

**“Agency Action on Environmental and Natural Resources Law in the Trump Era”**

**Call for Abstracts for AALS Annual Meeting in January 2020**

**Sections on Administrative Law, Environmental Law, and Natural Resources & Energy Law**

The AALS Sections on Administrative Law, Environmental Law, and on Natural Resources & Energy Law are jointly sponsoring a panel at the AALS annual meeting that critically examines the wave of administrative proposals that have come out of the administration of President Trump. Over the past few years, we have witnessed an explosion of proposed rulemaking and proposed reversals to existing regulations. These proposed administrative changes have touched almost every aspect of environmental and natural resources law, including the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Clean Air Act. Not only are these rulemaking activities being undertaken with record speed, but, in many instances, they are not following established procedures and processes.

This joint three-hour session seeks to explore these issues through an innovative format designed to promote a lively and engaging conversation with all the participants in the room. The workshop will feature a plenary session with several short talks on cross-cutting administrative law themes that will stimulate new ideas, followed by moderated discussions in small groups. After a short break, we will have another plenary session with several short talks, followed again by small group discussion. The session will close with brief remarks by three people (one from each section), who will synthesize some of the key themes that emerged in the plenary and small group sessions and connect these themes back to scholarship and teaching. This joint session is expected to take place on Friday, January 3, 2020 from 1:30-4:30pm.

If you are interested in giving a short talk (6-7 minutes) during one of the plenary sessions on a cross-cutting administrative law theme, please submit an abstract of 500 words of your proposed talk by August 1, 2019 to Jack Beerman (Chair of Admin Law; [beermann@bu.edu](mailto:beermann@bu.edu)), Heidi Robertson (Chair of NR & Energy Law; [h.robertson@csuohio.edu](mailto:h.robertson@csuohio.edu)), and Sharmila Murthy (Chair of Env Law; [smurthy@suffolk.edu](mailto:smurthy@suffolk.edu)). A committee of people from the relevant sections will review the abstracts.