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The Future of Water: Protecting Water Supplies Through Water Quality and Incentives

December 10, 2014

Biltmore Hotel in Miami, Florida

The Center for Environmental Policy at American University's School of Public Affairs, in partnership with the Everglades Foundation, hosted "The Future of Water" – a forum exploring water quality policy in Florida and throughout the US.

[Read the event recap »](#)

This interactive program discussed initiatives within the state of Florida and nationwide to address water quality issues from both a policy perspective and from a market-based incentive approach. Experts including William K. Reilly, State Senator Joe Negron of Florida (32nd District), Eric Eikenberg, SPA/'98, CEO of the Everglades Foundation, and Dan Fiorino, Director of the Center for Environmental Policy, reviewed the current state of water quality policy, initiatives to help address water quality from a market-based approach and models of water quality policy.

[View the event flyer »](#)

Governing for the Future: How to Bring the Long-Term into Short-Term Political Focus

November 5, 2014

Abramson Family Founders Room, American University School of International Service

Jonathan Boston, Professor of Public Policy in the School of Government at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

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The Economy and the Environment: New Zealand's Approach to Navigating a Prosperous Future

September 6, 2014

Mary Graydon Center, Room 4

The Honorable Amy Adams Minister for the Environment, New Zealand

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Israel and Water: Scarcity, Innovation, and Cooperation

March 4, 2014

Abramson Family Founders Room, American University School of International Service

"The Perils of a Panacea: The Role of Water Technology in Resolving Conflict in the Middle East," Professor Alon Tal, Ben-Gurion University

"Beyond Politics: Technology and Innovation in the Water-Food Nexus," Naty Barak, Netafim

This one-day conference created an opportunity for participants to learn about and reflect on diverse Israeli approaches to water management, innovation and cooperation in the Middle East and globally. The event brought together environmental practitioners, engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs, investors, academics, officials and other stakeholders to explore the ways in which water-related innovation and cooperation are keys to peacemaking in the Middle East.

Future of Water Forum

*Hotel Monaco, San Francisco
November 7, 2013*

William K. Reilly

Kathleen Shaver, Director Sustainability and Risk, Supply Chain Management at Cisco Systems

Susan Leal, Senior Vice President, Chief Strategy Officer, Water at AECOM

Chad Spitler, Managing Director, Corporate Governance & Responsible Investment, BlackRock

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Dialogue in an Era of Divisiveness

May 21-22, 2013

Mary Graydon Center, American University

The Center for Environmental Policy partnered with the Association for Conflict Resolution's Environment & Public Policy Section for an exciting conference that highlighted

innovative approaches to collaborative problem solving and action in this era of divided government and vitriol.

Conference sessions included:

- Breakthroughs (and challenges) in immigration policy, landscape-scale collaboration, education reform, water allocation, protection of sacred sites, and interagency collaboration on permitting infrastructure projects.
- Innovative processes such as pre-meeting interventions in polarized situations, Maryland Humanities Council's community engagement effort, "Let's Be Shore," and interactive decision technology.
- Other important topics such as gender inclusion, building better tribal relations, sensitivity to the cultures of rural communities, responding to organized strategies to disrupt deliberation, confidentiality and transparency, collaborative governance and natural resource management in China and the U.S., what design thinking has to offer mediators and facilitators, and telling great stories about collaboration.

Learn more about the Environment & Public Policy Section by joining the discussion on [LinkedIn](#) or Twitter @[ACR_EPP](#).

Lecture by William K. Reilly

April 23, 2013

Katzen Arts Center, American University

The Reilly Fund was formally announced at an invitation-only event on the American University campus in Washington, D.C. The event included a [lecture by William K. Reilly](#) entitled, "Leadership for a Polarized Era," in which he drew upon his experience in considering how to address today's

environmental challenges. The William K. Reilly Environmental Leadership Award was also presented at the event.

Read more about the [Reilly Fund](#) »

EPA Technology Summit

May 14, 2012

American University

The Center for Environmental Policy was pleased to work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on a major conference. The EPA Technology Summit was held on the campus of American University on May 14, 2012. This invitation-only event was designed to bring together leaders in technology development, the financial industry, government, and academia to lay out a plan for accelerating the deployment of environmental technologies with the joint objectives of environmental protection and economic growth.

The one-day event opened with welcoming remarks from American University President Neil Kerwin, followed by a theme-setting address by EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. Three other senior administration officials--Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Commerce John Bryson, and Trade Representative Ron Kirk--then offered remarks on the issues from their agencies' perspectives. Break-out groups addressed specific technology barriers and opportunities in three areas. The afternoon consisted of Six Market Opportunity Talks by senior leaders from the Nature Conservancy, CERES, the Environmental Defense Fund, CERES, Weston Solutions, and Corning Environmental Technologies.

The Genesis of a Green State? Continuity and Change in Environmental Policy

November 1, 2011

Abramson Family Founders Room, SIS

Visiting Scholar Event with James Meadowcroft, Carleton University

James Meadowcroft holds a Canada Research Chair in Governance for Sustainable Development at Carleton University in Canada. He is a Professor in the Department of Political Science and the School of Public Policy. He has written widely on the politics and policy of the environment and sustainability, working on topics related to democracy and the environment, planning for sustainable development, participation, socio-technical transitions and sustainable energy policy. His most recent co-edited book was *Caching the Carbon: the Politics and Policy of Carbon Capture and Storage*.

A Turbulent Environment: American Politics and the EPA

September 19, 2011

Mary Graydon Center, Room 200

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was created in 1970 to consolidate environmental and pollution programs that had been scattered across the federal government. It was a product of growing public concern about the environment in the 1960s. Now just past forty years old, EPA is the subject of political debate and, from some quarters, intense criticism for its policies. The Center for Environmental Policy hosted a panel discussion with four former presidential appointees for a discussion of EPA's past, its current controversies, and its future.

Panel Participants:

Terry Davies, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future
EPA Assistant Administrator for Policy, Planning, and
Evaluation, 1989-1991

Timothy Fields, Jr., Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.
EPA Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency
Response, 1997-2001

Ben Grumbles, President, Clean Water America Alliance
EPA Assistant Administrator for Water, 2004-2009

David Gardiner, President, David Gardiner and Associates
EPA Assistant Administrator for Policy, 1993-1999

Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable

April 27-28, 2011

The Center for Environmental Policy hosted a meeting of the Sustainable Water Resources Roundtable at American University. Since 2002, SWRR has brought together representatives from the federal, state, corporate, non-profit, and academic sectors to advance our understanding of the nation's water resources and to develop tools for their sustainable management. SWRR is a subcommittee to the Advisory Committee on Water Information, which is a Federal Advisory committee that reports to the Department of Interior. ACWI represents the interests of water-information users and professionals in advising the Federal Government on Federal water-information programs and their effectiveness in meeting the Nation's water-information needs.

Topics covered were the current state of water information and indicators, federal-state collaboration on water sustainability, reducing industry's water footprint, and communicating scientific and sustainability information to the public.

Roundtable on Collaborative Governance and Federal Environmental Decision Making

*April 26, 2011 [[Watch Video of this Event](#)]
National Archives*

The Center for Environmental Policy and the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution co-sponsored a roundtable discussion on collaborative environmental governance. The roundtable brought together a range of people working or interested in the field of collaborative environmental governance. Participants included representatives of the government, nongovernmental, research, and collaborative professional communities.

A Conversation with Christine Todd Whitman

April 18, 2011

The Center for Environmental Policy and the School of Public Affairs co-sponsored a conversation with Christine Todd Whitman, former Governor of New Jersey and EPA administrator. The conversation centered around the state of environmental politics and policies.

Christine Todd Whitman is President of The Whitman Strategy Group, a consulting firm that specializes in energy and environmental issues. Governor Whitman served in the cabinet of President George W. Bush as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from January of 2001 until June of 2003. She was the 50th Governor of the State of New Jersey, serving as its first woman governor from 1994 until 2001.

Tracy Mehan is Principal of The Cadmus Group, Inc., an environmental consulting firm, and serves on the Advisory Board for the School of Public Affairs' Center for Environmental Policy. He served previously as the Assistant Administrator for Water with the Environmental Protection Agency.