U.S. Speaker and Specialist Program

“Coastal Conservation”

Description
Through this program, Dr. Linwood Pendleton will meet with Indonesian people across Java, Kalimantan, Sumatera and Sulawesi to share his perspectives on coastal conservation in the U.S. and to discuss his career and accomplishments as an expert in coastal ocean values. As a private citizen, Dr. Pendleton will be speaking on his own behalf; his views do not necessarily reflect U.S. policy.

Time frame
April 13-25 in Berau, Jakarta, Bangka and Kendari

Background
The U.S. Speaker and Specialist program awards grants to American experts from a variety of fields and backgrounds to engage international audiences, either in person or electronically, through lectures, workshops and seminars; meetings with foreign media organizations; and small, specialized working-groups. The speaker program offers foreign publics the opportunity to hear about an American perspective on key issues in the U.S.-Indonesia bilateral relationship. As private citizens, these experts share their personal and professional thoughts, expertise, and ideas. They do not speak on behalf of the U.S. Government; rather, they provide a broader and richer viewpoint and can engage in an active dialogue with their Indonesian counterparts.

Audiences
Scholars, academicians, university students, faculty and administrators, local coastal conservationists, government officials, members of the media, environmental activists, youth, think tanks, NGO leaders and activists, coastal and ocean practitioners and researchers.

Topics and Nature of Events
Dr. Linwood Pendleton will lead interactive discussion sessions related to coastal conservation in American coast and ocean with a specific emphasis on coastal and ocean economics and policy. Programs are structured for the speaker to make an initial 20-minute presentation, followed by a question and answer session and discussion on wide variety of topics including “coastal conservation strategy”, “economic contribution of coastal activities”, “ocean-dependent activities”, “active community participation” and “mangrove forests management”.

Language Requirements
English. Interpretation will be provided as needed.

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Linwood Pendleton is a senior scholar at Duke University's Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. Pendleton’s work focuses on policies that affect human uses and enjoyment of ocean and coastal resources – both living and non-living.

Linwood has graduate training in a) Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior, b) Public Administration, and c) Resource and Environmental Economics. He considers his training to be serially interdisciplinary. Linwood’s academic career has been equally multidisciplinary. He has taught in Departments of Economics, a School of Business, and at UCLA’s School of Public Health where he was awarded tenure.

Linwood’s work began to migrate away from traditional scholarship when he published an interdisciplinary study on the economic and health impacts of beach water contamination. This study gave Linwood an opportunity to work more directly with decision-makers. In 2004, Linwood left his tenured position at UCLA to create a policy-oriented research center at the Ocean Foundation. A few years later, Linwood moved his work to Duke’s recently created Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions. Since then, Linwood has worked with a variety of institutions and agencies including a 32 month posting as Acting Chief Economist of NOAA.

Linwood has studied policy, made policy, and worked to help others do better science and policy based on his experience. He has published widely (Nature, PloSOne, etc.) on topics that include ecology, valuation, forestry, ecosystem services, weather and climate disasters, and deep sea mining.

Linwood also is active internationally with current projects, students, affiliations, and collaborations in the US, Sweden, Canada, the UK, France, and throughout the World. He participates in international meetings as an invited speaker and will serve as an invited guest of the Economist Magazine at the 2014 World Ocean Summit. He hosts talk show style webinar series including one on Marine Ecosystem Services, and another on Conservation Economics.

Linwood serves as the Director of the Marine Ecosystem Services Partnership (a project of the Ocean Foundation) and coordinates the Marine Secretariat of the international Ecosystem Services Partnership. His current projects include Deep Sea Management, a GEF Blue Forests project, Mapping Ocean Wealth, a special interdisciplinary fellowship at NSF’s SESYNC, valuing the economic contribution of the Sargasso Sea Ecosystem, and marine planning in the English Channel (joint with France and the UK).

He holds a doctoral degree in resource and environmental economics from Yale University; a Master's degree in public administration from Harvard’s Kennedy School; a Master's degree in ecology, evolution, and behavior from Princeton; and a Bachelor's degree in biology from the College of William and Mary.