

Summary of Haub Visiting Scholar Experience

It was such an honor and pleasure to engage with the Pace Haub Environmental Law community in four visits to campus as a Haub Visiting Scholar in spring 2026. I am deeply grateful to Professors Katy Kuh, Achinthe Vithanage, and Josh Galperin for coordinating the content of my engagements and Annie Olson for managing the logistics of my visit.

In my twelve days on campus across four visits this semester, it was easy for me to see why the Pace Haub Environmental Law Program has secured its well-deserved recognition as the #1 environmental law program in the nation for the past six years. There are many good reasons for this recognition that I was able to observe during my visit.

- An excellent faculty with remarkable depth and breadth of expertise
- Accomplished and engaged J.D., LL.M., and S.J.D. students exploring all facets of U.S. and international environmental law
- An impressive hub for convenings ranging from rich traditions like the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition and annual Garrison Lecture to hosting visiting environmental law scholars and practitioners from around the nation and the world. During my time on campus, I had the pleasure of engaging with world famous environmental lawyer Tony Oposa, Jr. from the Philippines; leading environmental law scholar and the 2026 Garrison Lecturer, Prof. Doug Kysar from Yale Law School; and visiting scholar Prof. Joanna Kielin-Maziarz from Kozminski University in Warsaw, Poland.
- The program also engages in enriching collaborative projects with Pace's downtown campus on an environmental humanities grant from the Mellon Foundation, the University of Maryland Carey School of Law on the Pace-Maryland Environmental Law Colloquium, and other initiatives with environmental law programs around the world including Peru and Brazil.
- The sense of community extends beyond the classroom and practice of environmental law, too. I thoroughly enjoyed the annual "Earth Day Jam," which featured an impressive multi-piece band of Pace Haub professors, students, and alumni belting out tunes from the 60s to today.

My time as a Haub Visiting Scholar was memorable in many ways. I thoroughly enjoyed working with outstanding Pace Haub law students in my participation as a judge for NELMCC and as a speaker in the PELR-PILR "[Degrees of Displacement](#)" climate migration symposium. I also benefited from insightful questions and lively dialogue from Pace students and faculty in public lectures on my *What Can Animal Law Learn from Environmental Law?* and *Climate Change and the Voiceless* books, and in guest lectures in Environmental Law, Climate Migration,

Environmental Skills, and Water Rights classes taught by Professors Bustos, Ommen, and Gonzalez-Rithi, respectively

Serving as a Haub Visiting Scholar also opened professional opportunities beyond campus. Prof. Joanna Kielin-Maziarz invited me to deliver a climate governance lecture series at Kozminski University in Warsaw in the last week of May, including a [public lecture](#) on the second edition of my *Climate Change and the Voiceless* book. Hal Ginsberg, son of (name?), a prominent donor of the Pace Haub program who attended my Climate Change and the Voiceless lecture, interviewed me on April 20 on his [Halitics](#) podcast, during which we discussed climate governance issues. I also enjoyed a rewarding opportunity to deliver featured remarks at the “Islands” event at the Pace Downtown campus on April 15 (see attached), where I spoke about climate migration governance issues in the U.S. and South Pacific and had the pleasure of networking with impressive environmental humanities professors and students working on island climate adaptation initiatives.