Disability Justice, Coalition Work, & Environmental Futures: Featuring Mia Ives-Rublee

February 2, 3:30-4:30pm

via Zoom, register <u>here</u>. Live ASL Interpretation will be provided.

Join Us: Prof. Phaedra C. Pezzullo will be interviewing Mia Ives-Rublee about her expertise in disability justice with environmental organizations, institutions, and broader coalitions --including outdoor recreation access, being a competitive athlete, and on plastic ban advocacy, as well as the value of public protest and voting.



**Bio:** Mia Ives-Rublee is the director for the Disability Justice Initiative at American Progress. Ives-Rublee holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a master's degree in social work from UNC Chapel Hill. She is a leader in disability justice and inclusion, working with nonprofit organizations and businesses, such as: Women's March, Families Belong Together, DC Action Lab, Adoptees for Justice, Fair Fight, People's Collective for Justice and Liberation, Lonely Whale, and more.

Best known for founding the Women's March Disability Caucus, Ives-Rublee helped organize the original Women's March on Washington in 2017, pushing for better access to disability accommodations at progressive events and more policy platforms inclusive of the disability community. Ives-Rublee was named by *Glamour* magazine as one of 2017's Women of the Year Award. She was also recognized by *She the People* as one of 20 Women of Color in Politics to Watch in 2020.

Ives-Rublee also worked on several political campaigns during the 2020 cycles. As a North Carolina community regional organizing director for the Elizabeth Warren Campaign for President, she communicated policies and organized events around specific issues affecting the disability and Asian American communities. Ives-Rublee worked as the field director for Down Home NC to encourage rural residents to vote. She also worked with the Asian American Advocacy Fund and the Georgia Disability Vote Partnership to help elect Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA) and the Rev. Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA) during the 2021 election.

**Hosted by:** the Department of Environmental Studies. **Co-Sponsored by:** the College of Media, Communication & Information, the Environmental Center, Ethnic Studies, & Disability Services.

On Access: The University of Colorado Boulder strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for questions about accessibility, please contact Prof. Phaedra C. Pezzullo (phaedra.pezzullo@colorado.edu) at least seven days prior to the event start date. We will make all reasonable efforts to fulfill requests made by January 26, 2022.