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Explore New Cultures & Learn the Law Through Study Abroad

— By Megan Sladek (2L)

While others endured another sweaty Gainesville summer, reported to work in an office or dreamed away their time, some UF College of Law students spent last year's break exploring new countries and cultures.

"Studying abroad is a great way to spend a summer. I got to travel and earn credit at the same time," said David Dodd, who went to France last year.

Career Services staff recommend that students study abroad as early in their law school years as possible, so they can concentrate later on their job search.

"I went to South Africa my first summer, but this summer I am focusing on getting a job after graduation," said Edrene Johnson.

The Levin College of Law offers ABA-accredited summer study abroad programs in Montpellier, France; Capetown, South Africa; and San Jose, Costa Rica. To participate this summer, students must submit an application and \$150 deposit by March 15.

Montpellier, France

You don't have to speak French to study law in France — summer study abroad classes at the University of Montpellier are taught in English. The coursework focuses on comparative business law and students can earn up to six hours of credit (with grades that transfer to UF). The program is five weeks long, which leaves plenty of time for



David Dodd (above, from left), Carrie Oxendine and Jamey and David Burns explored the Pyrenees during UF law's Summer Study Program in Montpellier last summer. The city's picturesque cafes (left) provided popular meeting places for program students (clockwise from front left) Jaro Kracun (France), David Burns and his wife, Jamey, Neysa Borkert, Veronique Bourg (France), Carrie Oxendine, Sara Jones and Stephanie Sauer.

relaxation, additional travel in Europe or even a summer externship. In theory, a student could earn eight hours of credit in one summer (six hours in classes at Montpellier and two hours from a four-week externship).

During the week, students stay in France's equivalent of an extended-stay motel. The program allows for three-day weekends, enabling student to travel to places such as Paris, Barcelona, Nice and other towns along France's picturesque southern coast. Long weekends also make family time possible. One UF student spent time with her young son, and another brought along his wife.

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Law Conferences This Month & Next

- **Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, "Shaping Florida's Future: A Decade of Protecting an Eternity,"** Feb. 19-21, Gainesville. More information online at <http://grove.ufl.edu/~els/>.
- **Law and Technology Conference,** Feb. 20, Orlando. For information: Barbara DeVoe (devoe@law.ufl.edu or 392-8070).
- **"Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education,"** March 25-27, Gainesville. Co-sponsored by Center on Children & the Law and Center for the Study of Race & Race Relations. More information online at <http://lic.law.ufl.edu/ccl/>. (Also see page 8.)

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

'Ugly Man on Campus' Contest

The Association for Public Interest Law (APIL) invites you to stop by the "Ugly Man on Campus" table this week to vote for the "Ugliest Man" by putting money in his jar. (Contestants aren't really ugly, just "dressed up" for a good cause.) Contest proceeds will be used to fund

APIL Summer 2004 Fellowships for UF law students who take unpaid jobs with public interest organizations such as Legal Aid, public defenders and non-profit groups. To get involved in APIL or learn more about Summer 2004 Fellowships, e-mail ufpublicinterestlaw@yahoo.com.

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Help With Taxes

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a **pro bono** project that provides free electronic tax preparation assistance to students and low-income taxpayers who cannot afford to pay for professional assistance. VITA will operate Tuesdays–Thursdays, 5–9 p.m., Feb. 10–April 15 (closed March 8–12) in the student organization office in Bruton-Geer Hall. (The earliest VITA can assist foreign non-resident filers is March 15.)

Clients may choose E-FILE services (returns are filed electronically and taxpayers have the option of receiving a direct deposit refund) or to receive a check via regular mail. To use the service, you must bring:

- Picture ID
- Social security cards for taxpayer, spouse, children and other dependents or official print-out of numbers from Social Security Administration. (A handwritten list of Social Security numbers will **not** suffice.)
- W-2s, 1098s, and/or 1099s for the taxpayer, spouse and dependents.
- Dependent care information.
- Cost-basis information for stock sales, if applicable.
- Bank routing number and account number if direct refund deposit is desired.
- Tax return for 2002, if taxpayer has a copy.

For more information, call 352-392-8835 or visit VITA during operating hours. (Note: VITA will **not** give out tax advice over the phone, only general information about services and needed documents.)

• CAREER SERVICES •

Mandatory Externship Meeting

Students interested in a summer or fall externship **must** attend a mandatory externship meeting. Students who missed last Friday's meeting must either attend a meeting this Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 5 p.m. in the Bailey Courtroom, or sign up on TWEN (see your Westlaw rep for assistance) for an externship small group session. Small group signups are limited to 10 students each and are first come, first served. Externship small group sessions will be held outside Career Services today, Feb 9, 11 a.m.-noon; Thursday, Feb. 12, 2-3 p.m.; and Tuesday, Feb. 17, 10-11 a.m.

Externship Deadlines

- The deadline to submit externship application materials to Career Services for Professor Seigel's

summer externships with the U.S. Attorney's Office is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10.

- The deadline to turn in all other externship applications is noon Friday, Feb. 27.
- Student Initiated Externship Proposal Forms are due to Career Services by noon Friday, March 19. Any student proposing a new externship is **required** to meet with Laura Traynham and complete the New Externship Proposal Form.
- All students applying for **any** summer or fall externship are required to submit an Externship Registration & Acknowledgement Form signed by the student, the field placement supervisor and the faculty supervisor beginning March 29 and no later than 5 p.m. April 19.

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• ALUMNI REFLECTIONS: CAROL BROWNER •

"As a law student, I was taught the skills to make my career goal of public service a reality. I also learned the importance of communicating and being able to work with people from all walks of life. The many things I learned about myself and the world while attending the University of Florida College of Law continue to influence me daily — both personally and professionally — and have contributed greatly to my success in life."

— Carol M. Browner (UF JD 79), former administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); founding member of the international strategy firm The Albright Group; senior fellow at the Aspen Institute's Program on Energy, the Environment, and the Economy; and first woman to chair the National Audubon Society. Browner co-chairs a project at the Aspen Institute — a global, impartial forum for leveraging the power of leaders to improve the human condition — aimed at developing a multi-stakeholder project on sprawl and urban growth.

Appointed by President Clinton in January 1993 and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Browner was the longest serving administrator in the history of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). With a fiscal year 2000 budget of \$7.6 billion and 18,000 employees, EPA's mission is to protect public health and the environment by safeguarding the nation's air, water and land from harmful pollution. Browner also has served as secretary for Florida's Department of Environmental Regulation (1988-91), legislative director to Albert Gore during his stint in the Senate (1988-91), and chief legislative aide on environmental issues to Senator Lawton Chiles before Chiles left the Senate to run for governor of Florida. She was general counsel for the Florida House of Representative's Government Operations Committee and worked for Ralph Nader's Citizen Action.

Browner has received the Advocate for Children Award from the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, the "Mother of the Year" award from the National Mother's Day Committee, Glamour magazine's "Woman of the Year" award, the South Florida Chapter of the Audubon Society's Guy M. Bradley Lifetime Achievement award, and the Lifetime Environmental Achievement award from the New York State Bar Association, among others. She has continued her relationship with the UF College of Law by speaking at commencement and teaching in the Summer Study Abroad Program in Costa Rica, among other activities.



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On-Campus Interviewing

Selections from Phase 2 bidding are expected by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Interview signups begin at noon Wednesday, Feb. 11, for selections received at that point. Students should sign up for Phase 2 interviews by Saturday, Feb. 14, at midnight.

Phase 3 Bidding opens Thursday, Feb. 12, and continues through midnight Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Types of Available Clerkships

- **Summer Associates/Summer Clerks** are employed as paid law clerks or associates during the summer. These positions often lead to permanent employment upon graduation. National Association of Law Placement guidelines prohibit firms from interviewing or considering first-year candidates prior to December 1, since first-semester, first-year students need to primarily focus on course work. Students who wish to apply for summer jobs are advised to be prepared to submit resumes right after the first of the year, as the competition can be challenging. If you are interested in summer clerking "back home," consider using spring break while you are at home to network and obtain information about potential openings and firms that hire law students. Reciprocity services can be set up in advance with law schools in the area you will be staying that will enable you to use the resources in their career resource centers. Also, be sure to check the handout provided at Career Services, "Welcome Orientation for 1L's," that lists Florida law firms that hire 1L's.
- **Law clerks** are paid to work — often on a part-time basis — for a legal employer and gain first-hand experience. (Also can be unpaid.) Positions vary depending on type and needs of the legal employer, although legal research is a common assignment. In smaller firms, law clerks perform legal research, write memoranda, draft pleadings and discovery requests and may be permitted by the employer to attend hearings, depositions and trials.
- **The 2004 Summer Law Clerk EarthJustice Legal Defense Fund** is looking for law clerks with excellent research, writing and oral advocacy skills; solid academic records, and a demonstrated commitment to the environment. Clerks participate as full staff members and are expected to perform legal and factual research, draft research memoranda and legal documents, attend court hearings and client meetings, and participate in press conferences and other activities as case loads demand. These are paid positions; however, applicants are asked to apply for work-study, grants and fellowships to supplement the budgeted amount. 1L, 2L or 3L's can apply online at www.earthjustice.org, type "internships" in search list.
- **Part-time law clerk positions** are often available on eAttorney job bank, such as this recently listed position with a Gainesville firm: "Moody & Salzman seeks 2L or 3L asap for research, preparation of discovery materials, drafting/editing motions & pleadings. Will work more as assistant rather than traditional researcher. Must be able to work four days per week, two-three hours per shift (10-15 hours /week). Flexible schedule, will work around student's school schedule. Must possess solid writing/editing skills. Excellent learning opportunity for students interested in family law. Call 373-6791."
- **Judicial clerkships** are prestigious paid positions for law graduates. The clerks are employed by a judge to assist with research, writing, and review of opinions and orders, usually for one or two years. The judicial clerk often will have first

completed a judicial internship for the judge, who then hires the student for the position upon graduation. A judicial clerkship is a great way to begin a legal career and opens many employment doors upon completion. Information on federal clerkships is available at <https://lawclerks.ao.uscourts.gov/web/jobSearch>, including this position posted for a district judge nominee: "U.S. District Court Law Clerk for Northern District of Florida (Pensacola). Application deadline March 31, term dates are 9/1/04-8/31/06. Prefer applicants in top 20% of their class, law review or other journal experience."

Upcoming Programs

This Week

- **Interviewing From a Multicultural Perspective**, today, Feb. 9, 4 p.m., faculty dining room, co-sponsored with Office for Diversity and Community Development.
- **Life As a Prosecutor**, Tuesday, Feb. 10, noon, faculty dining room, co-sponsored with CLA. Featuring Harry Shorestein, State Attorney for the Fourth Circuit.
- **Externship Orientation**, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom.
- **Public Interest Symposium**, Friday, Feb. 13, 1 p.m., cafeteria, co-sponsored with APIL. Learn about different opportunities available to students through the Pro Bono Project and other community service organizations.

Next Week

- **Lobbying & Government Practice**, Tuesday, Feb. 17, noon, faculty dining room.
- **Careers in Family Law**, Tuesday, Feb. 24, noon, faculty dining room, co-sponsored with Family Law Society.
- **Careers in Insurance Law**, Tuesday, March 2, noon, 283 Holland Hall, co-sponsored with Future Litigators.
- **View From the Judicial Bench**, Tuesday, March 16, noon, faculty dining room, co-sponsored with LAW. □



Public Interest Symposium Feb. 13

These students earned Pro Bono Certificates last year for their volunteer work in the community. Find out how you can earn yours at a Public Interest Symposium, Friday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. in the cafeteria. The event is co-sponsored by the Association for Public Interest Law, and will provide information on opportunities available to students through the Pro Bono Project and community service organizations.



Workshop on Conservation of Private Lands

All are invited to a free workshop Thursday, Feb. 19, on "Conservation of Private Lands: Financial and Regulatory Incentives," 1-5 p.m. in 284 J. Wayne Reitz Union. The workshop immediately precedes the Public Interest Environmental Conference. (For conference information and registration, go online to <http://grove.ufl.edu/~els>.) If seating capacity is exceeded, attendance will be limited to those who pre-register via e-mail to Ashley Cross-Rappaport (elusiveash@yahoo.com).

Many of Florida's most important natural resources are held by private landowners, and a variety of financial and regulatory incentives are available to encourage conservation of these lands. The Levin College of Law's Center for Governmental Responsibility, Environmental Defense and Alachua Conservation Trust are hosting the workshop to explore the potential for increasing the use of financial and regulatory incentives for private land conservation in Florida; inform private landowners, land trusts, environmental activists and government officials about the availability of incentive programs; present case studies of their use; and discuss the potential for expanded usage in Florida.

LSR Speaker Feb. 12 Honors Black History Month

The Law School Republicans (LSR) will host Justin Landon, who at 18 was the youngest city councilman ever elected in Florida, on Lincoln's Birthday, Thursday, Feb. 12. Landon also is the first African-American elected to the Williston City Council, and first in a series of speakers sponsored by the LSR's in honor of Black History Month.

Landon will speak at 2 p.m. in 283 Holland Hall about his experience running as a Republican, the direction of the party, and issues facing black Americans. First-semester students unable to attend are encouraged to attend a reception prior to the event at 1:30 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall. Food and refreshments will be served.

The next LSR meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 9 a.m. (room TBA) will focus on upcoming speakers, events and campaign developments. Donuts and bagels will be served.

The LSRs continue to promote involvement in GEAR-UP, the Alachua County school system's mentoring program for middle and high school students. If you want to help local kids and earn community service hours, e-mail VP Adria Toledo at atoly@ufl.edu.

Journals Available

The Fall 2003 *University of Florida Journal of Law & Public Policy* and December 2003 *Journal of Technology Law & Policy* are available. For copies or subscription information, contact Victoria Redd at 392-4980 or redova@law.ufl.edu.

• MEET THE FACULTY • View on the Profession

"I think the legal profession is a noble one, but there is a tension within it between its capacity for good and its capacity for evil. I think that is why many people have a contradictory view of lawyers — they despise them, but they seek them out when they have a problem. I also think that this tension is why so many lawyers do not enjoy the practice of law.

"In my view, these problems are reduced if one approaches the profession as an art and not a science. When law is viewed as an art form, you understand that it is the relationships between people that are really primary and that law is simply a means to make those relationships meaningful. The practice of law, then, is not about applying rules or billing hours, nor is it about most of the abstract concepts we learn in law school. It is about justice and it is about fairness. Success as a lawyer requires learning how to know justice when you see it and how to craft solutions to problems that are fair to all."

Education/Background

J.D., University of California at Berkley. A.B., Stanford University. Joined UF College of Law faculty in 1990, and has served as advisor to the Black Law Student Association and Trial Team and as associate dean for Law Center Affairs. Named Teacher of the Year in 1996 and Professor of the Year in 1998.

Nunn previously was a deputy public defender in San Francisco, CA.; staff attorney with the Southern Africa Project, Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, in Washington, D.C.; and staff attorney with the Public Defender Service in Washington, D.C.

He has published articles on civil rights, criminal law and procedure, and race relations. His book chapters include: "Rosewood," in *When Sorry Isn't Enough: The Controversy Over Apologies and Reparations for Human Injustices* (Roy L. Brooks, ed., 1999); "Joinder and Severance," in *Trial Manual*, Vol. II, Chap. 19, (Criminal Practice Institute, 1989) (with Thomas Mason); "Juvenile Court," in *Trial Manual*, Vol. I, Chap. 13, (Criminal Practice Institute, 1988) (with Paige Kennedy). He also has appeared as a legal commentator on television and radio programs, and his comments on various legal topics have been solicited by newspapers such as the *New York Times*, *Philadelphia Daily News* and *Chicago Tribune*.



Kenneth Nunn
Professor

Nunn has been a member of the Board of Directors, Florida Institutional Legal Services, Inc.; Gainesville Area ACLU Legal Panel; Association of American Law Schools, Committee on Recruitment and Retention of Minority Law Teachers; Cooperating Attorney, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; American Bar Association; ABA Criminal Justice Section, Race and Racism in the Criminal Justice System Committee (chair) and Rules of Criminal Procedure and Evidence Committee; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Executive Committee, National Association for Public Interest Law; and Bar of the District of Columbia; State Bar of California. He has received the Equal Opportunities in Education Award, Equal Opportunities Law Section of The Florida Bar; Francisco Rodriguez Award for contribution toward advancing civil rights in Florida, George Edgecomb Bar Association; and Clyde Ferguson Award for outstanding contributions toward promoting the interests of people of color in legal education and the legal profession, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Minority Groups.

What You May Not Know

Most people don't know that this is my second sojourn in the state of Florida. I lived here for five years in the early 1960s when my father was stationed at Homestead A.F.B. So, in total, I have spent almost 20 years in Florida. In fact, I have lived here longer than I have lived anywhere else."

Go to <http://www.law.ufl.edu/faculty/> for a complete resume and list of publications.

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Drug & Alcohol Crimes

Association Meets Wednesday

The Drug and Alcohol Crimes Law Association meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in 190B Holland Hall will focus on planning events for the semester and a discussion of the Gainesville Street Law Symposium to be sponsored by the association on March 29 at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, e-mail President Jon D. Gurney (gurney@ufl.edu).

Signature Drive for Article V, Revision 7 Implementation Funds

The UF organization Law Students for the Integrity of the Judicial System (LSIJS) is collect-



Former, current and incoming Editors-in-Chief Steve LaSota (3L, left), Amanda Reid (3L) and Dan Smith (2L) encourage you to gain skills & earn credit through *JLPP*.

JLPP Writing Competition

The *Journal of Law and Public Policy (JLPP)* invites third- and fourth-semester students to enter its Spring Open Writing Competition. *JLPP* enables students to develop research and writing skills and earn credit in the context of the campus' only interdisciplinary journal. The first informational meeting is this Thursday, Feb. 12, 5 p.m., in 190A Holland Hall. Packet sales begin that morning.

ing signatures for a petition to state lawmakers in the process of reviewing the Governor's proposed FY 2004-05 budget. LSIJS is asking the Legislature to ensure that the Florida State Courts System receives full funding for implementation of Revision 7.

In 1998, Florida voters amended Article V of the Florida constitution to require the state to assume a greater portion of the costs of operating trial courts. This amendment, known as Revision 7, was intended to eliminate disparities in funding of essential court services among Florida's counties and becomes effective July 1, 2004.

For more information on how you can join the LSIJS campaign, go to www.lsijs.org.

JMBA Meeting Today, Social Friday

- **JMBA general board meeting**, today, Feb. 9, 7-8 p.m., 190A Holland Hall. All students are welcome.
- **JMBA Valentine's Day Social**, this Friday, Feb. 13. Look for flyers or come by the JMBA office for information.

EASL Meets Tuesday

The Entertainment, Arts, and Sports Law Society will meet Tuesday, Feb. 10, at noon in the auditorium. For information, e-mail EASL President Charlie Jimerson at charliejimerson@yahoo.com.

CLA Meetings This Semester

The Criminal Law Association will meet at 5:30 p.m. in 190C Holland Hall today, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, and March 15 and 29 (elections for 2004-05).

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Challenge Signups Start Today

The Office of Diversity and Community Development and Black Law Students Association (BLSA) invite the law school community to join them in wearing all black Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

According to organizers, "Black will represent the silence that surrounds some of the most compelling challenges confronting people of color — silence that keeps solutions at bay."

Participants are asked to select a cause or challenge and sign up for the event today—Thursday, Feb. 9-12, in 346 Holland Hall or by e-mailing tnfewell@ufl.edu. Stickers reading "Black for a reason: Ask me why" will be available Monday, Feb. 23, in the BLSA office or 346 Holland. When asked, wearers can respond by sharing their challenge, issue or cause.

Participants will gather at 1 p.m. in Holland auditorium Feb. 25 to share and gain motivation on positive solutions for change.

Facing Your Fear of Interviews — By Resource Counselor Jim Porter

All students must eventually transition into the world of work. One part of this transition is the employment interview. Fear of upcoming interviews is common and natural. An important tool in coping with this fear is preparation. Preparation involves knowing what you want to present, being ready to respond to questions, and becoming familiar with the interview process.

Knowing what you want to present includes knowing what your supporting documents say. Studying your resume, introduction letters, etc. helps you feel that you have a grasp on how you want to show yourself to the interviewer.

To ready yourself for questions, think of some you anticipate hearing in the interview. Do not forget to include those questions that you dread answering. Create honest, appropriate answers to each question and memorize them or get to know their main points very well.

Becoming familiar with the interview process

requires not only experience in real interviews, but also pre-interview rehearsals.

Find a friend, career counselor or other counselor who is willing to role-play interviews with you. Going through the motions actually improves your performance while decreasing your anxiety.

Resource Counselor Jim Porter is available to all UF College of Law students for free and confidential counseling and/or personal life coaching during office hours: Mondays (8-11 a.m.), Tuesdays (8-11 a.m.) and Thursdays (8 a.m.-1 p.m.) in the Center for Career Services (244 Bruton-Geer Hall). For individual appointments, call 392-0499 or e-mail pacifist@ufl.edu. □



Community Relations Committee Formed

Dean Robert Jerry distributed a memo Feb. 5 proposing revitalization of the law school's Community Relations Committee, which is charged with reviewing and recommending solutions to concerns voiced by some members of the college community. The committee will draft and implement an action plan aimed at maintaining an equitable, supportive and harmonious environment for all students, faculty and staff.

Dinh Gives Dunwody Lecture Feb. 27



Georgetown Professor and co-architect of the U.S. Patriot Act Viet Dinh (above) will give the Dunwody Lecture Friday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m. in Holland Hall auditorium. All are welcome at the event, which is presented free-of-charge by Florida Law Review.

His lecture will be particularly timely, since a federal judge in California recently ruled a portion of the Patriot Act unconstitutional.

LexisNexis News

- For Lexis ID's or research help, call 1-800-45-LEXIS 24 hours a day.
- For training session information, check signs posted on campus or go to <http://myschool.lexis.com/myschool.phtml?452>.
- If you are interested in online training, go to <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/resource/>.
- Information on training, research, Ultimate Rewards Points and UF announcements are online at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/>.
- Lexis Tip of the Week: You can copy portions of your search document and have Lexis include the citation information for you. Highlight the text and click "Copy w/ cite" to paste your selection and its citation to a clipboard where it can be copied and pasted into a document.

(Summer Programs, Continued)

Of the three two-hour classes offered, two are taught by UF professors who travel with the students to France, and one is always taught by a French professor, usually on a European Union topic. Program Director Professor George Dawson usually teaches a business law course.

Another unique aspect of the program is that UF students get to take classes with French students at Montpellier.

"The French students were so hospitable," said Dodd.

When a French student heard that UF students couldn't find housing for a trip to the Pyrenees, she called her father and arranged for them to stay at her family's vineyard.

"People don't do that in America," said Dodd, who is still impressed at the gesture.

Cape Town, South Africa

In South Africa, students stay in apartments, and the experience is molded by the program's focus on international human rights. Professor Winston Nagan, who is originally from South Africa, is director of the program and his many years of experience and the relationships he has built with members of the South African government and community ensure that students get a well-rounded cultural and legal education. Professor Don Peters teaches Consensual Dispute Resolution, drawing on cross-cultural experiences students enjoy living and studying in Cape Town.

In Cape Town, as in Montpellier, classes meet four days a week. This leaves three-day weekends for planned excursions to governmental and judicial offices as well as other locations of interest.

San Jose, Costa Rica

UF's joint summer program with the



Costa Rica's beautiful natural environment provides numerous opportunities for recreation as well as field research.

University of Costa Rica lasts five weeks, and focuses on environmental and comparative law. This program — like the others — makes for a unique law school experience because students are able to put what they learn in context by taking field trips to places around the country. (When asked to identify the most impressive natural phenomenon she had ever seen, summer study participant Erika Zimmerman said it was the active volcanoes she visited while studying in Costa Rica.)

For those learning about international law, the Interamerican Court for Human Rights serves as a real life reminder of how the law impacts others. For those focusing on environmental law, Costa Rica's rich landscape adds dimension to classroom discussions of natural ecosystems, as does participation in the Conservation Clinic, directed by Tom Ankersen.

Students who want to improve their Spanish can participate in the Home-Stay program and live with a Costa Rican family during the program and take Spanish courses.

Study abroad programs are available to students who have at least a 2.0 GPA and have completed at least 28 hours of credit. (Student Affairs also coordinates ABA-approved summer programs worldwide through other law schools, and can set up individual programs under ABA guidelines for students who want to study in locations without formal programs.)

For general program information, course descriptions and applications, go online to <http://www.law.ufl.edu/students/abroad/>, e-mail Student Affairs Coordinator Noemar Castro at castro@law.ufl.edu, or contact the program director for each area: **Costa Rica**, Tom Ankersen (ankersen@law.ufl.edu); **France**, George Dawson (dawson@law.ufl.edu); **South Africa**, Winston Nagan (nagan@ufl.edu). □



UF law summer study participants like those above can testify that Cape Town, South Africa, is a cosmopolitan, diverse, historical community and recognized center of learning. The University of Cape Town's main campus is nestled on the slopes of Table Mountain in the beautiful Cape Peninsula.

• SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES •

• Professor **Clifford Jones** will speak on “The Future of Private Antitrust Litigation” at a conference on “The Future of Private Rights of Action in Antitrust” at Loyola University Law School in Chicago Feb. 20. He also was selected to the Executive Board of Directors of the Academic Society for Competition Law (ASCOLA), a new international academic society, at its organizational meeting in Munich Nov. 21. Jones is one of only three U.S. representatives on the board, and his attendance was made possible by funding from the UF Warrington College of Business’ Center for International Business Education and Research. ASCOLA was established in response to the increasing globalization of the economy and internationalization and



Jones
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spreading of antitrust law around the globe as well as recent reforms of European competition law. It has 60 academic members from 16 countries.

- Legal Skills Professor **Teresa J. Reid Rambo** has been recognized in *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers* for the third year in a row.
- Stephen C. O’Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** published “What Atkins Could Mean for People with Mental Illness,” in a symposium issue of *New Mexico Law Review* (Vol. 33: 293-314) devoted to discussion of the Supreme Court case that prohibited execution of people with mental retardation. □

(Announcements, Continued)

It will hold its end of year reception and panel discussion April 16 in the faculty dining room.

For information, e-mail gatorcrimlawassoc@yahoo.com.

Black History Month Events

The W. George Allen Chapter of the Black Law Student Association has organized the following in honor of Black History Month:

- **Professor Michelle Jacobs, “Tools African-American Lawyers Need to Succeed in Today’s Legal Profession,”** Tuesday, Feb. 10, 6 p.m., 190A Holland Hall.
- **Black History Trivia**, every Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Holland Hall concourse. Test your knowledge and win prizes.
- **Classic Movie Matinee**, every Thursday, 1-4 p.m., Bailey Courtroom. Co-sponsored by JMBA.
- **Donation Drive for Peaceful Paths**, until Feb. 14. Co-sponsored by APIL & LAW.

For information: BLSA Historian Erica Williams (ericakarol@yahoo.com).

Environmental & Land Use Law Discussion Tuesday

The College of Law has a diverse array of courses, extra-curricular opportunities and resources available to students interested in environmental and land use law, including a certificate program for J.D. students who concentrate in these fields. Faculty members with expertise in this area can help you plan a course of study that will best

prepare you for a career in environmental and land use law, including guidance on cross-registration opportunities in other colleges on campus. Few other programs can match the rich variety of opportunities available, such as the annual student-organized Public Interest Environmental Conference, a diverse curriculum, the Conservation Clinic, summer study abroad in Costa Rica, summer externships, the environmental moot court competition and the Environmental and Land Use Law Society.

All are invited to attend a discussion Tuesday, Feb. 17, at noon in 283 Holland Hall on these and other topics. (To receive e-mail notices of events, e-mail Program Assistant Marla Wolfe at elulp@law.ufl.edu.)

MLSA Meets Wednesday

The Military Law Students Association (MLSA) will meet Wednesday, Feb. 11, at noon in 283 Holland Hall.

For information, e-mail MLSA Acting President Bill Lucier at blucier1@bellsouth.net.

Career Development Conference

The 2004 Career Development Conference will be held Feb. 28 at the Paramount Hotel in Gainesville, and will offer panel discussions by — and networking sessions with — practicing attorneys. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about an area of law they are interested in and explore new interests. For information or to get involved in organizing the conference, e-mail Nick Dancaescu at vnickdd@hotmail.com. □



Diversity Events

All are welcome at the following events organized by the UF College of Law’s Office of Diversity and Community Development:

- “Interviewing From a Multicultural Perspective” Workshop (including race, ethnicity, gender and religious considerations), Monday, Feb. 9, 4-5 p.m., faculty dining room. Co-sponsored with Career Services.
- **Brown Bag, Willie Lynch letter**, Feb 17, 1-3 p.m.
- **Brown Bag, “Minorities in Higher Education: Trials and Triumphs,”** Tuesday, Feb. 24, noon-1 p.m., cafeteria.

News for Seniors, Apps Due for Scholarships

- **Graduation will be May 14 at 2 p.m. in the O’Connell Center.** Senior information is now on the Student Affairs website, and the Senior Survey can be picked up in Student Affairs. The sign-up sheet for senior photos also is in Student Affairs, and the dates for those are Feb 12, noon-4:45, and Feb 13, 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m.
- **Applications for Continuing Student Scholarships for second- and third-year law students must be turned in to Student Affairs by Wednesday, Feb. 11.**

Note: The Academic Success Workshop scheduled for today, Feb. 9, has been postponed. More information will be available shortly.

Submit News for FlaLaw

FlaLaw is published each week school is in session. All are encouraged to submit news of interest to the law school community by 10 a.m. Tuesday for the following Monday's newsletter to Editor Debra Amirin, Director of Institutional Information & Publications, amirin@law.ufl.edu, Dean's Office (264 HOL), 392-9238, Fax 392-8727.

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Same-sex marriage panelists (from left) Karen Doering, Reverend Grant Ford, Justin Flippen and Professor Berta Hernandez-Truyol.

First Lambda Legal Alliance Conference Draws Statewide Audience

Speakers and an estimated 100 participants from throughout Florida converged at the law school Jan. 24 for the Lambda Legal Alliance's first GLBT Law and Public Policy Conference, "Reframing the Debate: Legal and Social Implications of Lawrence v. Texas."

The conference featured a keynote address by Karen M. Doering, staff attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and three separate discussion panels focused on the areas of same-sex marriage, Florida's homosexual adoption ban, and U.S. military policy. Panels were composed of practicing attorneys, law and social science professors, a member of the clergy and GLBT activists and researchers. Speakers included Gary Scott Edinger of the North Florida Chapter of the ACLU; Dr. Scott Ryan, Florida State University assistant professor of social work; Pastor Grant Ford of the Sunshine

Cathedral; Dr. Aaron Belkin, assistant professor in political science at UC Santa Barbara; Jeff Cleghorn, director of the Military Education Initiative; Alison Nathan, associate with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C. (representing Servicemembers Legal Defense Network); and UF law professors Barbara Woodhouse, Berta Hernandez-Truyol, Diane Mazur and Danaya Wright. The conference received support from a number of community and university groups, including the Law College Council, Board of College Councils and UF Student Government, and is planned as an annual event.

"The students worked really hard on this conference and pulled together some fabulous people," said Faculty Advisor Danaya Wright. "It was an interesting look at what the legacy of the Lawrence decision might be."

For information about Lambda Legal Alliance, e-mail LambdaUF@aol.com. □

Lambda Legal Alliance members (from left) Rachel Harvey (3L), President Diane L. Dick (2L), Faculty Advisor Associate Professor Danaya Wright, Justin Flippen (3L), Sherry Jones (1L) and Ken Farmer (1L). Treasurer Tammi Driver (2L) and Jerrett Brock (2L) not shown.



Register for Race & Education Conference

Students and faculty can attend the conference "Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education" March 25-26 in Gainesville free-of-charge if they register by March 5 (lunch provided only for paid attendees).

The event is co-hosted by the UF Center on Race and Race Relations and Center on Children and the Law and supported by the Institute for Child and Adolescent Research and Evaluation (ICARE) and College of Education. It marks the 50th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, in which the Supreme Court held that educating children in racially segregated schools violated Constitutional equal protection guarantees.

Students are encouraged to submit seminar papers or comments relating to the legacy and promise of this landmark case to Debbie Kelley in 309 Holland Hall or via e-mail to kelley@law.ufl.edu by March 15. The papers will be showcased on the conference website and authors invited to participate in workshops at the conference.

The conference will include a special showing of the documentary, "The Intolerable Burden," followed by a Q&A with producer Constance Curry. Speakers will include UF faculty and Richard Banks (Stanford Law School); Peggy Cooper Davis (NYU Law School); Edgar Epps (University of Wisconsin School of Urban Education); and Leland Ware (University of Delaware School of Public Affairs). CLE credit is available.

Visit the conference website at www.law.ufl.edu/childconference for details about the agenda, speakers and registration. □

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February

- 9 • Externship Small Group Session, 11 a.m.-noon, outside Career Services
- Interviewing From a Multicultural Perspective, 4 p.m., faculty dining room
- CLA Meeting, 5:30 p.m., 190C HOL
- JMBA Board Meeting, 7-8 p.m., 190A HOL
- 10 • Faculty Enrichment, Rainer Nickel, U. of Frankfurt, "The New European Constitution," noon, faculty dining room
- Life as a Prosecutor, noon, faculty dining room
- EASL Meeting, noon, auditorium
- Professor Michelle Jacobs on "Tools African-American Lawyers Need to Succeed in Today's Legal Profession," 6 p.m., 190A HOL
- 11 • MLSA Meeting, noon, 283 HOL
- Externship Meeting, 5 p.m., Bailey Courtroom
- Drug & Alcohol Crimes Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 190B HOL
- 12 • Externship Small Group Session, 2-3 p.m., outside Career Services
- JLPP Writing Competition Meeting, 5 p.m., 190A HOL
- LSR Speaker Councilman Justin Landon, 2 p.m., 283 HOL
- 13 • Deadline to Apply for Fall Exchange Programs
- Public Interest Symposium, 1 p.m., cafeteria
- JMBA Valentine's Day Social