

Community Law Series To Inform Public On Common Legal Issues

A new Community Law Series kicking off later this month will provide information to the public on common legal issues.

The series is sponsored by the University of Florida Law College Council and Alachua County Support Services. It begins Wednesday, March 19, with a presentation on **Estates, Trusts and Elder Law** sponsored by the Levin College of Law Estates, Trusts and Elder Law Society. Also scheduled:

- **Family Law**, March 26
(Sponsored by Law Association for Women)
- **Street Law**, April 2
(Sponsored by Criminal Law Association)
- **Landlord/Tenant Disputes**, April 9
(Sponsored by Real Property Group)

A lawyer will introduce each topic and give an overview before opening the floor to questions and discussion. Those in need of additional assistance will be directed to other resources in the community.

Presentations will be held at 7 p.m. in the Alachua County Health Department auditorium (224 SE 24th St., behind Food Lion on Hawthorne Road).

For information, contact **Nicole C. Kibert** (392-2237 or nck@ufl.edu).



Tickets On Sale For JMBA Barrister's Ball

The John Marshall Bar Association Annual Barrister's Ball will be Friday, March 28, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., at the Sweetwater Branch Inn. Numerous professors and hundreds of students attend the black tie event each year.

Tickets — \$25 for JMBA members and \$30 for non-JMBA members — will be sold on the concourse and in the JMBA Office March 17-27. (JMBA members may purchase two tickets each at the discount price.) Ticket includes beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres. For information: **Melissa Pallett** (mpallett@ufl.edu).

Speaker On International Law Tuesday

Akerman Senterfitt Associate **Matthew Wilson**, a graduate of Temple University Law School, will speak on international law issues Tuesday (March 4), 5 p.m., Faculty Dining Room. Topics will include international careers, primary differences in U.S. and Japanese legal systems, international dispute resolution, cross-

border licensing and transactions, and challenges in dealing with foreign language witnesses and documents. A buffet dinner will be served following the presentation.

The event is hosted by the Asian and Pacific American Law Student Association and International Law Society.

For information: **Wendy Timonera** (wendy23@ufl.edu or 337-9749).

JLPP Competition Comments Due

Journal of Law and Public Policy (JLPP) Writing Competition Comments are due by 5:30 p.m. Thursday (March 6).

Board meetings will be held at noon March 6 in 190A Holland Hall (HOL), and March 27 and April 10 in 190A HOL. For information: Student Works Executive Editor **Debra R. Geiger** (debmitch@ufl.edu) or Senior Editor **Lisa Acharekar** (acharekar@msn.com).

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Graduation Reception May 17

Graduating seniors and their guests are invited to the Spring 2003 Graduation Reception Saturday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the College of Law.

Invitations will be distributed in student folders. R.S.V.P. by Friday, May 9, to **Julie Barnes** (392-9238 or barnes@law.ufl.edu).

'Prisoners, Punishment & Profits'

Dr. Vivien Miller from the University of Middlesex, England, will speak on "Prisoners, Punishment and Profits in the Pre-Depression South: The Florida State Prison at Raiford as Showcase" at 5 p.m. Tuesday (March 4), 105 Keene-Flint Hall. For information: Affiliate Professor **Elizabeth Dale** (edale@history.ufl.edu) or History Professor **Brian Ward** (392.0271, ext.251 or wardb@ufl.edu).

Classes Available To Reduce Stress

The following classes are open to students, faculty and staff:

Meditation

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursdays

350 Holland Hall

Yoga

6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays

Faculty Dining Room -

Today (March 3), March

17, 24 & 31, and May 5

Auditorium -

April 7, 14, 21 & 28

For information: Resource Counselor **Ali Kane** (alikane@ufl.edu).

• CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES •

Turn In Hours For Pro Bono Certificate

Students who volunteer their legal expertise for 35 hours or more to benefit the underserved or underrepresented earn a Pro Bono Certificate. To be eligible this semester, students **must** turn in their hours, signed by a supervisor, to Career Services no later than noon March 26.

Get Career Information Online

You can get important job information through the Career Services Hotline. To sign up, go to www.law.ufl.edu/career/resources/hotline and follow the simple directions.

If you have stopped receiving Career Services "Hotlines," sign up again. E-mail accounts that repeatedly exceeded their quota were deleted from the system. Visit Career Services for more information.

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Many firms in addition to those who come to On-Campus Interviews (OCI) list jobs through Career Services, making the online service *eAttorney.com* a valuable job search tool even if you don't participate in OCI. Just go to www.eAttorney.com, log on, then click on "Career," then "Job Bank," then "School Job Search" to search by practice area, geographic



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area, or requests for your class year. For details or an eAttorney password and ID, come by Career Services.

Holocaust Victim Asset Recovery

Law students created a pro bono group at UF two years ago to work on a worldwide Holocaust Victim Asset Recovery Litigation Project. Students traveled throughout Florida to help Holocaust survivors and/or their families file paperwork to join the class action suit and make claims on recovered assets. Law student **Jason Bonin** is now leading the project, and needs volunteers fluent in languages other than English to translate court documents looking for additional claims. To learn more or get involved, e-mail Bonin at jrbonin81@hotmail.com.

(Announcements Continued)

Learn More About UF Environmental and Land Use Law Opportunities

An Environmental and Land Use Law (ELUL) meeting Tuesday (March 4), noon, in 190C HOL will provide information on the college's diverse array of related courses, extra-curricular opportunities and resources, including a certificate program for J.D. students. ELUL faculty can advise you on the best course of study to prepare for a career in the area, or on cross-registration opportunities at UF.

Students can gain experience and make career contacts through the law school's Conservation Clinic, summer externships and study abroad in Costa Rica, environmental moot court competition, Environmental and Land Use Law Society

and annual Public Interest Environmental Conference.

Applications for the ELUL certificate program for this semester are due by Friday, March 14. Forms are available in 319 HOL from Program Assistant **Marla Wolfe** (elulp@law.ufl.edu). Also contact Wolfe for information or to be e-mailed notices of meetings and events.

Students Join Moot Court Team

The Levin College of Law Moot Court Team welcomes new members **JaDawnya Butler, Lindsay Connor, Alyson Falik, Julia Farkas, Frank Garcia, David Gay, Erin Gray, Dana Keane, Douglas Knox, Marie Marteli, Robin McKinney, Marie Privolos, Levi Lewis Ritter, James David Satterfield, Kristen Simmons and Courtney Walsh.**



Construction Now Slated For December

Architect **David Owens** (left) of Tsoi/Kobus met with Legal Information Center (LIC) Director **Betty Taylor** (right), incoming (July) LIC Director **Kathleen Price** (seated) and others involved in the Levin College of Law's building project last week.

The design concept has been presented to the Board of Trustees, UF administration and College of Law faculty and staff, and construction is now slated to begin in December 2003. Updates will be published in this newsletter. Project details and status are available from Facilities Planning and Construction at: www.ufspace.ufl.edu/fpcweb/viewprj.jsp?prj=1032. The site also links to the College of Design, Construction and Planning Report & Concepts, aerial photos and previous work by architects Ponikvar and Tsoi/Kobus.



Symposium Emphasizes Professionalism

A Professionalism Symposium in late February included a presentation by south Florida attorney and UF law graduate **Kat**

Silverglate (second from left) on the many roles an attorney must play in practice today.

Associate Dean for Students, Professionalism and Community Relations **Gail Sasnett** (left) coordinated the event for Fall 2002 entering students. Also participating were (from left) Judge **Phyllis Kotey**, Florida Bar Professionalism Committee Chair **Ray Brady** from the 8th Judicial Circuit, student **Cara Muroff**, Miami judge **David Gersten** and student **Lindsey Deloach**. The event was offered in concert with the 8th Judicial Circuit Bar Association.



Students Get Career Guidance

Students learned about a variety of career paths first-hand from practicing attorneys and developed important contacts at networking functions at the February Career Development Conference (top). Organizers and UF law students **Jordan Lee** (second photo, at left), technology and operations director; **Nick Dancaescu**, program director; and **Chris Garrett**, executive director; credit the event's success to sponsors like Gray Harris & Robinson P.A., and participation of more than 20 firms from throughout Florida. Funding also was provided by Student Government, Board of College Councils, Law School College Council, and the UF law Center for Career Services.

Register By 5 p.m. Today For Children's Conference

Register by 5 p.m. today (March 3) for the conference "Children, Culture and Violence," co-hosted by the college's Center for Children and the Law and UF's Center for Children's Literature and Culture.

The March 20-21 conference will examine where violence occurs in children's lives (family, school, juvenile justice institutions, media and other public spaces).

It also will explore cultural manifestations of violence, including portrayals of children and youth as predators and intersections of violence with race, class, gender and sexuality.

For information and/or to register, go online to <http://child-conference.ichp.edu/> or contact Director of Conference Planning & Special Events **Barbara DeVoe** (392-8070 or devoe@law.ufl.edu).

Faculty Workshops

The following enrichment events have been scheduled at noon in the Faculty Dining Room. For information, contact Associate Dean for Faculty Development **Bill Page** (page@law.ufl.edu). For an updated calendar of events, go to: <http://lic.law.ufl.edu/~page/tuesday.htm>.

- March 4, Professor **Marty McMahon**, “Beyond a GAAR: Retrofitting the Internal Revenue Code to Rein In Tax Shelters”
- March 18, Professor **Michelle Jacobs**, “Critical Race Theory: Moving From Theory to Praxis”
- March 25, Professors **Steve Willis & Pedro Malavet**, “Using a Website in a Law School Course”

Lexis Nexis Certification

Lexis Nexis Certification is scheduled March 6, 7, 18, 19 and 25. Students who become certified receive 500 “points.”

INSIDE THE LAW SCHOOL



Clara Nordstedt (third from right, with Dean's Suite coworkers, from left, Amanda Holloway, Lena Hinson, Sandy Tyson, Doris Perron, Yolanda Mickle and Martina Pelley) has accepted a position with IFAS.

Nordstedt Leaves Law For IFAS

UF Law Center Association Accountant **Clara Nordstedt** has accepted a position in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences as administrative assistant to VP for Agricultural Affairs **Joseph Joyce**. She concluded her 15 years of service here Feb. 28.

“My time at the College of Law has been very rewarding and educational,” said Nordstedt. “I have worked with many people in different departments, and enjoyed it immensely. I will miss everyone — students most of all — but look forward to a new challenge.”

In The Spotlight

Information provided by faculty/staff and news media searches.

Publications/Professional Activities

- Chesterfield Smith Professor **Michael W. Gordon** will arrange and moderate a half-day session on international documentary sales and international litigation at the fall meeting of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association in Brussels. He also will lecture at several European universities. He has submitted the manuscript for the sixth edition of *International Business Transactions* (with Folsom and Spanogle) to West. (Due to frequent changes in international business and trade, the authors have agreed to do a new edition each year.)



Gordon

- IP Program Director/Professor **Thomas Cotter** and co-author **Roger Blair** will publish *Intellectual Property: Economic and Legal Dimensions of Rights and Remedies* with Cambridge University Press.



Cotter

- Affiliate Professor **Paul Magnarella** published, “Questioning the Universality of Human Rights,” in the journal *Human Rights and Human Welfare*. He also has been working pro bono as lead attorney in a civil rights case involving a former Black Panther leader from Kansas City, MO, now in exile in Africa. (See article on case at: www.pitch.com/issues/2001-04-05/stline.html.)



Magnarella

- Stephen C. O’Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** will speak to Senate and House members of Congress March 6 about the constitutional status of national identity cards in a Communitarian Network forum in Washington, D.C.



Slobogin

- CGR Director of Social Policy **Elizabeth McCulloch** spoke on working against poverty and for social justice, “Light a candle AND curse the darkness,” at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship Feb. 23.



McCulloch

Media Mentions

- *The Deseret News*: (2.22) Irving Cypen Professor of Law/Associate Director of the Center on Children & The Law **Sharon Rush** quoted on her book, *Loving Across the Color Line*, and her experiences with adoption and race issues.
- *St. Petersburg Times*: (2.23) Professor /Alumni Research Scholar **Joe Little** quoted on legal implications of city council forcing a family-owned bingo hall to close.
- WUFT TV5: (2.20) Dean **Jon Mills** and Environmental & Land Use Law Program Director/Professor **Alyson Fournoy** appeared on “Law Matters” to discuss the Public Interest Environmental Conference and local issues.

Beyond the Law School:**Meghoo-Peddle Puts 'One Love' Into Practice**

Associate Director of the Levin College of Law Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) **Desta Meghoo-Peddle** signs her e-mail with the Rastafari motto she lives by — “One Love” — and puts it into practice personally and professionally.

“‘One Love’ is the key Rastafari concept that encompasses all aspects of life. Love means truly wanting the best for others, which is why I strive to promote equal rights and justice for all,” said Meghoo, who also is mother to eleven — ten natural-born and her godson, whose mother died in an accident.

Meghoo also engaged the principle in the 15 years she spent managing big-name Reggae and African artists such as Rita Marley.

“I made a point of representing only artists whose lyrics related to social justice,” Meghoo said. “That was my small way of promoting human rights. Law was a logical way to expand my role.”

She earned her J.D. from UF in 1999, and began work at CSRRR in 2001. Under her direction, the center will hold its annual conference, “Rhyme, Rhetoric and Race,” later this month (see sidebar at right).

CSRRR works with local associations and government committees and often is consulted by state commissions regarding diversity issues and training. Most of its work in the community is on a volunteer basis.

“The center was even involved in a project in Ghana,” Meghoo said. “They were giving immunizations in a village and wanted to ensure a certain level of sensitivity to the local culture, so they called us in.”

Volunteering? Know Someone Who Is?

“Beyond the Law School” features UF law students, staff, faculty or organizations whose volunteer efforts benefit our community.

Tell us about your pro bono work and/or that of others here. Contact *FlaLaw* Editor **Debra Amirin** (Amirin@law.ufl.edu) or writer **Deb Cupples** (cupples1@bellsouth.net) with tips or story information.



Desta Meghoo-Peddle (right) has led CSRRR since the previous director, Rahim Reed, accepted another position in 2001.

Meghoo also volunteers with the National Organization for Children of Prisoners (NOCOPS), Take Stock in Florida (TSF) and National Council of Negro Women International Projects, among others.

NOCOPS is a mentoring program for children whose parents are/have been incarcerated, and has sparked the interest of groups in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere.

“This is something new for me,” Meghoo said. “The pilot program has 17 children in middle school and provides mentoring and guidance to children to attempt to stop the cycle of incarceration. I want to encourage them to use their experience with the justice system to learn.”

TSF is a statewide program that provides scholarships for low income children. Students participate from middle through high school, meeting with mentors once a week.

“We help them stay on track during those crucial years, and at the end, they get a full college scholarship,” Meghoo said. “There’s value in all of us, despite economic status or race, and usually people just need opportunity and access and success will follow.”

Several hundred children are involved in TSF, which is funded by private contributions.

“Having a law degree puts us in a privileged position,” Meghoo said. “We all must find ways to use that privilege to promote the well-being of others.”

— By D. Cupples (2L)

Conference Explores Influences On Race Relations

The Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations (CSRRR) will host March 27-28 its fourth annual conference — “Rhyme, Rhetoric and Race: Exploring the Influence of Language, Literature and Lyrics on Race Relations.”

Harvard Law Professor **Lani Guinier** is keynote speaker. Sessions will focus on legal aspects of hate speech, censorship and literature promoting “emotional segregation,” and will include discussions on legal rights and responsibilities and roles of educators, legislators, litigators and parents, as well as interdisciplinary presentations on history and the development of racialized literature and expressions.

Registration deadline: March 14. For information and/or to register, go to www.law.ufl.edu/centers/csrrr/events.shtml, or contact Director of Conference Planning & Special Events **Barbara DeVoe** (392-8070 or devoe@law.ufl.edu).

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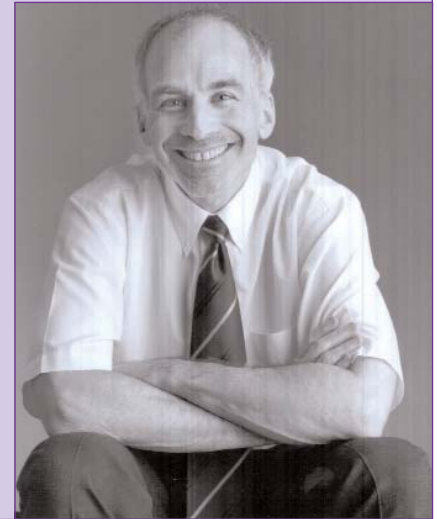
Dunwody Lecture Looks At Terrorism's Impact On Liberty

Professor Lawrence O. Gostin from Georgetown and Johns Hopkins universities will speak on "When Terrorism Threatens Health: How Far are Limitations on Personal and Economic Liberties Justified?" at 10:30 a.m., March 28, Holland Hall Auditorium.

Gostin's recent books include *Public Health Law: Power, Duty, Restraint* (2000) and *Public Health Law and Ethics: A Reader* (2002).

The Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law is presented by *Florida Law Review* and sponsored by Dunwody White & Landon, P.A., Mershon Sawyer Johnston Dunwody & Cole, and U.S. Sugar Corporation in honor of Elliot Atwood Dunwody.

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• LAW CALENDAR •

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| 4 • ELUL Meeting, Noon, 190C HOL | 26 • Community Law Series - Estates, Trusts & Elder Law, 7 p.m., Alachua County Health Department Auditorium |
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| • Professor Marty McMahon, "Beyond a GAAR: Retrofitting the Internal Revenue Code to Rein In Tax Shelters," Noon, FDR | • Race & Race Relations Conference (to March 28) |
| 6 • JLPP Board Meeting, Noon-1 p.m., 190A HOL (Comments Due) | • BLSA Alumni Reunion Weekend (to March 30) |
| 17 • EASLS, 4-4:50 p.m., 190A HOL | 28 • JMBA Barrister's Ball, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Sweetwater Branch Inn |
| • Phi Alpha Delta, 7:30-9 p.m., 283 HOL | • Florida Law Review Dunwody Lecture (see article this page) |
| 18 • Professor Michelle Jacobs, "Critical Race Theory: Moving From Theory to Praxis," Noon, FDR | |
| 19 • ELULS Meeting, 6 p.m., 190C HOL | |

Environmental Law Moot Court Team Competes In Nationals At Pace

The Levin College of Law Environmental Law Moot Court Team competed in the semifinals of the National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition at Pace University in New York late last month.

Competing were **John Kasbar**, **Kevin Regan** and **Natly Torres**. Team coach **Tracy Fullington** also is training for the team, and will participate next year.

"We are really proud of these students," said Environmental and Land Use Law Director **Alyson Fournoy**. "Our Environmental Law Moot Court Team also reached the semifinals in national competition last year, so we feel this reflects well on our program, our team and those who support it."

The team is funded by The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section, the Tallahassee law firm of Hopping Green & Sams, the Environmental and Land Use Law Society, and student government.

Students from more than 60 law schools from across the United States and Canada compete in the annual competition at Pace Law School. The event tests oral and written advocacy skills in appellate court litigation and provides law students with first-hand experience in environmental law. It is the largest moot court competition in the country held under one roof.