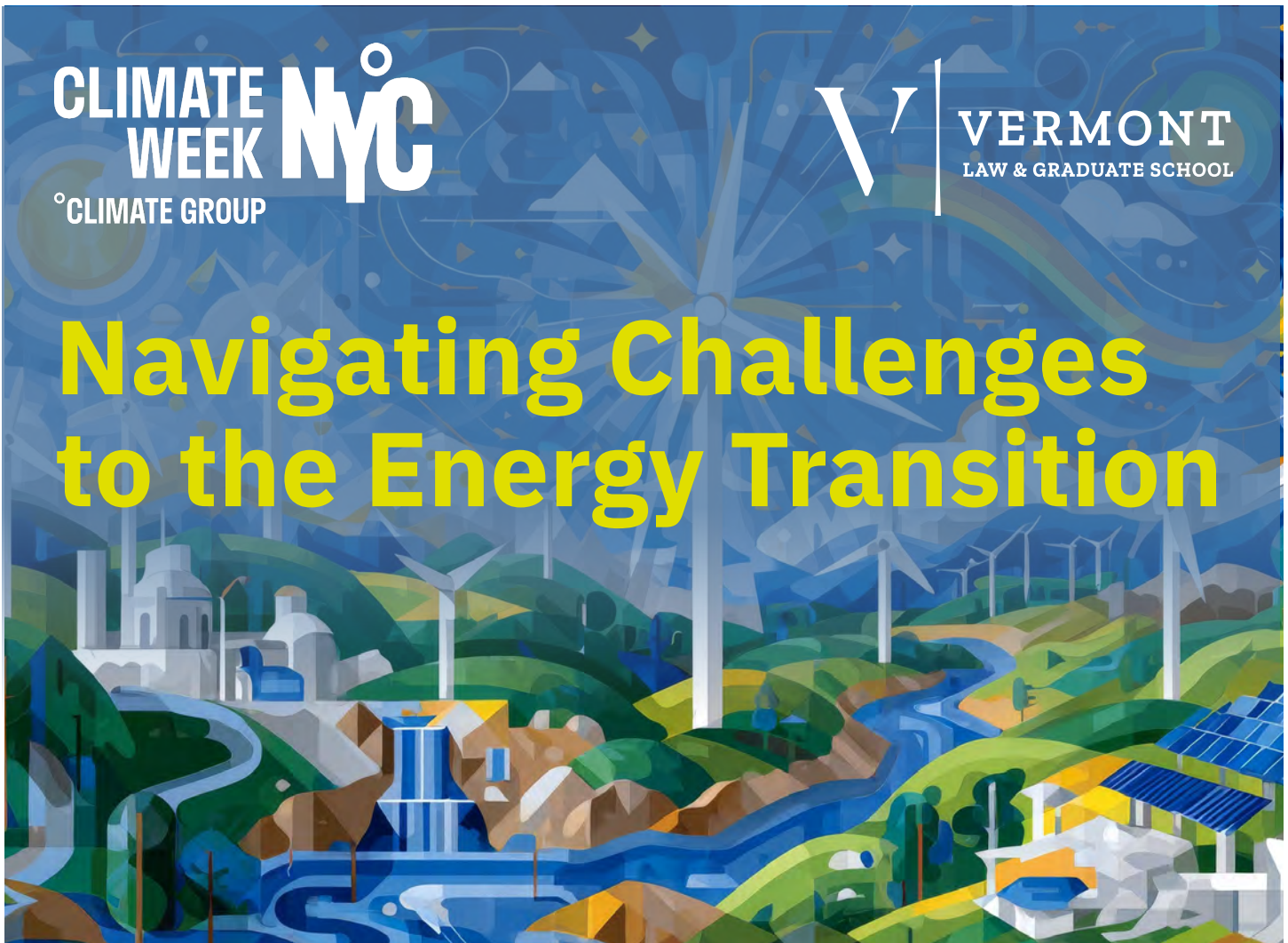


12th Annual VLGS Energy Law and Policy Symposium



Thursday, September 25

1 to 5:45 p.m. ET

In-Person Networking Reception to Follow

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New York, New York
and Virtual**

Symposium Agenda

All times are listed below in Eastern time (ET).

12 P.M. _____ DOORS OPEN • NETWORKING HOUR

1 P.M. _____ WELCOMING REMARKS

Dan Bromberg, Graduate School Dean, Vermont Law and Graduate School
Mark James LLM'16, Interim Director, Institute for Energy and the Environment,
Vermont Law and Graduate School

1:10 P.M. _____ PANEL ONE • ADDRESSING THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF DATA CENTERS

MODERATOR

Claire Valentine-Fossum JD/MERL'20, General Counsel, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

PANELISTS

Katherine Dixon, CEO, Regulatory Assistance Project
Dori Jaffe JD/MSEL'02, Managing Attorney, Sierra Club

2:20 P.M. _____ NETWORKING BREAK

2:30 P.M. _____ PANEL TWO • BUILDING THE GRID: THE ROLE OF INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS

MODERATOR

Matt Trapani JD/MELP'15, Senior Environmental Advisor, Engie

PANELISTS

Zoë Gamble JD/MELP'06, President, CleanChoice
Karen White JD'14/MERL'18, Energy Management Senior Counsel, LS Power

3:40 P.M. _____ INTRODUCTION TO THE AMERICAN RESILIENCE PROJECT

Alan Strasser JD/MSL'93, Board Member, American Resilience Project

3:50 P.M. _____ NETWORKING BREAK

4 P.M. _____ PANEL THREE • CLIMATE INVESTING AND CLEAN TECH

MODERATOR

Kirt Mayland LLM'03, Visiting Assistant Professor, Vermont Law and Graduate School

PANELISTS:

Dan Boyd, Co-Founder and CIO, Current
Nyla Mabro, Head of Strategy and Marketing, The Clean Fight
George Ward, Principal, KPMG

5:10 P.M. _____ KEYNOTE ADDRESS

James Van Nostrand, Chair, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities

5:40 P.M. _____ CLOSING REMARKS

Mark James LLM'16, Interim Director, Institute for Energy and the Environment,
Vermont Law and Graduate School

Welcoming Remarks



Dan Bromberg, who received a Ph.D. in public administration from Rutgers University and a master of public administration from the University of Vermont, serves as graduate school dean at VLGS. He has been instrumental in shaping the graduate school, including launching a Master of Public Policy program, which just welcomed its second cohort.

Previously the director of academic programs and then interim director of the Carsey School of Public Policy at the University of New Hampshire, Bromberg brings to VLGS expertise in the implementation of new degrees and expansion of experiential learning opportunities for graduate students.

Bromberg is no stranger to public policy work and has authored publications including “Calibrating Public Accountability: The Fragile Relationship between Police Departments and Citizens in an Age of Video Surveillance” and “Problem Solving with the Private Sector: A Public Solutions Handbook.”

Additionally, he was a tenured professor at the University of New Hampshire, with a joint appointment in the department of political science and the Carsey School, and served as a member of the graduate council and as a graduate school faculty fellow.



Mark James LL.M.’16 is the interim director of the Institute for Energy and the Environment and an associate professor at Vermont Law and Graduate School. Mark teaches Energy Policy in a Carbon Constrained World and Oil and Gas Development and the Environment. Prior to joining the VLGS faculty, Mark was a global energy LL.M. fellow at VLGS between 2014 and 2016.

Mark earned his bachelor’s degree, with honors, in ecology from the University of Toronto and his juris doctor, with an environmental specialization, from the University of Ottawa. While completing his JD, he co-founded the Canadian Association of Environmental Law Societies, a national environmental law student group connecting Canadian environmental law students, academics, and practitioners.

Panel One • Addressing the Energy and Environmental Impacts of Data Centers

MODERATOR

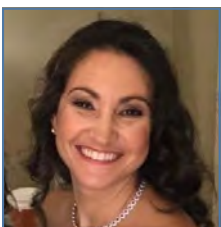


Claire Valentine-Fossum JD/MERL'20, a Vermont Law and Graduate School alum, is based in Portland, Oregon, where she works as general counsel at the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), an independent, state-wide nonprofit created by ballot initiative over 40 years ago. CUB advocates on behalf of Oregon's residential ratepayers for affordable, accessible, reliable, and clean utilities. In response to a surge in data center growth in Oregon, and its subsequent impact on utility rates, CUB has opened an investigative docket. Additionally, CUB advocated for the POWER Act, which passed this year and makes data centers their own rate class in utility proceedings and sets specific consumer protection requirements on special contracts. Claire previously worked in private practice in Washington, D.C., and clerked with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Administrative Law Judges.

PANELISTS



Katherine Dixon is a leading expert in energy transition policy and regulation. As CEO of the Regulatory Assistance Project (RAP), she drives policy and regulatory solutions to build clean, reliable, and equitable energy systems worldwide. Katherine has dedicated her career to accelerating the shift to low-carbon energy through policy, regulation, and investment. Prior to RAP, she led Bain & Company's Energy Transition Policy Centre, advising corporate and government clients on strategy, policy, and investment. She previously served as energy transition chief counsellor at the International Energy Agency (IEA), where she directed programs to advance clean energy transitions globally. As vice president of energy transition strategy at Shell, Katherine shaped the company's net-zero strategy and led demand sector decarbonization efforts. She began her career as a British diplomat, specializing in climate and energy, counter-proliferation, and China. She served as private secretary to the foreign secretary, advising on international energy security and climate diplomacy, and was a nuclear policy expert in the UK's Iran E3+3 negotiations. Katherine holds degrees in natural sciences from the University of Cambridge, Chinese studies from SOAS University of London, and a master's in finance from London Business School.



Dori Jaffe JD/MSEL'02 is the managing attorney with the Sierra Club, based out of the D.C. office. She has been with the Sierra Club for eight years. Her current practice focuses on the clean energy transition in the Southeast, with a more recent emphasis on the impacts of data centers and ensuring that they are paying for their full cost of service to avoid cross-subsidization by residential customers. She and her colleagues are currently involved in commenting on air permit applications, as well as dozens of data center-related dockets across the country addressing large load tariffs, clean transition tariffs, regulatory planning, rate cases, and CPCNs for new gas plants that are being built solely to meet the needs of the ever-growing data center demand. Her work also extends to coordinating with our local chapters on data center legislation, zoning and the local impacts of data centers, including diesel generators, water consumption, and noise pollution. Prior to joining the Sierra Club, Dori spent 12 years as an Assistant Attorney General in Washington State handling a variety of environmental matters relating to CERCLA, RCRA, the cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, Tribal Treaty relations, Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and state environmental laws. She was also general counsel to the Maryland Board of Works. She holds a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from Mercer University.

Panel Two • Building the Grid: The Role of Independent Power Producers

MODERATOR



Matt Trapeni JD/MELP'15 is currently a senior environmental advisor at Engie, where he is tasked with the oversight of environmental compliance procedures, policies, workflows, and any permitting or mitigation programs that ensure Engie's renewable assets represent the most environmentally friendly and reliable energy solutions for our collective future. Prior to joining Engie, Matt was a corporate compliance manager at EBI Consulting, a compliance manager and head of environment at Enel, and an environmental associate at Pattern Energy Group.

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Karen White JD'14/MERL'18 is energy management senior counsel at LS Power, a development, investment, and operating company focused on the North American power and energy infrastructure sector, including generation, transmission, and energy expansion. LS Power has developed or acquired 50,000 MW of power generation since its inception. Prior to working at LS Power, Karen held positions at Avina Clean Hydrogen, Just Energy, Bloom Energy, and Spark Energy.



Zoë Gamble JD/MELP'06 is president of CleanChoice Energy, where she leads the company's growth into developing and operating solar projects that expand access to clean power. She began her career as an attorney at Blanco Tackabery, later served as general counsel at FLS Energy, and has spent nearly 20 years building renewable energy companies with an emphasis on empowering teams to solve hard problems. Passionate about both people and the planet, Zoë combines her legal training and business leadership to advance the next generation of clean energy. She lives in Charlotte, N.C., with her husband, five children, and two lively dogs.

Introduction to the American Resilience Project



Alan W. Strasser JD/MSL'93 is a member of the board of directors of the American Resilience Project (ARP). Formerly with the Mediation Institute and an environmental consultant to industry and EPA, Alan is an attorney with over 30 years experience in environmental, regulatory, and site-specific matters through positions in government, private sector, and NGOs.

As an environmental and transportation attorney at the Department of Transportation, he advised on rulemaking, litigation, public-private partnerships, and dispute resolution. Most recently, at the Federal Aviation Administration, Alan led national policy and grant programming for sustainability, resilience, GHG reduction, and renewable energy projects. Alan has led efforts to address climate change adaptation for the White House, convened a negotiation for the Department of Energy on energy efficiency standards, and developed a partnership for DOT with the military and industry to address sea level rise impacts. He has moderated numerous dialogues and spoken widely on energy, the environment, and climate change. Previously for ARP, Alan was the policy director and story consultant for the documentary "Tidewater" (2017) and policy director and stakeholder liaison for the series "Current Revolution" (2019).

Panel Three • Climate Investing and Clean Tech

MODERATOR



Kirt Mayland LLM'03 is a visiting professor in VLGS's Institute for Energy and the Environment. He was previously at the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation at the University of Connecticut, where he taught courses in renewable energy law, land use law, and environmental law. He is also the president of Taconic Range Energy & Environment, a renewable energy development and environmental consulting firm. He was formerly in-house counsel at Barron Partners, Soltas Energy, and Penn Energy Renewables. Prior to his time at Penn, Mayland was an environmental attorney at Trout Unlimited. He has also worked at Sidley, Austin and Morgan Lewis. He graduated from Dartmouth College and was a Fulbright Scholar in Monterrey, Mexico, where he received a master's degree in finance from the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores. He received a juris doctor from the University of Connecticut, where he was a member of the *Connecticut Law Review*.

PANELISTS



Dan Boyd is co-founder and chief investment officer of Current, which equips commercial fleets with an end-to-end electric-vehicle solution—including vehicle procurement, charging infrastructure, and operations & maintenance. Prior to Current, Dan founded Ozone Renewables, a renewable energy development company that has commercialized over 8GW of development projects for its partners. Dan began his career as a civil engineering officer in the Air Force, and upon separating, he moved into renewable energy, developing, constructing, and operating wind, solar, fuel cell, hydrogen, and microgrid projects with companies like AES Energy Storage, RES, Noble Environmental Power, and FuelCell Energy. Dan holds a BS in civil engineering from the United States Air Force Academy, an MBA from the University of Connecticut School of Business, and a Certificate of Advanced Leadership from the University of Sydney.



Nyla Mabro is the head of strategy and marketing at The Clean Fight, which seeks to use a variety of approaches including catalytic capital investments to encourage adoption of technologies and to reduce barriers to investment by other capital sources. Nyla was previously chief marketing officer at Lexicon New York and head of strategy at Faith Popcorn's BrainReserve. Nyla completed a master's in history at the University of Cambridge.



George Ward is a principal in KPMG's advisory practice and leads the IRA tax credit brokerage service and tax equity placement. George has over 25 years of M&A and strategic advisory experience and substantial transaction expertise. He has built and managed numerous energy and infrastructure investment banking teams over his career and advised on a diverse group of sectors and transactions. George's broad expertise includes mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, public and private capital raises, bankruptcy, strategic advisory, and board defense. Prior to joining KPMG, George was head of energy at Solomon Partners. He also brings experience from his time as a senior member of the investment banking teams at Tudor Pickering Holt & Company, Berenson & Company, and Credit Suisse.

Keynote Address



James Van Nostrand began his term as chair of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities on May 1, 2023. Prior to his appointment to the DPU, Van Nostrand was the Charles M. Love, Jr. Endowed Professor and Director of the Center for Energy and Sustainable Development at the West Virginia University College of Law. He is the author of “The Coal Trap: How West Virginia Was Left Behind in The Clean Energy Revolution” (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

Before moving to WVU in July 2011, Van Nostrand spent three years as a member of the adjunct faculty at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University in White Plains, New York, and executive director of the Pace Energy and Climate Center. Prior to his transition to law school teaching, Van Nostrand had a successful career in private law practice as a partner in the energy and environmental practice groups of two large law firms based in the Pacific Northwest (Perkins Coie LLP and Stoel Rives LLP). In his 22-year career in private practice, Van Nostrand represented energy clients in state regulatory proceedings in eight western states, as well as proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Mr. Van Nostrand was recognized by the Energy Bar Association as its 2007 State Regulatory Practitioner of the Year.

Mr. Van Nostrand received his LLM in environmental law from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, his juris doctor from the University of Iowa College of Law, his master’s degree in economics from SUNY at Albany, and an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Northern Iowa.



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