

# John Davidson

## Education and Licensing

1992  
**Admitted Oregon State Bar** (retired 2001)

1992 University of Oregon School of Law  
**Juris Doctorate**  
Oregon Honors Scholarship; Certificate: Environment and Natural Resources Law

1984 University of Wisconsin -- Madison  
**B.A. Anthropology**  
Honors College

1979 - 1980 Deep Springs College Deep Springs, CA

## Professional Experience

Fall 2003 – present University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon  
**Instructor**  
Department of Political Science. Courses on public law, legal and political philosophy. Lecturing, course design and administration.

Fall 2010 – present University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon  
**Departmental Undergraduate Advisor**  
Academic advising for 500 - 800 political science undergraduates. New majors, course planning, graduation and career advising, etc.

Summer 2011 Cornell University / Telluride Assn Ithaca, New York  
**Co-Facilitator**  
Telluride Association Summer Program. Design, instruction and facilitation of intensive course on Intergenerational Justice for advanced high school students.

Sep. 2003 – Aug. 2004 Oregon Court of Appeals Salem, Oregon  
**Judicial Clerk**  
Legal analysis, research, opinion writing and editing.

2002 - 2004 Pioneer Pacific College Springfield, Oregon  
**Associate Professor**  
Criminal justice and general education courses.

1999 – 2015 Constitutional Law Foundation Eugene, Oregon  
**Legal Director**  
Research, writing and public education on the topic of intergenerational justice as a constitutional principle.

1999 M.H.D.D.S.D., Oregon Dept. Human Resources  
**Legal Consultant**  
Research and comparative analysis of overlapping client complaint procedures.

**Professional  
Experience (cont.)**

1993-1998	Legal Services Office, ASUO	Eugene, Oregon
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**Staff Attorney**  
Full legal representation for students and student government on civil law matters.

1992-1998	Law Offices of John Davidson	Eugene, Oregon
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**Sole Practitioner**  
Environmental, civil rights, consumer, and landlord/tenant representation.

Fall, 1994	Oregon State University	Corvallis, Oregon
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**Teaching Assistant**  
“Philosophical Perspectives on the Law.”

1992	Oregon Ballot Measure Six	Eugene, Oregon
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**County Campaign Coordinator**  
County coordination for state initiative campaign to close unsafe nuclear plant.

1991	Professor David Schuman	Eugene, Oregon
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**Research Assistant**  
Assistance in preparation of articles for state constitutional law casebook.

**Courses Taught**

**Most Recently –**

**Intergenerational Justice**

**Matters of Life and Death**

**Constitutional Law**

**U.S. Supreme Court**

**Civil Rights and Liberties**

**Legal Process**

**Politics of Religion**

**Previously –**

**Introduction to Political Science**

**United States Politics**

**Introduction to Comparative Politics**

**Introduction to International Relations**

**Introduction to Criminal Justice**

**Criminal Law**

**Criminal Procedure**

**Legal Ethics**

**Introduction to College Writing**

## Selected Publications

*Intergenerational Justice Database*. (Winter 2009 – present). An online, cross referenced database of concepts, authors and readings relevant to the field of intergenerational justice. An evolving work. (<http://ijdb.auzigog.com/>.)

“Generational Sovereignty and the Land,” *The Ecotone* 10 (Spring 2012).

“Taking Turns,” *The Ecotone: Journal of Environmental Studies* 43 (Spring 2012).

“Taking Posterity Seriously: Intergenerational Justice,” Climate Legacy Initiative Research Forum of Vermont Law School (Jan. 2008) (<http://vlscli.wordpress.com/2008/01/28/taking-posterity-seriously-intergenerational-justice/>).

“Tomorrow’s Standing Today: How the Equitable Jurisdiction Clause of Article III, Section 2 Confers Standing Upon Future Generations,” 28 *Columbia Journal of Environmental Law* 185 (2003).

“The Stewardship Doctrine: Intergenerational Justice in the United States Constitution, available at <http://www.conlaw.org> (website of the Constitutional Law Foundation).

[with Declan O’Donnell] “Reconstitution: A Space Governance Philosophy,” 7 *Space Governance Journal* 19 (2002).

## Community and University Service

Fall 2015 Our Children’s Trust  
**Of Counsel, *Juliana v. United States***

Expert Declaration and Amicus brief submitted to Oregon Federal District Court explaining constitutional history and theory relevant to youth plaintiffs’ arguments for recognition of federal public trust protection of the atmosphere, oceans and climate.

Winter 2014 Our Children’s Trust/ Wild Earth Guardians  
**Of Counsel, *Sanders-Reed v. Martinez***

Assistance on amicus brief submitted to New Mexico Court of Appeals on behalf of constitutional and environmental law professors supporting demands of your plaintiffs to extend state constitutional public trust protections to the atmosphere.

Fall 2013 Our Children’s Trust/ Wild Earth Guardians  
**Amicus Brief Author, *Alec L. v. McCarthy***

Primary authorship of amicus brief submitted to D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of constitutional and environmental law professors supporting demands of youth plaintiffs to extend federal public trust protections to the atmosphere. Original draft available at . [http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=2361780](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2361780) As filed with court:  
<http://law.uoregon.edu/assets/facultydocs/mwood/ATL.Federal.Law%20Prof%20Amicus.Shortened.final.pdf>.

2013-2015 University of Oregon Senate  
**Senator**

Chair, Rules Committee. Member, Free Speech and Academic Freedom Working Group.

2011-2012 Occupy the Constitution Eugene, Oregon  
**Instructor / Facilitator**

Weekly public education class which examined U.S. and Oregon constitutions and historical and contemporary power dynamics in the United States. (In conjunction with Occupy Eugene.)

**Community and  
University Service  
(cont.)**

2011-2013

United Academics of the University of Oregon

**Member of:**

Organizing committee, Coordinating committee, Constitution and By-laws work group, Initial contract bargaining team. Elected to Representative Assembly, Fall 2013.

2007-2009

Climate Legacy Initiative

**Consultants Working Group**

Development of legal doctrines to safeguard future generations from the potential harms of global climate change.

2003-2013

Environmental Law Institute

**Advisor**

Endangered Environmental Laws Program

1999-2002

Cascade Foothills Library

Dexter, Oregon

**Secretary, Board of Directors**

Shared responsibility for creation and development of rural, public-access library.

1996-1998

Eugene City Council Rental Housing Code Advisory Committee

**Tenant Advocate**

Advocacy and negotiation; drafting of model municipal housing code.

**Conferences,  
Workshops, and  
Events**

**Panelist**, “Report from Our Children’s Trust Climate Trial: What Are These Kids Seeking?,” Eugene, OR (November 9, 2018). City Club of Eugene Public Issues Presentations Series.

**Panelist**, “Taking Posterity Seriously: Life, Liberty, and the Unalienable Environmental Rights of Future Generations,” Chicago, IL (April 7, 2016). Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association.

**Panelist**, “Never Say Never: Can Posterity Have both Generational Sovereignty and Environmental Preservation?,” Chicago, IL (April 8, 2016). Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association.

**Presenter**, “Constitutional Grounds of Intergenerational Justice,” University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon (March, 2015). Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

**Presenter**, “Posterity and Climate Change,” *Climate Change Symposium*, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon (April 15, 2014).

**Presenter**, “To Have and to Hold: Property Rights and Wrongs”, *Literature and the Law*, Knight Law School, Eugene, Oregon (April 5, 2013). J. Reuben Clark Law Society.

**Panelist**, “Public Trust and Atmospheric Trust Litigation,” Eugene, Oregon (March 2012). Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

**Panelist**, “Campaign Finance Reform in Oregon: Reducing Special Interest Influence in Elections,” Eugene, Oregon (March 2012). Public Interest Env’t Law Conference.

**Presenter**, “Corporate Nobility and the Constitution”, *Occupy the Courts*, First Christian Church, Eugene, Oregon (Jan 20, 2012). Occupy Eugene and We the People.

**Conferences,  
Workshops, and  
Events (continued)**

**Panelist**, “Amending the Constitution in Response to *Citizens United: Pitfalls and Possibilities*,” Knight Law School, Eugene, Oregon (January 2012). We the People – Eugene and the Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics.

**Lecturer / Facilitator**, “Occupy the Constitution” Eugene, Oregon (December 2011 – April 2012). Hosting of weekly, public classes on the constitutional dimensions of various social and political issues. In collaboration with Occupy Eugene.

**Guest Expert**, “Intergenerational Justice.” Produced by *Student News* of Amherst, MA. (December 19, 2011). <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbg1ZPD2nqQ>. Amherst Media Twelve.

**Presenter**, “The Godless Constitution: Secularism in America,” Eugene, Oregon (May 2010). The Alliance of Happy Atheists.

**Moderator**, Oregon Democratic primary gubernatorial debate between Gov. John Kitzhaber and Sec. of State Bill Bradbury, Eugene, Oregon (April 2010).

**Panelist**, “Saving the Planet for Future Generations: Intergenerational Equity and Climate Change,” Eugene, Oregon (March 2010). Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics Climate Ethics and Climate Equity Series.

**Panelist**, Powershift West Conference, Eugene, Oregon, “Climate Justice” (Nov 2009)

**Panelist, panel organizer**, “The Trust Approach to Environmental Decisionmaking.” Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 2009)

**Presenter**, “The Stewardship Doctrine: Environmental Sovereignty and the Constitutional Duty of Preservation.” John Baldwin Lecture Series, Eugene, OR (Feb 2009)

**Panelist, panel organizer**, “Measure 37: Working with the Law.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 2007)

**Panelist**, “Intergenerational Ecological Responsibility.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 2006)

**Panelist**, *Promise of Paradise* Conference. “When Planning Goes “POP”: Standing and Appeals.” Oregon Planning Institute, Eugene, Oregon (Sept 2005)

**Radio Interview**, “The Stewardship Doctrine: Future Generations, the Constitution, and Private Property.” “Jefferson Exchange” (KRVM, 1280 A.M., July 11, 2005)

**Panelist**, “Beyond Measure 37.” LandWatch Annual Meeting, Eugene, Oregon (2005)

**Panelist**, “Sustainable Land Use in Oregon.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 2005)

**Panelist, panel organizer**, “The Stewardship Doctrine: Environmental and Related Rights for Posterity under the Constitution.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 2003)

**Panelist, panel organizer**, “Environmental Protection in the U.S. Constitution.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 2002)

**Presenter**, “Political and Property Rights in Space: the Public Trust and Intergenerational Rights.” United Societies in Space Conference, Albuquerque, NM (2001)

**Conferences,  
Workshops, and  
Events (continued)**

**Panelist**, “Constitutional Limits on Environmental Destruction.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 2000)

**Panelist**, “Environmental Protection and the United States Constitution.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 1999)

**Presenter**, 2 –3 public workshops annually on landlord-tenant and consumer law issues. Sponsored by ASUO Legal Services office. (1993 – 1998)

**Panel organizer and moderator**, “Deep Ecology.” Public Interest Law Conference, Eugene, Oregon (Mar 1991)

**Grants, Fellowships  
and Awards**

2007-2008 – Oregon Humanities Teaching Fellowship \$3,000.

2007-2008 – Wulf Professorship in the Humanities. \$4,000.

2002 - 2003, Evergreen Hill Education Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. \$17,000. (Environmental Heritage Project.)

2000 - 2001, Constitutional Law Foundation. \$4,000.

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