

## Public Lands Institute Works to Balance Science, People, Policy

The UNLV Public Lands Institute hosted an International Protected Area Exchange (IPAX) symposium June 18, 2013, with approximately 35 people attending the event at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.



*Garry Oye, Chief of  
Wilderness Resources,  
National Park Service*

Fundamental to all sustainable protected area management is the adoption of more participatory, inclusive, and equitable models that balance science, people, and policy. An overview of the need to embrace new models was provided by keynote speaker and symposium co-chair Garry Oye, Chief of Wilderness Resources, National Park Service. The symposium featured nine talks highlighting local examples of land management-related projects, with the common thread being the importance of skillfully engaging others—from direct project stakeholders to the broader community.



*Margaret N. (Peg) Rees,  
Executive Director of  
Public Lands Institute  
and Vice Provost for  
Educational Outreach*

Symposium chair Margaret N. Rees, Ph.D. also recognized Kent Turner, former Chief of Resource Management for Lake Mead National Recreation Area, for his 20-plus years of partnership with and support for a variety of departments at UNLV, including the Public Lands Institute.

<b>Lynn Davis, Nevada Program Manager</b> Nevada Field Office, National Parks Conservation Association	<i>Creating Support for Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument: Looking Ahead to Building a Model Urban National Park Unit.</i>
<b>Melissa Thaw, Graduate Student</b> Resources Management Program, Department of Geoscience, University of Nevada, Las Vegas	<i>Harmony and Dissonance: Protecting Lake Tahoe from Aquatic Invasive Species versus Development</i>
<b>Karen G. Harry, Ph.D., Associate Professor</b> Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas	<i>Recent Research at House 47: Evaluating the Impacts of Fluctuating Lake Levels on Southern Nevada's Archaeological Sites</i>
<b>Kent Turner, Chief of Resource Division (ret.)</b> Lake Mead National Recreation Area, National Park Service <b>Jennell M. Miller, Ph.D., Program Coordinator</b> , Public Lands Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas	<i>Integrating Science and Research Activities for Southern Nevada Public Lands: Development and Status</i>
<b>Tricia Dutcher, Graduate Student</b> School of Environmental and Public Affairs, University of Nevada, Las Vegas	<i>The Need for Stakeholder Cooperation over Competition to Adapt to Climate Change</i>
<b>Carol L. Blaney, Graduate Student</b> Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, Stephen F. Austin State University <b>Theresa G. Coble, Ph.D., Associate Professor</b> Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, Stephen F. Austin State University <b>Elizabeth Barrie, Ph.D., Project Manager</b> Public Lands Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas	<i>Dynamically Engaging the Public through Facilitated Dialogue</i>
<b>Deborah Reardon, Planner</b> Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, National Park Service	<i>Community-Led Resource Conservation</i>
<b>Mauricia M.M. Baca, Executive Director</b> Outside Las Vegas Foundation	<i>Paths to the Future – Community, Collaboration, and Stewardship</i>