



Getches-Wilkinson Center Research Assistant Position Announcement

The Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy and the Environment continues the long-standing work of Colorado Law's Natural Resources Law Center. The newly renamed Center endeavors to serve the people of the American West, the nation, and the world through creative, interdisciplinary research, bold, inclusive teaching and innovative problem solving in order to further true sustainability for our use of the lands, waters, and environment. Major programs and initiatives focus on natural resources, water and public lands issues in Colorado and the West; energy and environmental security in the developing world; electricity regulation and energy policy; climate change law and policy; and native communities and environmental justice. The name comes from the contributions of two iconic figures in the law school's environmental law history, David Getches and Charles Wilkinson.

2015 Research Assistants Projects

Western Water Policy Program

The GWC's Western Water Policy Program <http://www.waterpolicy.info/> is engaged in the study of legal and policy issues associated with management of western US water resources, with a particular focus on the Colorado River. Projects for this summer are still under development, but are likely to include researching and drafting of policy briefs in support of the Colorado River Research Group <http://www.coloradoriverresearchgroup.org/>, and reviewing barriers and options to agricultural water conservation in Colorado. Some administrative work involving web sites, mailing lists, social media, and related tasks is also likely. The RA would work directly of WWPP Director Doug Kenney.

For more information on these projects contact Doug Kenney:
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The Acequia Project

The Acequia Project ([more info](#)) assists low-income farmers in the San Luis Valley with water rights and transactional work related to preserving the community's sustainable agricultural economy. The summer research assistant would work on various matters related to client representation, legal research, outreach, and fundraising. This project operates under the direction of Professor Sarah Krakoff.

In addition, Professor Sarah Krakoff is looking for one full-time or two half-time research assistants to work on the following projects: research on climate change, environmental justice, and sustainability for a book project and related articles; research on American Indian law, land status, and tribal jurisdiction for a law review article.

For more information on these projects contact Professor Sarah Krakoff:
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Energy Innovation Initiative

The Energy Innovation Initiative is a joint venture of the Getches-Wilkinson Center on Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment and the Silicon Flatirons Center on Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. Established in 2011, the Energy Innovation Initiative brings together leaders from government, law, finance, industry, and education to address key aspects of the energy innovation challenge and develop new approaches and solutions to today's energy challenges. The initiative supports research and analysis on critical policy, regulatory, and business aspects of the energy challenges; provides training for students and professionals, as well as a series of public lectures, workshops, and conferences. Research Assistants would continue research for EII ongoing and new projects and assist with developing and staging lectures and workshops.

For more information on these projects contact Kelleigh Helm:

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Governor Climate and Forests Task Force

The [Governors' Climate & Forests Task Force \(GCF\)](#) is a unique subnational collaboration between 26 states and provinces from Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, Spain, and the United States. The GCF seeks to advance jurisdictional programs designed to promote low emissions development (including REDD+), improve livelihoods of forest-dependent communities, and create viable long-term low-carbon economies. This summer, the GCF will host its Annual Meeting in Barcelona, Spain, where GCF states and provinces expect to create key partnerships with European states, the industry and sustainable supply chain initiatives.

In addition to supporting the planning/logistics for this international meeting, the Research Assistant may be asked to research: supply chain initiatives; REDD+ and Indigenous Peoples in key GCF states and provinces; and funding opportunities for reduced deforestation and low-emissions development initiatives with an emphasis on tropical forests.

The GCF project includes several ongoing programs and activities the Research Assistant may be called on to support, including: the [GCF Support Network](#), the [GCF Knowledge Database](#) and the [GCF Training Program](#). Typical tasks to support these programs include social media and other outreach, research and data-entry, and editing/proofreading of reports and papers.

For more information on these projects contact Amelia Peterson:

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Professor Mark Squillace Article/Manuscript Projects

Complete work on an article on public land use planning. The article argues for simplifying the planning process so it can be carried out in a more timely way that better engages the public and helps ensure that planning plays a more meaningful role in project level decision-making.

Complete work on an article on water transfers. I am advocating changes to the law that would allow the transfers of water that is conserved through crop-switching, deficit irrigation, and other practices that consume less water.

Complete manuscript for casebook on environmental decision-making. The draft manuscript is done and is being used this semester in a class. Additional polishing and editorial work will be done over the summer. I have had preliminary conversations with two publishers and hope to sign a contract with one of them soon.

For more information on these projects contact Professor Mark Squillace:

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Professor Charles Wilkinson Book Project

Professor Wilkinson would like to have a first-year student work as a research assistant for the summer on his current book project.

The book is a comprehensive history of the “Boldt Decision,” the extraordinary 1974 ruling in *United States v. Washington* that, among other things, held that the tribes are entitled to 50% of the salmon harvest in Northwest Washington. It happens that the lead attorney for the tribes was David Getches, while he was Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund. The working title is: “THE BOLDT DECISION: AT LONG LAST, PURE JUSTICE — The Story of the Courage and Vision of Judge George Boldt and the Northwest Tribes.” It is truly compelling material—interesting, broadening, inspirational, and highly relevant in twentieth century America.

The aim is to have the student work about 30 hours each week. Only students beginning their second year this fall should apply. Pluses for applicants include a background in Indian Law, history, and culture; status as a Native American; and availability to continue this work during their second and third years. These positions are of great importance to Professor Wilkinson — he gives his research assistants a lot of latitude and rely heavily on their research and judgment.

For more information on these projects contact Professor Charles Wilkinson:

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Application Information

Please apply by submitting a cover letter and resume to:

Shaun LaBarre, shaun.labarre@colorado.edu by Friday, March 20th, 2015.

Part-time and full-time summer positions are available.

Please indicate the number of hours per week desired.

Please also indicate which project area(s) you are interested in.

Note: (Project interest areas may not be accommodated for all applicants)

Pay rate: \$15 per hour.

Workstudy eligibility is required.

(Apply for work-study early and indicate workstudy eligibility in your cover letter.)

Interviews will be conducted the week of March 30th for potential candidates.

Position offers will be extended the week of April 6th.

Work Study Application Information

The work study application will be available on February 25th. This is the easiest way for eligible students to get an on-the-spot summer work study award! The application only takes a minute to submit. Students will know immediately what their summer work-study award will be. The link appears in the Financial section of MyCUInfo, in the Financial Aid tab.

Summer work-study is popular and always goes quickly, so we encourage you to do the online application as soon as possible.

For information about summer financial aid please visit:

Summer work-study page at: <http://www.colorado.edu/studentemployment/work-study/summer>

Main financial aid at: <http://www.colorado.edu/financialaid/apply-aid/summer-school>.