

Paul Greenberg

Pace Environmental Author-in-Residence

Quick! Connect the dots between a vineyard at Ground Zero, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the New York Times bestseller list, and the Pace Environmental Law Program. This is quite a challenge unless you are familiar with Paul Greenberg, the first Author-in-Residence at the Pace Environmental Law Program. In this role, Paul will collaborate with Pace environmental faculty and lecture to students, bringing his unique perspective on environmental issues to the program.

Paul is best known as the author of the James Beard Award winning *Four Fish* and, more recently, *American Catch*. “Having written a little-read novel, it was a thrill to hit the New York Times’ bestseller list,” he says of his highly acclaimed works. “But probably the nicest thing has been the long tail that those books have had in academic settings.” Paul lives with his partner and son in lower Manhattan, very close to Ground Zero, where he proudly achieves “salad self-sufficiency” in summer months and produces the only wine grown and bottled at Ground Zero at his vineyard, Château Nul. In addition to his bestselling books, he is a regular contributor to the New York Times and has also written for National Geographic Magazine and Vogue among others. He lectures on seafood and the environment around the world.



It was his interest in education and his location in Downtown Manhattan that introduced Paul to Pace and its Environmental Law Program. He shares a neighborhood with Pace University’s Lower Manhattan campus and has built relationships with several Pace professors over the years. “It’s nice to see how Pace has grown and reclaimed and revitalized downtown post-9/11. I feel that the institution as a whole has a lot of energy.” He

became friends with Professor Jason Czarnecki, Executive Director of the Environmental Law Program, over five years ago. “We’ve had really intense and interesting conversations about environmental law and its different interpretation in different countries. In particular we’ve swapped information about Chinese food and water quality statutes including a trove of documents on FDA officers stationed in China that Jason acquired through a FOIA request.”

In addition to continuing his work with Pace professors, Paul looks forward to speaking with Pace Law students about environmental issues close to his heart, such as ocean and food law issues. “I come at these issues from the perspective of someone who loves the ocean and is deeply pained by its degradation,” he says. “There are many problems confronting the oceans today but perhaps the most acute is one highlighted recently by the New York Times’ fantastic series on the High Seas—that largely ungoverned swath of ocean that falls in the holes between national jurisdictions. Everything from slavery to illegal fishing runs rampant in these areas. And the US to this day has still not signed the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. How about we start there?”