



Communicating Complex Science: The Challenge of Sea Level Rise

Monday, May 16, 2022

**The George Washington University Law School
Michael K. Young Faculty Conference Center
(use library entrance at 716 20th St. NW)**

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:45 am Welcome and Introduction

- Welcome—Jordan Diamond (President, Environmental Law Institute)
David Verardo (Director, Paleoclimate Program, NSF)
- Workshop Goals—Sandra Nichols Thiam (Senior Attorney and Associate Vice-President, ELI)
- Participant Introductions

9:45 am – 10:45 am Update on Recent Science of Sea Level Rise

- Moderator—Paul Hanle (Founder, Climate Judiciary Project, ELI)
- Sea Level Rise Scenarios for the U.S.—[William Sweet](#), NOAA
- Discussion

10:45 am – 11:00 am Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm The Policy Landscape

- Moderator—Rebecca Kihslinger (Senior Science and Policy Analyst, ELI)
- Communicating the Likely Impacts—[Astrid Caldas](#), Union of Concerned Scientists
- Translating Science Into Public Policy—[Jeffrey Peterson](#), author of *A New Coast*
- Discussion

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm The Legal Landscape

- Moderator—Jay Austin (Senior Attorney, ELI)
- Understanding Legal Drivers and Obstacles—[Robin Kundis Craig](#), USC Gould School of Law
- Incorporating Climate Reality Into Professional Practice—[Thomas Ruppert](#), Florida Sea Grant
- Discussion

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Break

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm Wrap-up and Next Steps

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Reception