



The 23rd Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference
Land Conservation: The Worth of the Earth
 University of Florida Levin College of Law | February 9th -11th 2017



Thursday, February 9, 2017

Pre-Conference Workshop 10:00am – 5:00pm	Alliance of Florida Land Trusts Meeting (Invitation only)
Reception & Welcoming Remarks 6:00pm–9:00pm	<p>Opening Remarks: Range-Mapping -- Navigating the Future World of Conservation with Inclusion as the Compass</p> <p>Dr. Lanham will seek to translate conservation science to make it relevant to others in a way that makes it evocative and understandable. His talk will focus on how culture and ethnic prisms can bend perceptions of nature and its care, specifically in the field of land conservation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference Welcome: Zach Brown and Lucien Johnson PIEC Co-Chairs • Law School Welcome: Office of the Dean • Reception Speaker Introduction: Tom Kay Executive Director, Alachua Conservation Trust • Keynote Speaker: Dr. Drew Lanham Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Forestry and Environmental Conservation Department, Clemson University

Friday, February 10, 2017

Breakfast 8:30am–9:00am	Courtyard: Assorted Pastries and Coffee
Opening Plenary 9:00am–10:30am	<p>Land Conservation in the Anthropocene</p> <p>This opening plenary will discuss land conservation throughout the human era. While conservation has historically been a local phenomenon, this panel will look at how land conservation is evolving and where it is headed in the 21st Century.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nancy McLaughlin Robert W. Swenson Professor of Law, University of Utah College of Law • Francis E. Putz Ph.D. Professor, University of Florida Department of Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Professor Alyson Flournoy Professor and Alumni Research Scholar, University of Florida Levin College of Law <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Alyson Flournoy <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Andrea Szabo and Brianna Kissoon</p>

	<u>Track I</u>	<u>Track II</u>	<u>Conservation Easement Track</u> Draft, Amend, Defend: The Law and Ethics of Conservation Easements
Morning Session 10:45am–12:15pm	<p>Big, Wild, and Connected: Strategies and Tools for Achieving Landscape Scale Conservation</p> <p>This panel will work to identify methods and best practices for implementing efficient and cost effective landscape scale conservation projects, as well as discuss barriers to implementing landscape scale conservation projects and the policies and products to meant to address those barriers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Brice Southeast Director, Land Trust Alliance • Steve Traxler Senior Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Science Coordinator, Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative • Noah Valenstein Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Julia Weaver Coordinator, Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Thomas T. Ankersen <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Nick Young and McLane Evans <u>Sponsor</u>: Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation</p>	<p>The Right to Roam: Linear Land Conservation</p> <p>This panel explores conservation of Florida's trails and railways. The legal issues associated with the conservation of recreational corridors and connecting pathways throughout the state will be one of the primary goals discussed in the panel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holly Parker Vice President for Outreach, Florida Trail Association • Doug Hattaway Senior Project Manager, Trust for Public Lands • Danaya Wright Clarence J. Teselle Endowed Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Lindsay Cross, Executive Director, Florida Wildlife Corridor <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Thomas T. Ankersen <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Amanda Kincaid and Sebastian Antoine</p>	<p>Preparing for Perpetuity: Drafting Conservation Easements</p> <p>This panel will discuss the challenges that the legal community faces when drafting conservation easements in such a way that they are to be held in perpetuity. It will touch upon the ethics of inserting clauses into easements that may end up changing the nature of that easement in future generations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert Keller Ph.D. CEO, Atlantic Coast Conservancy and Pelican Coast Conservancy • Virginia Harman J.D. Partner, McRae, Stegall, Peek, Harman, Smith, and Monroe, LLP • Heidi Horak J.D. Attorney at Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Clay Henderson J.D. Executive Director of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, Stetson University <p><u>Faculty Advisors</u>: Emeritus Professor Richard Hamann and Tom Kay <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Josh Levasser and Kyla Wintter</p>

Lunch Break & Roundtable Discussion 12:30pm–2:00pm	<p>The Land Conservation Conundrum: When Will We Know Enough Is Enough?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kacky Andrews J.D. Director of Conservation Programs for North America, The Nature Conservancy • Robert Hutchinson Alachua County Commissioner • Reed Noss Ph.D. Davis-Shine Professor of Conservation Biology, University of Central Florida • Clay Henderson J.D. Executive Director of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, Stetson University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Professor Mary Jane Angelo Director of Environmental and Land Use Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Mary Jane Angelo <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Nika Hosseini and Ashlyn Darden</p>
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Afternoon Session I 2:15pm–3:45pm	<p>Land Conservation in Florida: The State of the State</p> <p>This panel will consider Florida's use of money earmarked for land conservation and restoration efforts. It will examine the legislature's appropriations and how they are not in line with the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative that voters approved by 75% in 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aliko Moncrief J.D. Executive Director, Florida Conservation Voters • Pegeen Hanrahan P.E. Principal, Community and Conservation Solutions • Joseph Little Emeritus Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Kevin McGorty Director, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Mary Jane Angelo <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Ashley Weisenfeld and Jacob Peek</p>	<p>Coastal Land Conservation: Navigating Rough Waters</p> <p>This panel will discuss the development of lateral beach access for the public. The progression of sandy beach conservation easements for sea turtles. And the natural resources adaptation action areas go coastal communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Lomberk J.D. Staff Attorney, Alachua Conservation Trust & Director of Special Projects, University of Florida Levin College of Law • Holly Parker Florida Regional Manager, Surfrider Foundation • Amy Langston Ph.D. Candidate Watershed Ecology Lab, University of Florida Engineering School of Sustainable Infrastructure & Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Gary Appelson Policy Coordinator, Sea Turtle Conservancy <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Thomas T. Ankersen <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Kristen Motola and Michael Liles</p>	<p>The Conundrum of Change: Amending Conservation Easements</p> <p>This panel explores the way lawyers try to amend conservation easements to suit their clients' whims and wishes. It will explore the ethical challenge lawyers face when attempting to amend an easement that is intended to be as it is "in perpetuity." Attorneys must balance the needs of their clients with the intent of the parties at the time the easement was drafted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Brice Southeast Director, Land Trust Alliance • Mark Hudson Land Protection Director, North Florida Land Trust • Ron Levitt J.D. Shareholder, Sirote & Permutt, PC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Ben Fernandez, J.D. Legal Skills Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law <p><u>Faculty Advisors</u>: Emeritus Professor Richard Hamann and Tom Kay <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Andres Perotti and Sammie Jacob</p>
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Afternoon Session II 4:00pm–5:30pm	<p>Ag in the City: Urban Lands Conservation</p> <p>Some urban centers are experiencing food shortages with nearby land available for agriculture being scarce. This panel explores the potential of conserving urban land to boost food production and avoid "food deserts" using legal mechanisms, smart growth, and new developments in science to provide urban centers with the nutritious food required for local populations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sidney Ansbacher J.D. Attorney at Upchurch, Bailey, and Upchurch • Nadia Ahmad Assistant Professor of Law, Barry University • Anna Prizzia Co-Founder of Forage Farms & Campus Food Systems Coordinator, University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Michael Olexa <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Zachary Brown and Cait Shield</p>	<p>Preserving the Past, Protecting the Present: Conserving Cultural Lands</p> <p>The panel will explore land conservation efforts in culturally significant and sensitive areas and the legal struggles some of these communities face. Topics will include a look into indigenous, spiritual, and African-American lands and how land conservation in those areas have progressed over time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freddie Johnson Executive Director, Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery • Adrienne Burke J.D. Executive Director, Riverside Avondale Preservation • Ebonie Alexander Executive Director, Black Family Land Trust, Inc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Tanner Amdur-Clark Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Tim McLendon <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Zachary Brown and Andrea Szabo</p>	<p>On Solid Ground: Defending Conservation Easements</p> <p>The last panel in the conservation easement track will focus on the tools needed to enforce and defend conservation easements. Protection requires ongoing monitoring and enforcement, especially now that the legal challenges facing land trusts and local governments have increased. This panel will discuss the easement holder's responsibility to defend the easement from being violated, as well as ethical concerns regarding the validity of conservation easements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis G. Corrick J.D. Attorney, Dean, Mead, Minton, and Zwemer • Ron Levitt J.D. Shareholder, Sirote & Permutt, PC • Shane Wellendorf Conservation Coordinator, Tall Timbers Research Station and Land Conservancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <u>Moderator</u>: Mark Hudson Land Protection Director, North Florida Land Trust <p><u>Faculty Advisors</u>: Emeritus Professor Richard Hamann and Tom Kay <u>Student Panel Assistant</u>: Jamie Woods</p>
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Banquet 7:00pm–10:30pm	<p>Public Interest Environmental Conference Banquet</p> <p><u>Location</u>: Alachua Conservation Trust Prairie Creek Lodge 7204 SE County Road 234 Gainesville, FL 32641 <u>Dress Code</u>: Boots and Blazers / Business Casual</p> <p>Generously hosted by the Alachua Conservation Trust, this banquet will feature remarks from Conference Co-Chairs Lucien Johnson and Zachary Brown, along with award announcements and a keynote presentation by author Ken Ilgunas. Mr. Ilgunas will discuss his adventure hiking the path of the Keystone XL Pipeline and the environmental challenges and concerns he encountered, as described in his book <i>Trespassing Across America</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Keynote Speaker</u>: Ken Ilgunas Author, <i>Walden on Wheels</i> and <i>Trespassing Across America</i> • Dinner provided by Fables Catering & Such • Beer and wine (beer provided by First Magnitude)
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<p>Breakfast 8:30am–9:15am</p>	<p>Courtyard: Assorted Pastries and Coffee</p>
<p>Morning Workshop 9:30am–11:30am</p>	<p>Florida Conservation Coalition Workshop</p> <p>This workshop is designed to explore the challenges and opportunities of coalition building within Florida’s environmental community. Balancing responsible conservation of resources with maintaining long-term economic stability and wellbeing of Florida’s citizens is essential to Florida’s future. This workshop will discuss the importance of network building and ways to effectively work together for change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimmy Orth Executive Director of the St. Johns Water Riverkeeper • Bob Graham Former Senator and Founder of the FCC • Gladys Delgadillo Administrator, Florida Conservation Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Moderator</u>: Ryan Smart President, 1000 Friends of Florida <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Thomas Hawkins <u>Student Panel Assistants</u>: Adam Heery and Sasha Alvarenga <u>Workshop Sponsor</u>: 1000 Friends of Florida</p>
<p>Lunch Event 11:45am–1:45pm</p>	<p>Florida 2070: Mapping Florida's Future</p> <p>Results of the Florida 2070 project indicate that by 2070, Florida’s population will increase to about 33.7 million residents, approximately 15 million more than in the year 2010. The University of Florida’s GeoPlan Center, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and 1000 Friends of Florida have partnered to explore the issues Florida may face if it continues to develop as it has in the past, spreading into rural lands and consuming almost 5 million more acres in the next 50 years. This panel will discuss these issues, along with methods to implement smarter planning and remedies to save our land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vivian Young Communications Director, 1000 Friends of Florida • Corinne Hermle Environmental Consultant, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Agricultural Water Policy • Peggy Carr Associate Dean and Professor, University of Florida College of Design, Construction, and Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Moderator</u>: Professor Thomas Hawkins Policy and Planning Director, 1000 Friends of Florida <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Thomas Hawkins <u>Student Panel Assistant</u>: Sam Sanders <u>Panel Sponsor</u>: 1000 Friends of Florida</p>
<p>Closing Keynote: 2:00pm–3:30pm</p>	<p>You Can Fight City Hall and Win</p> <p>During the Closing Plenary, we will recap the highlights of this year's PIEC. Former Florida Senator Bob Graham and his coauthor Chris Hand will discuss the main tenets laid out by their book <i>America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall — And Win</i>, and will touch on the many topics and insights offered by panels and speakers in light of that. Ultimately, this panel will wrap up and reinforce the conservation concerns facing our planet and Florida more specifically, and how we might better respond to these challenges going forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Bob Graham and Chris Hand Co-authors of <i>America, the Owner's Manual: You Can Fight City Hall – And Win</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Moderator</u>: Zachary Brown PIEC Co-Chairman, University of Florida Levin College of Law <p><u>Faculty Advisor</u>: Professor Thomas T. Ankersen <u>Student Panel Assistant</u>: Katie Marshall</p>