



Just by Nature

THE LOUNDY HUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT'S

DISTINGUISHED ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZER SERIES

10/22, 4:30-6 pm. Kim Wasserman, Director, Little Village

Environmental Justice Organization. “Beyond Crawford and Fisk: How Community Power can Defeat Corporate Power.” **Kim Wasserman** is a 2013 recipient of the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for leading the successful lobbying campaign for the passage of the Chicago Clean Power Ordinance that resulted in the closing of the Crawford and Fisk coal-fired power plants. She has been LVEJO's executive director since 2005.

11/5, 4:30-6 pm. John Quail, Director of Watershed Planning, Friends of the Chicago River. “Chicago River: Common Thread, Common Future.” **John Quail** has

been a staff member at Friends since 2000. In his role as the Director of Watershed Planning he coordinates Chicago River advocacy work in collaboration with Friends' Executive Director. He also leads the development and implementation of Friends wetland and river corridor restoration projects, with a particular focus on promoting ecologically sound stormwater management practices at all scales. Prior to working with Friends, John was a staff member of the Washtenaw County (Michigan) Department of Public Works. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment.

11/19, 3:30-5 pm. Tom Shepherd, Vice President, Southeast Environmental Task Force. “Reclaiming our Natural Treasures: Chicago's Southeast Side.”

Tom Shepherd is the longest serving board member at the Southeast Environmental Task Force on Chicago's far-southeast side -- an area where steel once was king, and where there is an abundance of environmental degradation, garbage dumps, and contaminated land. Tom's background as an activist and community organizer brought him to his work to cure some of those environmental ills in the region. SEETF's current campaigns include stopping the Koch Brothers' profligate transport and irresponsible management of petcoke on the Calumet River.

12/10, 4:30-6 pm. “Lessons from the North: Student International Research Panel Reports Back.” Fall 2014 Loundy Project Human Rights Scholars report back from their comparative trip on environmental justice in Vancouver, where they will have met with advocates, activists, and scholars to see how the city – already the greenest in North America – aims to become greenest in the world by 2020. What comparative lessons does Vancouver offer Chicago?

All events will take place in the Spertus Lounge, Auditorium Building Room 244, Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago IL. Refreshments will be served.