

"Thinking West"

(Coalition of Western Academic Centers)

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Description of Center:

The Andrus Center for Public Policy is dedicated to independent, non-partisan policy formation on critical issues confronting Idaho and the United States. During the five years since its founding, it

has brought policymakers together at conferences on such subjects as declining populations of bull trout, federal land management policies, and catastrophic wildland fires. It provides a civil, non-partisan forum for the exchange of divergent views on controversial issues, and the white papers that emerge from the conferences reflect consensus findings.

Current Projects:

- Cyd Weiland, special project coordinator for the Boise National Forest, is the first visiting fellow for the Center. She is currently completing and about to mail a survey instrument to be used to compile a study on collaboration successes and failures on the public lands of Idaho. Through the efforts of Ms. Weiland and the Senior Fellow, the Andrus Center and the Boise National Forest have signed an agreement to sponsor and help facilitate training in collaborative negotiation for the six new Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) created by Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The goal of these RACs is to collaboratively develop a set of national forest projects that could be funded by some of the proceeds of the Act. The Act has created a new way to deal with forest receipt payments. Matt McKinney of the Western Consensus council in Helena, Montana will conduct the training. Some of the results of Ms. Weiland's project will be available for RAC attendees at the training in November. It is the belief of the Andrus Center that these

RACs hold potential for creating a sort of template that might extend to the debate over wildland fire and roadless policy. There is a window of opportunity that has opened for more decentralized and collaborative discussion that could begin throughout the west.

The second component of this project is the sponsorship of an intern/graduate student's research on the possible interest by key Idaho influentials in a version of a "Consensus Council" modeled somewhat after the Western Consensus council discussed above. The student, Lauren McLean, is currently completing her survey instrument for mail/personal interview response.

- Assemble and convene a forest and range policy discussion group to set the stage for policy reform.
- Dissemination of conference white paper:

The white paper based on the meeting of the western governors was given to the Bush transition team. A second conference, the "Fires Next Time", on the science and policy of fire, was held in early December and co-sponsored by the Idaho Statesman. That white paper and its summary by Governor Andrus has been referenced in a number of places by federal and state agencies, and the senior fellow was invited to comment on the 10-year fire plan under review by federal and state agencies. Chief Bosworth praised the conference as setting the stage for the development of the plan. A chapter based on the white paper was written by the senior fellow and published in *Under Fire: the West is Burning* (Fenske Press, 2001). The book was sponsored in part by the Bureau of Land Management, and the agency has purchased 8,000 copies.

Publications and Resources can be found here:

<http://andruscenter.org/NewFiles/publications.html>

Center for Columbia River History

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Staffing: 1 full-time; 3 part-time

Description of Center: The mission of the Center for Columbia River History is to promote the study of the history of the Columbia River Basin. CCRH conducts interdisciplinary research projects, publishes material in text and electronic format, sponsors teacher seminars and free public programs, and develops curriculum. CCRH collaborates with other historical and cultural institutions, and offers its programs to schools, libraries, historical societies and public groups throughout the Basin.

Current Projects: The Center for Columbia River History applies critical historical methodology, engages directly with Columbia River Basin communities, and through a number of special projects, creates educational public history products on-line, in print, and through public educational programs. Projects include:

- The Columbia River Basin Project (CRBP) directs the talents and expertise of a team of historians, teachers, librarians, archivists, computer specialists, and educators, to the creation of an integrated and interdisciplinary electronic library and learning center built from materials focused on the Columbia River Basin. Three separate but linked programs comprise CRBP: The Community History Program; the Oral History Program; and the Integrated Curriculum program.
- The Vancouver National Historic Reserve (VNHR) Social History Project directs the preparation of professionally researched and written narratives outlining the historical importance of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. (VNHR, located in Vancouver, Washington, is a 366-acre historic site reserved by Congress in 1996.)
- National History Day is an exciting academic enrichment program that helps students learn about historical issues, ideas, people, and events. This academic adventure provides

teachers with an innovative teaching tool and fosters students' enthusiasm for learning.

- CRBP's Post Doctoral Web Projects-

Two Post-Doctoral Fellows have been integral to the Columbia Basin Project. From fall, 1997 through winter, 1998, [Debra Sutphen](#) worked on the [Community History Web Site](#) while teaching the Johnson Creek Capstone course at Portland State University and developing the [Women and Timber Oral History Web Project](#). From Spring 1999 through Spring 2000, [Katrine Barber](#) worked on the Community History Web Site, taught two [Johnson Creek Capstones](#) courses, and developed a [Celilo Falls Web Project](#).

- Annual James B. Castles Heritage Endowment Programs-

Each year, CCRH creates public programs for presentation in Columbia River Basin communities on thematic subjects that purposely connect historical events and personalities to current social and public policy issues.

Publications & Resources can be found here: www.ccrh.org

<http://www.ccrh.org/center/resources.htm>

Center for Environmental Quality

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Staffing: 7 full time professors; 8 part time professors; 35 full time professionals, 32 research assistants, as well as several technicians and administrative personnel.

Description of Center:

The Center for Environmental Quality has the following mission:

The generation of scientific and technological knowledge, which leads to the evaluation, prevention, and resolution of environmental problems, at the local, national, and international level, and which, at the same time, leads to the contribution of the transmission of knowledge through education and training within the framework of sustainable development.

One of the main lines of action for the CEQ is the formation of human resources on a postgraduate level, which have the ability to resolve problems referring to the environment and to promote the sustainable development of the country.

Current Projects: The main research and consulting activities accomplished at CEQ related to innovation and development, are organized among diverse micro and macro environmental issues as follows:

Micro Environment	Macro Environment
Remediation	Natural Resources Assessment
Environmental assessment	Natural Resources Inventories
Pollution Control	Information Systems of Natural Resources
Waste minimization	Identification of area or species for conservation
Pollution Prevention	Watershed Management
Clean Production	Ecology planning for development
Eco-efficient processes	Valuation of environmental services
Industrial Ecology	

The broad spectrum of environmental studies developed at CEQ, allow us to participate in multidisciplinary projects in which specialists of diverse aspects of micro and macro environmental areas can be involved. Thus, the researchers at CEQ work together to improve the environment with regard to air, water, and soil quality, as well as impact on human health and ecosystems.

Publications can be found here: <http://uninet.mty.itesm.mx/CCA/info/publi.html>

Center for Latin American Studies

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Staffing: 9 (4 being core faculty) plus 90 associated faculty

Description of Center: Latin American Studies at the University of Arizona hosts an outstanding faculty with particular strengths in Mexico, Brazil, Environmental Studies, Border Studies, Indigenous Studies, and Women's Studies. The program is administered within the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences by the Center for Latin American Studies, which coordinates a broad range of instructional, research and outreach activities relating to Latin America. The Center has responsibilities for teaching, research and outreach on Latin America, and offers B.A. and M.A. degrees in Latin American Studies. There are more than 90 faculty with teaching or research interests related to the Latin American region affiliated with the Center, and over 120 courses with substantial content relating to the region and its languages. The Tucson region reflects strong cultural and economic ties to Latin America, especially Mexico, with many Spanish speaking residents and a range of arts, business and non-governmental organizations oriented to Latin America.

Current Projects:

- Organization of an annual conference on the US-Mexico Border Environment
- Workshops and graduate training on Latin American political change, political culture and national identity
- Development of long term monitoring infrastructure for human-environment relations on the US-Mexico border
- Research on the social implications of climate information and forecasting in Latin America and the US Southwest
- Implications of the restructuring of water management in Latin America (in conjunction with University of Arizona Science and Technology Center on Water in Semi-arid Lands)

- National Resource Center (Title VI) for Latin American Area and Language Studies
- Several projects on land use change and conservation in Mexico

Publications and resources can be found at: <http://sbs.arizona.edu/laac/database.html> and <http://sbs.arizona.edu/laac/videos.html>

Center for Sustainable Environments

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Staffing: 14

Description of Center: The Center for Sustainable Environments brings together the talents and expertise of scientists, educators, independent scholars, business leaders, resource managers in government agencies, students, community members, and other stakeholders to seek creative solutions to environmental problems through novel initiatives that safeguard biological and cultural values. By using this talent to combine technical innovations with the traditional ecological knowledge, values, and practices of local communities, we generate long-term environmental solutions to enhance the lives of those they impact. CSE serves as the "umbrella" or coordinating body for environmentally-focused activities in research, education, outreach and stewardship for Northern Arizona University. Within its on-campus network, core partners include the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, the Merriam-Powell Center for Environmental Research, the Colorado Plateau Field Station, the Colorado Plateau Cooperative Ecosystems Study Unit, the CSE Network of Labs and Reference Collections, the Program for Community, Culture and Environment, the Verde Watershed Research and Education Project, Terralingua and Indigenous Community Enterprises, each with its own research and education staff.

Current Projects: Sustainable Harvests- Foraging a Greener Economy on the Colorado Plateau; Green Design of an On-Campus Environmental Research Center; Integrating Traditional Ecological Knowledge into Forest and Springs Restoration on Colorado Plateau Indian Reservations; Colorado Plateau Sustainable Foods Directory; Safeguarding the Biological and Cultural Uniqueness of the Colorado Plateau, and Restoration of Fossil Creek. For a larger list current and recently-completed projects of our core partners, visit our website.

Publications can be found here: <http://environment.nau.edu/pubs.htm>

Center for the Rocky Mountain West

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Staffing: 9

Description of Center: The Center for the Rocky Mountain West at The University of Montana was created to explore, examine, and articulate an inclusive regional identity and vision for the Rocky Mountain West region using a variety of disciplinary approaches, including humanities, economics, and public policy.

Current Projects:

- Publishing Headwaters News, a daily on-line summary and link to stories of regional interest throughout the Rocky Mountain West, including the Canadian Rockies. URL: <http://www.headwatersnews.org>

- Humanities & Culture: By means of public conversations - lectures, symposia, exhibits, publications - and scholarly research, Humanities and Culture offers opportunities to celebrate the region's culture, understand better its heritage, and weave a regional identity from threads of difference and commonality. The role Native Americans have played and continue to play is of particular interest.
- Regional Economy:
 - Development of the web-based Regional Economies Assessment Database for systematic evaluation of sub-state regional economies
 - Special studies and reports on economic development and change among sub-regions and communities of the region and on-going support of community development planning initiatives throughout the region
 - Presentations throughout the region on important changes underway in the region's economy
 - Assessments of cross-border developments in regional trade, transportation, travel, and community interchange
 - Rocky Mountain West Economic Symposium; periodic conferences for decision makers, policy makers, planners, researchers and scholars throughout the region examining major developments in the region's economy and prospects for the future, planned and convened in cooperation with other regional universities including the University of Alberta
- Regional Policy:

Raises issues, conducts research, provides information, and works in partnership with others to create forums in which people who care about the region can reach across the ideological divides that often prevent them from working productively together. Regional Policy is a resource to the West in its search to create for itself a sustaining and sustainable way of life. Activities Include: Western Charter Project & NEPA Conference and Booklet

Publications listing can be found here: <http://www.crmw.org/Our%20Products.asp>

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Staffing: 3

Description of Center:

The Center for the Southwest came into existence in August of 2001, as successor to the Center for the American West, previously directed by Professor Richard Etulain. Director Virginia Scharff refocused both the regional identity and the goals of the Center. The CSW is devoted to the study of a region spanning the vast Mexican territories that became part of the United States by 1853, comprising the whole of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, and Nevada, and parts of Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Wyoming. This region is a place of hybridity and boundary, of fracture and connection, of deep roots and contingent possibilities.

Current Projects:

- DESIGN AND DESIRE: UTOPIAN IMAGINATIONS AND SOUTHWESTERN CITIES (book manuscript in progress)
- RISKY BUSINESS: WATER, CULTURE, AND CLIMATE (conference planned for Spring, 2003)
- Monthly colloquium series bringing together scholars and other experts on regional issues, across disciplines. Featured speakers have ranged from historians and folklorists to urban planners, photographers and physicians.
- "Paradise Paved: Utopian Imaginations and the Southwestern City," the first annual CSW conference, sponsored by the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities, with assistance from other funding sources. Presenters included Chris Wilson, J.B. Jackson Professor of Cultural Landscape Studies at UNM, and John Findlay, Professor of History at the University of Washington. The conference featured three days of humanities presentations, including a field trip through redevelopment sites in downtown Albuquerque.

Publications listing

In its previous incarnation as the Center for the American West, the Center published a series of occasional papers and bibliographies on Western topics ranging from ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY IN THE WEST to SHEEP AND SHEEPMEN OF THE WEST. These publications are currently available, but will be phased out by 2003.

Center for U.S. Mexican Studies

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Staffing: General Staff: 10; Environmental Program: 1 Full Time and 4-5 Visiting Research Fellows each year.

Description of Center:

The Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD is the largest U.S. program devoted to the study of Mexico and U.S.-Mexican relations. Founded in 1979, the Center sponsors research in democratic governance, sustainable development and environmental studies, regional integration, migration, and community empowerment. The Center is leveraging knowledge on Mexico in comparative perspective, finding new ways to address old problems of equity and justice, and utilizing new technologies for promoting collaborative research between U.S. and Mexican scholars.

Current Projects:

The program on environmental policy and sustainable development in the U.S.-Mexican order region will generate new input for a borderwide policy dialogue on equity and sustainable development, with particular attention to increasing understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by specific social groups in the border region who have traditionally been excluded from the environmental decision-making process. It will help to close the communication gap between the social science research community and the more technical, applied researchers (natural scientists, geographers, health care professionals, etc.) who focus on environmental problems in the borderlands. Finally, by launching a long-term, collaborative research project on transboundary water management problems in the Coachella-to-Mexicali Valley region, the program will promote U.S.-based ethnographic fieldwork by Mexican scholars, which has become a rarity in recent years

Publications listing can be found here: <http://www.usmex.ucsd.edu/pubs/index.html>

Center of the American West

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Executive Director: Tom Precourt

URL: <http://www.centerwest.org>

Staffing: 4 full time; 9 part time

Description of Center: The Center of the American West, at the University of Colorado, strives to bring together, for meaningful conversation and action, people as diverse as the American West itself. With the participation of ecologists and engineers, poets, professors and policymakers, students and scientists, musicians and lawyers, foresters, filmmakers and physicians, the Center's events have become a model of interdisciplinary collaboration. Issues long held to be black and white reveal their nuanced shades of gray when examined from these multiple perspectives. Minds change, people acquire new information, and conversations begin. To understand the region, we believe that the exploration of the minds and cultures of its residents is as important as the inquiry into the workings of its ecosystems. The Center of the American West is among the region's most creative and innovative organizations in identifying and addressing such crucial issues as cultural clashes, community-building, fire, booms and busts, land, water, and energy use. We do this through programs of research, outreach, and engagement meant to help Westerners think about their region and their role in its sustainable future.

Current Projects:

Our goals drive a variety of programs including:

- A rich and extensive range of public programs, including monthly seminars, discussions hosted by visiting scholars, authors, and other western personalities, an annual Distinguished Lecture, and major conferences. The Center's calendar can be found here: <http://www.centerwest.org/calendar.html>
- Presentations of the "Urban/Rural Divorce" in which people from all walks of life participate in

a mock judicial hearing on a petition for a divorce between the Rural West (Sandy Greenhills West) and the Urban West (Urbana Asphalt West), as well as a discussion of the difficulties presented by the couple's poorly supervised child, Suburbia Greenlawn West.

- Creation of the Handbook for the New West, a guide to "regional citizenship." This project involves Westerners participating in focus groups held around the West, surveys on the World Wide Web, and a vigorously promoted publication of the Handbook in 2002. Continuing and future efforts will include a searching examination, from academic and lay perspectives, of the concept of "regional citizenship."
- Annual "Wallace Stegner" Award, given to an individual who has communicated to the public the importance of the American West, through literature, history, art, or lore;
- Interdisciplinary undergraduate certificate program in Western American Studies;
- Coordination and hosting of annual Coalition of Western Academic Centers initiative;
- The "Western Futures" program - to project Western development patterns into the future and make those maps available to groups grappling with growth across the region; and holding a workshop on the future of the West focused on the question of whether, when, and how the current boom might bust.
- Preparation of curriculum guides for K-12 use- such as a music curriculum guide from "Listening to the West" and one from the "Justice for All: Racial Equity and Environmental Well-Being" conference;
- NEH Teachers' Institutes on the American West;
- Publication of a monthly Center of the American West column in a local newspaper, with plans for wider distribution in the near future;
- February 2001 conference entitled, "Facing Fire: Lessons from the Ashes"- detailed summary now available for distribution;
- Workshops and courses on the role of scientists in Western American History and Current Affairs.

Publications: *Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West; Atlas of the New West; Thomas Hornsby Ferril and the American West; Notes for Friends: Along the Colorado Roads; Arrested Rivers; A Society to Match the Scenery*

El Colegio De La Frontera Norte

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Staffing: 300 members

Description of Center:

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte in Ciudad Juárez (ROCJ) is one of the five Regional Offices that have been grouped in terms of their geographic situation, in which EL COLEF operates in Mexico's Northern border. Its main purpose is to develop regional studies and provide academic and administrative infrastructure for the integral study of the border, in addition to obtain local information for local research projects with regional coverage related to border issues.

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, A.C. is an institution devoted to training expert human resources at a higher level, with the purpose of generating scientific knowledge about regional issues of the U.S.-Mexico border, as well as to create institutional links in order to contribute to regional development.

Current Projects:

- The role of transborder relations in the construction of the binational urban structure in Juárez-El Paso Area.
- Public Infrastructure and Maquiladora Industry Productivity: A Study of the Mexican Border Cities.
- Political Alternating and Urban Grass-Roots Movements in Ciudad Juárez: 1990-1999
- Binational Urban Planning in the US-Mexico Border within the NAFTA Context
- High Risk Zones: Urban Regeneration and Social Reactivation. The West Side in Ciudad Juárez .
- Joining the Region Building Process in El Paso del Norte: Inter-Institutional Permanent Seminar on Politics, Policy and Society on the U.S-Mexico Border.
- Temporary Labor Mobility in the U.S.-Mexico Border. Recent Evolution and Main Characteristics.

- Chicana and Border Mexican Narratives
- Huichol Migration: Cultural Ceremonies
- Femicide: The Ciudad Juárez Case: 1993-1999. Vulnerability profiles of the Murdered
- Women and Public Policies for Women at Risk.
- Environment, Judiciary Order, and Urban Negotiation Towards a Stronger Water Quality Research and Policy Agenda for the Paso del Norte Mexican Region
- Water Use and Public Policy

Publications: This department is responsible for editing, designing, coordinating, and distributing El Colef's book and other editorial products, and to establish, through its publications, community links that will help to divulge the results of institutional research.

<http://www.colef.mx/publicaciones>

Institute for Environmental and Natural Resources

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Staffing: 7

Description of Institute: The Institute for Environment and Natural Resources represents a

partnership among more than two hundred research faculty, a prominent advisory board of leaders in the field of environment and natural resources, and the aspirations of a land-grant university. Its mission is to advance effective decision-making on environmental and natural resource issues by promoting and assisting collaborative informed approaches that sustain both the economy and the environment. To accomplish this, the Institute takes on research and policy projects that allow it to:

- become a repository of information on environment and natural resource issues;
- stimulate transdisciplinary research and teaching;
- strongly advocate that decisions should be based on reliable and unbiased information;
- develop analysis and tools for successful collaborative decision making that involves appropriate stakeholders and recognizes the importance of local entities;
- network with other individuals and organizations to supplement the strengths of the Institute;
- become a center for the communication and exchange of information relevant to ENR issues; and
- seek policy solutions that sustain both the economy and environment of the West.

Institute work is consistent with three core values:

- collaborative problem solving on environment and natural resource issues;
- balance among diverse points of view with acknowledgment of the fundamental rights of Americans;
- respect for transdisciplinary research and best available information.

The Institute strives to empower citizens and communities with accurate and unbiased scientific, technical and socioeconomic information that can assist in formulating effective, collaborative solutions to thorny environmental and natural resource issues. By using Wyoming as a model, we believe the work of the Institute can be of great importance throughout the U.S.

Guidance of the Institute is the responsibility of an international board, composed of leaders from business, industry, environmental organizations, education and government. Board members are selected to represent diverse perspectives. The board meets twice yearly to identify new research directions and to explore collaborative solutions to environmental and natural resource problems.

Current Projects: Collaborative Decision Making; Open space issues in Wyoming and the West; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Endangered Species Act (ESA) & Private Property; Brucellosis in the Greater Yellowstone Area; Recommendations on the Safe Drinking Water Act

Publications and video tapes listing can be found at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/enr/ienr/public.htm>

And <http://www.uwyo.edu/enr/ienr/pubs.htm>

Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias

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Staffing: 8

Description of Center: Created in 1983, the Institute has undertaken multidisciplinary applied research projects on important regional concerns including transborder environmental issues, policy perspectives of the California-Mexico relationship, quality of life, and sustainable development. IRSC also plays an active role in Mexico-related professional organizations and is frequently consulted on transborder issues by the media, nongovernmental organizations, the public sector and other border stakeholders.

Other Institute activities include conducting binational symposia; improving communications between public and private sector representatives on both sides of the border; serving as a clearinghouse for information on transborder events, issues, and institutions; and encouraging the effective use of educational resources among the region's universities. The Institute serves as a major link between SDSU and Mexican institutions.

Current Projects: Currently, the Institute for Regional Studies of the Californias has a number of applied research and outreach projects in progress dealing with the border region and Mexico.

- Program on Public Policy and Border Environmental Issues- Through a series of meetings of Mexican and U.S. technical experts and policymakers, the program analyzes key border environmental issues and develops practical policy options for these problems. The goal of these efforts is to help resolve environmental issues important to border communities and to facilitate sustainable development.
- IRSC is cooperating with the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, California State University at Dominguez Hills, Oxford-Brooks University in England, and the University of Pforzheim in Germany on a project to enhance university linkages with the private sector. The principal component of this project, known as Borderlink is, a summer program that brings SDSU, UABC, and other students together for a month to engage in applied research projects.
- Transborder Organizational and Institutional Linkages in the San Diego-Tijuana Region is a project of IRSC researchers to analyze the cross-border connections of government agencies, non-profit organizations, and other entities in the region. The research will produce an inventory and guide to these linkages.
- Integrating Cities and Regions: NAFTA and Beyond, is a joint effort of IRSC and leading U.S., Mexican, and Canadian institutions, including UCLA, Stanford University, City

University of New York, Simon Fraser University, the University of Toronto, ITAM, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, and the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California to analyze transborder and national cities and regions in North America.

- Energy and Environment in the U.S.-Mexican Border Region is a project undertaken jointly with SDSU's [Center for Energy Studies](#) and is funded by the Southwest Center for Environmental Research and Policy. It builds on earlier work in the California-Baja California border region to examine the complex relationship between energy use and environment in the transboundary region.
- Transborder Planning in the Tijuana-San Diego Region is a project funded by the James Irvine foundation to enhance regional transborder planning capabilities. Project partners include the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, the Municipality of Tijuana, and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Publications can be found here: <http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~irsc/public.htm>

Natural Resources Law Center

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Staffing: 5 full time staff; 6 research assistants; & 4 associated School of Law Faculty

Description of Center: The Natural Resources Law Center is a non-profit research and educational organization. The mission of the NRLC is to "promote sustainability in the rapidly changing American West by informing and influencing natural resource laws, policies, and decisions.

Current Projects:

- Justice and Natural Resources: The project seeks to build on the foundation of the traditional environmental justice movement to ask if and how the empirical and normative conclusions in the pollution context apply to other, less explored, issues of equity, such as the distribution of benefits and burdens of water developments, timber programs, and mineral development.

- **Valuation of Public Lands:** The center is currently exploring the nexus between the federal lands, population growth and demographic change in the West, and the challenge of making policy decisions involving resource outputs that are difficult to compare (or "value") using similar criteria or processes.
- **Western Water Resources Research:** One project is the center's "water and growth in Colorado" report, an outgrowth of the Center's June 2000 conference on water and growth in the West, that is prompted by the explosive growth in Colorado's population and economy. This growth raises several difficult issues involving water resources development, allocation and management. The report will provide an overview of those issues, focusing not only on the particulars of specific situations, but also on the strategies that have been, or could be, used to address these challenges
- **Land Management at the Urban/Wildland Interface:** This new initiative in our Western Lands Program examines the interaction of communities, resources, and public policy in the rapidly growing and problematic urban/rural transition.
- **Corporate Responsibility and Good Neighbor Agreements:** The Center is exploring and comparing traditional and innovative mechanisms used to structure relationships between communities and neighboring industries that generate environmental emissions or impacts. The evaluation of so-called "Good Neighbor Agreements" is a key element of this research.

Publications can be found at: <http://www.colorado.edu/Law/NRLC/recentpubs.html>

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Description of Center: Established in 1987, the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy sponsors policy-relevant, interdisciplinary research and forums that link scholarship and education with decision making. The Center specializes in issues concerning American Indian governance and economic development; environment, natural resources, and public lands; the U.S.-Mexico border; and related topics.

Current Programs & Projects:

- American Indian Policy Analysis and Research & Native Nations Institute: focus on tribal self-governance, economic development, natural resource and environmental issues, Indian health, and aspects of federal Indian policy. The program's emphasis is on providing tribal, state, and federal policymakers with first-class policy analysis in these and related areas, and on providing executive education to the senior leadership of Indian nations.
- Environmental & Natural Resources Policy: includes projects and publications related to environmental and public policy conflict resolution, community-based conservation, water policy, social and policy issues related to climatic variability and change in the Southwest, and the use of spatial decision-support systems for environmental decision-making.

U.S.-Mexico Border Policy: the Center has established a presence as a neutral, respected observer and commentator on border environmental policy. Issues addressed include:

- Transboundary water management policy-in both urban and rural or protected areas
- Recent institutional developments, especially the evolution and functioning of environmental institutions created as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA: the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC), the North American Development Bank (NADB), and the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
- The role of public participation, and specifically, of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in environmental decision-making
- The importance of information and public access for democratic decision making, for example, via pioneering use of two Udall Center electronic discussion groups, BECCnet and CECnet
- Hazardous-materials management policy
- American Indian issues in the border region
- Natural-resources management issues, particularly via community-based collaboratives (CBC)

Publications listing can be found at:

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Description of Center:

The Utton Transboundary Resources Center carries on in the tradition of Professor Albert E. Utton to use preventive diplomacy and multidisciplinary research to resolve transboundary resource issues. Professor Utton, a native New Mexican and Rhodes scholar, established an international reputation by using multidisciplinary scholarship to address complex resource issues. The Utton Center continues to address issues on the Rio Bravo/Rio Grande and the

Mexican - U.S. Border. It also has expanded its work to transboundary issues within the United States. The Center is housed in the UNM School of Law and works closely with the UNM Water Resources Program as well as with scholars and practitioners from across the US and Mexico.

Current Projects:

Field Project:

The Utton Center is currently working in conjunction with Sandia National Labs to facilitate the use of a Sandia computer model to support decision making for a grassroots planning effort in the Middle Rio Grande Basin.

Research Project:

The Utton Center is hosting a conference in October to bring together experts in law, science and public policy to discuss the state of each discipline, what it brings to transboundary water issues, and what is needed for more effective multidisciplinary collaboration to resolve conflicts.

US/Mexico Border Project:

Ambassador Alberto Szekely of Mexico is spearheading an effort that will bring together a

multidisciplinary research team to address "Water Limits to US-Mexico Border Development: Estimating Water Needs and Availability to the Year 2025."

Publications listing: The Utton Center Report is available on its website.

The Wallace Stegner Center

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Staffing: 15 faculty members. Faculty research addresses such diverse topics as public land management, wildlife protection, international environmental law, law and science, water pollution, toxic and hazardous wastes, ecosystem management, land use, and others.

Description of Center: The Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and the Environment represents a concrete manifestation of the University of Utah College of Law's commitment to the multidisciplinary study of natural resources and environmental law and policy.

Current Programs and Projects:

Nov. 8, 2001 -- Thomas Power: "Post-Cowboy Economics: Pay and Prosperity in the New American West"

Jan. 15, 2001-- John Campbell: "Absence in Light"; "Dead West"

April 12, 2002 -- STEGNER CENTER SEVENTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM STEGNER & POWELL: FIFTY YEARS AFTER "THE HUNDREDTH MERIDIAN"

A symposium celebrating the 50th anniversary of Wallace Stegner's seminal biography of John Wesley Powell. Speakers include: Donald Worster, William DeBuys, Karl Hess, Page Stegner

(invited), and Charles Wilkinson

Publications: Faculty listing with publications & description of expertise can be found at <http://www.law.utah.edu/Stegner/stegnerfaculty.html>