

U.S.-CHINA YOUNG ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FELLOWS

Vermont Law School's U.S.-China Partnership in Environmental Law—together with the Woodrow Wilson Center's China Environment Forum, Sun Yat-Sen University, and the Center for Legal Assistance to Pollution Victims—was awarded a federal grant in fall 2009 to support a U.S.-China exchange program for young professionals working on environmental justice issues. Funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State, the educational and cultural exchange will provide leadership training opportunities to 18 Chinese and American women and men, particularly members of minority groups, who are active in environmental justice efforts. Participants in the summer 2010 program will jointly examine the environmental burdens, including climate change impacts, on minority communities and low-income populations in the U.S. and China and will be mentored in designing projects to advance environmental justice for those communities. Over the summer of this year, participants will spend three weeks in the U.S. and three weeks in China to attend a series of roundtables, study tours, and a one-week internship at an environmental justice organization in each of the countries. The three weeks in the U.S. will include activities in Vermont and Washington, D.C.; and the three weeks in China will include activities in Beijing, Yichang, Guangzhou and a city in western China. The group will be in Washington DC from June 14th through June 17th, with four giving presentations at the China Environment Forum the afternoon of June 16th. Below is a list of the fellows with brief bios.

CHEN Ling Senior Staff Member Ocean and Fishery Bureau Guangzhou, Guangdong Province	Ms. Chen began working for the Ocean and Fishery Bureau (OFB) of Guangdong Province in 2001. Since 2007, she has been working in OFB's Resources and Environmental Administration Department on drafting legislation and implementing plans on the protection of marine environment. Currently she is also a PhD candidate in Environmental Law at Sun Yat-sen University Law School (SYSU). She received her Bachelor's Degree in Law and Master's Degree in Economic Law from SYSU.
GUO Fang Associate Researcher Institute of Karst Geology Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences Guilin City, Guangxi	Ms. Guo is of the Zhuang ethnic minority group in southwest China. She began working for the Institute of Karst Geology after she graduated from college in 2000. Since 2009, she has been working as an associate researcher at the Geology and International Research Center on Karst under the Auspices of UNESCO. Her major research interests are karst hydrogeology, hydrochemistry and environmental geology.
WANG Jingjing Chief Administrator Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs Beijing	Ms. Wang works at the Beijing-based environmental NGO, the Institute of Public and Environmental Affairs, a very well-known environmental NGO that created China's first online water pollution database and works on green supply chains and other open information activities in China. She received her Bachelor's Degree in English from Beijing University of Fashion Technology.

XIE Hong Environmental Lawyer Tian Yi Zhi He Law Firm Guiyang City, Guizhou Province	Ms. Xie is a young lawyer from Guizhou Province, a relatively poor and underdeveloped area in southwest China. She had significant experience in dealing with environmental disputes from her previous position with a state-owned manufacturing enterprise. She is interested in doing more environmental public interest litigation work at her current job. She received her Master's in constitutional and administrative law from Guizhou University in 2008 and bachelor in English from Guizhou University in 1999.
XIONG, Xiaoqing Lecturer Wuhan University Law School Wuhan, Hubei Province	Professor Xiong teaches environmental law issues at Wuhan University Law School. She is passionate about environmental justice issues and environmental public interest work. In 2009, she was visiting scholar at Taiwan Chengchi University and studied administrative resolution of environmental disputes. She incorporates experiential learning approaches, such as clinical legal education and moot court, into her teaching.
YIN Lun Deputy Director Yunnan Academy of Social Science Kunming, Yunnan Province	Mr. Yin is an environmental professional from the Bai ethnic minority group. He received his Master's and PhD in social anthropology from École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris, France. Currently he is the deputy director of the Center for Biodiversity and Indigenous Knowledge, a very important environmental NGO in southwest China.
YU Jinxiang Associate Professor Gansu Political Science and Law Institute Lanzhou, Gansu Province	Prof. Yu received her Master's degree in economic law from Huaqiao University in 2005 and since has been working at the Gansu Political Science and Law Institute as an associate professor teaching environmental law. She has strong interests in environmental justice work and some experience with environmental litigation.
ZHANG Lifan Chief Executive Guangzhou Green Point Environmental Protection Information Center, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province	Mr. Zhang is the founder and chief executive of the Green Point Environmental Protection Information Center in Guangzhou, one of the few environmental NGOs in the area. Before founding his own organization, he worked as a government official at a local environmental protection bureau in Guangzhou.
ZHONG Hui EIA Assistant Engineer Ganzhou Research Institute of Environmental Science Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province	Ms. Zhong is from very small ethnic minority group called "She." She works as an environmental impact assessment engineer in Ganzhou, Jiangxi Province, a relatively poor area of China. She received her Master's Degree in Environment, Science and Society from University College London and Bachelor's Degree in International Business Communication from Bournemouth University, UK. She has very good understanding of environmental justice issues in China and in the long term would like to work for environmental NGOs doing public participation and environmental governance work.
Erick BOUSTEAD Re-AMP Commons Coordinator Fresh Energy St. Paul, Minnesota	Mr. Boustead's current involvement with environmental justice includes participating on the board of the Indigenous Peoples Green Jobs Coalition through his position at Fresh Energy, and also with music and art through co-directing Substance. His past experience includes being a member of the Sierra Club's Environmental Justice Committee and a state board member for the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group. His focus is in re-positioning the principles of environmental justice to become a keystone of broader environmental and creative advocacy through developing a framework for collaboration and a series of mini-documentaries about historic examples of environmental justice as a guiding force.

<p>Cindy CHANG Resource Development Associate, Environmental Learning for Kids, Denver, CO</p>	<p>A recent graduate of the Yale School of Management and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Ms. Chang is focused on the intersection of environmental justice and philanthropy in the United States. She has worked with many environmental justice organizations throughout the U.S., including Alternatives for Community & Environment, West Harlem Environmental Action, and Groundwork Denver, and is proud to be a senior fellow with the Environmental Leadership Program. Ms. Chang earned her B.A. at Tufts University and spent the summer of 2001 at Beijing University through the Council on International Educational Exchange. She is currently the Resource Development Associate Director at Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK), an environmental education non-profit based in Denver. She will be developing a case study of ELK as part of her fellowship.</p>
<p>Emily ENDERLE Legislative Associate Earthjustice Washington, DC</p>	<p>As a legislative associate on Earthjustice's Washington DC policy and legislation team, Ms. Enderle advocates federally on issues relating to environmental health and air quality. Prior to Earthjustice, Ms. Enderle was the Associate Director of Admissions and Admissions Diversity Coordinator at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies (FES) where she helped increase diversity and inclusiveness within the FES community. She is the editor of the book "Diversity and the Future of the U.S. Environmental Movement." Her work experience includes a consultancy with London's municipal fuel poverty eradication program "Warm Zone," a research position examining India's forestry policy evolution at the Bank Information Center in New Delhi and, as a corporate environmental consultant in the San Francisco office of Kearns & West. Emily holds a Master's of Environmental Management from Yale University and a BA in environmental studies from Oberlin College</p>
<p>Elizabeth KRONK Assistant Professor of Law University of Montana Law School Missoula, MT</p>	<p>Professor Elizabeth Kronk is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Montana School of Law. Professor Kronk teaches courses in civil procedure, federal Indian law and environmental law and directs the School of Law's Summer Indian Law Program. She is interested in developing an expertise in climate change and will be teaching a "Law of Climate Change" course for the first time during the spring 2010 semester. Her scholarship is largely in the area of Indian law, but she would like to move her focus to the intersection of environmental and energy issues with Indian law. The summer of 2007, Professor Kronk taught Marine Environmental Law at Xiamen University in Xiamen, China. In addition to teaching, she is an enrolled citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Michigan, where she serves as Chief Appellate Judge for the Tribe's Court of Appeals. Before joining the faculty at the University of Montana School of Law, Professor Kronk practiced environmental, Indian, and energy law as an associate in the Washington, D.C. offices of Latham & Watkins LLP and Troutman Sanders LLP. Professor Kronk graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Communication. During her third year of college, she studied at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and traveled extensively to China. She received her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.</p>

Debbie Lowe LIANG Environmental Protection Specialist US Environmental Protection Agency San Francisco, CA	Ms. Liang is an Environmental Protection Specialist at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9 in San Francisco. She has worked in the Environmental Justice Program since 2003, which works to better protect public health and the environment for the most vulnerable and most heavily impacted communities. She previously worked in the Superfund Program at EPA. Ms. Liang received her Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley, where she conducted research on schistosomiasis in rural China (2001 – 2003). She received a Masters in Environmental Engineering from the University of Southern California, and a BA from UC Berkeley in Environmental Sciences.
Jonathan OSTAR Co-Director OPAL Portland, OR	Mr. Ostar was born and raised in New York, went to college in Philadelphia at the University of Pennsylvania, and then took off to the Pacific Northwest where he attended Lewis and Clark Law School and specialized in environmental justice. He is a co-founder of OPAL, a 501c3 focused on grassroots EJ organizing. Currently the Co-director, he works to advance EJ issues in Portland metro area and throughout state, representing the organization on the Governor Task Force for Environmental Justice. He teaches a survey course on EJ at Lewis and Clark Law School, and run law clinics through Lewis and Clark and Willamette law school, working on regional sustainability and EJ issues.
Arelys ROSADO-GONZALEZ Staff Attorney Asociacion Nacional de Derecho Ambiental Puerto Rico	Ms. Rosado-Gonzalez was born in Caguas, Puerto Rico. She studied environmental science and subsequently law, focusing on environmental law, at the University of Puerto Rico. During her years in law school she actively collaborated with Asociación Nacional de Derecho Ambiental (National Environmental Law Association), student division. ANDA is the first environmental law center in Puerto Rico; it aims to bridge the environmental justice gap by triggering community participation for a healthy environment and sustainable development. Ms. Rosado-Gonzalez organized workshops on topics such as environmental law and participatory democracy for grassroots leaders. Specifically, she has worked on elaborating Puerto Rico Supreme Court briefs aimed at providing relief to the affected families of Ponce, Puerto Rico from the toxic effects of cement particles produced by concrete producers in their area. Currently, after completing her Juris Doctor degree she joined ANDA. She plans to continue her studies in environmental law and aspires to be an environmental justice advocate in Puerto Rico and Latin America.
Courtney SMITH Affiliate Fellow Pacific Institute Oakland, CA	Courtney Smith received a B.S. in Molecular and Cellular Biology and a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Arizona. Upon graduation, Smith joined the Pacific Institute in Oakland, California, conducting research on issues including scientific integrity, environmental justice, and water quality and human health. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Health Science from the Global Health and Environment Program at the University of California, Berkeley. Her current research interests lie in the intersection of health, environmental justice, and climate change.
Chandra Taylor Senior Attorney Southern Environmental Law Center Chapel Hill, NC	Chandra is an attorney at Southern Environmental Law Center, working primarily on transportation policy, with additional experience in water resources litigation and waste management policy and litigation. She's a member of the planning committee of the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN) and plans to continue to work to ensure the NCEJN's continued ability to effectively work with impacted communities in North Carolina. She received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she respectively served as Co-President of the Black Student Movement and participated on the law school's inaugural Environmental Appellate Advocacy moot court team.