

*Moderator: Nina S. Roberts, Ph.D., Professor, Recreation, Parks, & Tourism, San Francisco State University* – To acquaint the audience with the panel topic of urban public land issues, Dr. Roberts will first provide a brief overview of sample national demographics reflecting urban communities and challenges faced in cities across America. She'll also offer highlights of the National Park Service "Urban Agenda" and introduce the distinguished speakers. This panel is the first in a series of public events sponsored by the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies this fall commemorating the National Park Service Centennial. This panel on urban land issues will kick off important discussions about natural resources as we enter the second century of conservation and the stewardship of our nation's public lands.