

EPA Alumni Association Newsletter

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2024



President's Message



Dear Fellow Members of the EPA Alumni Association,

I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer, and that it included some time enjoying the environment we worked so hard for so many years to protect. As we know so well, this work never ends and “We’re Not Done Yet.” We are in good company with our over 2,640 members now representing over 65,000 YEARS of service.

After a very successful annual meeting in May featuring the climate, energy, environmental reporters from the New York Times and Washington Post, we shifted into “summer mode” when things slow down a bit. We did have a very exciting Academy session in June with Dave Hawkins who gave us a 60 year perspective on climate change. If you missed it or any of our other Academy sessions, you can find them at www.EPAalumni.com/videos

Over the summer, Phyllis Flaherty and Chuck Elkins worked with EPA putting the final touches on renewing our MOU with the Agency, which is now signed and will last five rather than three years. They also discussed with EPA additional ways that our Association can be of assistance to the Agency.

Planning is also proceeding on a mission statement, education programs, and membership growth. We have a full slate of Academy sessions scheduled throughout the



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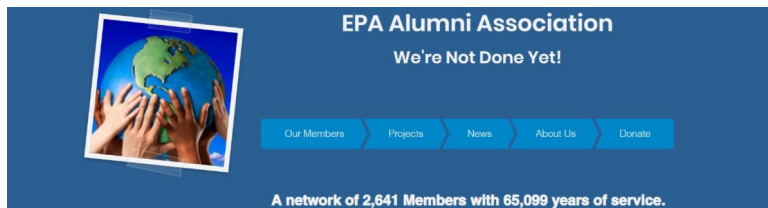
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fall. We have provided registration links for those sessions in this newsletter.

Our annual fund drive will launch in late September. Your board of directors continues its work to make the organization one that fits your needs, whether as a social network, a place to keep pace with developments in the environmental field, or to help with your work to improve the quality of life in your communities.

Thank you for all that you do.

David Ullrich
President



Can You Believe?

Can you believe that we have former colleagues who have left EPA and have never heard of the Alumni Association? Or that we have current Members who don't know that the Association has a Facebook page? It's true!

Can you reach out to former colleagues who aren't members and invite them to join us? We are a social organization looking for ways to connect former colleagues with each other and to share environmental information. We hope that our Members engage as much or as little as they have time for or are interested in doing. And it is free!

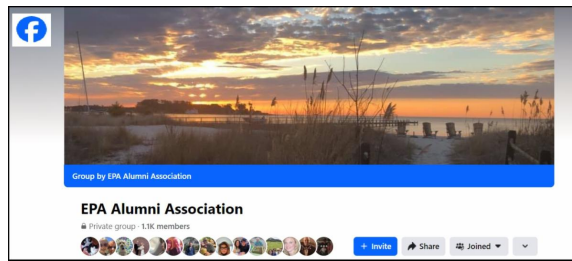
Check our **Member Directory** and see if your friends or former colleagues have joined. If they haven't, send a text or email and invite them to join! Share this link www.epaalumni.com and ask them to hit the Join Now button!

And join our **Facebook** page? Over 1,100 Alumni have joined. It is an opportunity to share volunteer activities, what is happening with former

**New Members
from Apr 3 thru
August 31
(Click on name
to view profile)**

Meredith Anderson
Jody Barringer
Janice Bartlett
Abay Bekele
Janet Cohen
Diann Collier
Brenda Cook
Ro Deal
Paul Di Salvo
Rick Duffy
Douglas Eberhardt
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Brad Stimple
Alexis Strauss
Brittany Switzer
John Sykes
Deb Szaro
Pam Tames
Mary Ternes
Tom Wall
Shanika Whitehurst

colleagues, etc.



EPA Alumni Association Job Center

We recently refreshed our 5-year old Job Center website which is specifically designed to help EPA employees and alumni stay in the environmental field when they decide to change jobs. Job seekers can find advertised jobs plus links to almost 1000 job bank websites run by organizations that hire environmental professionals. **It's an environmental career center all in one place.**



Thanks to all of you who have used or encouraged others to use the Center in the past. However, like all websites, it can always benefit from some help. If you know of an organization that hires environmental professionals that is not listed under “Resources” on our site but maintains its own job bank webpage, please let us know at EPAalumni@aol.com and we can add it.

Also, please help us publicize this newly updated site among both job seekers and organizations who are seeking employees with environmental credentials. This time around, we are opening this site up not just to EPA employees and alumni, but also to anyone seeking an environmental job. Please assist us in making the Center first-rate and help us get the word out to all who may be interested in making use of the site.

You'll find the Job Center located at <https://jobs.EPAalumni.org>

Upcoming Academy Sessions

Sign Up Now and Mark Your Calendar

Environmental Law at the Supreme Court, Another Disappointing Year

Thursday, September 19, 2024
4:00 PM Eastern

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Hear our panel discuss the Supreme Court decisions that will impact the environment and EPA. They include the demise of the Chevron doctrine, the adverse decision on the Good Neighbor ozone rule, the restriction on agency use of administratively assessed penalties and more.

Come Join Us for this Discussion!



William Buzbee, Edward and Carole Walter Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center



Jon Cannon, Fellow Member and Former AA in Multiple EPA Offices. Blaine T. Phillips Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law Emeritus, University of Virginia School of Law



Walter Mugdan, Alumni Association Board Member and former DRA, Region 2

*International Cooperation to
Save Our Planet,*

The Way to Go

Wednesday, October 23, 2024
4:00 pm Eastern

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Environmental challenges have grown to a point where some level of international cooperation is essential to solve the problems we face as a civilization. From climate change, to CFCs, to deep sea exploration, and many more, we truly are all in this together. Environmental problems do not respect political boundaries, and we need to figure out how to get beyond politics and nationalism to address them effectively.

Our speakers, including our fellow Member **Scott Fulton**, have had extensive experience working in a multinational setting to lay the groundwork for more successful collaboration among countries. They will tell us about their experiences and give us insights on what works, what doesn't, and how we can do better in the future.

Come Join This Discussion!



Charles Di Leva, Chief Counsel, Environmental and International Law Practice Group, World Bank



Scott Fulton, fellow Member and former Senior Manager in multiple offices at EPA and DOJ. Former President, Environmental Law Institute



Jennifer Haverkamp, Professor from Practice Graham Family Director, University of Michigan Graham Sustainability Institute

*Lead in Drinking Water,
and
the Newark, NJ Experience*

Thursday, November 14, 2024

4:00 PM Eastern

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Come join us in a conversation about lead in drinking water. We have asked Eric Burneson, Director, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground and Drinking Water, to start the discussion with an overview of the planned Lead and Copper Rule Improvements.

The second part of this session will be given by Christine Ash, Deputy Water Division Director in Region 2. She will describe the extraordinary city, county, state and federal partnership that enabled Newark, New Jersey to avoid becoming another Flint, Michigan, after alarming levels of lead in drinking water were found in homes. Every level of government quickly stepped up to help address the problem -- providing bottled water and point-of-use filters, engaging in extensive public outreach, researching the source of the problem and the efficacy of the filters, and financing and implementing a highly accelerated program of lead service line replacements.

Come join us to learn more!



Christine Ash, Deputy Director, Water Division, Region 2



Eric Burneson, Director, Standards and Risk Management, OGDW, Office of Water

The State of Climate Litigation

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
4:00 pm Eastern

[REGISTER](#)

Come join three law professors discuss the latest on Climate Litigation! Pat

Parenteau is a Region 5 Alum and Member. He will be joined by two experts in climate litigation.



Michael Burger, Executive Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia University School of Law



Michael Gerrard, Andrew Sabin Professor of Professional Practice and Director of the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia University School of Law



Pat Parenteau, Professor of Law Emeritus and Senior Fellow for Climate Policy in the Environmental Law Center, University of Vermont Law and Graduate School

Some Alumni Programs Since our Last Newsletter

*The EPA Alumni Association
Hosted their 2024 Hybrid Annual Meeting on
Tuesday, May 7th*

The Association invited two well respected environmental journalists, Juliet Eilperin and Lisa Friedman, from the Washington Post and New York Times respectively, to speak about the changing world of environmental reporting and to give perspectives on the current state of efforts to protect the environment.

We had a great group of people in person as well as Members participating virtually from across the country! If you were not able to participate, you can watch the **Recording**.



**Patric McCoy –
Artist, Art Appreciator
and Environmental Enforcer**

A group of five EPA Region 5 alums and two guests ventured to Patric McCoy's (Air Enforcement alum) apartment in the Bronzeville neighborhood on the mid-south side of Chicago in late April 2024 to view his large collection of art created by Black artists, mostly from Chicago. The artwork fills the walls, ceilings, and every nook and cranny of his two bedroom, two bath home.

It is nothing short of spectacular. He has organized the works around his many interests and themes, including music, cycling, altered states, sensuality, struggles and successes. His focus is on the black experience. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the scope and detail of the art, but Patric's patient, thoughtful guided tour gave us all a deep appreciation for how special he is as well as his passion for art.

Patric gained his interest in art from his father who was an accomplished artist going back to his high school days when he was accepted for studies at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, only to have that withdrawn when they learned he was Black. Patric is a skilled photographer in addition to his outstanding career as an expert in continuous emission monitoring and air enforcement, where he was recognized with several gold, silver, and bronze medals for his excellence.

In addition, President Biden recognized Patric with a lifetime achievement award for his volunteer services. Patric provides tours to many students and groups to broaden their understanding of art. He has created a trust so that his collection will be maintained and available in perpetuity.





Region 6 Alumni Members, joined with current Region 6 staff, enjoyed their 2024 Earth Day Celebration Luncheon!

Thank You Donors

The Association is supported entirely by voluntary contributions. If you have not given, or gave a year or more ago, please consider donating now. [Click Here](#) to make a secure online donation now. If you prefer to send a check, please send to:

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We are most grateful for donations of any size. We want to thank these members who have donated since our Earth Day 2024 Newsletter (through April 2nd):

Janet Adams, John Armstead, Candy Brassard, Joe Cascio, Bonnie Casper, John Chicca, Belle Davis, Barry Garelick, Marius Gedgaudas, Stanley Laskowski, Janice Linett, Philip Lorang, Colleen McKaughan, Dale Pahl, Margaret Race, Paul Ringold, John Rogers, Judy Stober, James Willis, Michaelle Wilson

In Memoriam

Since the Earth Day Newsletter, the Association has been informed that the following former EPA employees having passed away. If you learn that a former colleague has died, you may share that information on the Association Facebook Page or let us know at newsletter@epaalumni.org.

We invite you to reflect on your memories of the colleagues listed below by commenting on the obituaries we have received. Click [Here](#).

Mercedes Anaya
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We Know You Can Do It!



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