

Join in...

...**the conversation on environmental justice**. How are the effects of environmental hazards and risks being distributed among our communities? The impacts of Mountain Top Removal (MTR) will be the main topic of the discussion being held at the West Virginia University College of Law. Mountain Top Removal is frequently done in low socioeconomic and minority communities. Our discussion will focus on issues of informed community consent and the environmental impacts of coal mining.

WHEN: Thursday, February 17th at 7PM

WHERE: WVU Law School, Room 153

Leslie Fields, the National Environmental Justice and Community Partnerships Director for the Sierra Club, will lead the discussion on what environmental justice is, the unequal environmental and health impacts felt by West Virginia's communities, and current efforts to include everyone in decisions about environmental burdens and benefits. Fields is currently an adjunct law professor at Howard University School of Law. She serves as a Commissioner on the Joint Center for Economic and Political Studies' Commission to Engage African Americans on Climate Change and the American Bar Association's Environmental Justice Committee. Fields has worked extensively on oil/gas natural resource extraction issues and climate change in East, West and Southern Africa.

Monongalia Group of the West
Virginia Chapter of the Sierra
Club
Jim Kotcon, Conservation Chair
jkotcon@wvu.edu

WVU Environmental Law Society
- A Student Organization -
Kurt Doiron, President
kurtdoiron@gmail.com

This presentation is co-hosted by the Mon Group of the West Virginia Chapter of the Sierra Club and WVU Environmental Law Society.