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From the Dean



Vanderbilt's Michael Vandenberg presents "Environmental Law in a Polarized Era."

On Wednesday, February 2, our FSU Law Center for Environmental, Energy, and Land Use Law presented the Spring 2022 Environmental Distinguished Lecture, featuring Michael Vandenberg, the David Daniels Allen Distinguished Chair in Law at Vanderbilt University. Vandenberg is a national expert on public and private environmental governance and directs Vanderbilt's interdisciplinary Climate Change Research Network. His lecture, "Environmental Law in a Polarized Era," covered many timely environmental topics, including the mental models that limit effective thinking on climate mitigation, constraints on government climate mitigation efforts, the role polarization plays in shaping climate science acceptance and support for government policy, the drivers and effects of private environmental governance, and steps people can take to bypass polarization to solve climate issues. Prior to joining legal academia, he was a partner at Latham & Watkins in Washington, D.C. He also served as chief of staff of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from 1993-1995. For those unable to attend the lecture, a [recording is available online](#). We were delighted to host Vandenberg and to introduce our students to his research.

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2022 Summer Program



2019 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program participants at the Florida Supreme Court

Applications for the 2022 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program are now open! The program will take place in person June 1–June 24, and FSU Law is delighted to be able to welcome participants to campus for the first time since 2019. The award-winning program is the largest and oldest of its kind, and its primary goals are to acquaint students with the study of law and to assist them in acquiring skills that will benefit their undergraduate and future law school studies. Students will engage in daily classes, attend numerous sessions on the law school admissions process, and meet with prominent attorneys and judges during activities including a visit to the Florida Supreme Court, oral arguments, and guest speaker sessions. Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are interested in law school are encouraged to [visit the website](#) to learn more and apply. Thanks to the continued support and generosity of alumnus Wayne Hogan ('72) and his wife, Patricia, the program has no application fee and is completely free for approximately 60 students each year.

Alum Profile: Jonathan D. Grabb ('08)

Jonathan D. Grabb is The Florida Bar's new ethics counsel and leads the organization's Ethics and Advertising Department. In the new role, Grabb is responsible for leading a team that provides advice in writing or via the ethics hotline (1.800.235.8619) to Florida Bar members who have questions about attorney advertising and ethics. As ethics counsel, Grabb also serves as staff liaison to the Bar's Board Review Committee on Professional Ethics, Professional Ethics Committee, and Standing Committee on Advertising. Grabb previously served as an assistant ethics counsel at The Florida Bar for eight years. Prior to that, he practiced law with the Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities.



"It is a great honor to lead The Florida Bar's Ethics and Advertising Department, and it is a pleasure to work with such brilliant, kind, and professional colleagues. All of the staff in the Ethics and Advertising Department are deeply dedicated to serving our members as best as we are able. I hope that our members continue to rely on the Ethics Hotline as a beacon for guidance whenever they need."

Student Profile: 3L Cameron Polomski

Desired Practice Location: Open to any location
Expected Graduation: May 2022
Specialty: Environmental law
Field of Law Sought: Public interest environmental law

Originally from Easley, South Carolina, Cameron Polomski attended the University of South Carolina for undergrad, where he was a member of the Honors College and earned his bachelor's degree in environmental science. Polomski will graduate from FSU Law in May with the Environmental Law Certificate. This semester, he will be organizing the law school's Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program with another law student. ASB takes place in Apopka, Florida, and it provides students with the opportunity to learn about some of the many issues facing migrant farmworkers. Last summer, Polomski was a research assistant at FSU's Farmworker and Immigration Rights Clinic, where he managed client cases, monitored pro bono student cases, and served as a Spanish language interpreter. In the spring semester of his 2L year, he participated in the clinic, interviewing potential clients, managing client cases, and preparing documents for a guardianship hearing that took place in March 2021. Polomski received a book award in the clinic. During the summer after his 1L year, Polomski was a legal intern with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of General Counsel. There, he researched legal questions, constructed a chart of public records exemptions, and compiled tax delinquency data on state lands.



At FSU Law, Polomski is president of both the Environmental Law Society and the Advocates for Immigrant and Refugee Rights student organizations. In addition, he has been a staff member of FSU's *Journal of Environmental & Land Use Law* and *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy* (JTLP) since the spring of his 1L year. He currently serves as an article and notes editor for JTLP. Polomski is a returned Peace Corps volunteer; he served in Benin from June 2015-September 2017. He is fluent in French and Spanish. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Polomski after graduation, visit his [LinkedIn profile](#) or email him at cp19r@my.fsu.edu.

"I have met some incredible people at FSU Law. My time here has solidified my desire to fight for the welfare of the planet, as well as to use the law to fight for those who cannot fight for themselves."

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