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From the Dean



2023 SUG participants in the Florida Senate chambers

Today is the last day of our 2023 Donald J. Weidner Summer for Undergraduates Program (SUG), and it has been an incredible several weeks. On May 23, we welcomed 59 bright, ambitious, accomplished undergraduate students from around the nation to FSU Law for our 2023 program. While here, the students have attended common law, legal writing, and criminal procedure classes; toured the Florida Supreme Court and the Florida Capitol; learned about the law school admissions process and what to expect during law school from members of our faculty and administration; prepared and presented oral arguments in one of our courtrooms; met with dozens of practicing attorneys and judges to network and learn about their careers; attended several LSAT preparation sessions; and heard inspiring remarks from program benefactor Wayne Hogan ('72) during a special lunch. Students also attended several fun, team-building sessions, including a retreat at the FSU Rez Lakefront Park, an 80s-themed murder mystery event, and a tour of the FSU football stadium. Many thanks to our alumni and friends who engaged with the SUG participants and to our Office of Student Advancement for planning and implementing enriching programming for the students! It is no wonder that SUG has been twice honored for its excellence by the American Bar Association.

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Faculty Profile: Henry Zhuhao Wang

Henry Zhuhao Wang is joining the Florida State University College of Law faculty as the Tallahassee alumni professor. Professor Wang's research focuses on evidence and juridical proof, exploring evidence law outside the jury context, primarily in bench trials, arbitration, and administrative proceedings. He served as a visiting professor at Indiana University Maurer School of Law during the 2022-2023 academic year and was a professor at China University of Political Science and Law from 2012 to 2022. Professor Wang has co-authored a book titled "Proof in Modern Litigation: Evidence Law & Forensic Science Perspectives" (Barr Smith Press, 2017), and published numerous articles in U.S., Chinese, and international legal journals, including the UC Irvine Law Review and the International Journal of Evidence & Proof. He previously worked as an international associate at Locke Lord LLP in Dallas, Texas, and a visiting researcher at the University of Adelaide Law School in Adelaide, Australia. Professor Wang earned his bachelor's degree from China University of Political Science and Law, his LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, his J.D. from Indiana University Bloomington Maurer School of Law, and his S.J.D. from Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. He will teach Civil Procedure, Evidence, and Alternative Dispute Resolution during the 2023-2024 academic year.



"I've long admired the scholarly culture at FSU Law. The strong reputation of the faculty extends beyond Florida and the nation. It's incredibly appealing to have the opportunity to work with them."

Alum Profile: Danielle A. Sherriff ('08)

Danielle Sherriff recently was appointed to serve as a county court judge on the Palm Beach County Court. She will be assigned to Civil Division RB. Sherriff's previous experience includes serving as senior litigation attorney for the Palm Beach County School District, an associate at Lesser, Lesser, Landy & Smith, PLLC, and 13 years as an assistant state attorney of the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office, where she was chief of the Traffic Homicide Unit. Her numerous professional and community service activities include currently serving as a Palm Beach County ethics commissioner and a member of The Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee. She also served as president of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Association for Women Lawyers for 2021-2022 and the F. Malcolm Cunningham, Sr. Bar Association for 2019-2020. Sherriff's appointment makes her the first Haitian-American judge to serve in Palm Beach County.



"I am truly humbled to be appointed by Governor DeSantis to the Palm Beach County Court. I look forward to representing the bench with honor and dignity, recognizing the great responsibility which comes with serving the citizens of Palm Beach County."

Profile: Celebrating 2023 Grad Violeta Gonzales

2023 FSU Law graduate Violeta Gonzales has accepted a position as an associate in the Orlando office of Greenberg Traurig, P.A.! During law school, Gonzales was a staff editor for the Florida State University Law Review, the Journal of Transnational Law & Policy, and the Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law. Gonzales was also a member of the Trial Team and served as the team's social chair during her 3L year. She was a finalist in the 2021 Wayne Hogan Intramural Competition and won the competition's Best Advocate Award. Additionally, Gonzales was a member of the Hispanic Law Students Association, Women's Law Symposium, and Phi Alpha Delta during law school. She earned a book award in her Gambling & Pari-Mutuel Law class. We wish Gonzales all the best in her new role and look forward to celebrating her future accomplishments!



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