



THE PRESIDENT & THE PIPELINE

Native rights, environmental justice, energy policy,
Executive power, and the Dakota Access pipeline

with Professor Bret Birdsong (law), Professor Addie Rolnick (law), and Professor A.B. Wilkinson (history)

Monday, Oct. 17

12 - 1:30 p.m.

Light lunch provided

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Room 105 (BSL)

Debates about environmental
justice, climate change, energy

policy, and Native rights have
converged this summer around
the proposed Dakota Access
Pipeline, which would bring oil
from North Dakota fracking
operations across several
states. The Oceti Sakowin
(Great Sioux Nation) opposes
the pipeline because
construction would likely
destroy sacred sites and
because the current route goes

under the Missouri River at a
place where a spill would
endanger the water supply to
the Standing Rock Sioux
Reservation. Native resistance
has taken the form of lawsuits,
legislative advocacy, a media
campaign and (most famously)
a months-long gathering of
“water protectors” near the
pipeline site, which now
includes hundreds of tribes.

This panel will explore the
legal and social issues context
for the #NoDAPL movement,
the role of Presidential
authority, and what it means for
the national conversations
about energy policy, fossil
fuels, climate change, and
environmental justice.

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