

ELAW Fellowship Program . . . we need your help!

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Grassroots advocates are eager to travel to Eugene for individually-tailored ELAW Fellowships that help them collaborate and build skills to better protect communities and the environment back home. In 2011, ELAW hosted 12 advocates from 11 countries in Africa, Latin America, and Europe.

ELAW seeks support for **Emilio d’Cuire** and other promising environmental advocates who seek ELAW Fellowships in 2012. Support for the ELAW Fellowship Program will make it possible for Emilio to gain the skills and resources he needs to craft a greener future.

“I want to protect nature and improve the quality of life for the dispossessed,” says Emilio. “I want to empower civil society.”

Emilio received a degree in biology from Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras and took his passion to the Environmental Law Institute of Honduras (IDAMHO). Short-sighted tourism development schemes threaten the coast of Honduras, protected areas, and small fishing communities. Emilio and his co-workers are doing excellent work strengthening the rule of law and protecting the Mesoamerican Reef.

Meanwhile, Honduras is becoming increasingly violent. The Peace Corps recently pulled out of Honduras and this is an excellent time for Emilio to travel to Oregon to gain skills and work with ELAW.

Honduras has the highest homicide rate in the world, and violent attacks against environmental activists are increasingly common.

Emilio has landed a tuition scholarship for the University of Oregon’s American English Institute’s Intensive English Program. Stronger English skills, he says, will open up “a world of information.” Many ELAW partners have gained English skills through the American English Institute, and found it tremendously valuable.

For more information about how you can support the ELAW Fellowship Program, contact Maggie Keenan at maggie@elaw.org.

