

Conservation Tapas: small bites of big issues

Join us for this fun and exciting opening event and get to know the journalists attending NACCB. They'll help bridge boundaries to the wider world by sharing their insights and what their audiences – ranging from NPR listeners to National Geographic readers – want to know. They'll ask you, the experts in the audience, to answer their questions and tell them what's new and interesting.

To kick things off, a team of talented environment and policy reporters will offer bite-sized perspectives on the political context of the new EPA climate rules, and new developments related to the Endangered Species Act. They will ask questions about stories they wish to investigate at NACCB: how conservationists and conservation strategies are responding to the changing climate; the myths and realities of oil sands restoration; new advances in renewable energies; and more. This fast-paced interactive panel, moderated by Nancy Baron of COMPASS, will touch on some of the urgent questions, real-world challenges, and emerging opportunities for conservation and will kick off conversations and connections that can continue into the reception and throughout the conference.

PANELISTS:



JEFF BURNSIDE
Komo4 News (ABC)

Jeff is the Senior Investigative Reporter with KOMO television, Seattle's ABC station. He's the recipient of more than 25 journalism awards including several national honors from the Investigative Reporters and Editors, Clarion, and National Press Club, as well as more than a dozen regional Emmy's. Jeff serves as Vice President for the Society of Environmental Journalists, the largest such group of professional reporters in the world. He served on the SEJ board for nearly a decade, and as chairman of SEJ's 2011 national conference that broke attendance records. The Seattle native is a graduate of Washington State University's Edward R. Murrow College of Communications.



CORAL DAVENPORT
The New York Times

Coral Davenport covers energy and environment policy for the New York Times. Prior to joining the New York Times Journal in 2013, Davenport covered energy and environment for National Journal, Politico, and before that, for Congressional Quarterly. She writes about everything from global climate change policy to offshore drilling to the economics of renewable energy. In 2010, she was a fellow with the Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting. From 2001 to 2004, Davenport worked in Athens, Greece, as a correspondent for numerous publications, including the Christian Science Monitor and USA Today, covering politics, economics, international relations and terrorism in southeastern Europe. She also covered the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, and contributed travel writing and restaurant reviews to Conde Nast Traveler and the Fodor's, Time Out, and Eyewitness guidebook series. Davenport started her journalism career at the Daily Hampshire Gazette in Northampton, Massachusetts, after graduating from Smith College with a degree in English literature. As the daughter of a U.S. Foreign Service officer, she grew up living in Korea, Japan, Greece, and the suburbs of Washington, D.C.



CHRISTOPHER JOYCE
NPR

Christopher Joyce is a correspondent on the science desk at NPR. His stories can be heard on all of NPR's news programs, including NPR's Morning Edition, All Things Considered, and Weekend Edition. Joyce seeks out stories in some of the world's most inaccessible places. He has reported from remote villages in the Amazon and Central American rainforests, Tibetan outposts in the mountains of western China, and the bottom of an abandoned copper mine in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Over the course of his career, Joyce has written stories about volcanoes, hurricanes, human evolution, tagging giant blue-fin tuna, climate change, wars in Kosovo and Iraq and the artificial insemination of an African elephant.



DAVID MALAKOFF
Science

David Malakoff is a science writer with Science Magazine in Washington, D.C. where he covers the politics of science and writes about research discoveries in a wide range of fields. He previously served as Editor-at-Large of Conservation Magazine. And from 2004 to 2008 he was a correspondent and senior editor on NPR's Science Desk, helping steer the network's coverage of science, technology, and the environment.



MICHELLE NIJHUIS
Freelance/National Geographic

Michelle Nijhuis' writing about science and the environment appears in National Geographic and many other publications. She is a contributing writer for Smithsonian and a longtime contributing editor of High Country News, a magazine known for its in-depth coverage of environmental issues in the American West. She is also the co-editor of The Science Writers' Handbook: Everything You Need to Know to Pitch, Publish and Prosper in the Digital Age, published in 2013 by Da Capo Press. Her work has been included in several Best American anthologies, and she is a two-time winner of the Kavli/AAAS Science Journalism Award. After fifteen years of living off the electrical grid in rural western Colorado, she and her family are getting acquainted with their new home in White Salmon, Washington.



ED STRUZIK
Yale Environment 360

Ed Struzik is an author, journalist and a Fellow at the Institute for Energy and Environmental Policy, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University. He is a regulator contributor to Yale Environment 360, an international on-line journal that offers opinion, analysis and news reports on global environmental issues.

In addition to his contributions to Yale Environment 360, Struzik has written for magazines, journals and newspapers such as National Geographic, Canadian Geographic, Conservation Biology, Equinox, Geo, Report on Business, Policy Options and newspapers like the Toronto Star, New York Times and Globe and Mail. He is

author of books such as *Arctic Icons*, *How the Town of Churchill Learned to Love Polar Bears*, published by Fitzhenry and Whiteside (2014), *Northwest Passage*, published by Key Porter Books and the Canadian Geographic Society, *Ten Rivers*, published by CanWest Books and “*The Big Thaw*” which was published in 2009 by John Wiley and Sons. In 2009, Struzik was commissioned by the Foreign Policy Association in the United States to write “*The Arctic Age*” for its annual “*Great Decisions*” global report and the PBS documentary that followed. Struzik is also the recipient of the Sir Sandford Medal, which is awarded each year to one Canadian who has made an outstanding contribution to the understanding of science in Canada. The award is sponsored by the Royal Canadian Institute, Canada’s old scientific organization. Past medalists include David Suzuki, David Schindler and Nobel Prize winner John Polanyi. Struzik