The College of Law’s 2014-2015 academic year was a very full and successful one. This newsletter reviews our full slate of activities during the year, and also lists key student and alumni accomplishments and recent faculty publications. Our Environmental, Energy, and Land Use Program has again been ranked in the nation’s top 20, for the eleventh consecutive year, by *U.S. News & World Report*.

We are looking forward to another productive year in 2015-2016. We are pleased to announce that Professor Erin Ryan, a leading environmental law scholar, has joined our faculty. For more information on Professor Ryan, please see our recent faculty publications below.

All our best for a wonderful summer!

## Fall 2014 - Spring 2015 Events

### Distinguished Environmental Lectures

**David Adelman** (right), Harry Reasoner Regents Chair in Law, The University of Texas at Austin School of Law, presented his paper “Environmental Federalism: When Numbers Matter More Than Size.”

**Katrina Wyman**, Sarah Herring Sorin Professor of Law, New York University School of Law, presented her paper “The Recovery in U.S. Fisheries.”

### Environmental Forums

**Fall 2014 Environmental Forum**: Our Fall Forum, entitled “Florida Renewable Energy,” featured several distinguished panelists, including

- **Mary Anne Helton**, Deputy General Counsel, Florida Public Service Commission;
- **Patrick Sheehan**, Director of the Florida Office of Energy;
- **Michael Sole**, Vice President, State Government Affairs, Florida Power & Light Company; and
- **Barry Weiss**, a solo practitioner in energy law. Professor **Hannah Wiseman** moderated the program.

**Spring 2015 Environmental Forum**: The Spring 2015 Environmental Forum, entitled “What Would Milton Friedman Do About Climate Change?,” featured former Congressman **Bob Inglis** of Energy & Enterprise Initiative (E&EI); Professor **Nathan Richardson**, University of South Carolina School of Law; **Eli Lehrer**, president and co-founder, R Street Institute; and **Dr. Jeff Chanton**, Professor of Oceanography at Florida State University. Professor **Shi-Ling Hsu** moderated the Forum.

### Environmental Certificate & Environmental LL.M. Enrichment Series

- **Vinetto Godelia**, Partner, Hopping Green & Sams
- **Tom Kay**, Executive Director, Alachua Conservation Trust
- **Vicki Tschinkel**, Vice Chair, 1000 Friends of Florida
- **Hari Osofsky**, Professor of Law, 2013-14 Fesler-Lampert Chair in Urban and Regional Affairs, and Director, Joint Degree Program in Law, Science & Technology, University of Minnesota Law School
- **Kelly Samek**, Gulf Restoration Coordinator, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- **Dave Owen**, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Law, University of Maine School of Law
- **Jeff Wood**, Partner, Balch and Bingham
- **Katrina Kuh**, Associate Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Intellectual Life, Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law

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SHI-LING HSU, John W. Larson Professor


DAVID L. MARKELL, Steven M. Goldstein Professor & Associate Dean for Environmental Programs

- Compliance and Enforcement of Environmental Law in Encyclopaedia of Environmental Law (Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, forthcoming 2016) (co-editor with Lee Paddock and co-author of introductory chapter).

GARRICK PURSLEY, Associate Professor


ERIN RYAN, Professor

Student Activities and Accomplishments

**SPRING 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL COLLOQUIUM**


**RECENT EXTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS**

- **Kelly Baker** — Department of Environmental Protection
- **Kellie Cochran** — Earthjustice
- **Valerie Little** — NextEra Energy
- **Chris Hastings** — U.S. EPA, Office of Environmental Enforcement and Compliance - Washington D.C.
- **Sarah Fodge** — Department of Justice - Environmental Enforcement Section - Seattle, WA
- **Dev An Desai** — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Office of Regional Counsel - Atlanta, GA

**ENVIRONMENTAL COLLOQUIUM: Professor Donna Christie, Professor Shi-Ling Hsu, Dev An Desai, Chris Hastings, Theodore Stotzer, Adrienne Kendall, Professor Dave Markell, Professor Hannah Wiseman, Sarah Logan Beasley, Courtney Walmer, and Simone Savino**


**Student Activities and Accomplishments**

**Valerie Little** earned 1st place in the AWMA (Air & Waste Management Association) Student Challenge.

**Sarah Logan Beasley** is writing a draft case note on the 9th Circuit’s decision in *Alaska Community Action on Toxics v. Aurora Energy Services* for the ABA-SEER Water Quality and Wetlands Committee. Ms. Beasley will begin a clerkship with Judge Mark E. Walker, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, in the fall of 2017.

**Sarah Logan Beasley and Stephanie Schwarz** were named semifinalists in The Jeffrey G. Miller Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. They were coached by Segundo Fernandez of the Oertel, Fernandez, Bryant & Atkinson, P.A. law firm in Tallahassee.

**Chris Hastings** has accepted an offer to publish his student note, entitled *TSCA Reform and the Need to Preserve State Chemical Safety Laws*, in volume 30 of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*.

**Simone Savino** was recognized by the City, County, and Local Government Law Section’s Law Student Award Program as Top Local Government Scholar for the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Savino is working with the City of Tampa as a Legal Consultant.

**Stephanie Schwarz** wrote a case summary for the ABA-SEER in the fall of 2014 on *Houston Unlimited, Inc., v. Mel Acres Ranch*.


**Davis Moye** was designated a Student Star by FSU and is currently being considered for Featured Student status.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY**

The student-run Environmental Law Society’s 2014-2015 Executive Board, led by **Kelly Baker**, President, **Sarah Fodge**, Vice-President, **Simone Savino**, Secretary, **Jason Harrison**, Treasurer, **Kellie Cochran**, Outreach Chair, and **Stephanie Schwarz**, Networking Chair. (Left-Right: Harrison, Fodge, Baker, and Schwarz)

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**JOURNAL OF LAND USE & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

The *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*’s 2014-15 Executive Board, led by **James Bodden**, Editor-in-Chief; **Eric Rogers**, Executive Editor; **Jason Mill**, Executive Editor; **Chad Rubin**, Associate Editor; **Ross Vickers**, Administrative Editor; and **Ryan McCarville**, Senior Articles Editor. (Left-Right: Rogers, Bodden, Rubin, Mill, McCarville, and Vickers)
Environmental Alumni in Action

**Silvia Alderman** was honored by Chambers USA as a leading environmental lawyer in Florida.

**Terry Cole** was recognized as one of Chambers USA’s Leaders in Their Field in the Environmental area.

**Jacob T. Cremer** was appointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. The Council, one of 11 in the state, is an association of local governments and gubernatorial representatives covering Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, and Manatee Counties. The Council’s duties include emergency preparedness, economic analysis, and comprehensive land use planning. He is working with Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, P.A.

**Dana Crosby-Collier** joined the ShuffieldLowman law firm in Orlando, Florida.

**Ahjond Garmestani** has a new book out titled “Adaptive Management of Social-Ecological Systems.”

**Justin Green** was promoted from Deputy Director to Director of the Department of Environmental Protection’s Division of Air Resource Management.

**Kelleigh Helm** accepted a position as Energy Law and Policy Fellow at the Getches Wilkinson Center at the University of Colorado Law School.

**Steven Kimpland** has joined Audubon Field Solutions, a unit of Audubon Engineering Companies.

**Matthew Leopold** has joined Carlton Fields Jorden Burt as Of Counsel in the Government Law and Consulting practice group in Tallahassee.

**Anne Longman** has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the Leon County Research and Development Authority, which oversees Innovation Park in partnership with FSU, FAMU, and TCC as a hub for economic development, scientific research and commercial development in Leon County.

**Andrew Missel** will begin clerking for Judge Mark E. Walker of the Northern District of Florida in August. Following his District Court clerkship, he will clerk for Judge Susan Graber of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.


**Forrest Pittman** is completing a two-year judicial clerkship for the Honorable F. Rand Wallis with the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal.

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**Environmental Moot Court Team**

This past year’s Environmental Moot Court Team: **Stephanie Schwarz** and **Sarah Logan Beasley**. They were named semifinalists in The Jeffrey G. Miller Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition. (Left-Right: Schwarz and Beasley)
ALAN RICHARD presented a Legislative and Regulatory Update as part of the Vessel Arrest Maritime Symposium 2015 hosted by American Bar Association/T.I.P.S. Admiralty & Maritime Law Committee, in conjunction with The Florida Bar Admiralty Law Committee at the University of Miami Law School; presented law enforcement instruction on Navigation Rules for Boating Accident Investigators as part of the Comprehensive Boating Accident Investigation Course hosted by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators at the Florida Public Safety Institute; and has been reappointed as Vice-Chair of the Florida Bar Association’s Admiralty Law Committee.

JONATHAN STEVERSON has been appointed Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

JEREMY SUSAC is now the Director of Government Affairs at Sunstreet Energy Group.

SARAH TAITT is a Board Certified Specialist in City, County and Local Government Law. She currently practices as an Assistant County Attorney in Osceola County with a focus on land use law, zoning law, animal law, and public sector compliance.

ALUMNI NEWS WANTED
The College of Law wants to hear from alumni!
Please send accomplishments and updates to lhatcher@law.fsu.edu. We look forward to sharing your news.

UPCOMING EVENTS
For information about upcoming events, please visit:
http://www.law.fsu.edu/academic_programs/environmental/events.html

COLLEGE OF LAW ALUMNI LISTSERV
The Environmental Law Program at Florida State University shares job opportunities and news about upcoming events with members of its Environmental Alumni listserv.
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