

SECRETARY SPEAKER SERIES



Beyond Polarization:

THE UNLIKELY STORY OF CALIFORNIA'S MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

AUGUST 12 | 12:30-1:45 PM

Join us for a candid conversation about the genesis of California's Marine Protected Areas, our world-renowned network of 124 underwater nature preserves. We will explore the extraordinary story of how leaders transcended decades of conflict to establish this global model of ocean conservation. In today's polarized political climate, with "winner takes all" fighting on environmental issues, insights gleaned from this remarkable story are more important than ever.

SPEAKERS:

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