Defending Scientific Integrity in a Post-Truth Era: Lessons from Canada’s ‘War on Science’

NIH Topic: conflict of interest

A decade ago, Canada was in the grip of a conservative government with few checks or balances, federal scientists suffered systematic attacks on their ability to conduct and disseminate their findings without censorship or political interference. Renowned research facilities were closed or defunded, especially when their missions conflicted with political priorities, and Canada’s marquee environmental laws were gutted to benefit powerful private industries. Sound familiar? Dr. Palen will discuss actions taken by scientific community and government partners to restore scientific integrity.

Monday, September 10, 2018

Hogness Auditorium,
A-420 Health Sciences Bldg
(Fred Hutch: noon-1pm, Thomas Bldg, SZE Combo)

UW: 4:00-5:00 pm
Coffee 3:30-3:55 pm

Wendy Palen, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences
Simon Fraser University

Dr. Palen joined the Department of Biological Sciences at Simon Fraser University, in 2007 as a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Aquatic Conservation. She is an alum of the UW Biology program. Her research group focuses on identifying science-based conservation solutions for freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems in the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Palen is also committed to improving the connection between primary research and environmental policy and practice. She works with the Canadian Federal government through her role as Chair of the Board of Directors for the non-partisan and non-profit organization, Evidence for Democracy, Canada’s only science advocacy organization.