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Thursday, February 7, 2019

Opening Reception, Art Exhibition, and Keynote Address 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

The World to Come: Art in the Age of the Anthropocene | Art Exhibition featuring 45 contemporary artists

Location: Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art

Conservation Clinic Student Poster Presentation

Conference Welcome: Adam Bentley and Megan Lancaster | PIEC Co-Chairs

Law School Welcome: Dean Laura A. Rosenbury

Who's Afraid of the Anthropocene? The Case of Geoengineering

Keynote Speaker: Andrew Light | Distinguished Senior Fellow in the Global Climate Program, the World Resource Institute, and Professor, George Mason University

Friday, February 8, 2019

Breakfast 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM MLAC Foyer: Assorted Pastries and Coffee

Opening Plenary 9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Setting the Stage: Perspectives on the Anthropocene

Location: MLAC Courtroom (Overflow in MLAC 210)

Conference Remarks: Dr. W. Kent Fuchs | President, University of Florida

Tracy Hester | Professor of Practice, University of Houston Law Center

Andrea Dutton | Associate Professor, Department of Geological Science, University of Florida

Francis E. "Jack" Putz | Distinguished Professor, Department of Biology, University of Florida

Alyson Flournoy | Professor of Law, University of Florida College of Law

Student Panel Assistant: Arielle Jeter | Faculty Advisor: Professor Mary Jane Angelo

Morning Session 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Ephemeral Places: Beaches and Islands in the Anthropocene Location: Holland 355B

David Migut | City Attorney for Marathon, Florida

Holly Parker | Executive Director, Florida Surfrider Foundation

Michael Savarese | Professor & Coastal Geologist, Florida Gulf Coast University

Megan Houston | Director, Palm Beach County Office of Resilience

Moderator: Whitney Gray | Administrator, Florida Resilient Coastlines, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Student Panel Assistants: John Pappas & Valentina Franco | Faculty Advisor: Professor Tom Ankersen

Bays and Estuaries in the Anthropocene Location: MLAC 209

Holly Greening | Co-Founder, CoastWise Partner

Shannon Estenoz | Vice President of Policy & Public Affairs & Chief Operating Officer, Everglades Foundation

Tom Frazer | Professor & Director, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Florida

Student Panel Assistants: Adam Bramski & Kaley Tanase | Faculty Advisor: Professor Mary Jane Angelo

Driving into the Future: Powering the Next Generation through Energy, Tech and Finance

Location: MLAC Courtroom

Irene Gutierrez | Attorney, Climate & Clean Energy Program, Natural Resource Defense Council

Peter Westlake | Manager, Customer Strategic Projects, Finance, & Contracts, Orlando Utilities Commission

Jiri Hulcr | Associate Professor, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida

Moderator: Matthew Williams | Director, University of Florida's Office of Sustainability and Energy Integration

Student Panel Assistants: JW Glass & Jess Lefebvre | Faculty Advisor: Professor Amy Stein

Lunch Break & Special Event 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Gee Whiz, Oh Sh*t! and What Now?: Ethical Challenges for the Anthropocene

Sponsored by Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.

Location: MLAC Courtroom (Overflow in MLAC 210)

Les Thiele | Professor and Director, Sustainability Studies, University of Florida

Andrew Light | Distinguished Senior Fellow in the Global Climate Program, the World Resource Institute, and Professor, George Mason University

Brett Scheffers | Professor of Wildlife Ecology, University of Florida

Tracy Hester | Professor of Practice, University of Houston Law Center

Andrea Dutton | Associate Professor, Department of Geological Science, University of Florida

Student Panel Assistant: Stephanie Pocatko & Aleksandra Osterman-Burgess

Faculty Advisor: Professor Tom Ankersen

Afternoon Session I 2:00 PM – 3:15 PM

Changing Tides: The Future of Our Oceans Location: Holland 355B

Ryan Orgera | CEO, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation

J.P. Brooker | Policy Counsel for Fish Conservation Program, Ocean Conservancy

David W. Hastings | Professor of Marine Science and Chemistry, Eckerd College

Moderator: Melanie King | International Policy Advisor, NOAA Fisheries Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection

Student Panel Assistants: Ben Hobbs & Wes Collier | Faculty Advisor: Professor Tom Ankersen

Robot Cars, Seawalls, and Bike Share Oh My! How Will We Pay for the Future? Location: MLAC 209

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Timothy Chapin | Dean, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, Florida State University

Jonathan Paul | Principal, Nue Urban Concepts

Student Panel Assistants: Andrea Hartung & Harvey Halprin

Faculty Advisor and Moderator: Professor Thomas Hawkins | Policy & Planning Director, 1000 Friends of Florida

Keeping Watch Over Our Waters: Florida's Riverkeepers Location: MLAC Courtroom

Jen Lomberk | Executive Director and Matanzas Riverkeeper

Lisa Rinaman | St. Johns Riverkeeper

Kelly Cox | Staff Attorney & Program Director, Miami Waterkeeper

Student Panel Assistants: Sarah Molinaro & Alexa Menashe | Faculty Advisor and Moderator: Professor Christine Klein

Afternoon Session II 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM

Diving In: Exploring the Future of Florida's Springs Location: Holland 355B

Anne Harvey Holbrook | Staff Attorney, Save the Manatee Club

Robert Knight | Executive Director, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute

John Moran | Florida Nature Photographer and Writer

Student Panel Assistants: Sasha Alvarenga & Andrea Bonvecchio

Faculty Advisor and Moderator: Professor Christine Klein

Agriculture and the Future Location: MLAC 209

William Kenney | Research Scientist, Land Use and Environmental Change Institute, University of Florida

Diane Rowland | Professor and Interim Chair, Programs and Center Director, Agronomy Department, University of Florida

Luis Peña-Lévano | Professor, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida

Student Panel Assistants and Moderators: Jana Caracciolo & Melissa Dangond | Faculty Advisor: Professor Michael Olexa

Truth to Power: From Historical Context to Current Environmental Justice Realities

Location: MLAC Courtroom

Catherine Flowers | Founder, Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise, Inc. and Board Member, Climate Reality Project

Zelalem Adefris | Resilience Director, Catalyst Miami

Michelle Nowlin | Supervising Attorney, Environmental Law and Policy Clinic, Duke University

Moderator: Sekita Grant | LL.M, Consultant, Emerson Collective & Florida Sea Grant Legal Fellow, University of Florida

Student Panel Assistants: Arielle Jeter & Saya Perez | Faculty Advisor: Professor Alyson Flournoy

Banquet 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment

Location: Gainesville Woman's Club (Ticket Required)

Keynote Speaker: Maya K. van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network will discuss her most recent book *The Green Amendment* and how communities can organize around this movement.

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Yoga & Mindfulness 7:30 AM- 8:30 AM MLAC Foyer

Teresa Drake | Legal Skills Professor and Director, Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic, University of Florida

Breakfast 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Courtyard: Assorted Pastries and Coffee

Morning Workshop 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Law, Policy, and Ethics for a Changed Climate Location: Holland 180

Ryan Smart | Executive Director, Florida Springs Council

Janet Bowman | Director of State Legislative Policy, Nature Conservancy

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

Anne Harvey Holbrook | Staff Attorney, Save the Manatee Club

Moderator: Richard Grosso | Professor, Shepard Broad College of Law at Nova Southeastern, former Executive Director and General Counsel, Everglades Law Center, Inc.

Student Panel Assistants: Rebecca Bee & Aly Siblesz | Faculty Advisor: Professor Tom Ankersen

Lunch Event 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Connecting Activities Across Generations and Disciplines Location: Holland 180

Sponsored by Emerging Leaders in Science Policy and Advocacy (ELIPSA)

Oscar Psychas | Florida Plaintiff, Our Children's Trust

Haley Burger | Florida Conservation Coalition (FCC) Administrator

Mrs. Merrillee Jipson | Clean Water Advocate, Sierra Club Florida

Danielle Jordan | PhD Candidate, Department of English, University of Florida

Jiri Hulcr | Associate Professor, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida

Advisors: Galen Cobb, PhD Candidate & Angela Walther, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Florida

Closing Conversation 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Surviving and Thriving in the Anthropocene Location: Holland 180

Sponsored by Imagining Climate Change (ICC)

A Closing Conversation Facilitated by:

Richard Grosso, Professor | Shepard Broad College of Law at Nova Southeastern University, Former Executive Director and General Counsel, Everglades Law Center, Inc., Former Legal Director, 1000 Friends of Florida

Robert Verchick | Gauthier-St. Martin Chair in Environmental Law, Loyola University New Orleans, Senior Fellow in Disaster Resilience, Tulane University, President, Center for Progressive Reform

Student Panel Assistants: Andrea Bonvecchio | Faculty Advisor: Professor Mary Jane Angelo