



## **RAY RING**

Ray Ring, High Country News senior editor based in Bozeman, Montana, has more than 30 years of experience in Western journalism. He's earned national recognition including a George Polk Award for political reporting, a Sidney Hillman Foundation Award for investigating oil-field accidents, and an Investigative Reporters & Editors scroll for going undercover as a prison inmate. Environmental politics is a primary focus of his journalism and he's taught the subject as an adjunct at Montana State University. He's also worked on staff for daily and weekly newspapers in Montana, Arizona and Colorado, in roles including

columnist, investigative reporter and assistant managing editor. His freelance journalism has appeared in a range of publications such as Harper's and Outside, where he wrote two departments for a year. He's created three niche newspapers covering business, the ski industry and agriculture. His journalism is also informed by his experience in blue-collar jobs such as city firefighter, taxi driver and snow-plowing. He's had three novels published by New York houses.



## **ELIZABETH SLOWN**

Elizabeth oversees public affairs for the Forest Service's Northern Region. The region encompasses 12 national forests and one grassland and covers real estate from North Dakota, Montana and the northern portion of Idaho.

She came to the Forest Service from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, another federal land management/natural resource agency. There she served in public affairs, primarily for their endangered species program. Prior to federal employment, she worked for a state game and fish agency and several media outlets. She has a master's degree in environmental studies from Antioch University. Her bachelor's degree was earned in journalism.

This session's topic interests her greatly as she believes that managing people's expectations is every bit as important as managing our natural resources.



## **RICHARD MANNING**

Richard Manning is the author of eight books including:  
*Rewilding the West: Restoration in a Prairie Landscape*, University of California Press, 2009.

*Against the Grain. The case that 10,000 years of agriculture have damaged nature and human nature.* North Point, February, 2004.

*Food's Frontier*, a profile of nine post-Green-Revolution agriculture projects in Latin America, Asia and Africa. North Point, October, 2000.

*Inside Passage*, an account of biodiversity and economy in the coastal temperate rainforests of North America. Island Press, November, 2000.

*One Round River: The Curse of Gold and the Fight for the Big Blackfoot*, Henry Holt, 1998.  
*Grassland: The History, Biology, Politics and Promise of the American Prairie*, Viking, 1995.  
*A Good House: Building a Life on the Land*, Grove, 1993.  
*Last Stand: Logging, Journalism and the Case for Humility*, Peregrine-Smith, 1991.  
*Forthcoming: It Runs in the Family*, St. Martins Press, 2012

Richard worked as a consultant on agriculture, poverty and the environment to the McKnight Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Richard is a well-known lecturer. He has presented at venues such as: Harvard University; Stanford University; Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda; the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Oxford University; and Hannover Staatstheater in Germany.

He is also a freelance magazine writer, with essays and articles published in Harper's, Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, Wired, Men's Journal, OnEarth, The Los Angeles Times, American Scholar, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, The New York Times, Audubon, Outside, E Magazine, High Country News and Northern Lights. Newspaper editor and reporter for fifteen years, working at newspapers in Montana and southern Idaho. *One Round River* was named a significant book of the year by The New York Times. Winner of the University of Montana's Mansfield Center's Lud Browman award for science writing, Richard Margolis award for environmental writing, Montana Audubon Society award for environmental reporting, Montana Wilderness Association award for writing, three-time winner of C.B. Blethen Award for investigative journalism

Additionally, Richard was the John S. Knight fellow in journalism at Stanford University in 1994-95. He has taught political science at the University of Michigan and University of Montana.



## **NADIA WHITE**

Prior to joining the faculty at UM, Nadia reported for the Lewiston Sun in Maine, the Stillwater Gazette in Minnesota, and the Daily Camera in Boulder, Colo. She was a reporter and editor at the Casper Star-Tribune in Wyoming and in the paper's Washington D.C. bureau.

Nadia has received several awards for her reporting and writing, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science Award of Excellence for work on brucellosis in central Asia; the Women's Sports

Foundation's Best Columnist of the Year Award; and several Associated Press Public Service awards.

She received a Ted Scripps Fellowship in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado in 2004-05 and a World Affairs Fellowship from the International Center for Journalists in Washington, D.C., in 2003.

She earned her Master's degree from The School of Journalism at Columbia University in New York and her undergraduate degree in psychology, with an emphasis on Japanese literature, from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.