

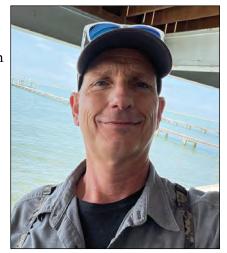
Dear friends of IJNR,

Was it ever great to be back!

Well, mostly. Yes, 2022 rang in renewed in-person programming. And yes, we had the privilege of taking 56 amazing journalists into the field to learn more about the South Texas Coast, wildfire in rangeland, indigenous knowledge systems, and water science in the Great Lakes.

But those programs were tempered with caution. Our initial post-Covid programs looked a bit different from the traditional, sweeping IJNR programs that covered great distances and nudged

camaraderie with shared lodging. Mindful that one infection could turn intricate plans on their side, we kept the footprints small, limited the number of days and Fellows and employed single rooms for the first time (shockingly, not a single journalist complained about that!). And



Dave Spratt, Chief Executive Officer

we still included three virtual workshops and gave away \$94,400 in reporting grants — both products we fully intend to continue.

As 2023 dawns and the world seems to be pulling away from the Covid nightmare, we are delighted to be planning more classic IJNR programs: Up to a week in length, covering more ground and still packed with content. We'll kick off with a post-SEJ tour in Idaho looking at

large-landscape connectivity in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, then take an early-summer journey up Lake Superior's North Shore. And more big Western adventures are in the works — and we will continue to build upon the advancements we've made in expanding diversity, equity and inclusion among our journalists and our subject matter. We're especially excited about a new partnership we've formed with the Uproot Project to bring more journalists of color into the environment beat. Our first program with Uproot was wildly successful and we aim to repeat it!

None of that work would happen without the people and organizations who believe in IJNR's work and back it up. That includes our devoted and generous alumni who pitch in every year to our annual appeal. It includes our Board of Trustees, who contribute their time, expertise and money. And of course we wouldn't be barreling into our 29th year of delivering programs without the foundations who kept the lights on during the pandemic and continue to back the betterment of journalism writ large: The Joyce Foundation. The Wilburforce Foundation. The Hewlett Foundation. The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation. The Walton Family Foundation. The Maine Community Foundation. The Packard Foundation.

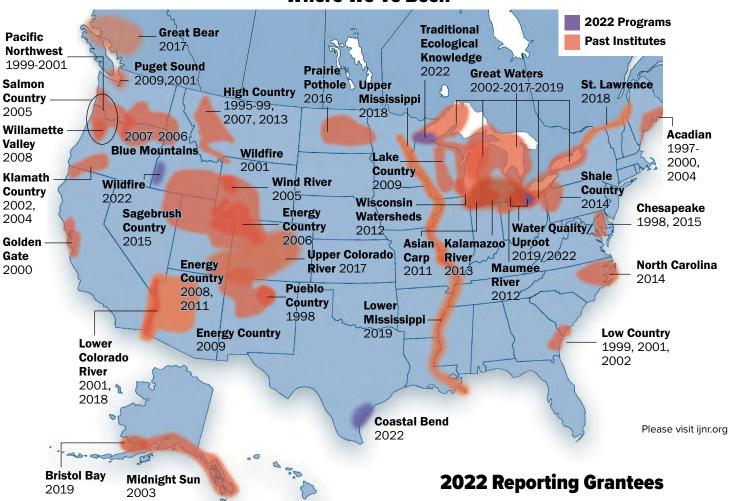
And of course the Society of Environmental Journalists, which under Meaghan Parker's leadership has become an incredible partner in both thought and deed.

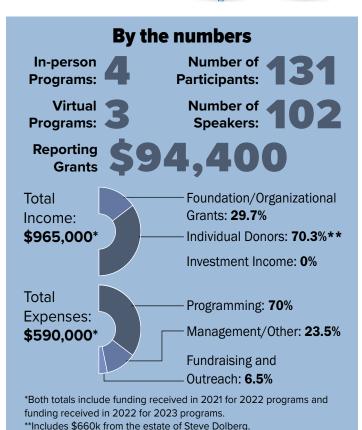
So to everyone who helped us navigate this patch, thank you a thousand times over.

Onward,

Dave

#### Where We've Been





#### Mary G. Hager Memorial Reporting Grant

Liuan Huska - Freelance Journalist, Chicago

Project: West Chicago is Cleaning Up the Last of its Nuclear Contamination. Residents Exposed to Radiation Say 'It's Not Over'

#### **Indigenous Reporting Grant**

Pamela D'Angelo - Independent Radio Producer; Burgess, Va., in collaboration with Indigenous communities in Virginia

Project: Two episodes of "Tribal Truths" podcast — The Mattaponi Tribe and American Shad; The Nansemond Tribe and The Great Dismal Swamp

#### **Environmental Justice Reporting Grant**

Gina Castro - Freelance Journalist, Chicago

Project: Disparity in disaster aid strains Louisiana Tribes' grip on ancestral land

#### **Guerry Beam Memorial Grant**

Sebastian Tuinder - Freelance Documentary Film Producer, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Project: Will The Chesapeake Bay Become a Dead Zone? - Scientific American

#### **Andrew Weegar Memorial Grant**

Andrés Camacho - Film Producer, KTOO Public Media, Juneau, Alaska

Project: Sitka Herring: A Tale of Two Harvests -KTOO/ReVision Alaska

#### Frank Allen Field Reporting Grant

Sara Millhouse - Freelance Journalist, Sabula, Iowa

Project: Kemmerer goes nuclear

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### **Journalist Output**

# REUTERS

Alaska worries for its salmon run as climate change warms Arctic waters



[1/3] A spawning Yukon River Chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) is seen captured near Pilot





### Botanists find one of 'the world's worst weeds' spreading in the **Boise foothills**

Cogongrass is the latest of a fast-growing number of invasive plants threatening Idaho's fire-prone rangelands.

Sarah Trent Aug. 9, 2022



### When Indigenous Rights, Conservation, and a Very Lucrative Fishery Collide

In the fast-changing Bering Sea, a small tribe makes a big push to save their island



By Kate Golden



#### Biden's promise to tribes faces test in Great Lakes



### **Bat Gadgetry: High-Tech** Solutions to a Deadly Problem



By Patrick Shea

► LISTEN - 14:35





#### Fish are vital for Ojibwe communities

Livingston, 42, supposes he is one of the youngest commercial fishers in Red Cliff.

The work is grueling. Profit margins, narrow. Crew,

When he's not out fishing, Livingston stays busy mending nets.

"It ain't a 9 to 5," he said during the November fishing trip, "I'll tell ya' that."

Livingston tried other careers but always returned to

"It's something I know how to do," he said. "It's something I can depend on."





In the wake of this big political and financial windfall, a billion-dollar question now looms. How – and where – should that money be spent? The GLRI's current action plan runs through 2024 and instructs the 16 federal agencies tasked with achieving its goals to focus on the following issues:

- Toxic substances and Areas of Concern
- Invasive species

the GLRI.

- Nonpoint source pollution impacts on nearshore health
- Habitats and species
- Foundations for future restoration actions

In January 2022, IJNR presented a two-day virtual workshop that helped journalists learn more about how the GLRI hopes to achieve those goals. Participating journalists joined a virtual conversation with policymakers, tribal leaders, environmental organizations, industry representatives, scientists and local residents to hear first-hand what GLRI projects mean for the eight U.S. states, two Canadian provinces and more than 30 million people who call the Great Lakes region home.

#### Participating journalists

Susan Bence. Milwaukee Public Radio Jim Bloch Freelance journalist Dené Dryden, Freelance journalist Grist

Garret Ellison. MI ive John Flesher,

AΡ Morgan Greene, Chicago Tribune

Audrey Henderson, Freelance journalist

Tom Henry, The Blade

Liuan Huska, Freelance journalist Tasmihna Khan, Freelance journalist

Dan Kraker Minnesota Public Radio

Diana Kruzman,

Johnny C.Y. Lam, Freelance photojournalist

Mila Murray, **GL Now** 

Hannah Northey, **E&E News** 

Francisco Ramirez Pinedo. S.S. Weekly

Jacob Resneck, Alaska Radio

Shantal Riley, Freelance journalist

Karen Schaefer Freelance journalist

Laura Schulte, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Alexandra Talty, Freelance journalist

Carol Thompson, Detroit News

Jacob Wheeler, Glen Arbor Sun

Gary Wilson, Freelance journalist

Jordan Wolman, **POLITICO** 

#### **Speakers**

Debra Shore, US FPA

Steve Galarneau, Wis. Dept. of Natural Resources

Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, NE Ohio Sewer District

Cameron Davis, **GEI Consultants** 

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Laura Johnson, Water Quality Research

Rick Hobrla, Michigan Department of Environment

John Austin, **Brookings Institution** 

Theresa Landrum, Michigan EJ Advisory Council

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### Virtual Workshop: Ocean + Climate in Alaska

#### February 23-24

No place in the United States feels climate change more than Alaska, where record-breaking warm temperatures fuel a host of impacts. These changes reverberate especially across Alaska's 1.5 million square miles of ocean, where an increase in water temperatures and decrease in sea ice cover affect a remarkable diversity of life. Crustaceans, fish, seals, sea birds, walruses, whales and more all call the waters off Alaska home – as does a fishery that produces more than half the fish caught off the U.S. coast each year. Not only does Alaska's fishery generate \$4.5 billion in economic activity, it is also a crucially important food source to Indigenous communities.

This two-day online workshop explored how climate change is impacting the waters of Alaska and how Indigenous communities, state agencies and federal scientists are working to protect this bountiful resource. Topics included:

- The loss of Bering Sea ice cover and resulting ecological impact.
- Shifts in fish distributions as species follow warming waters north.
- Attempts to manage a rapidly changing fishery and its unpredictable future.
- Efforts to include Indigenous representation in state and federal decision-making.
- Alaska's salmon runs and what's behind the current abundance in Bristol Bay and scarcity in the Yukon River.
- The Pribilof Islands Marine Ecosystem Initiative, an Indigenous-led effort to establish a co-managed marine area in the Bering Sea.
- The privatization of Alaska's commercial fishery and what it means for the future of small-boat fishermen.
- A bipartisan attempt to better address by-catch in Alaska's lucrative commercial fisheries.

#### **Participating journalists**

Mary Auld, KUAC-FM

Steven Bedard, bioGraphic

Chase Cain, NBC LX

Tripp Crouse, KNBA Anchorage

Kirsten Dobroth, KMXT Alaska

Karen Ducey, Freelance photojournalist

Sam Eaton, Newsy

Joaqlin Estus, Indian Country Today

Megan Gannon. Freelance journalist Kate Golden, Freelance journalist

Terry Haines, KMXT Alaska

Rob Hotakainen, E&E News

Tasmiha Khan, Freelance journalist

Kelly Kimball, Foreign Policy

Yvonne Krumrey, KTOO Alaska

Krista Langlois, Freelance journalist

Olga Loginova, Freelance journalist

Tim Lydon, Freelance journalist Stephanie Maltarich,

Freelance journalist

Hope McKenney, KUCB Alaska

Yereth Rosen, Freelance journalist

Izzy Ross, KDLG Alaska

Liz Ruskin, Alaska Public Media

Theresa Soley, Freelance journalist

Dympna Ugwu-Oju, Fresnoland

Jennifer Swanson, NPR

Ali VanFleet, The Weather Channel

Miranda Weiss, Freelance journalist

#### **Speakers**

Rich Thoman, University of Alaska

Diana Stram, Fisheries Management

Council
Verner Wilson,

Curyung Tribe

Marissa Merculieff, The Aleut Community of St. Paul Island

Eric Bill, Autocase

Karen Gillis, Bering Sea Fisherman's

Association

Mary Peltola, Kuskokwim River Inter-Tribal Fish Commisson Jim Murphy, NOAA

Lindsey Bloom, SalmonState

Theresa Peterson, Alaska Marine Conservation

Alaska Marine Conservati Council

Axel Kopun, F/V Mylia Lynn

Association

Linda Behnken, Alaska Longline Fishermen's

Buddy Custard, Alaska Chadux Network

Dave Seria, U.S. Coast Guard

Karen Pletnikoff, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association



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In conjunction with the Society of Environmental Journalists (SEJ), IJNR presented the 2022 SEJ Post-Conference Tour on the South Texas Coast. The group spent two and a half days in and around Corpus Christi, Texas, exploring a variety of topics including:

Gulf ecology in a changing climate.

- Gulf fisheries, the food supply and sustainability.
- The local and global impact of the petrochemical industry's shift toward plastic production.
- The economic and environmental justice implications of a new wave of Gulf Coast industrial expansion.
- The Texas coast's critical role in bird (and sea turtle) migration.



Fellows conducted a coastal resilience simulation with researchers from Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi.

#### Participating journalists

Farha Akhtar, Freelance journalist

Aman Azhar, Freelance journalist

Alex Ip. Freelance journalist

Gulnaz Khan, Ted Talks

**Speakers** 

Errol Summerlin, Coastal Alliance

Love Sanchez, Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend

Jennifer Hilliard, Ingleside on the Bay Coastal Watch

Patrick Nye, Ingleside on the Bay Coastal Watch

Pastor Adam Carrington, Brooks A.M.E.

Mark Lannaman, Freelance journalist

Martha Pskowski, El Paso Times

Tanishka R Freelance photojournalist

Spoorthy Raman, Freelance journalist Sarah Sax, Freelance journalist

Quratulain Tejani, Inside Climate News

Christian von Preysing-Barry, KRGV-TV Weslaco

Brandon Marks. TX Campaign for the

Environment Elida Castillo, **CHISPA Texas** 

Lamont Taylor, Hillcrest Residents Association

David Yoskowitz, Texas A&M Corpus Christi

Chuck Naiser,

FlatsWorthy, Inc.

Dale Gawlik, Texas A&M

Aaron Baxter, Texas A&M

Jav Tarkington. Texas A&M

Tony Reisinger,

Texas A&M

Bailey Schacht, Texas A&M

#### Wildfire on the Range: A Two-Day Workshop for Journalists May 11-13 - Boise, Idaho

Across the western United States, the impacts of wildfire are becoming more severe and the fire season is getting longer — in fact, in some places it's no longer a "season" but a year-round reality. Drought holds much of the region in a stranglehold. A century of management decisions have led to precarious realities on the And as recent years have shown, urban areas are no less at risk than rural.

Boise, Idaho is one of the fastest growing cities in the country, and is rapidly expanding into the surrounding rangeland and forest — leaving its neighborhoods potentially vulnerable to the impacts of wildfire.

IJNR hosted a two-day in-person workshop for journalists in Boise, focused on wildfire. Fifteen journalists had the chance to meet with experts, travel into the field, and hear firsthand from those tasked with managing fire and mitigating its impacts.



Fellows of the Wildfire on the Range workshop went into the sage steppe with BLM scientists to better understand fire behavior.

#### Topics included:

- Public/private partnerships in wildland fire management and post-fire mitigation.
- Wildfire, invasive species, and the impact on native ecosystems.
- Public health and the adverse impacts of smoke exposure.
- How longer, harder fire seasons are taking a toll on firefighter well-being.
- A visit to the National Interagency Fire Center, home to the fire management programs of each federal agency.
- Firewise practices, and how to mitigate risk in the Wildland Urban Interface.
- The traditional role of fire on the landscape, and the lessons it might provide for future management.

#### **Participating journalists**

Erin Banks Rusby, Idaho Press Roman Battaglia, Jefferson Public Radio Eleanor Bennett. Aspen Public Radio Chase Cain, **NBCLX** 

Salt Lake Tribune Sarah Matusek, Monitor Rachel Cohen, Boise State Public Sam Metz Radio **Associated Press** 

Raquel Maria Dillon, Ivy Engel,

Wyoming Public Radio Brian Maffly,

The Christian Science

Kale Williams. The Oregonian

Kylie Mohr,

Rico Moore,

Andres Pruna,

and editor

Sarah Trent.

High Country News

Freelance journalist

Freelance producer

Freelance journalist



Tom Little Bear Nason of the Esselen Tribe and Elizabeth Azzuz of the Yurok Tribe (both in what is now California).

#### **Speakers**

Kirk Siegler, **NPR** 

Katie McConnell, Yale University

Dan McEvoy, Western Regional Climate Center

Luke Montrose, Boise State University

Sarah Coefield, Missoula County Health Department

Elizabeth Azzuz, Yurok Tribe

Tom Little Bear Nason. Esselen Tribe

Brittany Brand, Boise State University

Brett Van Paepeghem, Idaho Firewise

Grant Beebe, Bureau of Land Management

Lance Okeson, Bureau of Land Management Boise

Jason Pyron, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

John Uriarte, Idaho Governor's Office

Matt Germino U.S. Geological Survey

Brenda Richards, Idaho Rangelands Conservation

Will Harling, Mid-Klamath Watershed Council California

Chris Cromwell, Bureau of Land Management

Mike Williamson. Bureau of Land Management

Rob Bennett, Bureau of Land Management



#### **Participating journalists**

Britny Cordera, Freelance journalist

Tripp Crouse, KNBA

Khari Douglas, National Geographic

Amanda Gokee, New Hampshire Bulletin

Bennet Goldstein, Wisconsin Watch Julie Grant, Allegheny Front/WESA

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Sheri McWhirter, MLive

Jazmin Murphy, Freelance journalist Hannah Northey, E&E News/POLITICO

Patrick Shea, Interlochen Public Radio

Zoe Tennant, CBC

Grace van Deelen, Inside Climate News

Chris Welter, WYSO

#### **Speakers**

Debra Shore, U.S. EPA

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Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, NE Ohio Sewer District

Cameron Davis, GEI Consultants

Michael Isham, GL Wildlife Commission Sylvia Orduño, U.S. EPA Advisory Council

Laura Rubin, Great Lakes Coalition

Frank Ettawageshik, United Tribes of Michigan

Scott Higgins, American Dairy Association Heather Taylor-Miesle, Ohio Environmental Council

Laura Johnson, Ohio State University

Rick Hobrla, Michigan Department of Environment

John Austin, Brookings Institution

Theresa Landrum, Michigan EJ Advisory Council

## Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Decolonizing Conservation and Rethinking Resource Management

June 26-28 Duluth, Minn.

For millennia, Indigenous peoples have built and maintained extensive knowledge about the world around them. More recently, academics and federal and state resource managers have taken note, referring to Indigenous Knowledge Systems as "traditional ecological knowledge," or TEK, and involving Native knowledge-bearers in development of environmental policy and resource management.

From changing fisheries to toxic hotspots and climate adaptation strategies, TEK is informing conservation and restoration efforts in and near the vast inland sea we now call the Great Lakes. But much of this work is in its early stages, and while tribal, federal, state and scientific officials want to collaborate, they often encounter obstacles to integrating Western bureaucracies with place-based, distinctly non-Western knowledge systems.

IJNR hosted a two-day, three-night workshop on TEK and Great Lakes resource management with excursions to visit with and learn from tribal resource managers and their federal, state and academic counterparts. The workshop offered participants the opportunity to see firsthand how both ancient knowledge and new research are shaping our relationship with the Great Lakes and the lands around them.



TEK workshop Fellows went into the Kakagon River sloughs, an important source of manoomin (wild rice) for members of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe.

## **Reporting on Water: A Training Workshop for Journalists**

August 21-23, Lake Erie

IJNR, in partnership with the Uproot Project, hosted a two-day, three-night program for journalists of color interested in learning about covering the environment.

Priority was given to early career journalists, as well as veteran journalists who have recently switched to the environment beat. Participating journalists stayed at Stone Laboratory, Ohio State University's island campus on Lake Erie, while they learned about reporting on water from leading freshwater scientists and veteran environment journalists.

This program was aimed not only at getting reporters up to speed on the challenges facing freshwater resources – from pollution to climate change to non-native species — but also at providing training for early career reporters on the intricacies of covering the environment. The group spent time out in the field and in the lab, discussing the challenges of translating science for wider audiences and telling accurate and compelling stories about complicated issues.

#### Participating journalists

Kwasi Gyamfi Asiedu, Protocol

Eleanore Catolico, Freelance journalist

Jordan Chin, Arizona Public Media

Neel Dhanesha, Vox

Audrey Henderson, Freelance journalist

Pria Mahadevan, Freelance journalist

Angely Mercado,

Freelance journalist

Melba Newsome, Freelance journalist

Francisco Ramirez Pinedo, Freelance journalist

Shantal Riley, Freelance journalist

Elham Shabahat, Freelance journalist

Sabrina Toppa, Freelance journalist

Lina Tran, Grist

Myriam Vidal Valero, Inside Climate News

#### **Speakers**

Lyndsey Manzo, Ohio State University Justin Chaffin, Ohio State University

Craig Genheimer, Ohio State University

Chris Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant

Mark Trahant,
Indian Country Today

Shantal Riley, Freelance journalist

Alicia Smith, Junction Coalition







Reporting on Water fellows, all members of the Uproot Project, spent two days at Ohio State University's Stone Lab, on Lake Erie's Gibraltar Island, and also visited Toledo.

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### Climate Justice and Environmental Racism: A virtual workshop for journalists

#### November 17-18

Across America, climate change is hitting home. While the new reality of increasingly extreme storms, extended droughts and rising seas has communities scrambling to adapt, it is also revealing a troubled history of racist policies and practices in U.S city planning: Disinvestment and neglect have left millions of Americans more vulnerable to climate impacts.

IJNR held a two-day virtual workshop that explored the intersection of climate impacts and environmental justice. The program focused on the ways our changing climate exacerbates historic injustices and provided examples of the people and places working toward a more just and equitable future.

#### Topics included:

- Federal efforts to address historic inequity and promote social justice.
- Conversations with a new generation of climate leaders.
- Extreme precipitation, urban flooding and infrastructure.
- Access to clean drinking water.
- Heat waves and public health.
- Climate impacts to food systems
   and the workers who keep
   them running.
- The inequitable distribution of risk and cost in the coastal response to sea level rise.

#### **Participating journalists**

Odette Auger, IndigiNews

Ashli Blow, Freelance journalist

Keely Brewer, Daily Memphian

Osha Gray Davidson, Freelance journalist

Melissa Doughty, Trinidad and Tobago Newsday

Clare Fieseler, The Post and Courier

Jordan Gass-Pooré,

Amy Green, WMFE Audrey Henderson, Freelance journalist

Elizabeth Hlavinka, Freelance journalist

Mara Hoplamazian,

NHPR

Jiahui Huang, Columbia Journalism Investigations

Amira Karaoud, Freelance journalist

Libby Leonard, Freelance journalist

Christine MacDonald, Hola Cultura

Samantha Maldonado, THE CITY Danny McArthur, Gulf States News

Joan Meiners, The Arizona Republic

Dorany Pineda, L.A. Times

Karyn Pugliese, *Observer* 

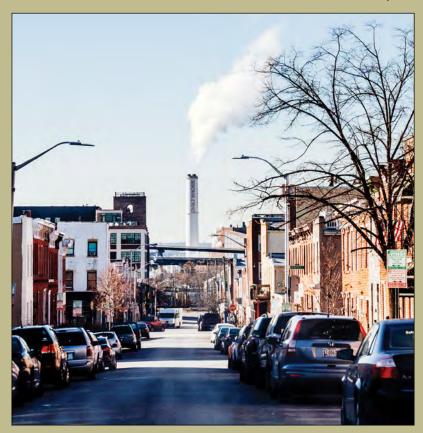
Spoorthy Raman, Freelance journalist

Kaleb Roedel, KUNR

Mehr Sher,
Bangor Daily News

Caroline Tracey, High Country News

Sarah Whites-Koditschek, Alabama Media Group



A Baltimore neighborhood in close proximity to heavy industry.

Credit: peeterv

#### **Speakers**

Maria Lopez Nuñez, Ironbound

Janelle Lapointe, Stellat'en First Nation Lynée Turek-Hankins,

University of Miami Reggie Carrillo, AZ(Land)

Donzell Brown, EJ Journalism Initiative Rona Kobell, EJ Journalism Initiative Samantha Zuhlke,

University of Iowa Brooke Floyd,

People's Advocacy Institute

Abre' Conner, NAACP Michael Méndez, Cal Irvine

Nayamin Martinez, Central California EJ Network

Davin Cardenas, Jobs for Justice

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### **Our Staff**



Dave Spratt, Chief Executive Officer

For more than 20 years, Dave was a fixture at daily newspapers in Colorado and Michigan, writing and editing sports, features and news, nurturing young writers and staring longingly out the window where the real action was. Dave left inky fingers behind in 2009, when he took a buyout from The Detroit News to freelance and carry coolers for IJNR until being named CEO in January 2013. Dave is a lifelong lover of the outdoors and frequent end user of clean air, clear water and healthy habitat — human and otherwise. Easily distracted by wildlife, Dave lives on a lake just outside Ann Arbor, Mich. Dave has a B.A. in Journalism from Michigan State University and earned a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management from Eastern Michigan University.



Melissa Mylchreest, Director of Communications

Melissa wears a lot of hats at IJNR: She's in charge of communications and often works on development, but sometimes she puts together programs too. Melissa lives in Missoula, Mont., and in addition to working for IJNR she's a freelance writer covering art, architecture, science, and the environment. She received a B.A. in creative writing from Connecticut College, and an M.S. in environmental studies as well as an M.F.A. in creative writing, both from the University of Montana. But writing all the time can get boring, so she's done some other things too, including working as a professor, cook, DNRC lackey, and barn-dismantler, among others. When she's not working she's in the pottery studio, and when her hands aren't covered in clay, she can be found gardening, cooking, and spending as much time as possible outside with her husband, daughter, and three dogs.



Adam Hinterthuer, Director of Programs

Adam is largely responsible for IJNR's programs, which means he spends several months carefully researching topics, scouting locations and lining up speakers, and then several days herding journalists, finding coffee and putting out (mostly) figurative fires during our Institutes and workshops. Adam also serves as the outreach and communications specialist for the University of Wisconsin's Center for Limnology (the study of lakes, more or less). Adam lives in Madison, Wisconsin with his wife, Carrie, their daughters, Brynn and Maggie, a neurotic dog, two nimble young cats and an ever-growing assemblage of aquatic snails. Adam received his master's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism and has a bachelor's degree from Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

#### Iyana Esters, Program Associate

lyana was a Fellow on Water Quality 2019. She received a B.S. in community health sciences from the University of Nevada, Reno, and a M.P.H. in behavioral, social, and community health from Indiana University. Iyana is an accomplished photographer whose work has been featured at shows in her hometown of Reno, Nev.





#### Carrie Hinterthuer, Director of Operations

In addition to keeping the books, Carrie oversees the myriad things that keep IJNR's ship sailing smoothly. Carrie has her master's degree in public health from the University of Wisconsin, and earned her undergraduate degree from Carleton College (where she met a certain IJNR director of programs). Carrie lives with Adam and their two daughters in Madison.

### **Board of Trustees**

#### Karen Scanlon, Chair

(Chicago)

Karen is senior vice president of sustainability initiatives for the Illinois-based Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, which is a unit of Dairy Manage-



ment Inc. In that role, she is chiefly responsible for cultivating and strengthening partnerships for dairy sustainability. She earned her journalism degree at the University of Florida and her master's degree in natural resources management at The Ohio State University.

# Peter Annin, Vice-Chair

(Ashland, Wisconsin)
Peter Annin is Director of the
Mary Griggs Burke Center
for Freshwater Innovation at
Northland College, which is
dedicated to understanding
and solving issues related



to fresh water. Prior to joining Northland in 2015, Peter served as managing direct of the Environmental Change Initiative at the University of Notre Dame for five years, and before that spent a decade as Associate Director here at IJNR. A veteran conflict and environmental journalist, Peter spent more than 10 years reporting for *Newsweek*. He is author of "The Great Lakes Water Wars."

#### Chris Siegler, Treasurer

(Missoula, Montana) Chris was in management positions in health care and telecommunications before becoming a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, a position from which he recently



retired. Chris and his wife Jeannie have two sons — one a former IJNR Fellow of Energy Country — and two grandchildren. He graduated from Notre Dame and has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Montana.

#### Danielle Brown, Trustee

(Minneapolis)

Dr. Danielle K. Brown is the Cowles Professor of Journalism, Diversity & Equality at the Hubbard School at the University of Minnesota. Danielle also consults with



newsrooms around the U.S. about equitable media practices, and reporting on Black communities and civil rights protests. She received her B.A. and M.A. in journalism from Baylor University and her Ph.D. in journalism from The University of Texas-Austin. A gymnastics and soccer mom, she spends her spare moments coordinating practice schedules and drop off times, and listening to audiobooks.

#### Savi Horne, Trustee

(Durham, North Carolina) Savi is the Executive Director of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers' Land Loss Prevention Project, which was created to provide legal



expertise, community education, and advocacy skills to help farmers and rural landowners facing legal, economic, and environmental challenges. Savi received her B.A. in Urban Legal Studies from City College, City University of New York, and her J.D. from Rutgers.

#### Kendra Pierre-Louis, Trustee

(Hampton, New Hampshire)

New Hampshire)
Kendra is a senior climate reporter with the Gimlet/Spotify podcast "How to Save a Planet." Previously she was a climate reporter with *The New* 



York Times and a staff writer for Popular Science. Kendra has an S.M. (M.S) in Science Writing from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an M.A. in Sustainable Development with a focus on Policy Analysis and Advocacy from the SIT Graduate Institute, and a B.A. in Economics from Cornell University. Kendra occasionally hangs out with astronauts and seriously loves the Arctic.

#### Pam Rockland, Trustee

(Wilton, Conn.)
Pam is a nonprofit professional with more than three decades of successful management and fundraising experience. She served



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