership in states, EPA and the White House through the Obama Administration; convening and working with a broader group of states, power companies, and NGOs on developing compliance plans; and developing analysis and tools to explore compliance options for states.

In anticipation of the Trump Administration’s recently announced CPP repeal, the Center has continued to engage with states on the future of this rule, for example:

- In April, GCC again brought together senior state leaders to discuss opportunities for coordinating and aligning their work on continued GHG emission reductions.
- In July, GCC facilitated a letter to Director Mick Mulvaney of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) from environmental officials from twelve states, encouraging the Trump Administration to move forward with the CPP.
- In October, GCC briefed leading states on the repeal proposal and are preparing to assist states with formal comments.

Following President Trump's announced plans to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement, the Center continues to provide support for state leadership and international engagement:

- In May, GCC facilitated a letter to the Trump administration from twelve state governors urging them to move forward with the CPP and supported additional (R) governors.
- GCC is working with U.S. Climate Alliance Governors that have pledged to uphold the Paris Agreement, including hosting forums with Governors and senior state officials at COP 23, highlighting the continued work by states to reduce GHG emissions.
- GCC helped launch the multi-sector We Are Still In coalition supporting goals of the Paris Agreement, and will showcase leading efforts at a US Climate Action Pavilion and official UN side events at COP23.

The Center also facilitates the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), a collaboration of the transportation, energy, and environment agencies of the eleven northeast and mid-Atlantic states and DC working to reduce emissions from the transportation sector. Building on momentum from a statement in which six states committed to working to “develop potential market-based policies” to reduce transportation sector emissions, GCC has continued to facilitate virtual and in-person dialogues with officials from ten states to move the conversation forward.

- GCC hosted Low-Carbon Transportation Policy Summits in April and in September. These symposia were held as part of our facilitation of TCI, and in furtherance of the announcement by Northeastern and mid-Atlantic states in November 2015 that they are exploring market-based policies for reducing transportation emissions.
- GCC has been developing internal analyses to advise state officials relating to program design and investment strategies for reducing transportation emissions building off our report, “Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Transportation: Opportunities in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.”
- GCC also supports state efforts to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) and charging infrastructure. In November 2016, GCC worked with TCI states to receive U.S. DOT designation of federal EV charging corridors.
The Center also continues to engage state governments on advancing their own climate change mitigation agendas through state legislation, regulation, and policy research, including:

- Kate Zyla, GCC’s Deputy Director, is directly supporting Virginia’s effort to introduce draft regulations for implementing Gov. McAuliffe’s executive order requiring carbon emissions regulations for the power sector. GCC also worked in collaboration with Rutgers University and WRI to publish a detailed report on different policy options for the next New Jersey governor to consider for reducing GHG emissions across the economy. GCC led the report-writing effort, which culminated in a letter signed by twenty-four current and former NJ leaders urging the next Governor to consider many of the key policy options outlined in the report.

- GCC conducts legal and policy research on critical issues related to EVs, including electric utility regulation and the intersection of EVs and automated vehicles. Publications include a forthcoming white paper on key considerations for state utility regulators when reviewing proposals by electric utilities to invest in EV charging infrastructure, and an analysis of EV charging for fleets of self-driving vehicles. Matthew Goetz, a former Georgetown Law student, is now an Institute Associate and is presenting in Shanghai on planning for electric and self-driving vehicle infrastructure.

- Additionally, to help inform related ongoing public dialogue, the Center recently updated its State Energy Analysis Tool – just in time for the rollback of the Clean Power Plan.

Georgetown Climate Center staff also continue to play a leading role in assisting federal, state, and local governments prepare for climate change impacts. The Center’s adaptation team provides in-depth legal and policy support to state and local governments that are taking actions to reduce their risks to the impacts of climate change. Some examples include:

- GCC has worked extensively with Washington, DC on climate preparedness. Kate Zyla, was recently appointed to the District’s new Commission on Climate Change and Resiliency. GCC Staff and Harrison clinical students are working to help DC identify strategies for financing flood resilience investments in neighborhoods along the Watts Branch tributary of the Anacostia River, neighborhoods identified as having the greatest socioeconomic risks to climate impacts.

- GCC continues to support adaptation efforts in Maryland. GCC prepared a report with recommendations to their Adaptation and Response Working Group on ways to enhance the state’s adaptation efforts. GCC is also working with five counties in the Eastern Shore of Maryland to support regional efforts to build resilience at the regional scale.

- GCC also helped the city of Louisville develop policies to equitably distribute investments to reduce urban heat islands and address stormwater overflow flooding through tree planting, cool roofs and pavements, green roofs, and efficiency measures.

- GCC convenes policymakers and other experts within the Urban Sustainability Directors Network with environmental and social justice experts in a workshop on ways to promote equitable adaptation. In February 2017, the Center published a report, Opportunity for Equitable Adaptation in Cities, capturing lessons shared during the workshops.

GCC develops tools and reports regarding adaptation and reliance:

- In 2016, the Center launched a new version of its comprehensive Adaptation Clearinghouse, a web-based library that provides detailed summaries of more than 2,000 climate adaptation resources. In March of 2017, the Center launched an Adaptation Clearinghouse.
Equity Portal, which is the most complete collection of climate adaptation plans, tools, laws, and policies that focus on equity and social justice.

- In 2018, GCC will develop an online toolbox to help communities identify legal strategies for facilitating managed retreat from vulnerable coastal areas as part of launching an online Sea-Level Rise Toolkit, as a companion to our Green Infrastructure Toolkit — an update of our earlier report that informed many state and academic efforts.

- 2017 was a record-breaking year for extreme weather with devastating hurricanes and wildfires affecting many states and US territories. GCC has captured the lessons from states and cities as they try to use federal disaster recovery funding to rebuild with resilience, including lessons from New Orleans after Katrina, Vermont after Irene, and New York and New Jersey after Sandy. Drawing from this expertise, in September 2017, the Center’s Adaptation Program Director, Jessica Grannis, testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on opportunities to rebuild more resilient infrastructure in the aftermath of recent storms.

- GCC also continues to support resilience efforts in transportation, including work with the Federal Highway Administration to develop 175 case studies of efforts to build resilience in the transportation sector.

The Center’s work has appeared in numerous national media outlets, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, CNN, CBS News, the Guardian, NPR, USA Today, Bloomberg, the Associated Press, and Reuters. In addition, we welcomed two members to our mitigation team. James Bradbury, Ph.D. joins as the Mitigation Program Director, after serving as Senior Policy Advisor at DOE’s Office Energy Policy and Systems Analysis, at WRI and on Capitol Hill. Sarah Duffy joins the Center as an Institute Associate. She joins us from the UCLA Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment where she was a law fellow. While we miss him, we are especially proud that former mitigation program director Gabe Pacyniak (who began as a student RA and who co-taught our practicum in recent years) is now at the University of New Mexico Law School.

**Student Engagement:**

The Georgetown Environmental Law Review (GELR) is excited about this spring’s Volume and Symposium recognizing 30 years of being a leader in publications on environmental law. GELR continues to publish articles on a wide variety of both domestic and international environmental topics, including renewable fuel standards, the South China Sea, water as a human right, and much more. In addition, on April 13th, GELR will be hosting its 30th Anniversary Symposium at Georgetown University Law Center. The symposium theme is “From Exxon to Paris: A Review of Environmental Law Over the Last 30 Years.” GELR will be highlighting the most significant moments in environmental law over the last three decades and also projecting as to what the next 30 years might hold.

The Environmental Law Society (ELS) brings faculty, practitioners, and students together, organizes social and public service events, and hosts proceedings with experts on environmental law issues. This fall, ELS has been working on strengthening connections with other campus student organizations, with the goal of tapping into to each other’s resources to broaden the opportunities and knowledge available to student members. ELS will be co-hosted a social event
with GELR in October. ELS will also be co-hosting a Wednesday Wind Down event with the Georgetown Green Campus Alliance on America Recycles Day geared towards raising awareness of recycling practices. ELS will be bringing practitioners to campus in November to discuss different types of careers in environmental law. Earlier this semester, ELS helped to clean up Rock Creek Park on National Public Lands Day and hosted an event to provide 1Ls with advice as they start their law school journeys.

Finally, each orientation week we continue to welcome our 1Ls to campus with a guided hike at Great Falls with Professor Babcock at the helm, and Professors Arroyo, Buzbee, and Colangelo typically in attendance. Our hike this year included some spectacular views.