News

Haley & Aldrich experts take on leadership, speaking roles at Southeast's largest environmental conference

Burlington, Mass., July 26, 2023 — Haley & Aldrich experts will return to the Annual Georgia Environmental Conference (GEC) on Jekyll Island, Georgia, from August 23-25, 2023, with a strong thought-leadership presence. Members of the Haley & Aldrich cohort will be speaking in and/or moderating six different conference sessions, two of them (Scott Anderson and Dawn Santoianni) serve on the Conference Steering Committee, and one (Anderson) is the chair of the Student Scholarship Program Committee.

GEC is "the largest, most comprehensive, and diverse environmental education opportunity in Georgia and the Southeast," and will be attended by more than 800 people, including government officials at every level; agribusiness, business, and industry leaders; attorneys and compliance experts; consultants; engineers; developers; landowners; architects; energy experts; university and other institutional leaders; waste, water, and recycling experts — and more.

Technical Expert Anderson and Principal Consultant Santoianni serve on the conference's steering committee and have helped lead the creation of more than 50 unique courses (with nine educational breakout sessions) to facilitate environmental professionals' career development, knowledge exchange, and solution-sharing efforts around environmental concerns in Georgia and across the Southeast.

Anderson also serves as chair of the scholarship program, which provides college students the unique opportunity to showcase their research on environmental issues — with finalists presenting at the conference — and to engage with a wide range of environmental professionals from throughout the Southeast and beyond. Multiple scholarships will be awarded after the final round of conference judging. (List of past scholarship recipients.)

Once again participating at GEC, some as return speakers, Haley & Aldrich's team brings its expertise on the following topics to this year's conference: climate-resilient remediation and compliance models; emerging contaminants such as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); multidistrict litigation, trials, and legislation; ESG practices and environmental justice concerns; sustainability and industrialized construction; site remediation and extended reality (XR) technology; and recent case studies of water issues and the Clean Water Act.

Listed below are the Haley & Aldrich experts' moderating and speaking schedule.

Wednesday, August 23

Technical Expert Scott Anderson (moderator), **"Student Research Presentation Session,"** 9 a.m.

Senior Technical Expert Chris Jones (speaker), **"The Maui Case and the Clean Water Act,"** 1:15 p.m.

Digital Transformation and Analytics Leader Nick Machairas (speaker), **"Extended Reality (XR) and the Conceptual Site Model: A Look to the Present,"** 3 p.m.

Principal Consultant Tiffany Thomas (speaker), **"A PFAS MDL Update,"** 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 24

Principal Consultant Dawn Santoianni (moderator),**?"Focusing on the 'S' in 'ESG': Community Engagement Practices to Address Environmental Justice Concerns,"** 11 a.m.

Principal Consultant Ben Chandler (speaker), **"Advancing Sustainability Through Industrialized Construction Practices,"** 2 p.m.

Technical Expert Nicholas Tucci (speaker), **"Climate-Resilient Remediation and Compliance,"** 3:30 p.m.

For the full list of GEC 2023 topic sessions and descriptions, check here for updates.

For more information:

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