

The 24th Annual Public
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Our *Climate*: The Only Constant is *Change*

University of Florida Levin College of Law

February 8–10, 2018

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Thursday, February 8, 2018

Reception, Clinic Poster Session, & Welcoming Remarks 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Room: *Martin Levin Advocacy Center*

Conservation Clinic Student Poster Session

Conference Welcome: Nika Hosseini and Andres Perotti | PIEC Co-Chairs

Law School Welcome: Office of the Dean

Keynote Speaker: **Maxine Burkett** | Woodrow Wilson Center Global Fellow, Environmental Change and Security Program | Professor of Law, University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law

Friday, February 9, 2018

Breakfast 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Courtyard: Assorted Pastries and Coffee

Opening Plenary 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Room: *Holland 180*

Changes in Law, Science, and Health

Michael Gerrard | Director, Sabin Center for Climate Change Law, Columbia Law School

Glenn Morris | Director, Emerging Pathogens Institute | Professor of Medicine, University of Florida

David Zierden | Florida State Climatologist, Associate in Research Center for Ocean-Atmospheric Prediction Studies, Florida State University

Student Panel Assistants: Lito Perez & Jessica Lefebvre

Faculty Advisor: Professor Alyson Flournoy

Morning Sessions 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Treading Water: Adapting to Rising Seas Room: *Holland 355C*

Jim Murley | Chief Resilience Officer, Miami Dade County Regulatory & Economic Resources

Erin Deady | Attorney & President, Erin L. Deady, LLC

Jesse Reiblich | Early Career Law and Policy Fellow, Stanford Woods Institute Center for Ocean Solutions

Moderator: **Alyson Flournoy** | Professor & Alumni Research Scholar, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Student Panel Assistants: Aly Siblesz & Hannah Clark

Faculty Advisor: Professor Alyson Flournoy

Decarbonizing Florida's Energy Future Room: *Holland 285C*

George Cavros | Florida Energy Policy Attorney, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy

Diana Csank | Staff Attorney, Environmental Law Program, Sierra Club

Shi-Ling Hsu | Ph.D., D'Alemberte Professor of Law & Associate Dean for Environmental Programs, Florida State University College of Law

Moderator: **Matt Williams** | Director, University of Florida Office of Sustainability

Student Panel Assistants: Katie Slattery & Shannon Boylan

Faculty Advisor: Professor Amy L. Stein

Moving to Survive or Thrive: Shifting Distributions of Species Room: *Holland 355B*

Michael Allen | Ph.D., Director, Nature Coast Biological Station | Professor of Fisheries & Aquatic Science, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida

Steve Traxler | Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative Science Coordinator, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Lisa Davenport | Ph.D., Courtesy Research Scientist, University of Florida Department of Biology & Florida Museum of Natural History

Moderator: **Jason Totoiu** | Executive Director & General Counsel, Everglades Law Center

Student Panel Assistants: Andrea Hartung & Vanessa Fernandez

Faculty Advisor: Professor Thomas T. Ankersen

Lunch Break & Special Event 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Room: Holland 285B

Atmospheric Trust Litigation Update

Speaker: **Mary Christina Wood** | Director and Professor, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Center, University of Oregon School of Law | Author of *Nature's Trust:*

Environmental Law for a New Ecological Age

Student Panel Assistant: Adam Bentley

Faculty Advisor: Professor Alyson Flournoy

Afternoon Session I 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Public Health in a Warming World Room: Holland 285B

Karl Havens | Ph.D., Director, Florida Sea Grant | Professor, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, University of Florida

Afsar Ali | Ph.D., Research Associate Professor, Department of Environmental & Global Health, Emerging Pathogens Institute (EPI), University of Florida

Angie B. Lindsey | Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Family, Youth & Community Sciences, University of Florida

Moderator: **Sarah McKune** | Ph.D., Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, University of Florida

Student Panel Assistants: Rebecca Bee & Aaron Crews

Faculty Advisor: Professor Mary Jane Angelo

Are We Still In... Really? Cities, Universities, and the Paris Agreement Room: Holland 285C

Chris Castro | Director of Sustainability, City of Orlando

Pegeen Hanrahan | Southeast Urban Park Finance Director, Trust for Public Land | Former Board Member of the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives

Matt Williams | Director, University of Florida Office of Sustainability

Moderator: **Thomas Hawkins** | Policy and Planning Director, 1000 Friends of Florida

Student Panel Assistants: Zach Brown & Samantha Jacob

Faculty Advisor: Professor Thomas Hawkins

Climate's Impact on Food Security and Production Room: Holland 355B

Senthod Asseng | Ph.D., Professor, Agricultural & Biological Engineering, University of Florida

Cornelius Blanding | Executive Director, Federation of Southern Cooperatives

Anna Prizzia | Campus Food Systems Coordinator, University of Florida College of Agricultural and Life Sciences

Moderator: **Mary Jane Angelo** | Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Student Panel Assistants: Lauren Barr & Stephanie Pocatko

Faculty Advisor: Professor Mary Jane Angelo

Afternoon Session II 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Water, Water (Not) Everywhere: What's Happening to Our Water Resources Room: Holland 285B

Robert L. Knight | Ph.D., Director, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute

Kevin Morris | Science & Technology Officer, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority

Carolina Maran | Ph.D., Water Resources Manager, Broward County

Moderator: **Byron D. Flagg** | Robinson & Cole LLP

Student Panel Assistants: McLane Evans & Meg Lancaster

Faculty Advisor: Professor Christine A. Klein

No Taxation Without Adaptation: How Taxes Drive Climate Change Policies Room: Holland 285C

Ted Kury | Director, Energy Studies for the Public Utility Research Center | Professor, University of Florida, Warrington College of Business

Dick Jacobs | Senior Counsel, Johnson Pope Bokor Ruppel & Burns, LLP | Author of *Wonderlust, Wondering While Wandering . . . Ventures for an Inquiring Mind*

Moderator: **Jamie Woods** | Student, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Student Panel Assistants: Jamie Woods & Porfirio Gueiros

Faculty Advisor: Professor Mindy Herzfeld

Banquet 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. *Ticket required.*

Nature as Truth in a Post-Truth World

Location: **Working Food** – Kitchen, Commerce, and Culture

Dress Code: Business Wear

Keynote Speaker: **Cynthia Barnett** | Environmental Journalist in Residence, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications | Journalist and Author of *Mirage, Blue Revolution* and *Rain: A Natural and Cultural History*, long-listed for the National Book Award and finalist for the 2016 PEN/E.O. Wilson Award for Literary Science Writing

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Breakfast 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Courtyard: Assorted Pastries and Coffee

Morning Workshop 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Room: Holland 285C

Climate Advocacy

Jaelyn Lopez | Florida Director, Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity

Jane West | Attorney, Jane West Law, P.L.

Natalie Barefoot | Director, Environmental Justice Clinic, University of Miami

Moderator: **Richard Grosso** | Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University Shepard Broad College of Law

Student Panel Assistants: Brandon Pownall & Kaci Poor

Faculty Advisor: Professor Thomas T. Ankersen

Lunch Event 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. Room: Holland 285C

Doing Well While Doing Good: Millennials Making Their Mark

Sekita Grant | Manager, Policy & Impact Strategy, Emerson Collective

Caitlin Pomerance | Co-founder & President, Debris Free Oceans

Gentry Mander | Equal Justice Works Georgia Housing Corps Fellow, Georgia Center for Heirs Property Law Center

Carly Grimm | Associate Attorney, Bilzin Sumberg

Jesse Reiblich | Early Career Law and Policy Fellow, Stanford Woods Institute Center for Ocean Solutions

Justin Caron | Staff Attorney, Alachua Conservation Trust | Director of Special Projects, University of Florida Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic

Saira Fida | Co-founder & Board Treasurer, Debris Free Oceans | Lecturer, University of Miami

Moderator: **Whitney Untiedt** | Partner, Director of Pro Bono Initiatives, Akerman LLP

Student Panel Assistants: Erin Heyman & Sebastien Antoine

Faculty Advisor: Professor Thomas T. Ankersen

Closing Conversation 1:45p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Room: Holland 285C

One Earth, Our Future: Where's the Justice in this?

Sekita Grant | Manager, Policy & Impact Strategy, Emerson Collective

Joan D. Flocks | Director, Social Policy Division, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Moderator: **Christine A. Klein** | Chesterfield Smith Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Faculty Advisor: Professor Christine A. Klein

Student Panel Assistants: Lucien Johnson & Jessica Gaudette-Reed



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