

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Brian M. Jones
Senior Vice President
M.J. Bradley & Associates, LLC

As a Senior Vice President with M.J. Bradley & Associates (MJB&A), Brian Jones advises energy sector clients on strategy and policies related to climate change and sustainability. Brian's current efforts are focused on natural gas distribution and methane emissions strategies and policies, electric vehicle policy and utility programs, and corporate sustainability strategy. Prior to joining MJB&A in 1998, Brian worked on state energy and environmental policy while at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Brian holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Environmental Studies from Providence College.



Leonardo Gelpi
Climate Change / GHG Management Manager
Eni Spa

Leonardo Gelpi has been working in Eni, a major international Oil & Gas company, for more than 14 years. He is currently employed in the HSEQ Department, involved on Climate Change issues and GHG emissions management at corporate level. He is contributing, acting as technical Eni's representative, to the participation in several voluntary programs and partnerships related to methane management, like the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative and the Climate and Clean Air Coalition - Oil & Gas Methane Partnership.

Before joining HSEQ department, Leonardo achieved 6 years of experience in the R&D Eni department, where he was involved in several projects related to management of atmospheric pollution, modelling, and management of fugitive emissions.

Originally from Italy, Leonardo has a Master Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Rome.



Melissa Adams
Chief Corporate Social Responsibility Officer
WGL Holdings/Washington Gas

Ms. Adams formulates strategy and programs for the benefit of WGL and the communities we serve. She works to implement initiatives across all businesses that actualize corporate values and amplify brand positioning and business development while reducing risk. Key areas of focus include minimizing the effects the business has on the environment, through both internal operations and customer facing programs; promoting social objectives through philanthropy, volunteerism, and impact investing; advancing social equity and sustainability through training, real estate asset utilization, and procurement practices; and leading corporate community engagement.



Richard Hyde
Director External Affairs
Southern Company Gas

Richard works as the Executive Director of One Future in a loaned executive role. He has primary responsibility for the administrative functions of the group. In his role as Director of External Affairs for Southern Company Gas Richard has responsibility for the legislative and regulatory functions for the Commercial Businesses which include Fuels and Storage, Pipeline Investments and Energy Marketing. Richard has been in the natural gas industry for over 30 years, working for Panhandle Eastern and Trunkline Gas, Duke Energy, AGL Resources and Southern Company Gas. Richard has worked primarily in the state legislative arena, except for a brief stint in D.C. with Duke Energy as their primary pipeline representative.



Vanessa Ryan
Senior Advisor, Shale Issues
Chevron Corporation

Vanessa T. Ryan is Senior Adviser, Shale Issues at Chevron Corporation. She also serves as Chair of the Steering Committee of The Environmental Partnership, an industry group committed to continuously improving the industry's environmental performance. Previously, she was Senior Advisor for Chevron Asia-Pacific Exploration and Production, responsible for providing advice to Chevron's Asia-Pacific business on government and public affairs issues. She has served as Coordinator for Policy, Government, and Public Affairs for Chevron Vietnam in Ho Chi Minh City. Ms. Ryan joined Chevron as a Public Policy Adviser at Chevron Corporation, where she was responsible for the corporate responsibility report and advised on environmental, social, and geopolitical issues. Prior to joining Chevron she worked in social marketing firm focused on health and environment issues. She holds a Masters of Public Policy from the University of Southern California and a B.A. in Political Economy from UC Berkeley.



Martha Yolanda Herrera Zapata
Project Engineer, Innovation and Technology Center (ICP- Colombian Petroleum Institute)
Ecopetrol

With more than 15 years of experience in environmental solutions in the oil and gas sector, especially working with atmospheric contamination and pollution of water currents. The last 10 years she has worked in the Clean Technologies team of the Colombian Petroleum Institute (Ecopetrol's Innovation and Technology Center) in the structuring and implementation of the company's Climate Change Program and more specifically in the Greenhouse gas reduction initiatives and Methane reduction program to the integrated chain of Production, Transportation and Refining in Ecopetrol S.A.