

Call for Papers

Climate Change in Former Colonies: Challenges of Property and History

October 12, 2012
Lexington, Virginia

Washington and Lee University School of Law's Law and History Center, in partnership with Virginia Sea Grant, will host a symposium on **Climate Change in the Former Colonies: Challenges of Property and History**.

Recognizing the unique impact that the colonial legal experience continues to have on Eastern states, the symposium will focus on the application of legal historical research to contemporary problems and opportunities in the areas of policy-making, property rights, and hazard resilience in coastal communities. Panel presentations and potential topics include:

- How the colonial legal experience affects modern property rights and our responsiveness to climate change
- Historical and modern property doctrines—particularly nuisance, zoning, and eminent domain—and their relation to current climate change challenges and policies
- Changing notions of acceptable land use and natural resources
- Environmental hazard resilience policies and opportunities for their enhancement via legal strategies

We are open to suggestions of other related topics.

Publication details:

A collection of papers from the conference will be published as a volume of the Sea Grant Law and Policy Journal. Solid drafts of articles will be due October 1, 2012. We will solicit peer review comments and plan to return those around October 22nd. Final articles will be due November 16th with proofreading and cite checking to follow and publication in December or January.

Funding:

Accommodations and set costs for travel are available. There are also a limited number of scholarships covering travel costs available for graduate students.

Those interested in submitting a paper should email proposals to Dr. Jill Fraley, Director of the Washington & Lee University Center for Law and History, at fraleyj@wlu.edu. Each proposal should include a 200 word abstract, paper title, and author(s) name(s), affiliations. Graduate

students seeking scholarships, please include a C.V. and a statement regarding whether or not (and what) funds are available from your home institution. All proposals are **due by JUNE 30, 2012**.

Please direct any comments or questions about the symposium to Dr. Jill Fraley at fraleyj@wlu.edu.