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Appointment

Assistant Professor, University of Georgia School of Law

Education

Ph.D., Energy & Resources, University of California, Berkeley, 2021

M.P.P./M.A., Energy & Resources, University of California, Berkeley, 2018

J.D., Columbia University School of Law, 2006

Editor-in-Chief, Columbia Journal of Environmental Law

B.A., Arizona State University, 2002, *summa cum laude*

Research Publications

Orford, A., *Natural Gas and Net Zero: Mutually Exclusive Pathways for the Southeast*, __ GA. ST. L. REV. __ (invited symposium contribution) (2023)

Orford A., *Rate Base the Charge Space: The Law of Utility EV Infrastructure Investment*, 48 COLUM. J. ENV'T L. 1 (2022), <https://doi.org/10.52214/cjel.v48i1.10437>

Orford, A., *Clean Air Act Section 115: Is the IPCC a "Duly Constituted International Agency"?*, 34 GEO. ENV'T L. REV. 215 (2022)

Orford, A., *Nation's Business and the Environment: the U.S. Chamber's Changing Relationships with Pollution, "Ecologists," Regulations, and Renewables, 1945-1981*, 12 J. ENV'T STU. & SCI. 100 (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13412-021-00703-3>

Orford, A., *The Clean Air Act of 1963: Postwar Environmental Politics and the Debate Over Federal Power*, 27 HASTINGS ENV'T L. J. 1 (2021)

Orford, A., *Tools for Regulators in a Changing Climate: Proposed Standards, State Policies, and Case Studies from the Western Grid*, 32 GEO. ENV'T L. REV. 227 (2020)

Orford, A., *Power to the People: Primer on NEPA and Transmission Lines*, 29 NATURAL GAS & ELECTRICITY 16 (2013), <https://doi.org/10.1002/gas.21687>

Orford, A., Till, D., & Timmons, D., *Examining Oil and Gas Policy in President Obama's Second Term*, 29 NATURAL GAS & ELECTRICITY 1 (2013), <https://doi.org/10.1002/gas.21663>

Orford, A., *Hydraulic Fracturing & Water: Considering the Water Resources Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing*, 85 THE WATER REPORT 4 (2011)

Orford A., *Hydraulic Fracturing: Legislative and Regulatory Trends*, 279 ENVTL. COUNSELOR 2 (2011)

Orford, A., *Fractured: The Road to the New EPA Fracking Study*, 267 ENVTL. COUNSELOR 1 (2011)

Issacharoff, S. & Orford, A., *A Primer on American Law of Jurisdiction and Forum Selection*, GLOBAL JUSTICE FORUM (Apr. 2005)

Research Articles in Progress

Orford, A., *“Questions or Matters of Difference Arising between Them”: Section 115, Climate Change, and the International Joint Commission (work in progress)*

Orford, A., *Blood Cobalt: EV Batteries and Child Labor in the DRC (work in progress)*

Orford A., *The Oil Pollution Act of 1924: A Centennial Reconsideration (work in progress)*

Research Leadership

PI, Georgia Element – National Zoning Atlas (collaboration between UGA Law and CED)

Co-PI, multi-institutional center initiative, social science and humanities work task

Grants and Awards

UGA Law School Collaborative Research Seed Award (2023)

National Sea Grant Law Foundation – Symposium Grant (2022)

U.C. Berkeley Graduate Division – Graduate Remote Instruction Innovation Fellowship (2021)

John F. Kennedy Library Foundation – Theodore C. Sorensen Research Fellowship (2020)

Research Presentations

“Natural Gas and Net Zero”, GSU Law (Mar. 2023)

“Natural Gas and Net Zero”, CU Denver online workshop (Feb.. 2023)

The Law of Utility EV Infrastructure Investment, CU Denver online workshop (Sep. 2022)

“Is the IPCC a ‘Duly Constituted International Agency?’” Florida Law (Mar. 2022)

“The Conservative Reaction to Earth Day” UGA Dirty History Workshop (Jan. 2022)

“Is the IPCC a ‘Duly Constituted International Agency?’” CU Boulder Workshop (Aug. 2021)

“Emerging Vehicle Electrification Technology and Policy,” California Plug-in Electric Vehicle Collaborative Annual Meeting, Sacramento (Jul. 2016)

“EV/VGI Policy Developments,” Second Annual California Multi-Agency Update on Vehicle-Grid Integration Research, Sacramento (Dec. 2015)

Academic Affiliations

Faculty Affiliate, UGA Integrative Conservation Research

Professional Affiliations

Member, New York State Bar

Admitted to Practice, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Member, ABA Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources

Member, Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

Member, American Society for Environmental History

Board of Directors, Columbia Journal of Environmental Law

Instruction – Instructor of Record

JURI 5283 – Climate Change Law. Law research seminar exploring landscape of domestic (U.S.) climate-relevant regulatory programs, litigation, and legislative efforts, with coverage of international governance and scientific and technical basis for regulation.

JURI 5280 – Environmental Law. Law survey course covering U.S. domestic regulatory regimes for environmental review, air and water pollution control, species protection, chemicals risk regulation, waste management, and contaminated site cleanup (NEPA, CAA, CWA, ESA, TSCA, RCRA, CERCLA).

JURI 4826 – Renewable Energy Law & Policy. Law survey on legal aspects of renewable energy development, especially solar and wind resources, including contracting and transactional counsel, oppositional litigation, and utility regulatory policymaking, including ratemaking and energy facility development incentive policy and design.

Instruction – Commitment and Recognition

UGA Teaching Academy Early Career Fellow, 2022-23

Instruction – Guest Lectures

at University of Georgia:

“Environmental Law,” for Environmental Management and Policy (2023)

“Environmental Review in the Atlanta Forest,” for Environmental Sociology (2023)

“Lead Pollution and One Health”, for Introduction to One Health (2022)

at U.C. Berkeley:

“Environmental Litigation” for International Environmental Politics (O’Neill) (2019)

“Environmental Litigation” for Environmental Administration, Policy, and Law (Iles) (2019)

“Questioning Scientific Positivism” for Bioethics (Worthy) (2019)

“Environmental Litigation” for International Environmental Politics (O’Neill) (2018)

“Renewable Energy Policy” for Global Warming (Sayre) (2018)

“Climate and Energy Policy” for Energy & Society (Deshmukh) (2017)

“Environmental and Energy Law” for Energy & Civilization (Rector & Rosen) (2016)

Service

at UGA:

Member, clinical hiring committees

Co-chair, UGA Law Student Mental Health and Wellness Committee

Advisory Board member, UGA River Basin Center

Faculty representative, UGA Law Libraries Committee

Faculty representative, UGA Law Careers Committee

Faculty affiliate, Center for Integrated Conservation Research

Faculty advisor, UGA Environmental Law Association

at U.C. Berkeley (as graduate representative):

Campuswide COVID-19 Financial Response and Basic Needs Workgroup (2020)
Chancellor's Task Force on Instructional Resilience (2019-2020)
Chancellors Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees (2018-2020)
Search committee, U.C. Berkeley Vice Chancellor of Finance (2019-2020)
Search committee, Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students (2019-2020)
Search committee, Executive Director, Student Union (2019-2020)
Search committee, CFO, Division of Student Services (2019)
Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Parking and Transportation (2016-2018)
U.C. Berkeley Student Union Board of Directors (2018-2020)
Lower Sproul Plaza Fee Committee (2018-2020)
Wellness Fee Advisory Committee (2018-2020)
Student Equity and Success Fee Committee (2018-2019)
The Green Initiative Fund Advisory Committee (2018-2019)
Life Safety Fee Committee (2018-2019)
Student Technology Fee Committee (2018-2019)
Educational Opportunity and Equity Fee Committee (2018-2019)
Course Materials Fee Committee (2018-2019)
Faculty Mentorship Award Committee (2016-2018)

Other Experience

Graduate School Research (U.C. Berkeley)

2017-2018. Researcher, California Energy Commission (San Francisco, CA). CEC Grant EPC 15-078.
2016. Policy Researcher, Office of Comm'r Carla J. Peterman, California Public Utilities Commission (San Francisco, CA)
2015-2016. Researcher, California Public Utilities Commission Energy Division

Graduate Teaching Assistantships (U.C. Berkeley)

2020. U.S. History, American Civil War to Present (HIS 7B) (Rebecca McLennan). Undergraduate introduction to U.S. history and historical analysis.
2019. Environmental Administration, Policy, and Law (ESPM 60) (Alastair Iles). Undergraduate introduction to environmental regulatory administration and governance.
2019. Bioethics (ESPM 162) (Ken Worthy). Upper-division undergraduate introduction to ethical analysis of the scientific endeavor, with special attention to biological and environmental sciences.
2018. Environmental Philosophy and Ethics (ESPM 161) (Ken Worthy). Upper-division undergraduate introduction to ecologically-oriented philosophical writings and practices.
2017. International Environmental Politics (ESPM 169) (Kate O'Neill). Upper-division undergraduate introduction to environmental governance under United Nations regulatory frameworks.
2017. Energy and Society (ER 100/200) (Ranjit Deshmukh). Upper-division undergraduate and graduate survey of energy technology, governance, finance, economics, development, and analytical tools.
2017. Climate and Energy Policy (ESPM 102D) (Jonas Meckling). Upper-division undergraduate energy policy survey and analysis of energy and climate policies.
2016. Energy and Civilization (UGBA 193B/L&S 126) (Jamie Rector & Chris Rosen) (Fall 2016). Undergraduate energy survey course, part of UC Berkeley's "Big Ideas" multi-disciplinary curriculum.

Legal Practice

2009-2013 Marten Law PLLC (Portland, OR) (environmental litigation)

2007-2009 Arnold & Porter LLP (New York, NY) (environmental group)

2006-2007 Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP (New York, NY) (corporate and environmental groups)

Continuing Legal Education Seminars Taught:

“Hydraulic Fracturing, Water Resources Issues” (Los Angeles, September 2013)

“Energy Policy in the Second Obama Administration” (Los Angeles, July 2013)

“Hydraulic Fracturing, Water Quality Issues” (Seattle, May 2013)

“Hydraulic Fracturing, Water Resources Issues” (Santa Barbara, February 2013)

“Klamath Basin Adjudication Update” (Portland, November 2012)

“NEPA and Transmission Lines” (Portland, August 2012)

“Hydraulic Fracturing, Emerging Water Resources Issues” (Houston, June 2012)

“Hydraulic Fracturing, Regulatory Overview and Trends” (Dallas, December 2011)

Law Student

2005-2006 Clinic Researcher, Columbia Environmental Law Clinic (New York, NY)

2004-2005 Research Assistant, Columbia University School of Law (New York, NY) Warner Gardner Summer Research fellowship for outstanding research assistance.

Professional Newsletter Publications

Orford, A. [Hydraulic Fracturing: Latest Developments and Trends](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (Oct. 6, 2013).

Orford, A. BLM Revises Draft Regulations Governing Hydraulic Fracturing on Public and Tribal Lands: Comments Due August 23. *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (July 15, 2013).

Orford, A. [NEPA: California Federal Court Requires Full Environmental Impact Statement for BLM Leases Involving Hydraulic Fracturing](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (May 6, 2013).

Orford, A. [Water Resources - Not Just Water Quality – Gains Attention of Opponents to Hydraulic Fracturing](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (Apr. 22, 2013).

Orford, A. Supreme Court Declines to Resolve Interplay Between CERCLA Cost Recovery and Contribution Provisions, *ABA SEER Superfund and NRD Litigation Committee Newsletter* (Dec. 2012).

Orford, A. [Hydraulic Fracturing in California: Oil Boom on the Horizon; Groups Seek Statewide Injunction Pending Review; State Considering Regulation](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (Nov. 9, 2012).

Orford, A. [Hydraulic Fracturing Cumulative Impacts Must Be Considered in NEPA Review of Gas Pipeline, Project Opponents Maintain](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (Sept. 25, 2012).

Orford, A. [EPA To Regulate Air Emissions from Hydraulic Fracturing As Industry Comes Under Scrutiny](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (May 29, 2012).

Orford, A. [Local Bans on Hydraulic Fracturing Upheld in New York State, Struck Down in West Virginia](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (Apr. 10, 2012).

Orford, A. [Let It Snow, Let It Snow - Ninth Circuit Decisions Show Why Meeting the Merits in NEPA Challenges May Be Better Than Fighting the Process](#). *Marten Law Env'tl. News* (Mar. 19, 2012).

Prugh, R. & Orford, A. [Closely Watched Sackett Case Argued in Supreme Court](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Jan. 17, 2012).

Orford, A. [U.S. Supreme Court Reiterates Deference Given EPA Pesticide Decisions](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (July 13, 2011).

MacDougall, D. & Orford, A. [The Klamath Adjudication: Will It Ever End?](#) *Marten Law Envtl. News* (July 7, 2011).

Orford, A. [Maine Supreme Court Decision In Line With Trend Rejecting Informal Agency Decision-Making](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (May 12, 2011).

Orford, A. [California's Cap and Trade Program Set Back by Injunction](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Mar. 23, 2011).

Orford, A. [EPA Draft Plan to Study Potential Drinking Water Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing Intensifies National Debate on Natural Gas Drilling](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Feb. 25, 2011).

Orford, A. [District Court Rules CERCLA § 104\(e\) Letter Triggers Duty to Defend in Oregon](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Nov. 19, 2010).

Orford, A. [Construction Begins on Pipeline to Bring Rocky Mountain Gas to West Coast; Legal Challenges Linger](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Oct. 22, 2010).

Orford, A. [Fractured: The Road to the New EPA "Fracking" Study](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Sept. 17, 2010).

Brandt-Erichsen, S. and Orford, A. [House Enacts Amendments to Oil Pollution Act, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act; Measure Awaits Senate Action](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Aug. 2, 2010).

Orford, A. [Of Boiler Rules and Biofuels: Biomass Energy Faces New Emissions Restrictions, Regulation Under Waste Laws](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (July 22, 2010).

Orford, A. [Responding to Limits on Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Three Questions for Companies in the Electric Power Sector](#) (May 26, 2010).

Orford, A. [District Court Applies BNSF Arranger Liability Test, Dismisses CERCLA Claim Against Dry Cleaning Machine Manufacturers](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Apr. 1, 2010).

Orford, A. [Oregon Legislature Limits Energy Tax Credits, But Leaves Program Intact](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Mar. 18, 2010).

Orford, A. [EPA Announces Plans to Require Financial Assurance Under CERCLA for Chemical, Refining and Electrical Industries](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Jan. 20, 2010).

Dotten, M. Brandt-Erichsen, S., Orford, A. [The Year Ahead in Energy and Environmental Law: Energy](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Jan. 14, 2010).

Orford, A. [Break on Through: Tenth Circuit Allows Non-Settling PRP To Intervene in CERCLA Settlement Proceedings](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Dec. 23, 2009).

Dotten, M., Orford, A., Till, D. [Portland, Oregon Releases Aggressive Municipal Climate Plan](#). *Marten Law Envtl. News* (Dec. 2, 2009).