

JONATHAN SKINNER-THOMPSON

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Colorado Law School, Boulder, CO

Associate Professor of Law (2022-Present)

Courses: Administrative Law, Environmental Law, and International Environmental Law

Buckley Faculty Fellow, SPIKE Center for Sustainability Education (2026-Present)

Affiliate Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Certificate in Environmental Justice (2022-Present)

Associate Clinical Professor and Director of the Getches-Green Natural Resources & Environmental Law Clinic (2020-2022)

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

Visiting Researcher, Chair of Sustainability, Social Inclusion, Diversity and Human Rights (Spring 2025)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Book

ENFORCING ENVIRONMENTAL PENALTIES (2026)

Articles

Reimagining Air, work in progress

Air Permit Adjudications, work in progress

The Idea of Air, 2026 UTAH LAW REVIEW 69 (2026) [50 pages]

Tribal Air, 55 ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL 1005 (2023) [58 pages]

- Reviewed by Jordan Lassiter, *Native Self-Governance and Environmental Justice*, THE REGULATORY REVIEW, Aug. 14, 2024
- Mentioned by Matthew L.M. Fletcher, *New Scholarship on Air Regulation in Indian Country*, TURTLE TALK, June 22, 2023

Addressing Pollution from More Frequent, But Still Exceptional, Wildfires, 36 NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT 39 (co-author) (2022) [5 pages]

Climate Change Hits Rural Communities, 39 THE ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM 5 (2022) [3 pages]

Procedural Environmental Justice, 96 WASHINGTON LAW REVIEW 399 (2022) [59 pages]

- Reviewed by Claire Hill, *Improving Community Involvement in Air Pollution Permitting*, THE REGULATORY REVIEW, June 21, 2023

Administrative Law's Extraordinary Cases, 30 DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY FORUM 293 (2020) (invited contribution) [23 pages]

The Inefficiencies and Deficiencies of Waste Coal as an Alternative Fuel, 13 VERMONT JOURNAL OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW 2 (2012) (co-author) (special coal issue) [25 pages]

Fugitive Emissions: The Marcellus Shale and the Clean Air Act, 26 NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT 44 (2012) (co-author) [5 pages]

Who Killed the Hybrid Car? State and Local Green Incentive Programs After Metropolitan Taxicab v. City of New York, 30 STANFORD ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 311 (2011) [32 pages]

Note: Myths of Coal's Clean Future: The Story of Methylmercury, 29 VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW JOURNAL 171 (2011) (winner of the 2010 National Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest) [26 pages]

Note: A Green Road to Development: Environmental Regulations and Developing Countries in the WTO, 20 DUKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY FORUM 245 (2010) [25 pages]

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Environmental Justice: Changing Dynamics in Federal, State, and Tribal Government Priorities, and What They Mean for Impacted Communities*, Lawyering for Economic Justice Summit, January 2026.

Panelist, *Current and Emerging Clean Water Act Issues Affecting Indian Country*, Native American Rights Fund Conference on *Protecting Tribal Waters: The Implementation of the Clean Water Act in Indian Country and Needed Reforms*, October 2025

Air Permit Adjudications, presented at

Global Environmental Justice Conference, Colorado State University, April 2026

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Faculty Workshop, March 2026

Early Environmental Law Scholars Workshop, January 2026

Colorado Law's Climate Change Law & Policy Works-in-Progress Symposium, August 2025

Rocky Mountain Junior Environmental Law Scholars Workshop, July 2025

Panelist, *2024 U.S. Supreme Court Review*, University of Colorado Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, August 2025

Panelist, *Sustaining Orbital Space as a Resource*, Inaugural Space and Spectrum Policy Conference, University of Colorado Silicon Flatirons, June 2025

Panelist, *2025 U.S. Supreme Court Term Preview*, University of Colorado Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, January 2025

Guest Speaker, U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: Chemical Sciences Laboratory, January 2025

Reimagining Air, presented at

Cambridge Centre for Environment, Energy and Natural Resource Governance Seminar Series, University of Cambridge, May 2025

Pan-Pacific Sustainability Scholars' Workshop, University of Utah Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and the Environment, January 2025

The Idea of Air, presented at

NYU School of Law Environmental & Energy Law Colloquium, September 2024

UCLA/UCSB's Climate Change Law & Policy Works-in-Progress Symposium, August 2024

Burke Environmental Law Center's Junior Faculty Workshop at Case Western University Law School, May 2024

Colorado Law School Faculty Colloquium, April 2024

Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship at Vermont Law School, September 2023

Colorado Law's Climate Change Law & Policy Works-in-Progress Symposium, August 2023

Natural Resources Law Teachers Workshop at the University of Utah, July 2023

Tribal Air, presented at

Western People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, June 2023

Northern Illinois University Law School Faculty Colloquium, March 2023

Colorado Law School Faculty Colloquium, February 2023

Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship at Vermont Law School, September 2022

UCLA/UCSB's Climate Change Law & Policy Works-in-Progress Symposium, August 2022

Columbia Law/Sabin Colloquium Junior Environmental Law Scholars Conference, May 2022

Procedural Environmental Justice, presented at

Law & Society Conference (Property, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Panel), July 2022

Northeastern University School of Law faculty workshop, November 2021

SMU Dedman School of Law faculty workshop, November 2021

University of Colorado Law School faculty workshop, November 2021

University of Tennessee College of Law faculty workshop, October 2021

University of Alabama School of Law faculty workshop, October 2021

George Washington University Law School faculty workshop, October 2021

University of Minnesota Law School faculty workshop, October 2021

Colorado Law's Climate Change Law & Policy Works-in-Progress Symposium, August 2021

Southern Environmental Law Scholars workshop, July 2021

Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation Works-in-Progress Session, June 2021

Columbia Law/Sabin Colloquium Junior Environmental Law Scholars Conference, May 2021

Panelist, *2024 U.S. Supreme Court Review*, University of Colorado Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, September 2024

Guest Speaker, *Environmental Law, Human Rights, and Climate Change*, University of Colorado School of Medicine, July 2024

Discussant, *Roundtable on Space Sustainability*, University of Colorado Silicon Flatirons, June 2024

Panelist, *The Columbia Disaster: Engineering Lessons for Legal Thinkers*, University of Colorado Space Law Society, April 2024

Panelist, *Orbital Debris*, University of Colorado Space Law Society, March 2024

Guest Speaker, University of Colorado Environmental Law Society, January 2024

Guest Speaker, Environmental Engineering Program Seminar Series (Prof. Evan Thomas), University of Colorado, January 2024

Discussant, *Politics of Inclusion & Inequality*, Western People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, June 2023

Moderator, *The Jurisprudence of Justice Gorsuch and the Future of Environmental, Energy, and Natural Resources Law*, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources 52nd Spring Conference, April 2023

Guest Speaker, *Environmental Justice*, Climate and Energy Justice Course (Prof. Jorge Figueroa), University of Colorado, April 2023

Moderator, *WV v. EPA: The Clean Air Act and the Major Questions Doctrine*, University of Colorado Federalist Society, November 2022

Guest Speaker, *Knowing Air*, Practicing Anthropology Course (Prof. Kathryn Goldfarb), University of Colorado, January 2022

Guest Speaker, *Life as a Government Attorney*, Legislation & Regulation Course (Prof. Ming Chen), University of Colorado Law School, September 2020

Guest Speaker, *Ozone Regulation and Science Policy at EPA*, Practicing Anthropology Course (Prof. Kathryn Goldfarb), University of Colorado, January 2020

Presenter, *Climate Change Policy in Practice: "Regulation" Panel* (Symposium), Duke University School of Law, November 2019

Presenter, *Affordable Clean Energy Rule*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel, Air & Radiation Law Office, September 2018

Presenter, *Clean Air Act Enforcement & Administrative Issues*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Webinar, January 2018

Presenter, *Clean Power Plan Litigation*, U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, Environmental Enforcement Section, December 2015

Presenter, *Clean Power Plan—Part II*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel, November 2015

Presenter, *Clean Power Plan—Part I*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel, October 2015

Presenter, *The Supreme Court on EPA's Broad Regulatory Authority*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel, Air & Radiation Law Office, October 2014

Presenter, *Environmental Issues in Commercial Transactions*, Stoel Rives LLP, March 2014

PRESS & MEDIA APPEARANCES

The National Environmental Policy Act is facing big changes. Will this improve the review process or undermine its effectiveness?,
SUMMIT DAILY, June 12, 2025 (quoted)

NEPA faces an uncertain future under the Trump administration. Mountain leaders warn that its gutting could have widespread impacts, VAIL DAILY, March 8, 2025 (quoted)

Professors at Colorado law schools rethink curriculum amid “revolutionary” Supreme Court decisions, DENVER POST, July 19, 2024 (featured)

SCOTUS decision to overturn Chevron deals major blow to federal regulations, legal expert says, 9NEWS, July 1, 2024 (quoted)

Can Michigan air quality rules adapt to a smoky future?, PLANET DETROIT, September 14, 2023 (requoted)

Wildfires – and their toxic smoke – are affecting us more often. What can we do about it?, CNN, June 8, 2023 (quoted)

EPA Alumni Assist With “Hiring With Pride” Recruitment Event, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NETWORK, May 24, 2023 (mentioned)

What the SCOTUS ruling on EPA and emissions means for climate change, CU BOULDER TODAY, July 11, 2022 (quoted)

EPA denies air pollution permit renewal for south Alabama factory near Africatown, AL.COM, May 25, 2022 (quoted)

New EPA Rules to Target Power Plant Pollution, WALL STREET JOURNAL, January 25, 2022 (quoted)

CU Brings in Environmental Clinical Professor, LAW WEEK COLORADO, November 2, 2020 (featured)

SELECT UNIVERSITY & PUBLIC SERVICE

Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment Board of Directors (2020-Present)

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Environmental Justice Advisory Board (2021-Present)

University of Colorado Faculty Affairs Advisory Board (2024-Present)

SELECT LEGAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	
Office of Regional Counsel , Denver, CO	07/19-07/20
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel—Counseled on Clean Air Act matters. Bronze medal recipient.	
Office of General Counsel , Washington, DC; Denver, CO	08/14-07/19
Attorney-Adviser: <i>Air & Radiation Law Office</i> —Counseled on ambient air and source monitoring, PM _{2.5} NAAQS implementation, GHG standards (Affordable Clean Energy Rule and the Clean Power Plan), interstate transport, exceptional events, and Title V petitions. Tribal air specialist. Received the Administrator's Award for Excellence, the Special General Counsel's Award, a silver medal, and a bronze medal.	
U.S. Department of Justice , Washington, DC	10/15-09/16
<i>Attorney: Environment & Natural Resources Division, Environmental Defense Section</i> —Member of the Clean Power Plan litigation team (including successful defense against preliminary injunction before the D.C. Circuit) and <i>Murray Energy</i> trial team (concerning jobs analyses under CAA section 321). Helped defend EPA's coal ash disposal rule and a limited air emissions reporting exemption (argued). Received the Assistant Attorney General's Award for Excellence.	
Stoel Rives LLP , Seattle, WA	02/13-07/14
<i>Associate: Environmental, Land Use and Natural Resources</i> —Counseled on environmental cleanup, due diligence and risk management in commercial and real estate transactions, and air and water permitting, compliance, and regulatory development. Secured release of LGBT client in removal proceedings before U.S. Immigration Court.	
Shearman & Sterling LLP , New York, NY	10/11-02/13
<i>Associate: Environmental Group</i> —Counseled on environmental issues in commercial and real estate transactions. Obtained asylum for gay man from Côte d'Ivoire. Summer associate in international arbitration (Frankfurt, Germany) and intellectual property transactions (New York, NY).	
City of Philadelphia, Law Department , Philadelphia, PA	08/10-08/11
<i>Law Fellow: Appeals & Legislation Unit</i> —Appellate advocacy in state and federal courts. Also assisted with energy and environmental matters, including alternative energy procurement program.	

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law , J.D. (<i>cum laude</i>) & LL.M. in International & Comparative Law	2010
Activities/Awards: Duke Environmental Law & Policy Forum, <i>Managing Editor</i>	
Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, <i>Law & Policy Fellow</i>	
National Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest, <i>Winner</i>	
ELSA WTO Moot Court Competition, <i>World Runner-up; North American Champions</i>	
International Studies: University of Hong Kong	
Internships: Shearman & Sterling LLP, Frankfurt, Germany; New York, NY	
Haiwen & Partners (海问律师事务所), Beijing, China	
University of California, Berkeley , B.A. in German (<i>highest honors</i> in major; <i>high honors</i> overall)	2006
Activities/Awards: <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	
The Bruno & Erna Ehlert Prize (Outstanding German Graduate)	
California Lightweight Crew, <i>Varsity Rower</i>	
International Studies: University of Hong Kong	
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen	