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LAND IN COMPETITION

Patrick Welch, Policy Analyst, Climate Strategies, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Patrick Welch is a policy analyst in the climate strategies team at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, contributing to the Institute's work on land-based climate finance, equitable climate adaptation and resilience, and scenario planning. He has more than eight years of experience working in planning, international development, and environmental policy at a variety of scales in both the public and private sector. Prior to joining the Lincoln Institute, he worked as a consultant on several sustainable economic development strategies in Latin America, including an economic decarbonization strategy for Costa Rica. Previously, Patrick worked at the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe Center, where he helped develop programs and policy for multiple government agencies. He also worked as an environmental educator in Nicaragua with the Peace Corps, training teachers and government officials in climate change adaptation and community-led project development. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Urban Environmental Studies from Birmingham-Southern College, and his Master's in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Ona Ferguson, Consensus Building Institute

Ona Ferguson is a Senior Mediator at the Consensus Building Institute and lecturer at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. At CBI, Ona designs and facilitates meetings on a range of environmental and public policy issues, as well as on organizational and strategic planning. For more than a decade, Ona has helped groups work constructively on natural resource and public policy issues including shoreline management, climate change planning, toxic site clean ups, and land use disputes. Ona co-leads CBI's Coasts and Oceans practice. Her experience includes coastal management, climate change, land use, superfund, ecosystem restoration, and organizational and strategic planning.

William Moomaw, Tufts University

William Moomaw is Emeritus Professor of international environmental policy and founding director of the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy at The Fletcher School at Tufts University. He currently serves as co-director of the Global Development and Environment Institute at Tufts, which he co-founded.

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He received his B.A. degree in chemistry from Williams College and Ph.D. in physical chemistry from MIT. He had a 26-year career in chemistry and environmental studies at Williams College, where he directed the Center for Environmental Studies. He served as AAAS Science Fellow in the U.S. Senate, where he worked on legislation that successfully addressed ozone depletion, and on legislation responding to the 1973 energy crisis. He began working on climate change in 1988 as the first director of the climate program at World Resources Institute in Washington. He has been a lead author of five Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Reports. The IPCC shared the Nobel Peace Prize for its climate work in 2007. He is currently working on natural solutions to climate change with a focus on increasing carbon dioxide removal and sequestration by forests, wetlands and soils to compliment emission reductions from land use changes and replacing fossil fuels with zero carbon renewable energy.

He chairs the board of directors of two climate science and policy organizations, The Climate Group North America and Woods Hole Research Center. He also serves on the boards of directors of The Nature Conservancy of Massachusetts, the Consensus Building Institute, Earthwatch Institute, and is on the National Advisory Boards of the Union of Concerned Scientists, and Young Voices for the Planet.

MODERATOR: Amanda Kolson Hurley, BloombergGreen

Amanda Kolson Hurley is a journalist and author with long experience covering architecture and urban planning, the environment, and politics. An Editor at Bloomberg Businessweek, she previously worked at CityLab and, before that was a freelancer contributing to publications including the Washington Post and The Atlantic. Her book *Radical Suburbs*, on experimental suburban communities came out in 2019. Hurley has a Ph.D. in literature from the University of Bristol and an M.A. from the University of St. Andrews (UK), and lives in Silver Spring, MD.

LAND, WATER & AGRICULTURE

Bruce Babbitt, former Governor of Arizona, Secretary of the Interior

Bruce Babbitt served as governor of Arizona from 1978 to 1987 and as secretary of the interior from 1993 to 2001. He received a B.A. in geology from the University of Notre Dame, a M.Sc. in geophysics from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

As governor of Arizona, he led enactment of the Arizona Groundwater Management Act of 1980, which remains the most comprehensive water regulatory system in the United States, and he established the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality.

As secretary of the interior he oversaw regulatory reforms in the Bureau of Reclamation, the nation's largest water provider, and he initiated water management programs in the Florida Everglades, the Platte River Basin and the Lower Colorado River Basin. He led negotiations for the California Bay Delta accord of 1994 and is presently working with California Governor Jerry Brown to manage statewide negotiations to revise stream flow standards in the Sacramento and San Joaquin river basins.

Jim Holway, Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy

Jim Holway is director of the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. He has 35 years of experience on water and natural resources management. In November 2016, Jim was re-elected to represent Maricopa County on the Board of the Central Arizona Water Conservation District and served as the board's vice president from 2017 to 2018. Jim previously directed the Western Lands and Communities joint program for the Sonoran Institute and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

Prior to joining the Sonoran Institute in 2009, Jim taught as a professor of practice in sustainability and served as the Arizona State University Coordinator for the Arizona Water Institute. He previously served as Assistant Director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources where he directed the implementation of Arizona's groundwater management programs.

Jim earned his B.A. in political science from Cornell University and both a Ph.D. and Masters of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina. Jim was also inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2012.

LAND, WATER & AGRICULTURE (CONTINUED)

Naveen Sikka, CEO, Terviva

Naveen Sikka is the founder and CEO of Terviva, a Series-D agriculture technology company that is building the world's most sustainable supply chain of plant protein and vegetable oil.

Utilizing experience in management consulting, technology, natural resources and agriculture, Naveen established Terviva to understand and extend the benefits of the ancient pongamia tree's resilience and protein and oil-packed beans. Terviva has since introduced pongamia as a new commercial crop that converts distressed farmland into sustainable, productive acreage. Under his leadership, Terviva has unlocked pongamia's potential as a climate-friendly, nutritional powerhouse for feeding the world's rising population. Terviva is the first company to develop high-yielding, non-GMO cultivars of pongamia and to create edible protein and oil from its beans to feed people. Product partners draw on Terviva's plant protein and vegetable oil supply chain that is world class in its low-carbon intensity, traceability and cost competitiveness with existing oilseed supplies

Naveen and Terviva have been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Food Navigator, Growing Produce, All About Feed, Food Business News and Pacific Business News, among other leading publications covering sustainable innovation and technology in agriculture and food. Naveen completed his MBA from UC Berkeley where he co-chaired the development of the Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative (BERC) in collaboration with Lawrence Berkeley Lab to evaluate its existing portfolio of commercial technologies. Prior to earning his MBA, Naveen worked as a management consultant at Gemini Consulting and TPI. He graduated as a Class Senior Marshal with a BA from Columbia University, during which time he studied and worked in France and West Africa. He is a mentor and member of Environmental Entrepreneurs and the New Innovators Council of the World Resources Institute.

LAND, WATER & AGRICULTURE(CONTINUED)

MODERATOR: Mike Grunwald, Politico

Michael Grunwald is a senior staff writer for POLITICO Magazine and editor-at-large of The Agenda.

Before joining POLITICO in November 2014, Mike was a staff writer for The Boston Globe, a national staff writer for The Washington Post and a senior national correspondent for Time magazine. He has won the George Polk Award for national reporting, the Worth Bingham Prize for investigative reporting and many other journalism honors. He is also the best-selling author of “The New New Deal: The Hidden Story of Change in the Obama Era” (Simon & Schuster, 2012) and “The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise” (Simon & Schuster, 2006).

Mike lives in Miami Beach with his wife, Cristina Dominguez, an attorney; their children, Max and Lina; and their Boston terriers, Candy and Cookie.

LAND IN CONSERVATION

Chandni Navalkha, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Chandni Navalkha is associate director of Sustainably Managed Land and Water Resources and works on projects to advance and accelerate the enduring protection of land and water resources worldwide. Prior to joining the Lincoln Institute, Chandni was a fellow with the Sri Lanka Program for Forest Conservation, conducting research on the impacts of conservation on local livelihoods near the Sinharaja World Heritage Site. Chandni has worked for organizations in North America, Latin America, and South Asia supporting urban, peri-urban, and rural communities involved in voluntary land and resource conservation, and earlier in her career worked in change management for private and public sector organizations as a consultant with Accenture. She holds a Master's in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and a dual B.A. in English and economics from Cornell University.

Jim Levitt, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Jim Levitt is the director of the International Land Conservation Network (ILCN) at the Lincoln Institute. The ILCN, which Levitt cofounded in 2014, now has partnerships with leading civic sector (NGO) and private land conservation organizations on six continents, including organizations based in nations as far-flung as Australia, Canada, Chile, China, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Spain and Romania. The mission of the ILCN is to connect organizations around the world that are accelerating voluntary private and civic sector action to protect and steward land and water resources. Levitt focuses on landmark innovations in the field of land and biodiversity conservation -- both present-day and historic-- that are characterized by five traits: novelty and creativity in conception; strategic significance; measurable effectiveness; cross-jurisdictional transferability; and the ability to endure. Levitt has written and edited dozens of articles and four books on land and biodiversity conservation. He has lectured widely on the topic in venues ranging from Santiago, Chile, to Stockholm, Sweden.

Levitt is also a fellow at the Harvard Forest, Harvard University, in Petersham, Massachusetts and serves as a senior fellow at Highstead, a Connecticut-based nonprofit organization advancing land conservation in New England. Levitt is a graduate of Yale College and the Yale School of Management (Yale SOM). He is a member of the first cohort of Donaldson Fellows honored by Yale SOM for career achievements that “exemplify the mission of the School.

LAND IN CONSERVATION (CONTINUED)

Mark Anderson, The Nature Conservancy/Kingsbury Browne Fellow

Mark provides science leadership, ecological analysis, and landscape assessments for conservation efforts across 22 states in the Eastern United States. He holds a Ph.D. in Ecology from University of New Hampshire and has worked as an ecologist for over 30 years – 27 with The Nature Conservancy. He has published widely on climate change resilience, large landscape conservation, biodiversity, and forest dynamics. A co-author of the National Vegetation Classification, his current research interests focus on the intersection between ecological services, biodiversity, and geophysical properties. He manages a team of six scientists specializing in landscape ecology, aquatic and terrestrial connectivity, marine spatial planning, and regional data management.

In 2017, Mark received TNC's Conservation Achievement Award for his work to identify climate resilient "strongholds" – areas where complex topographies, elevations and geologies allow them to withstand climate impacts and continue supporting people and nature. Mark and his team have created a comprehensive map of these strongholds across the continental United States which is being used by TNC, government agencies and other conservation organizations to prioritize the most important lands and waters to protect in order to sustain the diversity of life on Earth.

MODERATOR: Robert Kunzig, National Geographic

Rob Kunzig is a senior environment editor for National Geographic magazine. In 2011 he contributed articles on global populations trends and on cities to the magazine's year long "Seven Billion" series. A science Journalist for the past 30 years, Kunzig has also written two books, *Fixing Climate* (with Wallace Broecker) and *Mapping the Deep*, a book about oceanography, which won the Aventis/Royal Society prize in 2000.

PRACTICING THE CRAFT I

Nancy Gibbs, Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

Nancy Gibbs is the director of the Shorenstein Center and the Edward R. Murrow Professor of Practice of Press, Politics and Public Policy. Until September 2017, she was Editor in Chief of TIME, directing news and feature coverage across all platforms for more than 65 million readers worldwide, as well as Editorial Director of the Time Inc. News Group. Gibbs was named TIME's 17th editor in September 2013, the first woman to hold the position, and remains an Editor at Large. Under her leadership, TIME's digital audience grew from 25 to 55 million, video streams passed 1 billion a year, and TIME won a primetime Emmy award for its two-part "A Year in Space" documentary, produced with PBS. During her three decades at TIME, she covered four presidential campaigns and is the author of more cover stories than any writer in TIME's near-100 year history, including the black-bordered "September 11" special issue, which won the National Magazine Award in 2002.

Gibbs has also served as a consultant to CBS News and an essayist for the News Hour on PBS. She is the co-author, along with Michael Duffy, of two best-selling presidential histories: *The President's Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity* (2012), which spent 30 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller list, and *The Preacher and the Presidents: Billy Graham in the White House* (2007). She has interviewed five U.S. presidents and multiple other world leaders, and lectured extensively on the American presidency, including at the Bush, Reagan, Carter, Johnson and Truman libraries, the Aspen Institute, the Dallas World Affairs Club, the Commonwealth Club and the National Archives. She is a Senior Fellow at the USC Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership and Policy.

Gibbs was born and raised in New York City. She graduated from Yale summa cum laude, with honors in history, and has a degree in politics and philosophy from Oxford, where she was a Marshall scholar. She has twice served as the Ferris Professor at Princeton, where she taught a seminar on politics and the press.

Andrew McCormick, Covering Climate Now

Andrew is a journalist and writer whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Nation*, and the *Columbia Journalism Review*, where he was a Delacorte Magazine Fellow, among other outlets. Andrew helped launch *Covering Climate Now* in 2019 and additionally serves on the adjunct faculty of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He is a US Navy veteran.



PRACTICING THE CRAFT I (CONTINUED)

Amrita Gupta, Earth Journalism Network

Amrita is EJN's Editor and Content Officer. She is a multimedia journalist and editor with over ten years' experience reporting on food, agriculture, climate, and the environment, with particular focus on South Asia. Amrita is a former story grantee of EJN; her three-part audio series documenting the impacts of climate change on agrarian communities in the mid-Himalayas was longlisted for a One World Media Award, which recognizes under-reported stories from the developing world. Prior to joining EJN, she led Communications at the Agroecology Fund, a non-profit grantmaking organization that supports grassroots peasant movements in the Global South. Amrita was previously part of the editorial teams at Nature in Focus, a platform for wildlife and conservation stories in India, BBC Good Food, Mint newspaper, and Time Out India magazine. She has a master's degree in Food Studies from New York University and is currently based in New York.



DINNER SPEAKER

Ron Suskind, co-producer, "Don't Look Up"

Ron Suskind is a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, journalist, and filmmaker, who most recently co-produced the Oscar-nominated film *Don't Look Up*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, Meryl Streep, Jonah Hill, Timothée Chalamet, Tyler Perry, Cate Blanchett, and more. His book *Life Animated*, which explores his son Owen's autism and how he learned to communicate through Disney movies, was also the subject of an Emmy Award-winning and Oscar-nominated documentary of the same name. As a veteran journalist, he has written extensively about presidential administrations and is dedicated to uncovering America's social, historical, and political injustices.

LAND AND CLIMATE FINANCE

Enrique Silva, Director, International Initiatives, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Enrique R. Silva is the director of international initiatives at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. He is responsible for the identification and oversight of existing and new initiatives that leverage the Lincoln Institute's resources and expand its presence globally. Silva currently oversees the Lincoln Institute's global campaigns on municipal fiscal health and land value capture, which include a range of research, educational, and outreach activities. He also leads a portfolio of projects and initiatives in Africa, and assists in the development and management of projects on land policy and urbanization in Latin America. Silva collaborates on the development and management of initiatives that focus on a range of themes from land-based fiscal instruments to the fiscal and land policy dimensions of large-scale urban projects to planning regimes and climate change adaptation. He is also working with South African national and local authorities on a range of activities promoting the use of land-based financial tools to finance urban development and inclusionary housing projects. Silva also teaches a course on urban governance and the politics of planning at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. Prior to his arrival at the Lincoln Institute, Silva was an assistant professor of city planning and urban affairs and the program coordinator for the graduate programs in city planning and urban affairs at Boston University. Silva holds a Ph.D. in city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley, an M.S. in planning from the University of Toronto, and a B.A. in political science from Columbia University.

Erwin van der Krabben, Radboud University, The Netherlands

Erwin van der Krabben was in 2010 appointed as Professor of Planning and Property Development in the Department of Planning (Radboud University). From 2011 to 2018 he also held a (0.2) position as a Professor of Real Estate in the School of the Built Environment (University of Ulster, Belfast, Northern Ireland). From 2018 he is a visiting professor to Hong Kong University (HK). A substantial part of his recent work concentrates on land management policies, financial instruments and value capturing related to urban regeneration projects and the financing of public infrastructure, both in a Dutch context and internationally. At the moment, he works on several research projects focusing on innovative governance and finance solutions for urban development and transit oriented development. Internationally, he works and has worked in China, Indonesia, Vietnam, South-Korea, Taiwan, Europe, the United States and Brazil and is frequently involved in international research.

LAND AND CLIMATE FINANCE (CONTINUED)

Professionally, Erwin van der Krabben regularly advises to local, regional and national authorities in the field of land policy, value capturing and transit oriented developments and is frequently invited to address both national and international audiences (industry and government) on topics like value capturing and transit oriented developments.

Lourdes German, Executive Director, The Public Finance Initiative/GSD

Lourdes German began her career specializing in public finance as an attorney advising state and local governments in their public finance transactions at the international law firm Palmer & Dodge (now Locke Lord, LLP). Following that work, Lourdes joined the public finance department at Fidelity Investments, where she served as a Vice President who launched and led the company's municipal finance efforts in the Northeast and opened Fidelity's New York office for public finance investment banking. Following Fidelity, Lourdes' professional experiences include serving as General Counsel and Vice President of Municipal Investment research at Breckinridge Capital Advisors and serving as a Director of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. At Lincoln, Lourdes helped grow a global campaign on municipal fiscal health via activities that included serving as a speaker in the first bi-partisan congressional briefing focused on municipal finance and serving as an expert advisor to the United Nations in support of the launch of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. In her capacity supporting the UN, Lourdes served as one of the co-authors of the book, *Finance for City Leaders*, published by the United Nations Press in 2016.

In addition to her private sector roles, Lourdes has served as a professor and lecturer in various higher education institutions. She is currently developing the first public finance course for urban planners at the Harvard Graduate School of Design and previously served on the faculty at the Boston College Carroll School of Management, Boston University, Northeastern University School of Law, and helped co-create the first certificate program in municipal finance at the University of Chicago Harris School for Policy.

Outside of her current role in higher education, Lourdes also serves as a senior advisor to the Kresge Foundation. Lourdes also directs The Public Finance Initiative, a fiscally sponsored project of Third Sector New England, which works with communities, foundations, and other stakeholders to develop research, education, and technical assistance programs that center the values of equity, sustainability, and inclusive growth in the domain of public finance. Lourdes is also serving in her 6th year as the appointed Chair by the Governor of Massachusetts of the Massachusetts State Finance and Governance Board, where she serves as the lead public finance expert to the Governor of the Commonwealth and contributes her time to several non-profit boards.

LAND AND CLIMATE FINANCE (CONTINUED)

MODERATOR: Meghan Stromberg, Planning Magazine

Meghan is an experienced Editor In Chief with a demonstrated history of working in the non-profit organization management industry. Skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Editing, Media Relations, Public Speaking, and Publications. Strong media and communication professional with a Bachelor's degree focused in English Literature from Loras College.

LAND VANISHING

Amy Cotter, Director, Climate Strategies, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy/Climigration Network

Amy grew up with a corn field in her backyard and the city in her blood. Several degrees and over 25 years later, she now works to improve both city and country and to help them coexist more harmoniously. In her current position, she relates land policy and planning in metropolitan and urbanized areas to the critical global challenges of climate resilience, sustainability, and spatial equity. She is responsible for Lincoln's work on climate change, planning practice, and scenario planning, and is a key advisor on its work related to legacy cities. Immediately before joining the Lincoln Institute in 2015, Amy spent 13 years with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in Boston. There, she directed development and strategic implementation of MetroFuture, the plan for a more sustainable and equitable metropolitan region. Amy has also held positions at the Tellus Institute and ICF Consulting and earned an M.S. in environmental policy, an M.U.P. in urban and regional planning from the University of Michigan, and a B.A. from Tufts University.

Daryl Fairweather, Chief Economist, Redfin

Daryl Fairweather is the chief economist of Redfin. Prior to joining Redfin she was a senior economist at Amazon working on problems related to employee engagement and managing a team of analysts. During the housing crisis, Daryl worked as a researcher at the Boston Fed studying why homeowners entered foreclosure. Daryl received her Bachelor's of Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and received her Ph.D. and Master's degrees in economics at the University of Chicago where she specialized in behavioral economics.

LAND VANISHING

Rachel Cleetus, Union of Concerned Scientists

Rachel Cleetus is the policy director with the Climate and Energy program at the Union of Concerned Scientists. She leads the program's efforts in designing effective and equitable policies to address climate change, and advocating for their implementation.

Dr. Cleetus is an expert in policies to promote clean energy and drive deep cuts in heat-trapping emissions from the power sector, including carbon pricing and complementary sector-based policies. She also does research on the risks and costs of climate impacts and is an expert on policies to promote climate resilience. She has co-authored numerous reports and articles including the recent UCS reports *Underwater: Rising Seas, Chronic Floods, and the Implications for US Coastal Real Estate*; *Surviving and Thriving in the Face of Rising Seas Building Resilience for Communities on the Front Lines of Climate Change*; and *The US Power Sector in a Net Zero World: Analyzing pathways for deep carbon reductions*.

She brings nearly twenty years of experience working on US climate and clean energy policies. She is also an expert on the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process and has been attending international climate negotiations since 2009.

Prior to joining UCS, she worked as a consultant for the World Wildlife Fund, conducting policy-focused research on the links between sustainable development, trade, and ecosystems in Asia and Africa. She also worked for Tellus Institute in the energy and environment program.

Lanor Curole, United Houma Nation

Lanor Curole, MA, has been the Program Director of the United Houma Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program since 2000. The program provides employment services for American Indians with disabilities. She earned her Masters of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling in December 2005 from Western Washington University. Active in her state's disability movement, she is both the former Chair of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council and Statewide Independent Living Council. On a state level, she continues to serve as a member of the Southern University Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Department's Advisory Council and the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council. Nationally Ms. Curole has been an active member of the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR) since 2005 and the current board President.

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Ms. Curole is a citizen of the United Houma Nation in southeast Louisiana. She is a life-long resident of Lafourche Parish where she continues to live within the tribal community and is pleased to have the opportunity to work for the betterment of her people. With the passing of her mother 16 years ago, Lanor considers her greatest accomplishment her educational achievements and credits her mother with that success. Lanor's mother attended an all Indian school in Golden Meadow where she was only afforded a 7th-grade education. "My mother always stressed how important education was to our future. In particular, she wanted to ensure that her daughter was self-sufficient." I think she succeeded.

MODERATOR: Alexandra Tempus, The Progressive

Alexandra Tempus is associate editor of The Progressive. She has reported extensively on the ways climate change influences where and how we live at The Progressive, Orion, The Nation, Vice News, Verso books blog and elsewhere. She's a 2016-2017 Climate and Environmental Justice Literary Fellow for migrant rights organization CultureStrike, and a 2018 Climate Solutions Fellow for the New Economy Coalition's New Economies Reporting Project. Tempus served as a researcher at Rolling Stone, The Intercept, and BuzzFeed from 2014-2017. She was a lead researcher on Naomi Klein's 2014 bestseller *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate*. Follow her @tempus_flies.

LAND FROM ABOVE

Jeff Allenby, Center for Geospatial Solutions

Jeffrey Allenby is the director of geospatial technology for the Center for Geospatial Solutions at the Lincoln Institute. He brings a wealth of experience developing systems-focused solutions at the intersection of technology and the natural world. Jeff is leading the Center's efforts to empower decision makers with access to the highest quality geospatial data and analytic tools needed to conserve, protect, manage, and restore land and water resources and ensure that the natural world is resilient to the effects of development, climate change, and other shocks.

LAND FROM ABOVE (CONTINUED)

Prior to joining the Lincoln Institute, Jeff was the director of conservation technology at the Chesapeake Conservancy and cofounder of the Conservancy's Conservation Innovation Center, building it from scratch into a globally recognized pioneer in the application of technology to improve environmental decision making in the Chesapeake Bay and across the world. Jeff also worked with the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to manage a competitive grant program that provided technical and financial support to local communities to proactively adapt to climate change and coastal hazards. Jeff has a M.E.M. and a certificate in geospatial analysis from Duke University and a B.S. from the University of Richmond. Jeff also serves as a member of the advisory board for the Internet of Water.

Peter Colohan, Director, Internet of Water, Center for Geospatial Solutions, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Peter Colohan is the director of the Internet of Water initiative at the Lincoln Institute's Center for Geospatial Solutions. Following nearly a decade of federal service with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Peter came to the Lincoln Institute from Duke University, where he started the Internet of Water. During his federal service, Peter served as a social scientist in NOAA's Office of Water Prediction and as senior advisor to NOAA Chief Scientist Dr. Richard Spinrad. He also served as a member of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy staff for four years under President Barack Obama, including two years as an assistant director in the Environment and Energy Division, and later served as a federal coordinating lead author for the Water Chapter of the Fourth National Climate Assessment, published in November 2018. Prior to his federal service, Peter served as the executive officer of the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) in Geneva, Switzerland, an intergovernmental body dedicated to the global exchange of environmental data and information. Peter is an expert in international affairs, network governance, and building agreements that cross agencies, jurisdictions, boundaries, and sectors. He holds degrees from American University and the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

PRACTICING THE CRAFT II

FACILITATOR: Trish Wilson, Washington Post

Trish joined the Post in 2018 to lead a new team of reporters focused on climate change and the environment. She formerly led international investigations and terrorism enterprise at the Associated Press, where her team's work on Yemen won a Pulitzer Prize in 2019. During that five-year run, she led AP's coverage of the Islamic State, a Pulitzer finalist in 2018. At the Post, the climate team launched the multipart series 2C: Beyond the Limit, which won the Pulitzer Prize in Explanatory Reporting in 2020. Trish started her career in South Florida and later joined The News & Observer in Raleigh.



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