President Obama has proposed a comprehensive energy plan which includes a major shift in U.S. climate policy. Among other commitments, he supports an economy-wide cap-and-trade system designed to reduce emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, and a reengagement with the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations. In the first few days since his election, he has reaffirmed these issues as a priority for his administration and begun to take significant policy steps.

This interdisciplinary symposium, which will be held one month after the Obama Administration takes office, will assess the Administration’s initial steps on climate change and reflect on the road ahead. Our aim is to not only provide interesting academic discussion, but also to produce a policy assessment that might be useful to those advising the new Administration. Panels will focus on managing scientific and policy uncertainty, addressing complexities of scale, reconceptualizing energy policy, and achieving greater justice. A number of presenters will participate remotely to reduce the carbon footprint of the conference.

The symposium will also serve as an initial planning meeting for a regional coalition of academics working on climate change issues. We plan to build from this dialogue to encourage greater collaboration and coordination among academics and policymakers in the region. If you are interested in participating in the coalition, please contact Hari Osofsky at osofskyh@wlu.edu.

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Loyola University Chicago College of Law  
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**Professor Jonathan Wiener**  
Duke University  
*Can We Adopt and Implement a Successful Comprehensive Cap-and-Trade Climate Policy? Yes We Can*

**Professor Tseming Yang**  
Vermont Law School  
*Considering the Opportunities and Challenges of a Bilateral US-China Carbon Reduction Agreement*

**Professor Tony Arnold**  
University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law  
*The Complex and Interdependent Relationship Between Land Use and Climate Change: Uni-Dimensional Policy Failure and Multi-Dimensional Policy Functionality*

**Professor Hari Osofsky**  
Washington and Lee University School of Law  
*Towards Diagonal Climate Regulation*

**Professor Nathan Sayre**  
University of California—Berkeley  
*Climate Change, Scale, and Devaluation: The Challenge of Our Built Environment*

**Professor David Wirth**  
Boston College Law School  
*Meshing Domestic and International Initiatives*

**Professor Rebecca Bratspies**  
CUNY School of Law  
*Rethinking Oil Leases*

**Professor James Casey**  
Washington and Lee University  
*Biofuel Economics: “Internalizing the Externalities” of Fuel Choices*

**Professor Noah Sachs**  
University of Richmond School of Law  
*Leaner and Greener: Energy Consumption and the U.S. Climate Strategy*

**Professor Marcilynn Burke**  
University of Houston Law Center  
*The Public Nature of Private Solar Energy Development on Federal Public Lands*

**Professor Tracy Bach**  
Vermont Law School  
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**Professor Maxine Burkett**  
University of Hawai’i Williams S. Richardson School of Law  
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**Professor Bill Hamilton**  
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