Course Schedule ENVIRON 212 Spring 2021

** Denote dates/topics that will have a student-led discussion forum

**Wednesday, January 20th (asynchronous)**

**Monday, January 25th**
Introduction and History of U.S. Environmental Policy
Readings:
VK, Chapter 1 (Sakai)
Looking ahead to 2021-Implications for a change in administration on environmental policy (National Law Review, December 2020). (Sakai)

**Wednesday, January 27th**
Policy Process and Problem Definition
Rochefort and Cobb, Chapter 1 (Sakai)
Optional: Heikilla and Cairney, Chapter 8, Comparison of Theories of the Policy Process in *Theories of the Policy Process, 4th Edition*

**Monday, February 1st**
Federal Policymaking: Congress
Release blog topic and date signup sheet
Readings: VK, Chapter 5
As the World Burns, The New Yorker, 2010
Policy Memo #1 Assigned: Problem Definition 6

**Wednesday, February 3rd**
Federal Policymaking: The Executive
Readings: VK, Chapter 4
95 Environmental Rules Being Rolled Back Under Trump, NYTimes, December 2019

**Monday, February 8th **
Federal Policymaking, USEPA and Interior
Readings: VK, Chapter 7
Links on Sakai
Section II: Policy Analysis and Instruments

**Wednesday, February 10th**
Policy Analysis Workshop (efficiency and effectiveness)
Readings: Excerpts Bardach/Weimar and Vining and posted on Sakai
Draft Policy Memo #1 Due
**Monday, February 15th**
Policy Analysis: justice, equity and distribution
Readings: Excerpts from Bullard readings (Sakai)
Teodoro et al., U.S. Environmental Policy Implementation on Tribal Lands: Trust, Neglect, and Justice, 2018 (Sakai)

**Wednesday, February 17th**
Introduction to Command and Control
Case—Clean Air Act/Clean Water Act
Readings: Layzer, Chapter 2 (Sakai)

**Monday, February 22nd**
Command and Control Part II: National Environmental Policy Act
Readings: Links on Sakai

**Wednesday, February 24th**
Command and Control Part III: Federal Environmental Justice Policy
Environmental Justice and National Environmental Policy Act
(USEPA link, Sakai)
Clinton Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898 (Sakai)
Mustafa Ali, Former head of Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (Video on Sakai)

**Monday, March 1st**
Market-Based Approaches to Environmental Policy
Readings: VK, Chapter 10
Case—Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
**Final Policy Memo #1 Due**
Midterm exam released.

**Wednesday, March 3rd**
Information-based Instruments/Flexible Regulatory Instruments
Case: Organic Food Labelling
Additional readings: Posted on Sakai
Section III: Natural Resource Policy, and the Food, Energy, Water, Climate Nexus

**Monday, March 8th**
Open Access and Property Rights Regimes
Readings: Ostrom reading (Sakai)
Tragedy of the commons (Sakai)
Mildenberger, Tragedy of the Tragedy of the Commons (2019)
Heirs property (Sakai)
Undermining Black land ownership (Sakai)
Due: Take-home midterm

Wednesday, March 10th: No class
**Wednesday, March 15th**
Major Concepts in Natural Resource Policy
Readings: Rosenbaum, Chapter 9 (Sakai)
The Antiquities Act and Bears Ears (Links, Sakai)

**Monday, March 17th**
Agriculture and Food Production
Readings: VK, Chapter 9
'Make Farmers Black Again': African Americans Fight Discrimination to Own Farmland
Additional links on Sakai
Policy Memo #2 Assigned: Policy Analysis 8

**Monday, March 22nd**
Overview of Energy Policy: Fracking, Coal and the Water-Energy Nexus
Reading: VK, Chapter 8

**Wednesday, March 24th**
Overview to federal US Climate Change Policy
Reading: VK, Chapter 13
Additional links online
Draft Due: Policy Memo #2: Policy Analysis
Section IV: State, Local and Community Governance

**Monday, March 29th**
State-level Environmental Policies
Reading: VK, Chapter 2
Case: State-level plastic policies, comparison of state legislation

**Wednesday, March 31st (asynchronous session)**
State-level Environmental Regulation
Readings: Crow and Albright (2019)
Video and links (Sakai)

**Monday, April 5th**
Local-level policies and resilience
Readings: VK, Chapter 12
Albright and Crow, 2019
Boudet et al., 2019
Final Policy Memo #2 Due

**Wednesday, April 7th**
Environmental advocacy
Readings: VK, Chapter 3
Additional links on Sakai
Monday, April 12th—Wellness Day, No Class

Wednesday, April 14th
Environmental Justice in the South
Readings/Videos Catherine Coleman Flowers, Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice (Sakai)

Monday, April 19th
Flex day. overrun from previous classes or new topic proposed by students.

Wednesday, April 21st
Last day of class, Synthesis and Lessons Learned
Reading: VK, Chapter 15
Final exam released

Friday, April 30th, 5pm ET Final exam due.