

# Professor Barbara Cosens

**2015 Visiting Professor**

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Barbara is a Professor of Law at the University of Idaho College of Law, USA.

Barbara joined the University of Idaho College of Law in 2004, was granted tenure in 2009 and became a full professor in 2010. She is also faculty in the Water Resources and Environmental Science programs and part of the the Waters of the West Research Program. She teaches Water Law, Water Law Practicum, Law Science and the Environment, and a leads a team taught graduate course in Interdisciplinary Methods in Water Resources. Barbara coordinates the Natural Resources and Environmental Law Program at the College of Law. Her research interests include the integration of law and science in education, water governance, and dispute resolution; adaptive water governance and resilience; and the recognition and settlement of Native American water rights. She is a collaborator with the Utton Center and Earth Data Analysis Center at University of New Mexico and the American Indian Law Center on development of the Native American Water Right Settlement Electronic Repository and has served as a negotiator and mediator of Native American Water Right settlements. Barbara is a member of the Universities Consortium on Columbia River Governance and is working with Nigel Bankes, University of Calgary Faculty of Law, on a project funded by the Program on Water Issues at the Munk School of Global Affairs on mechanisms for flexibility and adaptability in international water agreements. She is co-chair of a project made possible through support from the NSF funded National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, SESYNC: Adaptive Governance in Regional Water Systems to Manage Resilience in an era of Changing Climate.

Her recent research as part of the Adaptive Water Governance project, has led to some new approaches to resilience assessment when the goal is to identify barriers and opportunities for increasing adaptive capacity in water governance. Her time in Adelaide will provide an opportunity to investigate these approaches in the context of the Lake Eyre Basin in South Australia and to work with researchers and managers to ensure the approaches are transferrable to other settings.

Barbara will be based at the Flinders University Victoria Square offices during her time as Visiting Professor.