

YEP Slate of Directors - Bios

Tania Baxter

Tania is a water quality specialist with Golder Associates Ltd. in Calgary. She obtained her B.Sc. in Biological Science (1995) and her Ph.D. (1999) in Environmental Studies from the University of Ulster, Northern Ireland. Tania has done environmental consulting for over 8 years; during this time she has been involved in the design, execution and interpretation of municipal and industrial water quality assessments, including environmental baseline studies, environmental impact assessments and cumulative impact assessments. As manager of the Aquatics Division at Golder Associates, Calgary, she is currently responsible for a 50 person business unit.

Simon Geoghegan

After completing an MSc studying freshwater oil pollution impacts, Simon became interested in the application of environmental management principles in the energy industry. He joined Suncor Energy in as an environmental specialist, helping research environmental legislations and prepare regulatory applications for new oil sands projects. Simon's active interest in Sustainable Development grew into a new position with Suncor as Sustainable Development advisor, where he developed policy, strategy and projects in community development and environmental management. In 2004 Simon joined Enmax Energy Inc as an energy and emissions management consultant where he works on energy management & environmental strategy with large commercial and industrial customers. As YEP chapter leader he hopes to increase the sharing of local innovation and action in environmental management and grow YEP's reputation as the Calgary's leading association of environmental professionals.

Sarah Jordaan

Sarah is a PhD student at the University of Calgary in Environmental Design. Her research interests lie in energy and environmental systems analysis; more specifically, assessing land use of energy developments from a life cycle perspective. After graduating with a BSc in Physics from Memorial University of Newfoundland, she travelled to Romania to work on a wolf conservation project on an internship funded by the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy. There, she worked in ecotourism, environmental education, and recycling infrastructure of local communities. She has held a research assistantship in environmental design at the University of Calgary and two at Memorial University in marine ecology and astrophysics. Most recently, Sarah worked at Shell Canada benchmarking environmental and social performance. She has volunteered at a wide variety of organizations, such as: Balkan Wildlife Society in Bulgaria, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, the Environmental Design Student Association, and the United Nations Association Canada, Calgary Chapter.

Matt McCulloch

Matt McCulloch is co-director of the Pembina Institute's Corporate Consulting Services, and has been part of this program since 1998. Matt's main area of focus is on corporate sustainability, where he works closely with businesses integrating sustainability concepts into their strategies and operations, assessing performance and corporate culture, and developing metrics to measure their progress. His work includes bringing triple-bottom-line thinking into company



decision-making and project-design processes, using a systems and life-cycle approach. Matt supports the identification and development of new technologies and alternative and renewable energy business opportunities. He also leads Pembina's Corporate Consulting climate change and GHG offset related services.

Jon Mitchell

Jon Mitchell is the Group Lead of Environmental Strategies with EnCana Corporation based in Calgary. He is responsible for providing strategic advice and guidance to EnCana on key environment and sustainability issues. Included in his current portfolio, Jon leads EnCana's climate change strategy, involving policy work on carbon capture and storage, energy efficiency, and emissions management, along with development of internal tactics to continually improve performance. After an undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph, and while completing a Masters degree at the University of Calgary, Jon has worked in the fields of sustainable development; environment, health and safety management systems; stakeholder engagement; land use planning; species at risk; and greenhouse gas management. His professional experience includes consulting work with companies in the oil and gas, power, and alternative energy sectors such as Suncor Energy, BP Canada, BHP Billiton, Ballard Power and TransAlta, along with organizations like CAPP, the Canadian Energy Research Institute (CERI) and ARPEL (the Regional Association of Oil and Natural Gas Companies in Latin America and the Caribbean). Jon has been on the Board of Directors of YEP since its creation and a member of YEP since the Calgary chapter began in 2001.

Nathan Maycher

Nathan Maycher is the Senior Manager within the Sustainable Development Department at TransAlta Corporation, a Canadian based electricity generation company. Nathan's primary focus areas are the management of TransAlta's portfolio of international offset projects and air emission risk forecasting and management for the global fleet. Nathan formally was the Principal at Enwest Inc. where he focused on delivering pragmatic solutions to the energy sector in the areas of greenhouse gas, air emissions and environmental strategy. Nathan has a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering Co-op from the University of Alberta and is a Professional Engineer.

Dianne Zimmerman

As co-founder of YEP, Dianne has been committed to providing a forum for dialogue and networking since 1997, leading first the Toronto chapter until moving in 2001 and starting the YEP Calgary chapter. Dianne is a manager at Suncor Energy Inc. working on initiatives and policy reform in the areas of climate change, air quality, boreal habitat protection and water management. Prior to moving west, Dianne was principal of DNH Environmental Consulting, program director of the Canadian Energy Efficiency Alliance, and a consultant for the Summerhill Group and Pollution Probe. Dianne is a masters graduate from York University's Faculty of Environmental Studies program, is an active board member with Alberta Ecotrust Foundation and co-chairs Mount Royal College's Industrial Ecology Advisory Committee. She is committed to reducing her own footprint by powering her home with 100% green power, purchasing energy efficient appliances including a furnace, busing and walking to work, composting and recycling.