



# GREEN ENERGY INSTITUTE

AT LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL

## 2018 Annual Report

Friend,

The Green Energy Institute is wrapping up its fifth year in operation, and I could not be more proud of our team and the work we have accomplished. As we finished our review of 2018, I was struck by how much our small, dedicated team completed throughout the year - ranging from supporting the development of community solar projects around the country, to regulatory advocacy at the state and federal level, to a deep dive into the legal and policy strategies local governments can pursue to reduce toxic diesel emissions in the Portland metropolitan area. [Read our 2018 annual report for highlights of this year's accomplishments.](#)

Over the years we have also had the pleasure of working with several innovative, knowledgeable, and passionate Energy Law Fellows, students who have contributed greatly to our analyses, reports, participation in workgroups, and official comments and testimony. This year, we checked in with our fellows to see where they are now: continuing their legal careers at agencies, companies, organizations, and universities around the country. [Read our full report to learn more about and hear from our past Fellows.](#)



### GEI's former Energy Law Fellows continuing their legal careers at agencies, companies, organizations, and universities around the country

Since GEI's founding in 2015, we have been honored to work with several fellows who have contributed greatly to our work and the success of our organization. Fellows join the GEI team as they complete their LL.M. at Lewis & Clark Law School, typically working with our staff for two academic semesters.

Our fellows have been instrumental in deepening GEI's legal understanding on a variety of issues ranging from least-risk resource planning and the costs of solar development to the complex preemption barriers of regulating local vehicle emissions. Beyond assisting in research, our fellows also contribute to the development of our legal and policy recommendations, contributing a great deal of thought and innovation in developing solutions for a 100% renewable-energy-powered future.

On our five-year anniversary, we are proud to report that our former Fellows are continuing to do great legal work in Oregon and around the country. Many of our fellows have continued to build on their experience at GEI by focusing on renewable energy law, regulation, litigation, and policy development.

We are continually grateful for the time, effort, and thought our fellows bring to our team and feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work with new students each year. Thank you to each of our previous, current, and future fellows. Keep an eye out for these rising leaders in the clean energy field!



**JONI SLIGER**  
Energy and Environment Fellow at the Regulatory Assistance Project, Vermont; 2016-2017 GEI Fellow



**ANDREA LANG CLIFFORD**  
Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Kathleen M. Dailey, Oregon; 2016-2017 GEI Fellow

“Working with GEI deepened my understanding of the legal, behavioral, and economic changes necessary to transition away from fossil fuels, and inspired me to work towards making that transition possible. And perhaps most importantly, Melissa, Amy, Nick, and Kate provided friendship, mentorship, and guidance, for which I am forever grateful.”  
-Kyra Hill, 2016-2017 Fellow



**EDWARD JEWELL**  
Deputy Attorney General assigned to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Idaho; 2016-2017 GEI Fellow



**NICK LAWTON**  
Associate Attorney at Meyer Glitzenstein & Eubanks, Washington D.C.; 2015-2016 GEI Fellow



**KYRA HILL**  
Attorney, Braaten Law Firm, North Dakota; 2015-2016 GEI Fellow



**NATE LARSON**  
Community Solar Program Manager at Pacific Power, Oregon; 2015-2016 GEI Fellow



**BRANDON KLINE**  
Associate Director of Environmental Programs at San Francisco State University, California; 2015-2016 GEI Fellow

“Working with GEI allowed me to hone my research, analysis, and writing skills. For example, one of my projects at GEI was to research state-level renewable energy policies and to compare the efficacy of policy approaches across states. Meaningful analysis of different energy sectors requires synthesizing numerous areas of thought including geographic, legal, economic, and technical concerns. Presenting these different strands of information in a way that is approachable to the reader takes a considerable amount of practice. GEI helped me develop this knowledge base and skill set.”  
-Edward Jewell, 2017-2018 Fellow

Though we are a part of the Environmental, Natural Resources, and Energy Law Program at Lewis & Clark Law School, we are a self-funded research center. Without your support, we would not be able to accomplish the work we do. So as we reflect on the work we've done this year, we also reflect with gratitude upon the generous donors, supporters, funders, advisors, and organizations like you that we are fortunate to partner with.

[Thank you for your ongoing support of our team and mission to a swift, equitable transition to a renewable energy system.](#)

We've also included a brief introduction to our plans for 2019. We have several exciting announcements about upcoming projects, partnerships, and events. [View our full report for more information.](#) Upcoming projects will expand our impact in the community, building capacity among community partners, providing opportunities for dynamic dialog among industry and policy leaders, and building upon our analyses to enact emissions reductions in the Portland area.

**TOMORROW'S ENERGY SYSTEM**  
February 9 Conference  
Tomorrow's Energy System will discuss the hurdles preventing us from transitioning to a zero-carbon energy future and consider strategies to overcome these hurdles. Join the Green Energy Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School as we convene elected officials, renewable energy industry leaders, policy and advocacy experts, and regulators to explore solutions from political, business, and policy perspectives. Speakers will touch on opportunities at the federal, regional, and local levels and explain how innovative changes in technology and economics may transform the way we generate, transmit, and use energy.

**FOSSIL FUEL FINANCING**  
GEI Awarded 3-Year Grant for New Project  
GEI has received a three-year grant for a project that will identify the best legal and policy avenues to increase the costs of fossil fuels as a means of preventing new fossil fuel infrastructure development and quickly transitioning to zero-carbon resources. There are many excellent fossil fuel pricing proposals developed by economists and social scientists, but they are not usually tailored to fit within our existing legal system. Our project would seek to align the best pricing strategies with a clear legal strategy for effective implementation.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY PARTNERSHIP**  
GEI to Support Local 100% Renewable Energy Goals  
In 2017, Multnomah County and the City of Portland set a goal of 100% renewable energy use by 2050. Multnomah County has asked GEI to help design the legal and policy strategies to achieve this goal. We aim to develop a Clean Energy Roadmap, which will identify policies that the local government can implement under existing laws, describe and develop strategies for overcoming existing legal barriers (e.g., preemption, constitutional restraints, gaps in legal authority), and propose law and policy changes to accommodate a rapid and equitable energy transition in the region.

**DECONSTRUCTING DIESEL—PHASE 2**  
Helping Build a Strong Foundation for Action in the Local Community  
After the publication of our Deconstructing Diesel policy roadmap, GEI will work with community partners to help inform and guide the implementation of recommended policy solutions. In collaboration with community partners, GEI will help convene community events and workshops with local air quality and public health advocates to explain the types of actions stakeholders can take to reduce diesel pollution in their communities. GEI will also present key findings and recommendations to policymakers to encourage the adoption and implementation of effective diesel reduction strategies in Portland and Multnomah County.

**WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2019**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**  
To invest in our work in 2019 go to: [go.lclark.edu/law/gei](http://go.lclark.edu/law/gei)

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**[We hope that you will consider investing in our plans for 2019 as we continue to design, create, and implement the transition to a zero-carbon economy.](#)**

With gratitude,

*Melissa Powers*

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GEI Founder and Director



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