
checking in re law school event

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Fri, Jan 11, 2019 at 4:10 AM

To: dmforman@hawaii.edu, antolini@hawaii.edu, burkettm@hawaii.edu

Cc: Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Hi all,

I hope you are all well and the new year is off to a good start!

I'm hoping we can schedule a call soon to move forward with the concept for a law school event/convening which we discussed many months ago (and which I discussed with Maxine briefly in person). We think there is significant value in initiating this discussion/dialogue within the legal community at this time and particularly in the lead-up to the Conference of Mayors meeting in late June.

Could you propose a time when you are available to talk?

Many thanks,
Alyssa

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Fri, Feb 8, 2019 at 10:32 AM

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Wed, Feb 27, 2019 at 5:18 AM

To: David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>

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David, Great to hear you will have an opportunity to take part in the D-Day celebration [REDACTED] Very exciting!

All, [REDACTED] We had hoped to schedule this event before the Conference of Mayors meeting, but that doesn't seem possible given travel schedules. Should we look at July dates?

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 12:11 PM David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Denise,

One of the things I forgot to mention this morning about conference calls with my co-editor: she apparently told the head of her research institute how hard I have been working on the book, and he responded by offering to fly me to Normandy for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day (June 6th). My tentative plan is to [REDACTED]

I am currently scheduled to deliver lectures at Meijo University in Nagoya on June 21/22. Was looking at flights June 18-29, but have not booked anything yet.

David

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 8:08 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Aloha everyone,
Let's hold June 3-4-5-6.
May 3 would be tough anyway because that's during our finals (so that creates room scheduling black outs - but we could

how do we proceed?

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 10:29 AM

To: David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Hi both,

Since the conversation started among the three of us many months ago, I wanted to reach out and ask for thoughts on how to proceed. Our team (and Vic) were interested in organizing an event this spring but, given various scheduling conflicts, that isn't possible. June seemed to be our next best option, but work/personal travel schedules are again conflicting.

I wanted to ask, how critical is it that we have all members of your team at the event? Would it be possible to move forward and schedule this if one person isn't able to attend? We have consulted internally and externally, and there is a strong desire to hold this event sometime before mid-June. I don't know how this will affect your decision, but I see this event as the beginning of the conversation -- there will be many other events and opportunities to engage on this issue (including in late June at the COM meeting).

I defer to you both on what's best, but wanted to at least raise the question.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

intros

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 5:11 AM

To: David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wallsgrove <wallsgro@hawaii.edu>, Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu>, Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Cc: Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>, Lynsy Smithson-Stanley <lynsy@climateintegrity.org>

Hi all,

Thanks for a great call yesterday. Attached is a short backgrounder that describes "who we are and what we do" as well as the rationale/elements of our Pay Up Climate Polluters campaign. For the purpose of intros, feel free to cut and paste or attach in its entirety -- whatever you feel is appropriate.

Also, no need to worry about the details. A brief intro would be great and we'll take it from there! Please include me and our campaigns director, Lynsy Smithson-Stanley (lynsy@climateintegrity.org), on those messages.

The people/orgs we discussed are:

- Kevin Chang, Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo
- Marti Townsend, Sierra Club of Hawai'i
- Stuart Coleman, Surfrider Foundation
- Someone from Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation
- Malia (sp?), native Hawaiian climate change group (I don't know the actual name)
- Someone from Earthjustice
- Someone from Blue Planet Foundation (tbd ??)

Have I missed anyone?

Many thanks,
Alyssa



Marti Townsend, Director (she/hers)



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On Tue, Mar 19, 2019 at 4:07 PM David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Marti,

Our Environmental Law Program has been discussing an educational event to take place the afternoon of Friday, May 3rd (location to be determined) concerning climate change issues.

Apologies for the brief message, but I am about to [REDACTED]

This is your virtual introduction to Alyssa Johl and her colleague to explore potential opportunities going forward. I met Alyssa Johl during the planning of the first Oposa Intergenerational Moot Court, thanks to Tony Oposa himself!

Aloha,
David

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Re: intros

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Cc: Lynsy Smithson-Stanley <lynsy@climateintegrity.org>

Hi all,

Thanks for a good call earlier. I wanted to follow up with some notes re next steps.

CCI will take the pen in light of today's discussion and will send another program for your review by end of the week. The two main things for the UH Law team to consider is who the keynote/stage setter person should be (spoiler alert: there were several votes for Maxine!) and who from the local legal community could speak about torts liability--and the potential for this type of lawsuit--in the HI context.

Our next call will be next Wed, April 3 at 4 pm ET/10 am HT.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Mon, Mar 25, 2019 at 2:27 PM Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Hi all,

Happy Monday! In advance of our 4 pm ET/10 am HT call, I wanted to send our comments on the proposal Maxine circulated last week. We look forward to discussing the program and related issues with you all.

Here is the call-in number:

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May 3 proposal for your review

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Tue, Apr 2, 2019 at 12:11 PM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>, David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wallsgrove <wallsgro@hawaii.edu>

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Hi all,

As promised, I wanted to share a revised proposal for the May 3 event for your review. The most significant changes are with respect to the framing of the keynote and two panel sessions, so please give those sections a close read. We look forward to speaking with you all tomorrow and finalizing the program then.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you all to our colleague Nancy Cole. Nancy (on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists) has been involved in this effort behind the scenes and will be joining us on May 3, so I wanted to loop her into the discussion and tomorrow's planning call.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

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On Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 8:56 AM Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Hi all,

Attached is a hopefully close to final draft of the program (one version in track changes, the other version is clean). One outstanding issue that needs to be addressed is how we characterize these lawsuits. We refer to them as damages lawsuits in the intro section, then as impact lawsuits in the title/description of the second panel. We can resolve this issue on Friday, but we should be consistent throughout.

I will send the clean version to Marti, so she can review before our 11 am call.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 12:39 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Go for it! can you do final changes and send around? I could not get to it and jammed up now. Thanks

On Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 6:26 AM Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Hi all,

What about this for the title?

CLIMATE SCIENCE AND LITIGATION: A PATH FOR COMMUNITIES TO RECOVER COSTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 4:16 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Re: close to final draft of program

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 4:05 AM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Cc: Bill Rossbach <bill@rossbachlaw.com>, David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Lynsy Smithson-Stanley <lynsy@climateintegrity.org>, Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu>, Nancy Cole <NCole@ucsusa.org>, Richard Wallsgrove <wallsgro@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Denise, Thanks so much for all of your outreach and these updates. Very exciting!

All, On our end, Ann Carlson has accepted **our invite** (yay!). Lynsy, David and I had a great call with Marti Townsend yesterday -- she is fully supportive of the event and will do what she can to support, although she needs more time to consider whether she would want to speak on the panel (entirely reasonable). I don't expect Sierra Club to join as co-sponsor. Lynsy and I plan to continue the conversation and are likely to present to the broader team on April 27, but my sense is that they wouldn't be able to make a decision about organizational affiliation until then.

Looking forward to tomorrow's conversation.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 11:58 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Oh, forgot:

1. Schatz - knowing there are mixed concerns on him, but/and I already had a message into his chief of staff, which I just followed up on to pin him down - we'll see what he says
2. Hirono - David is following up again

On Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 5:57 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Aloha all,

A brief update on outreach for our panels, from me and David:

1. Chip Fletcher is confirmed - but he must stay in the 1:00-1:30 slot (he has a meeting to run to 1:45-3:45) then he'll come back
- he's super excited to participate and grateful that we are pulling this together
2. Victoria Keener - left more messages
3. Kapua Sproat - will double check, she had to juggle some kid commitments as I recall
4. Makena - she is apparently in Europe right now - I'll email her now
5. Venue change - we are looking into the State Capitol - I have a call into Rep. Chris Lee and also spoke with Senator Gil Riviere (who already said he can get us a room if Chris cannot). A third option is YWCA - Cafe Julia room - have a call in for availability and pricing. My preference is Capitol - day after session ends, easy access, and gravitas. But, reception would have to be somewhere else (no alcohol policy in hearing rooms, I believe) - Cafe Julia? or HSAM? So we'll lose people in the change in location.
6. Bill - I'll try to call you in am re your message

Will talk to you all more Friday 9 am HST!

Re: Your Meeting Thursday May 2 with Alyssa - Center for Climate Integrity!

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Sun, Apr 28, 2019 at 3:43 AM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Cc: Stuart Coleman [REDACTED], Lynsy Smithson-Stanley <lynsy@climateintegrity.org>

Thanks Denise! You are fabulous.

Stuart, Please do let me know if you have some time Wednesday afternoon (after 2 pm) or Thursday morning (before 12 pm). It would be great if we could meet in person before the event, as I'm sure it will be hectic. The following Monday (May 6) could work too -- I won't be there but my colleague Lynsy will still be in town.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Sat, Apr 27, 2019 at 11:12 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Hi Stuart,

You must meet Alyssa!

She arrives in HNL on Weds ...

Can you schedule some time for her on the morning of Thursday May 2?

This would be a superb opportunity to connect and collaborate with all of us working on this climate litigation project before the big Friday May 3 event.

Go, go, go!

Best,

Denise

head shot and sources for op-ed

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Thu, May 2, 2019 at 11:44 AM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>, beverly creamer [REDACTED] >

Head shot is attached. It's old but that's ok.

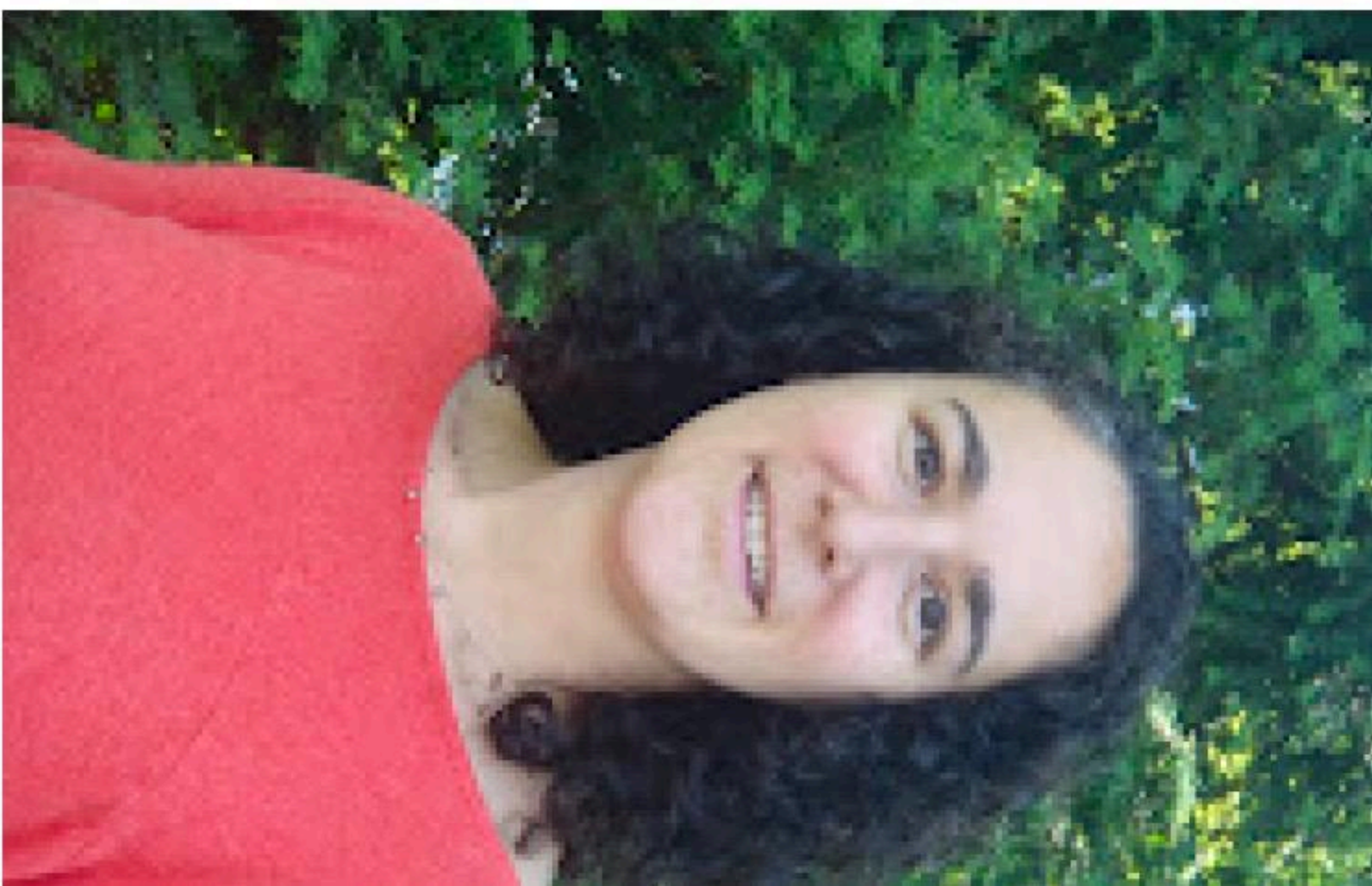
Also attached is a brief that includes references for "irreversible" and "catastrophic".

Shell report is available here: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4411090-Document3.html#document/p9/a411239>.

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2 attachments



Alyssa Johl head shot.JPG
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On Mar 19, 2019, at 5:56 PM, David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu> wrote:

I emailed: Kevin Chang, Marti Townsend, Stuart Coleman, Malia Nobrega Oliveira and Isaac/Kaily at Earthjustice.

Wasn't sure who took over from Summer at NHLC? Can one of you follow up with that person and anybody else on Alyssa's wish list?

Mahalo,
David

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Re: proposal for Apr event on climate litigation

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Mon, Feb 18, 2019 at 6:41 AM

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Hi all,

Thanks for keeping this moving forward. I wanted to take this opportunity to loop in another member of our team, Bill Rossbach, who serves as coordinating counsel for CCI.

As for next steps, it would be great to get feedback on the event proposal and finalize the date. We defer to you all on timing -- if it makes sense to hold off until early/mid May, that's fine by us. Could we jump on a call for 15-20 mins to discuss and get this calendared?

Also, we would appreciate intros to Stuart Coleman, Marti Townsend and Kevin Chang (or whoever else from KUA you think would be interested).

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Sat, Feb 16, 2019 at 2:30 PM David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu> wrote:

I am open to what works best for our partners, recognizing however that student participation is likely to drop precipitously in May (exams May 2-10; graduation May 12; and wherever the winds blow the students after that -- hopefully some will be interested before starting bar exam prep, summer internships/jobs, etc.). Fyi, there is an outside chance that I will [REDACTED]

David

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On Sat, Feb 16, 2019 at 1:56 PM Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Thanks, David. I will be able to give a proposal a very close look in the next couple of days. I am wondering if we can also look to May as a possible workshop date? Based on related conversations with folks here, this later date might also be helpful for some of our partners.

Re: Denise Antolini op-ed draft

1 message

Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Wed, May 1, 2019 at 9:48 AM

To: Danny Hajjar <dhajjar@mrss.com>

Cc: Lynsy Smithson-Stanley <lynsy@climateintegrity.org>, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>, Emily Sanders <emily@climateintegrity.org>, TeamXX <teamxx@mrss.com>, [REDACTED], Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

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Let us know if you have any questions or concerns at all!

Thanks,
Danny + team

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Danny Hajjar

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Executive Director
Center for Climate Integrity

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Re: Fw: Climate change/fossil fuel companies litigation workshop - Op-Ed and Editorial Board request!

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 9:23 PM

To: beverly creamer [REDACTED] >

Hi Bev,

This is great! You are a miracle worker!!

I'll pass this offer along to the core group (Alyssa, Nancy, Ann) and the PR folks to see what they want to do.

I'm happy to co-author if that's the best mix (whatever works).

We can start to draft tomorrow if the PR firm hasn't already started.

Thanks!

Denise

On Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 7:41 PM beverly creamer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Denise - We're on for an Op-Ed for Sunday!!! See Lucy's note below. I left her a voicemail follow-up today.

And I just emailed her back and told her we'd have it all to her by end of day Thursday.

Do you know what the status of this is? We can all follow-up in the morning. Do you want to forward it to the team so they'll have it first thing their time?

Bev

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Lucy Young-Oda <lyoungoda@staradvertiser.com>**To:** beverly creamer <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 5:16:10 PM HST**Subject:** Re: Climate change/fossil fuel companies litigation workshop - Op-Ed and Editorial Board request!

Hi Bev,

Thanks for the outreach and follow-up on this.

We are short-staffed this busy week of Legislature, so will have to take a pass on meeting.

However, we'd welcome a piece for Sunday (in by end of Thursday) — with a local focus, and co-written by a local expert. As you know: about 600 words, with headshots and a line of biodata; exclusive to the Star-Advertiser.

Best,

Lucy

Lucy Young-Oda
Editorial Page Editor
Hawaii's Climate Action

Fwd: Island voices Re: Denise Antolini op-ed draft

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>
To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Thu, May 2, 2019 at 11:09 AM

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From: **Richard Wiles** <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Date: Thu, May 2, 2019 at 4:12 PM

Subject: Re: Island voices Re: Denise Antolini op-ed draft

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>Cc: beverly creamer <[REDACTED]>, Danny Hajjar <dhajjar@mrss.com>, Lynsy Smithson-Stanley <lynsy@climateintegrity.org>, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>, Emily Sanders <emily@climateintegrity.org>, TeamXX <teamxx@mrss.com>**IMPORTANT CHANGE TO THE OP-ED**

Denise, I have revised this paragraph in the sentences in red, it is also attached in track changes.

Our crack team at M&R pointed out that it has been critical that we NOT describe these legal approaches as new, but characterize them - rightly - as well established to the point of being boringly old and repeatedly decided. What's new is their application to climate. This change is critical for obvious reasons. Without the change, bad people with bad motives will do bad things.

Thanks.

RW

Hawai'i taxpayers should not foot the bill for the climate-induced damages to our islands. **A tried and true legal approach to polluter accountability is being applied to climate damages** by other fourteen cities, counties and, so far, on state on the mainland. Called "polluter pays," **the legal claims, which build on more than a century of legal precedent**, allege that climate [REDACTED] like the oil and gas industry who knowingly exacerbated the effects of climate change must pay their fair share for the damage they helped cause.

On Thu, May 2, 2019 at 2:52 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Good morning team,

Thank you SO much for the good, though-provoking draft.

After some really good input we had yesterday from Bev (cc'd above) and lots of pondering about our newspaper's readership,



Re: Island voices Re: Denise Antolini op-ed draft

1 message

Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Thu, May 2, 2019 at 12:28 PM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

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Here you go.

Key changes are in the graphs describing what industry knew. The previous draft did not mention the HUGE fact that not only did industry know, they then ran a massive disinformation campaign. I think I did this in one sentence, but I did cut the reference to the irreversible paragraph, which was a bit repetitive.

Exactly 600 words. No idea how I did that, but it must mean something.

R

On Thu, May 2, 2019 at 5:59 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Dear Team,

Progress!

Alyssa, Bev, and I just revised again - line by line.



Connecting re Sunday Island Voices

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>
To: Michael Bruno <mbruno2@hawaii.edu>
Cc: Chip Fletcher <fletcher@soest.hawaii.edu>

Fri, May 3, 2019 at 9:16 PM

Hi Michael,
I'm
Attaching an OpEd that is going to run in Sunday paper that Chip and I Co—
Authored.
Also a flyer for the event we held at the Capitol today.
Would it be possible to speak tomorrow (Sat) morning or early afternoon regarding some Issues?
I'd like to speak before the Sunday paper comes out.
I know this sounds like fake email - but it's real - lol!
My cell [REDACTED]
Thanks!!
Denise

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Cimate Hawaii op-ed 5.5-19 FINAL Bev submitted to S-A.docx
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Fwd: Hawaii SLR bill pending

1 message

Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Mon, Apr 22, 2019 at 5:19 AM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>, Bill Rossbach <bill@rossbachlaw.com>

Hmmmmmm. Who should pay for this?

R

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From: **Durwood Zaelke - IGSD** <zaelke@igsd.org>

Date: Mon, Apr 22, 2019 at 9:18 AM

Subject: Hawaii SLR bill pending

To: Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Have we provided input into Hawaii's pending SLR bill from our SLR database?



Florida May Spend \$74 Billion on Seawalls to Prepare for Sea Level Rise

1 message

Dolan Eversole <eversole@hawaii.edu>

Mon, Jun 24, 2019 at 1:

To: Patti Cadiz [REDACTED], Sam Lemmo <sam.j.lemmo@hawaii.gov>, Chip Fletcher <fletcher@soest.hawaii.edu>, Tara Owens <taram@hawaii.edu>, Tiffany Anderson <tranders@hawaii.edu>, Jessica Podoski <jessica.h.podoski@usace.army.mil>, Chuck Blay [REDACTED], Ruby Pap <rpap@hawaii.edu>, Brad Romine <romine@hawaii.edu>, Andrew Wycklendt <andrew.wycklendt@aptim.com>, Hawai'i Shore and Beach [REDACTED], Robert Walker <walkerra@hawaii.edu>, Chris Conger [REDACTED], Andy Bohlander <a[REDACTED].com>, Rob Porro <rjporro@hawaii.edu>, "mfoley@oceanit.com" <mfoley@oceanit.com>, Dominique Peña [REDACTED], Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>, Makena Coffman <makenaka@hawaii.edu>, Colin Lee <leec2013@hawaii.edu>

Florida May Spend \$74 Billion on Seawalls to Prepare for Sea Level Rise

While the calculated economic costs to the entire nation is expected to peak at \$416 billion, Florida's regions are heavily represented in the report's pages.

<https://miamibeachtimes.com/business/florida-may-spend-74-billion-on-seawalls-to-prepare-for-sea-level-rise/>

By **Theresa Pinto** - June 24, 2019

Share

By Theresa Pinto M.S., Contributing Reporter

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA – The provocatively titled report High Tide Tax was released Thursday by the Center for Climate Integrity and claims Florida will have to spend \$74 billion in seawall construction in order to prepare for sea level rise by 2040.

On Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 2:44 AM Danny Hajjar <dhajjar@mrss.com> wrote:

Denise and Bev,

I realized I meant to send you some examples of news stories we've worked on and reporters with whom we have a relationship that have been informed by our outreach and have covered climate litigation previously.

The New York Times: Beware of Oil Companies Bearing Gifts

Lee Wasserman and David Kaiser

Vox: Exxon is lobbying for a carbon tax. There is, obviously, a catch.

Umair Irfan

NPR: Fishermen Sue Big Oil for Its Role in Climate Change

Alastair Bland

Let me know if there's anything else I can share with you both!

-Danny

On Mon, Apr 29, 2019 at 4:23 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

<https://variety.com/2014/film/news/merchants-of-doubt-documentary-gets-distribution-from-sony-classics-1201277476/>

see this reference in that link:

Jeff Skoll and Diane Weyermann of Participant Media, and Pierre Omidyar of Omidyar Network exec produced.

huge potential connection with Civil Beat here :)

From: **Richard Wiles** <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Date: Thu, May 2, 2019 at 4:12 PM

Subject: Re: Island voices Re: Denise Antolini op-ed draft

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

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Also, if OK with you, I would like two co-authors with me: Chip Fletcher and Kapua Sproat. They are extraordinary leaders and very recognized throughout the State.

It's really important that we show the authors are local and diverse - the three of us make a solid trio for reasons I can explain off line.

So, if you are OK, I think we do not have any mainland authors on this piece.

Re: Island voices Re: Denise Antolini op-ed draft

1 message

Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Thu, May 2, 2019 at 10:12 AM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

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Re: Media Advisory Re: intros/time to talk this afternoon?

1 message

Danny Hajjar <dhajjar@mrss.com>

Wed, May 1, 2019 at 6:37 AM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Cc: beverly creamer [REDACTED], Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>, Kyle Groetzinger <kgroetzinger@mrss.com>, Kyle Moler <kmoler@mrss.com>, Lyra Cooper <lcooper@mrss.com>, Lynsy Smithson-Stanley <lynsy@climateintegrity.org>, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Thanks, Denise! We are sharing this with national reporters and will provide any feedback we hear.

-Danny + team

On Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 11:32 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Team,
Here are my small edits.
Please check that other edits were included.
Go go!
Please copy me on the outgoing ... or any incoming :)
Yay!
Denise

On Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 3:20 PM beverly creamer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi all - Made a few tweaks and added Denise to the media contacts on site. Awaiting approval from Denise for cell phone. Apologies, didn't do text edits.
Sound ok to all?
Bev

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 12:07:39 PM HST, Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Advisory with one revision. Attached.

RW

On Tue, Apr 30, 2019 at 5:56 PM Danny Hajjar <dhajjar@mrss.com> wrote:

Aloha Denise!

I've attached the media advisory that we're planning on sharing with our contacts here. Of course, feel free to tweak the advisory as you all see fit for your outreach.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns with the advisory!

Thanks,
Danny

Media request for Al Jazeera: Honolulu climate case

1 message

Hilary Beaumont <hilarybeaumontjournalist@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 25, 2022 at 7:11 AM

To: antolini@hawaii.edu

Hi Denise, how are you today?

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My deadline is Nov. 1.

Thank you! Hope to talk soon.

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Hilary Beaumont
Journalist

C: [REDACTED] (Signal available)

Twitter: [@hilarybeaumont](https://twitter.com/hilarybeaumont)

hilarybeaumont.com

Re: Media request for Al Jazeera: Honolulu climate case

1 message

Denise E Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Tue, Oct 25, 2022 at 8:46 AM

To: Hilary Beaumont <hilarybeaumontjournalist@gmail.com>

Hi Hilary,
Thanks for your email.
Happy to speak with you!
For me, given the 3 hour time difference, best times are:
Tomorrow Weds Oct 26, 8-9 am HST
Th Oct 27, 8-11 am HST
Does that work?
Feel free to text me back - much faster for me than email
[REDACTED]
Mahalo (thanks!).
Denise

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Office (808) 956-0624, [REDACTED]

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Hilary Beaumont
Journalist

C: [REDACTED] (Signal available)

Twitter: @hilarybeaumont
hilarybeaumont.com

On Mon, May 6, 2019 at 7:42 AM Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Good morning Kapua and all!

It was a pleasure spending time with you all last week. I also learned a lot and look forward to continuing the conversation.

Full disclosure: I am on the board of Climate Liability News, and I consider it to be a legitimate and reputable online publication (on all matters related to climate litigation). I don't know Kaitlin personally but I can vouch for the publication as a whole.

Mahalo to everyone for all of your hard work to bring last week's event to life.

Alyssa

On Mon, May 6, 2019 at 12:50 PM D. Kapua'ala Sproat <kapuas@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Hoping this is the right email this time . . .

D. Kapua Sproat

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From: **D. Kapua'ala Sproat** <kapuas@hawaii.edu>

Date: Mon, May 6, 2019 at 6:45 AM

Subject: any intel on Kaitlin Sullivan

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>, David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wallsgrove <wallsgro@hawaii.edu>, Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu>, Alyssa Johl <ajohl@ciel.org>, Chip Fletcher <fletcher@soest.hawaii.edu>

Aloha mail!

Mahalo all for the fabulous conference on Friday. I had fun and learned a ton.

Got an email from Kaitlin Sullivan, a journalist with Climate Liability News who is covering the conference last Friday. She is doing a story on it and wanted to interview me. Did she reach out to any of you? I did a quick internet search and she seemed like a friendly based on recent stories etc. But, if anyone has any intel, i'd appreciate it.

mahalo nui,
kapua

D. Kapua Sproat

Professor of Law, Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law

Fwd: Big Oil LTE response today to our Op-Ed

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Fri, May 10, 2019 at 8:15 AM

To: "Denise Antolini ([REDACTED])"

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From: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Date: Fri, May 10, 2019 at 8:15 AM

Subject: Big Oil LTE response today to our Op-Ed

To: Michael Bruno <mbruno2@hawaii.edu>, Dan Meisenzahl <dmeisenz@hawaii.edu>, Diane Chang <dianec@hawaii.edu>, Avi Soifer <soifer@hawaii.edu>, Ronette Kawakami <ronettek@hawaii.edu>, Beverly [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@hawaii.edu>, David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Chip Fletcher <fletcher@soest.hawaii.edu>, Makena Coffman <makena.coffman@hawaii.edu>, Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu>, D.Kapua'ala Sproat <kapuas@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wallsgrove <wallsgro@hawaii.edu>

Aloha Provost Bruno and colleagues,

This email is FYI only - I suggest you do not reply to my email because . . .

this email will likely be the subject to an information request coming in soon from **The Phil Goldberg**,

so I'll just say "**Hi Phil!**" here and hope he reads this later :)

See this first: Phil Goldberg: <https://www.shb.com/professionals/g/goldberg-phil>

His Letter to Ed reply to our Island Voices Op Ed is attached.

And two replies so far - attached.

Let me just say that I'm happy and excited to have this opportunity - with Phil or anyone - in our islands, at our very fine University, and at our wonderful Law School to engage in a respectful cross-disciplinary dialogue about climate science, law, and truth.

Best,

Denise - "well-respected law school faculty" member (I'm quoting Phil Goldberg . . just omitting the part where he says I'm wrong - lol)

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Climate web page - Add materials

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>
To: Emily Gaskin [REDACTED] >

Sun, May 19, 2019 at 9:07 AM

Hi Emily,

Trying to get the climate page complete - while we wait for video guidance :-)

Can you please add these 3 attached docs provided by SherEdling to the climate web page? Place at the top of the list under **ADDITIONAL READING**

We will also need an area just above this (after Wallsgrove line) called "**Dialogue**" (same font as "additional reading") - this will be where we post the Phil Goldberg/Manufacturers Accountability Project criticism of our event and my/other responses.

For now, please post under Dialogue (chrono order) with these titles

- "Phil Goldberg Email to Denise Antolini (May 2, 2019)" - attached
- "Phil Goldberg NAM Blogs (May 3, 2019)" - attached
- "Denise Antolini, Chip Fletcher, Alyssa Johl, Island Voices Op-Ed, Star-Advertiser (May 5, 2019)" - attached
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- "On-Line Responses to Phil Goldberg May 10, 2019 LTE" - attached
- "Rick Fried Letter to Editor, Star-Advertiser (May 14, 2019)" - attached
- "Denise Antolini Email to Phil Goldberg (May 19, 2019)" - *not yet completed - will send soon*

Thanks!
Denise

11 attachments



Phil Goldberg LTE 5.10.19.png
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Re: Climate Change Science & Litigation - Website

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Tue, May 21, 2019 at 1:19 PM

To: Emily Gaskin [REDACTED]

Cc: Vic Sher <vic@sheredling.com>, Marti Townsend [REDACTED], Nancy Cole <NCole@ucsusa.org>, Ann <carlson@law.ucla.edu>, David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wallsgrove <wallsgro@hawaii.edu>, Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>, Makena Coffman <makenaka@hawaii.edu>, Chip Fletcher <fletcher@soest.hawaii.edu>, Kapua Sproat <kapuas@hawaii.edu>, Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu>

With thanks to all of you for your many contributions
and to Emily to helping us capture the great things that actually happened (yay!),
I also wanted to point out that on this ELP web site,
we are adding a "dialogue" section to reflect my back and forth with Phil Goldberg (and others).
You might remember that I mentioned the Manufacturers' Accountability Project's criticism
of our event in my opening remarks?
(I did not receive the personal email that Phil Goldberg sent to me on May 2
until days later when I was digging around in my overly full email pile)
It's never boring.
Best,
Denise

DIALOGUE

Phil Goldberg Email to Denise Antolini (May 2, 2019)

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On-Line Responses to Phil Goldberg Part 2 May 10, 2019 LTE

Rick Fried Letter to Editor, Star-Advertiser (May 14, 2019)

Denise Antolini Letter to Phil Goldberg (May 21, 2019)

On Tue, May 21, 2019 at 11:58 AM Emily Gaskin [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Speakers,

Thank you again for your participation in the Climate Change Science & Litigation event held at the Hawai'i State Capitol on Friday, May 3, 2019!

Fwd: Journalist interested in quoting you in an article about Phil Goldberg and climate litigation

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Tue, Jun 18, 2019 at 9:21 PM

To: "Denise Antolini" [REDACTED]

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From: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Date: Tue, Jun 18, 2019 at 9:18 PM

Subject: Re: Journalist interested in quoting you in an article about Phil Goldberg and climate litigation

To: Itai Vardi [REDACTED]

Hi Itai,

Thanks for your email!

I'm on a plane about to depart HNL so will type fast so you can meet the deadline.

I land in Denver at 8 am tomorrow which may be too late.

"It's just plain freaky that a hired gun for the fossil fuel industry would pretend to be neutral or, shockingly, even perhaps "progressive" under the guise of PPI, which has a good reputation as a think tank. I guess the "tank" is stronger than the "think" with PPI's embrace of Mr Goldberg's Advocacy for Big Oil."

Sorry for typos!

Denise

On Tue, Jun 18, 2019 at 11:20 AM Itai Vardi <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Professor Antolini,

Journalist Itai Vardi here. I'm working on a story for [DeSmog](#), a news website which exposes climate change denial and the political clout of the fossil fuel industry. I've read with great interest the recent row you had with Phil Goldberg, the lawyer representing the National Association of Manufacturers, posted on the "Climate Change Science & Litigation" conference website.

I'm writing about Goldberg and the groups pushing against climate litigation and would love to incorporate a brief quote from you about your experience. I'm not sure if you're aware of this, but Goldberg is [also affiliated](#) with a center-left DC think-tank called the Progressive Policy Institute, which has strong ties to the Democratic party. Goldberg is using his affiliation with this so-called "progressive" group to promote his agenda against climate litigation. He also [recently worked](#) for the fossil fuel front-group Grow America's Infrastructure Now (GAIN) producing a report on the criminalization of anti-pipeline protests.

What's your response to this? A quote of a few lines would be great.

Please let me know how this sounds and if you'd prefer to talk on the phone instead of via email. I'll give you a call (I'm in Boston, MA). I am hoping to meet a deadline of tomorrow (Wednesday, June 19th at 5:00PM EST).

Thank you,

Itai

Itai Vardi

Freelance Journalist
[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: climate litigation and more
To: Patricia Tummons <[REDACTED]>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: climate litigation and more
Date: 2019-06-11 20:22
From: Denise Antolini <[REDACTED]>
To: mail@environment-hawaii.org

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Denise Antolini

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From: DENISE ANTOLINI <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 1:12 PM
Subject: climate litigation and more
To: <PATTUM@environment-hawaii.org>

Mahalo Pat (& Teresa! can you forward to her?) for such a great article in the June issue on our climate litigation event. It was indeed fun!

The back and forth with Phil Goldberg is unnerving so I'm glad you covered it specifically. I'll let you as things continue to heat up, which they will.

I wanted to send you this big decision in the Baltimore case - a federal district court judge decided yesterday against Big Oil and in favor of the City, remanding the case back to state court. Procedural to be sure, but important. I thought you'd enjoy this latest development.

On a side note (but related): do you know any dogged researcher available for a part-time hire who can dig hard into files about the history of the fossil fuel industry supply chain in Hawaii (since the 60s)? Also advertising campaigns? (Like Tobacco is good for you! stuff) We are doing a lot of research projects in follow up to the May 3 event and this is one of them. I need a mini-Pat-Teresa. Someone with the utmost integrity and a relentless (and polite) researcher. Your ideas most welcome!!!

Best,

Denise

Denise Antolini

Re: A question re Media advisory!!!

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Wed, May 1, 2019 at 3:41 PM

To: beverly creamer [REDACTED]

I changed noted to alleged -see edit below - (agree re softening)

On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 3:38 PM beverly creamer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Denise - Diane Chang raised a question regarding this paragraph in the media advisory which she wonders if its tone accurately reflects the beliefs of the law school and says it seems really inflammatory. I can't help but agree with her. I've rewritten it to make to more neutral, especially since this its an information workshop and we should let the speakers make this point rather than the media advisory. How does this top paragraph sound to you as a change, rather than the original one below:

WHY: The lawsuits charge that ExxonMobil, Shell, and other industries have known for decades that their products were causing climate change, but instead of taking action, they chose to manufacture doubt and deceive the public in order to obstruct a transition to clean energy. The litigation further alleges that once avoidable climate impacts are here, and taxpayers are footing the bill. This growing wave of climate liability lawsuits across the country seek to recover damages they allege has been knowingly caused by the products of Big Oil and Gas.

WHY: Climate polluters like ExxonMobil, Shell, and other industries knew for decades their products were causing climate change. But instead of taking action, they chose to manufacture doubt and deceive the public in order to obstruct a transition to clean energy. Now once avoidable climate impacts are here and taxpayers are footing the bill, which has led to a growing wave of climate liability lawsuits across the country. These lawsuits seek to recover damages knowingly caused by the products of Big Oil and Gas.

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Re: A question re Media advisory!!!

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Wed, May 1, 2019 at 9:42 PM

To: beverly creamer [REDACTED] >

please also let the national folks know the final version and why ...

On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 3:44 PM beverly creamer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks! Will send her new version.. I also asked Sam to pull it off our website and wait for a new version! He wasn't answering his phone but I left a message and also emailed him...

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 6:41 PM, Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

I changed noted to alleged -see edit below - (agree re softening)

On Wed, May 1, 2019 at 3:38 PM beverly creamer <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Denise - Diane Chang raised a question regarding this paragraph in the media advisory which she wonders if its tone accurately reflects the beliefs of the law school and says it seems really inflammatory. I can't help but agree with her. I've rewritten it to make to more neutral, especially since this its an information workshop and we should let the speakers make this point rather than the media advisory. How does this top paragraph sound to you as a change, rather than the original one below:

WHY: The lawsuits charge that ExxonMobil, Shell, and other industries have known for decades that their products were causing climate change, but instead of taking action, they chose to manufacture doubt and deceive the public in order to obstruct a transition to clean energy. The litigation further alleges that once avoidable climate impacts are here, and taxpayers are footing the bill. This growing wave of climate liability lawsuits across the country seek to recover damages they allege has been knowingly caused by the products of Big Oil and Gas.

Re: climate litigation and more

1 message

Denise Antolini <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Jun 13, 2019 at 8:36 AM

To: Patricia Tummons <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>, Teresa Dawson <[REDACTED]>

Thanks for the tips!

Yes, a starving student - good idea.

Denise Antolini

On Wed, Jun 12, 2019 at 9:30 AM Patricia Tummons <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi, Denise,

Glad you appreciated Teresa's coverage of the climate litigation issue. And thanks for forwarding the Baltimore decision.

I can't think of any researchers who might meet your requirements, but surely there's some impoverished student who you could hire, and with a little training, they'd probably do just fine. As far as training goes, though -- I think you'd need someone who knows his or her way around a microfilm machine, can do searches on the old-fashioned print indices of the Hawaii newspapers, To figure out what the oil companies were advertising, I don't think there'd be much substitute for just going through the microfilm reels and looking for the ads. Tedious, but I just can't see any way around it.

Keep us posted on your progress!

Aloha,
Pat

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From: **Environment Hawaii** <mail@environment-hawaii.org>

Date: Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 3:17 PM

Subject: Fwd: climate litigation and more

To: Patricia Tummons <[REDACTED]>

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Fwd: climate litigation and more

Date: 2019-06-11 20:22

From: Denise Antolini <[REDACTED]>

To: mail@environment-hawaii.org

Re:

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Fri, May 17, 2019 at 12:34 PM

To: Aviam Soifer <soifer@hawaii.edu>

Dear Avi,

That's a crazy good committee!! Wow!

All committed folks, diversity, and hard workers.

No one can replace you but this will be the best possible vetting process.

How nice to see it start in such a good footing.

Re David, could you please mention to him the attack on me, us (ELP and LawSchool) coming our way from Big Oil and their well-paid lobbyists. (including that this email will be subject to an overly broad UIPA request at some point!) I want to be sure that you, Michael, and David are all informed and supportive. Could get nasty and personal. we want to keep any dialogue focused on facts and real issues, and emphasize the role of the University in producing inter-disciplinary knowledge that supports our state and its communities, particularly vulnerable to climate crisis.

At some point early next week, let's chat about our list!

Mahalo!

D

On Fri, May 17, 2019 at 3:15 PM Aviam Soifer <soifer@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Dear Denise:

Great committee--and nice that Mark is willing to be the token white male!

Off to see David Lassner at 3pm--anything in particular you suggest I mention?

Aloha piha,

Avi

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From: **Ronette Kawakami** <ronettek@hawaii.edu>

Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 11:22 AM

Subject:

To: Aviam Soifer <soifer@hawaii.edu>

Re: proposal for Apr event on climate litigation

1 message

Alyssa Johl <alyssa@climateintegrity.org>

Fri, Feb 22, 2019 at 2:49 AM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Cc: Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wallsgrove <wallsgro@hawaii.edu>, David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>, Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>, Bill Rossbach <bill@rossbachlaw.com>

Thanks so much, Denise. Our preference would be to look at dates in May or early June... May 3-12 and June 1-13.

But we are flexible and will defer to you on what works best for your personal/academic calendars.

Many thanks,
Alyssa

On Thu, Feb 21, 2019 at 12:52 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Hi Max,

Hmmm, I see the point - Leg is consuming.

What dates are good then?

Can folks weigh in again now on the dates? Scratch the doodle just note it here in a different color please:

My blackout dates:

- May 13-26 (travel)
- June 14 - Env Court Training with Judges
- June 17 week - open
- June 24 week - open
- July 1 week - open
- July 8 week - open
- July 15 week - open
- then we go to Malaysia for IUCN Academy Env Law
- then school prep starts so not good

Thanks,

Denise

On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 9:42 AM Maxine Burkett <burkettm@hawaii.edu> wrote:

Very problematic, close to deal breaking:

Many that we'd want from other counties/state will be tied up with legislative session. And once session is closed (and we know all's well legislatively on the climate front) we can get more folks to attend and focus on litigation.

Best,
Maxine

Fwd: Their Islands Are Being Eroded. So Are Their Human Rights, They Say. Livia Albeck-Ripka, NYT 5/12/19

1 message

William Tam [REDACTED]

Sun, May 12, 2019 at 12:45 PM

To: Vic Sher <vic@sheredling.com>, Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Cc: William Tam [REDACTED]

Game on.

Not clear if fossil fuel companies are named defendants.

Their Islands Are Being Eroded. So Are Their Human Rights, They Say.

Livia Albeck-Ripka, NYT 5/12/19

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/12/world/australia/climate-change-torres-strait-islands.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

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A view of Masig Island.

A group of Indigenous Australians from low-lying islands in the Torres Strait argue that Australia, by failing to act on climate change, has violated their fundamental right to maintain their culture.

MASIG ISLAND, Australia

. . . .

Re: Update re Senator Schatz - looking positive!

1 message

Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Fri, Apr 19, 2019 at 12:07 PM

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

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They are interested in media outreach, so it was great for me to be able to tell them we have it planned out already and would be happy to mention him (and Mazie of course).

I emphasized the high level nature of the event and the historic partnership of ELP-Sierra Club with CCI and UCS.

We shall see - I will keep you posted.

Please do not distribute this version - once I have (a) confirmation from his office, and (b) web page link, I can send an update to everyone for next round of distribution.

Best,

Denise



Re: Update re Senator Schatz - looking positive!

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>
To: Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org>

Tue, Apr 23, 2019 at 8:31 AM

can you send me anything you have on the climate liability waiver, Dems position, and any comments/links to Sen Schatz? that will help me navigate the speechwriting - thanks!

On Tue, Apr 23, 2019 at 4:34 AM Richard Wiles <rwiles@climateintegrity.org> wrote:

Cool. I'm sure you will nail it. Or at a minimum we will find out where he really is on these lawsuits. Either way, its a plus.

R

On Mon, Apr 22, 2019 at 8:45 PM Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu> wrote:

I'm talking to his speech writer asap to find out already down the path so will make it work

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Denise E Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Fwd: U.S. Senator Brian Schatz of Hawaii

1 message

Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>

Tue, Apr 23, 2019 at 10:31 PM

To: Vic Sher <vic@sheredling.com>

FYI

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From: **David Forman** <dmforman@hawaii.edu>

Date: Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 3:24 PM

Subject: U.S. Senator Brian Schatz of Hawaii

To: Denise Antolini <antolini@hawaii.edu>, [REDACTED], Chip Fletcher <fletcher@soest.hawaii.edu>

<https://www.schatz.senate.gov/press-releases/schatz-to-chair-newly-launched-senate-democratic-special-committee-on-the-climate-crisis>

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From: **David Forman** <dmforman@hawaii.edu>
Date: Fri, Apr 12, 2019, 1:18 PM
Subject: Re: Draft program for May 3 event in Honolulu
To: Haia, Coti (Hirono) <Coti_Haia@hirono.senate.gov>

Shorter would definitely work. I understand that Senator Whitehouse gave a hard hitting 5-7 minute keynote that apparently convinced one of the climate impact lawsuit attorneys to urge him to recruit other Senators (including Sen. Hirono) to sign onto the amicus brief? Maybe Sen. Whitehouse could share what he did previously and Sen. Hirono can insert some Hawai'i touches?

David

On Fri, Apr 12, 2019, 1:05 PM Haia, Coti (Hirono) <Coti_Haia@hirono.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi David – thanks again for your note.

Unfortunately the format will not easily lend itself to providing a lengthier address. However, we would like to be able to provide a welcome video for attendees, if that makes sense. Is that something that would work?

Thank you,

Coti

From: David Forman <dmforman@hawaii.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Haia, Coti (Hirono) <Coti_Haia@hirono.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft program for May 3 event in Honolulu

I am confident the group would be happy with whatever you are able to provide time wise, and simply adjusting the program timelines as appropriate.

In addition to our co-organizers, local folks we have reached out to are very excited about even the possibility of hearing from Senator Hirono on these issues.