Three international development experts lectured in the “International Development: Law, Policy and Practice” foreign enrichment course this spring. ELULP Director Mary Jane Angelo and Legal Skills Professor Tom Ankersen hosted Danielle Andrade, environmental and human rights practitioner and legal director of the Jamaica Environment Trust; Oscar Avalle, resident representative, World Bank, Guatemala; and Otton Solis, development economist, politician and former presidential candidate, Costa Rica.

The foreign enrichment course addressed the international and comparative law framework within which international development is carried out. The Belize Spring Break course, “Sustainable Development: Law, Policy and Practice,” provided students with an on-site, interdisciplinary understanding of the law and policy challenges associated with “sustainable development” in a developing country.

Andrade taught one week at UF law in Gainesville and accompanied UF law faculty and students on the Belize Spring Break course. Her active portfolio of cases involves bauxite mining pollution in the “Cockpit Country,” and a communal land tenure dispute involving Maroons, descendents of ex-slaves on the island. She is a graduate of Norman Manley Law School in Kingston and holds an LL.M. from the University of London.

Avalle covered the topics of institutions and development; role of the state; climate change and development; energy and development; and crime, violence and development. Prior to going to Guatemala, he was representative at the Bolivia Country Office and was special representative of the World Bank for the United Nations in New York. He obtained a master’s degree in business administration from Georgetown University and a master’s degree in political science, international relations from the Catholic University of Argentina and the Institute of Service of the Foreign Ministry of Argentina. He also has taught at the Vermont Law School.

Solis recently completed a one-year visit at Notre Dame University under the auspices of the Kellogg Institute. He also visited UF as a Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar through the Conservation Clinic project assisting the Ocean Crest Alliance with the creation of a marine protected area in the Bahamas on Long Island.

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countries, such as our environmental summer abroad in Costa Rica and our new course, “Sustainable Development Field Course: Law Policy & Practice” in Belize, but we also are involved in numerous international efforts and programs. Our students have conducted Conservation Clinic projects in other parts of the world. Our faculty routinely gives presentations in other countries and has taught in Botswana, Brazil and Poland, among other countries. In addition, we have had the good fortune of bringing in faculty from countries such as Poland, Italy, China, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Jamaica to teach here at UF.

In this newsletter, along with updating you on the many activities and accomplishments of the ELULP, we highlight some of the international activities of UF ELULP faculty, students and alumni. We hope you enjoy this report.

— Mary Jane Angelo

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UF Law Grant Focuses on Human Rights in Colombia

The Center for Governmental Responsibility at UF Law, working with UF’s Center for Latin American Studies and College of Education, has received a three-year grant for a project based on capacity-building for law schools in relation to the human rights curriculum. The first year of the project included visits by UF Law faculty to two Colombian Caribbean universities, and visits by Colombian faculty to UF Law.

UF is receiving funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development through Higher Education for Development (HED) to support this project. Two Colombian law professors visited UF Law in February to meet with faculty to develop the project. In April, UF law faculty traveled to Colombia for the inaugural symposium to announce the project at the two partner campuses, Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, and Universidad del Magdalena in Santa Marta. UF ELULP faculty who made presentations and lectured in Colombia were: Tim McLendon, CGR staff attorney and project director; Joan Flocks, CGR social policy director; and Steve Powell, director of UF law’s trade program. They were accompanied by Philip Williams, director of UF’s Center for Latin American Studies.

King developed a searchable database, Laws of Florida, related to boating and waterway management and worked with the library to convert it into a digital format. It became the basic tool for legal and policy analysis for statutory reform.

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Melanie King’s (JD 08) diverse experiences at UF Law prepared her for her job as Foreign Affairs Specialist in the Office of International Affairs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS). Specifically, she now works as a special assistant to the deputy assistant secretary for International Fisheries. Focusing on tuna, swordfish, and sharks, she works with the team that represents the U.S. at international fisheries organizations where they negotiate annual quotas and management rules.

As King pursued her certificate in Environmental and Land Use Law, she created a model for a post-graduate job seeking.

“My work with the Conservation Clinic in Costa Rica gave me great experience in working with international students and lawyers and in learning different legal systems,” she said, noting that her UF experiences prepared her for her challenging job.

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King also has met several Gators while working in Washington, including the former Commercial Commissioner for the United States, and professor of international maritime law at Stetson University College of Law and director of the UF Law Conservation Clinic, participated in moot court, sought externships and research positions, and participated in international and environmental student organizations.

Tom Ankersen, director of the UF Law Conservation Clinic, identified King’s interests early on as “all things marine.” She was interested in fishery protection and supplemented that passion with her hobbies of sailing, scuba diving and fishing.

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Annual Environmental Conference Draws 250

The 19th Public Interest Environmental Conference featured a theme of The Endangered Species Act at 40. In honor of this occasion, the PEC focused on the evolution of endangered species protection over the past four decades. The conference featured panels on a variety of topics discussing cross-cutting themes in endangered species protection, including whether the Endangered Species Act is accomplishing its purposes; new and continuing challenges to endangered species protection; and innovative approaches to implementation of the act.

Keynote speakers for this year’s conference included Carl Safina, founding president of the Blue Ocean Institute, and award winning author of Song for the Blue Ocean and Eye of the Albatross, and Zygmunt Plater and Patrick Parenteau, attorneys in the landmark decision of Tennessee Valley Authority v. Hill et al., 437 U.S. 153 (1978) (“The Snail Darter Case”).

The Conference also included special events and activities, citizen and attorney skills training opportunities provided by the ELULP Public Interest Committee, and networking venues. More than 250 students, attorneys, environmental professionals and citizens participated in the conference.

Brazilian Summer Program in 13th Year

UF law hosted 20 Brazilians in the annual “Summer Program in American Law for Brazilian Judges, Prosecutors and Attorneys” in July. The program is coordinated by the Center for Governmental Responsibility. It is a one-week program of lectures, discussions, and site visits focused on various aspects of the American legal system. It has been ongoing since 2000 and includes participants from throughout Brazil.

In addition to participating in the presentations, the attendees visit courts, judges and prosecutors, participate in discussions with governmental officials and resource management personnel, and receive detailed information on various aspects of judicial, governmental and resource administration.

All lectures are provided by UF law professors and this year’s topics included: introduction to the U.S. legal system and constitutional law; civil procedure; mediation and dispute resolution; environmental justice; privacy; Brazilian environmental law; and U.S. environmental law. The Brazilian participants also visited with officials of the City of Gainesville and Alachua County; the Criminal Justice Center; and the Federal Courthouse in Tampa.

New Belize Spring Break Course

During spring break 2013, ELULP faculty members Mary Jane Angelo, Tom Ankersen, Richard Hamann and Christine Klein, along with 12 LL.M. and J.D. students traveled to Belize for a one week course in sustainable development.

The course provided students with on-site, interdisciplinary understanding of the law and policy challenges associated with sustainable development in a developing country. Students traveled throughout Belize to delve into international and domestic law issues concerning protected areas, indigenous land rights, intellectual property in biological diversity, water, mining and energy development, fisheries and coral reef conservation – all within the context of national pressures for human development. In addition to domestic Belizean law and international development policy, students were exposed to the unique legal framework of the commonwealth Caribbean. The course included skills exercises based around ongoing projects of the UF Law Conservation Clinic.

ELULP Visiting Faculty

In addition to the international visitors who taught the foreign enrichment course, ELULP also hosted a variety of visiting faculty, including: Maria Magdalena Keng/Kiltzkowska, Institute of International Law, Head, Chair of European Law, University of Warsaw, Poland; Robert Skolov, Co-Director of the Carbon Mitigation Initiative and Director of Siibel Energy Grand Challenge, Princeton Environmental Institute at the Princeton University; Martina Elisabeth Schlögl, Johannes Kepler University of Linz, School of Law, Linz, Austria; Roberto Virzo, University of Sannio, Benevento, Italy; and Jaxian Zhu, Executive Director, China Center of Environmental Financial Law, Central University of Finance and Economy, Beijing, China.

Ankersen Weaves Outdoor Passion with International Conservation

Tom Ankersen credits chance, serendipity, and a passion for the outdoors for his creative academic work in the ELULP, but his colleagues are more likely to attribute his creativity, drive, and non-traditional thinking for the impressive list of programs he’s developed.

Perhaps it was fortuitous that he was born in Rio de Janeiro when his dad worked for Braniff Airways. He left Rio as a baby and didn’t return until 2008 when he participated in CGR’s annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas. That introduction to real life and academicians is a theme throughout his career.

After four years of often-proliferate federal and state litigation, he left a private law firm in Miami to seek work in public interest environmental law. After a stint at the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, he returned to UF Law where he had received a law degree years earlier.

“There were a couple of factors that motivated my return to UF. A key one was an interest in doing international work,” said Ankersen, who today is a legal skills professor and director of UF Law’s Conservation Clinic and Costa Rica Program.

He initiated many of UF law’s international environmental programs during a period when such activities were just beginning everywhere. “UF had such a big reputation in Latin America especially in natural resource related fields. Another key factor was the emergence of the Internet, making communication much easier and cheaper. The early to mid-1990s were heady times. You could put the number of people doing public interest international environmental law in a small seminar room – and we often did.”

Ankersen combined his knowledge of Spanish with contacts who were working abroad. Among them was David Carr, son of the famous Carr family, who gave Ankersen a copy of his dad’s book, The Windward Road, and invited him to Costa Rica. “It was high adventure just getting there at the time,” Ankersen said. While there, he met ex-lawyers and Costa Rican attorneys who were starting Latin America’s first public interest environmental firm.

That initial Costa Rican adventure led to a contract on the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. That first contract, combined with an institutional home at UF Law’s Center for Governmental Responsibility, led to additional grants and contracts. “I have CGR and Jon (Mills) and Richard (Hamann) to thank for giving me the physical space and institutional opportunity to pursue this enterprise.”

Subsequent projects took him to India (USAID consultancy on environmental enforcement capacity in emerging industries); Zambia (legal framework for safari concessions, negotiat- ing among tribal village chiefs, the government and the safari industry); Guatemala/Mexico/Belize (variety of projects involving forestry and community-based conservation in the Maya region); Brazil (land tenure work in the rubber ticker region of the Amazon); and Panama (institutional options for the Panama Canal watershed after the turnover).

As UF law’s environmental programs expanded, so did Ankersen’s vision. “We had just started the PIBC (Public Inter- est Environmental Conference) and a critical mass of faculty and students was forming around environmental law. A clinic seemed like a logical part of the progression.” He credits the support of Mills and former ELULP Director Alyson Flournoy, now UF Law’s senior associate dean for academic affairs, for their support of the concept.

“I went for it without really knowing what I was doing. It remains a work in progress,” Ankersen said of the 1998 establish- ment of the Conservation Clinic. He and his environmental law students have developed a strong clinical program, both in Gainesville, Fla., and in Costa Rica. The students work on projects for clients and practice in the real world. “A lot of what we do on a daily basis is not rocket science, but it does require legal skills, professional hard work.”

The addition of the LL.M. program in environmental law to the ELULP has enhanced the clinical projects because these students are already lawyers. A strong network of ELULP alumni has also expanded clinical opportunities. “The willingness of our alumni to give back and assist with, or even partner on clinic proj- ects is a source of great pride, and an inspiration to our students.”

When pressed to identify a favorite clinical project over the years, Ankersen admits, “That’s tough. Doing the legal work on Florida’s first (and second) eco-cemetery has to rank up there. It’s a somewhat macabre subject that required some interesting research into the cemetery culture and methods for disposal of... continued on page 6
human remains.” He also cites the Belize Barrier Reef Climate Change Petition as an international favorite because it changed UNESCO policy and was written almost entirely by a law student, Erika Zimmerman (JD 05).

He’s also proud of the decade of the environmental law clinic at the University of Costa Rica, which he helped set up, and continues to work with, especially in UF Law’s summer program in Costa Rica. Clinicians have helped establish three more clinics at law schools in the Brazilian Amazon.

Ankersen enjoys the interdisciplinary work he does with other UF faculty, although challenges can arise from institutional hurdles and a pro-science bias of some grant opportunities. But the dividends are good: “Watching grad students who work with law students in the clinic see the legal and policy implications of their work is very gratifying.”

All these law achievements came from a faculty member who studied history and English at the University of South Florida, where Ankersen earned two degrees. He even won a writing award and wrote for a surf magazine. In fact, he’s considered a “surf scholar” in a museum exhibition that will be coming to the Museum of Natural History this fall.

Today he looks for opportunities that allow him to share the environment he loves with his family. He and his son, Dylan, age 15, mountain bike together, after years of biking to school together. As Dylan grows older, they look for adventures that can include his friends. He and his wife, Tina Gurchei, share their travel and academic interests through her work as chair of UF’s Department of Landscape Architecture.

Where else would he like to work? “I suppose wherever the work takes me.”

To donate to the E. Thom Rumberger Everglades Foundation Fellowship Program go to www.uf.law.edu/appeals/Rumberger.

Conservation Clinic Offers Real World Experience

UF Law environmental law students have a unique opportunity of working on real life problems through the Conservation Clinic, housed at the Center for Governmental Responsibility and directed by Tom Ankersen. Established in 2002, the clinic offers students skills training in environmental and land use law and policy through direct exposure to projects in the field, whether in Florida or as part of the clinical offerings through UF law’s summer program in Costa Rica. Ankersen selects clinic projects that provide the law students with maximum experience and benefit the client and community of the project. The clinic is open to upper-level environmental law students and graduate students in conservation-related fields.

Past projects have included drafting local ordinances and comprehensive plan amendments, obtaining environmental permits for coastal restoration and preparin contracts for environmental service payments. Clinic clients include the Sea Turtle Conservancy, the Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education and the Blue Water Initiative. Occasionally students have opportunities to work on international law projects or with local governments.

Chelsa Sims (JD 13) began her work in the Conservation Clinic while studying abroad in Costa Rica. Her first project was for The Nature Conservancy, where she worked to help ensure that environmental service concessions benefit indigenous communities.

Sims then took on the Blue Water Initiative, Inc., a reef restoration and conservation nonprofit, whose main project is removing tires from the Osborne Reef off the coast of Ft. Lauderdale. This reef was home to more than 1 million tires that were dumped in the 1970s in an attempt to create an artificial reef. Years of currents and hurricanes have dislodged tires from the main tire field and they are destroying real reefs by bumping into and crushing them.

Sims helped the Blue Water Initiative obtain the necessary state and federal permits to remove the loose tires and dispose of them. She went with Blue Water Initiative members on their first dive to remove about 100 tires. The group no longer needs the clinic’s services, but asked Sims to remain on its board of directors to help with future legal issues.

“The clinic taught me real-world skills that cannot be learned through lectures and books,” Sims said. “It introduced me to a great network of people in the field I want to work in when I graduate, and it allowed me to work on a range of projects so I could discover what areas I would like to work in when I have my own career.”

Gentry Mander, a Conservation Clinic student, and other members of the clinic have been working with the Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education (BFREE) to create a private system of payments for environmental services to compensate the farmers for converting a portion of their farm to shade-grown cacao, which is used to manufacture chocolate. Farmers have entered into agreements with BFREE drafted by the Clinic. Project funding is provided through a novel use of monies from a Natural Resource Damages Act settlement in the United States. Students on the UF Law Belize Spring Break Field Course had the opportunity to visit the BFREE field station where the cacao seedlings were started in Trio Village, and learn about the nexus between neo-tropical migratory birds in Belize and Massachusetts that provided the justification for the use of settlement funds.
Wolf Lecture Discusses Racially Restricted Covenants

Professor Carol M. Rose, presented her lecture on “Property Law and the Rise, Life and Demise of Racially Restrictive Covenants,” at the 6th Annual Wolf Family Lecture in March. Professor Rose is the Gordon Bradford Tweedy Professor Emeritus of Law and Organization and Professorial Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School and the Lohse Chair in Water and Natural Resources at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law. Her book, Saving the Neighborhood: Racially Restrictive Covenants, Law, and Social Norms (Harvard University Press), co-authored with Yale Law Professor Richard Brooks, was released shortly after the lecture.

The Wolf Family Lecture Series is endowed by a gift from UF Law Professor Michael Alan Wolf, who holds the Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law, and his wife, Betty.

Visiting Practitioner Program Begins

During the spring 2013 semester, the ELULP inaugurated a new program, the Visiting Practitioner Program in residence, to take advantage of our friends and alumni in practice. The visiting practitioner in residence is an environmental and land use lawyer who occasionally spends time in the ELULP suite conducting his/her practice, and allows students to experience practice first hand.

The first visiting practitioner in residence was Ralf Brookes, a 1987 UF Law grad with extensive experience in environmental, land use, local government and administrative law. He is a sole practitioner with a statewide primarily public interest practice. He also teaches environmental policy as an adjunct at Gulf Coast University in Southwest Florida. In addition to providing a glimpse into practice, he assisted with one or two conservation clinic marine and coastal projects, benching environmental moot court sessions and otherwise involved himself in the ELULP while in residence.

12th Nelson Symposium Held at UF Law

The 12th Annual Richard E. Nelson Symposium examined conflicts between state and federal laws. “Preemption Puzzles: Firearms, Fracking, Foreigners, Fuels and Farming” explored legal and political issues of preemption. UF Law assembled an outstanding group of national and state experts to examine the serious puzzles posed by federal and state preemption of local regulatory activity in five areas: firearms, hydrofracking, immigration, renewable energy and agriculture. Speakers were John R. Nolos, professor of law, Pace University School of Law; Michael A. Sheahan, professor of law, Oklahoma City University School of Law; Rick S. associate professor, SUNY Buffalo Law School; Hannah Wiseman, assistant professor, Florida State University College of Law; and Michael Allan Wolf, Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Respondents were Dave Miza, executive director, Florida Petroleum Institute; Amy T. Petrick, senior assistant county attorney, Palm Beach County; and Robert N. Hartsell, Fort Lauderdale. Law student presenters were Samantha Culp and Eric Fisher. Professor Wolf annually hosts the Nelson Symposium, which is named in honor of Richard E. Nelson, who served with distinction as Sarasota County for 30 years, and his wife, Jane Nelson, two UF alumni who gave more than $1 million to establish the Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government Law, which is responsible for the annual event.

Interdisciplinary Ecosystem Course Offered

ELULP Professor Richard Hamann was one of four professors who developed “Ecosystems of South Florida,” a field based spring 2013 graduate course that approached watershed management from biotic, physical, economic, geologic, legal, political, sociological and human health perspectives. The course used adaptive management as a focus for critique and as an evaluative tool. It included daily lectures by local experts and UF faculty and frequent field experiences (boat trips, swamp walks, and interpretive tours). It provided a multidisciplinary synthesis of information as students worked in groups, with a goal of envisioning one or more likely future scenarios for the restoration of south Florida ecosystems.

Students experienced most of the large-scale water restoration and water management projects in south Florida, including the Kissimmee River restoration, management of Lake Okeechobee and downstream effects on the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries, restoration of Picayune Strand, and the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. Students heard from civic leaders, legal experts, water managers, biologists, geologists, historians, political scientists, engineers, tribal representatives and restoration planners.

In addition to Hamann, other UF faculty involved are Dr. Mark Clark, Department of Soil and Water Science; Dr. Peter Frederick, Department of Wildlife Ecology; and Dr. Mark Brown, Center for Environmental Policy.

This course was funded in part by the Florida Water Law Endowment Fund. There are several ways to make a gift to the ELULP’s Water Law Endowment, including making a one-time gift or a pledged commitment payable for up to five years. For your security and convenience, credit card donations may be made by calling toll free 1-877-351-2377. Make all checks payable to University of Florida Foundation (indicate ELULP Water Law Fund #017073) and mail to: Fredric G. Levin College of Law Attn: Lauren Wilcox, Senior Director of Development & Alumni Affairs P.O. Box 14412, Gainesville, FL 32604-4412. Phone: (352) 273-0640 / FAX: (352) 392-3434

If you have any questions, contact Lauren Wilcox at wilcox@law.ufl.edu or 352-273-0640.

Speaker Series Environmental and Land Use Law

The annual Spring 2013 Environmental Capstone Colloquium, coordinated by Professor Christine Klein, focused on a theme of “All About Endangered Species” in honor of the 40th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act. Among the topics discussed were: “Endangered Species and Climate Change” and “Putting the ESA Into Practice: The Ultimate Marriage of Science and Law.” The series was funded by contribution from Hopping Green & Sams and Jennifer Springfield, P.A. For additional information, contact Program Assistant Lena Hinsson (hinsson@law.ufl.edu).

Spring 2013 speakers included:

Mary Jane Angelo
Professor of Law, Director, Environmental & Land Use Law Program
University of Florida Levin College of Law
Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013
ESA 101

Joe Roman
Research Assistant, Professor and Author University of Vermont
Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, videoconference
Listed: Dispatches from America’s Endangered Species Act

Zygmunt J.B. Plater
Professor of Law
Boston College Law School
Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, videoconference
The Snail Darters and the Dam: How Pork-Barrel Politics Endangered a Little Fish and Killed a River

Andrea Argiro

Mary Roman

Mary Jane Angelo

Joe Roman

Zygmunt Plater

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GreenLaw Students Continue Managing Law School Woods

Students, faculty and friends of UF’s GreenLaw are continuing GreenLaw’s commitment to restoring and managing the Law School Woods. GreenLaw hosted the Environmental Conference EcoRun in January from the Law School Woods pavilion and held another workday prior to the event.

ELULP Awards Degrees, Certificates

The Environmental and Land Use Law Program awarded LL.M. degrees to four students: Becky Convery, Chester “Jay” Fields, Jesse Reblich, and Alexis Segal. An additional seven J.D. graduates received certificates in environmental and land use law. They are Vivek Babbar, Rachael Bruce, Samantha Dup, Tara Dubois, Devon Haggitt, Stephen McCullers; and Chelsea Sims.

ELULP Externships

Ten ELULP students worked in externships this summer throughout Florida. They include: Annette Boone, Alachua County Forever, Gainesville; Amanda Broadwell, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, St. Petersburg; Melissa Fedenko, County Attorney’s Office, Pasco County, New Port Richey; Garrick Harding, County Attorney’s Office, Brevard County, Melbourne; Stephen Holmgren, Public Trust Environmental Law Institute of Florida, Jacksonville; Jimmy Mintz, Environmental Protection Commission, Hillsborough County, Tampa; Jen Morris, Division of Administrative Hearings, Judge Bram Canter, Tallahassee; Zach Rogers, Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Tallahassee; Michael Sykes, County Attorney’s Office, Brevard County, Melbourne; Spencer Winepol, Audubon of Florida, Miami.

Student Accomplishments, Publications and Awards

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