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14<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference - Reducing Florida's Footprint: Stepping Up to the Global Challenge

February 28 - March 1, 2008 • University of Florida Levin College of Law

Unless otherwise noted, all events will be held at the Levin College of Law

TIME	WATER	LAND	ENERGY
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008</b>			
Pre-Conference Keynote Speech 7:30-9PM REITZ UNION BALLROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sheila Watt-Cloutier</b>, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, Inuit Climate Change and Human Rights Activist, and Former International Chair for the Inuit Circumpolar Council</li> </ul>		
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008</b>			
RECEPTION 6-9PM PRESIDENT'S HOUSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming Remarks: <b>Robert H. Jerry, II</b>, Dean and Levin, Mabie &amp; Levin Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> <li>• KEYNOTE SPEAKER: <b>Shannon Estenoz</b>, Governing Board Member, South Florida Water Management District</li> </ul>		
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008</b>			
OPENING PLENARY 8:30-10:00AM HOL 180	<p><b>A Global Perspective</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michael Binford</b>, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>David Bookbinder</b>, Director of Climate Change Litigation, Sierra Club</li> <li>• <b>Michael Burnett</b>, Executive Director, The Climate Trust</li> <li>• <b>Tseming Yang</b>, Professor of Law, Vermont Law School</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel Description:</b></p> <p>Amidst an increasing awareness of the ecological interconnectedness of humans and our natural environment, the opening plenary will lay the foundation for understanding Florida's challenges in the context of global environmental issues. Professor Tseming Yang will open the discussion by providing a macroscopic perspective on the state of international environmental laws, focusing particularly on developments in China. To this, Professor Binford will address anthropogenic additions to existing global nutrient cycles and the increasing importance of these additions to environmental challenges confronting the world. Michael Burnett will focus on his experience with market-based mechanisms to capture carbon emissions in the United States, comparing our nascent system with the European Union Greenhouse Gas Emission Trading Scheme. Finally, David Bookbinder will conclude by discussing the legal mechanisms for addressing greenhouse gas emissions and their impact on the development of environmental law.</p>		

<p>MORNING SESSION</p> <p>10:30AM - NOON</p>	<p><b>The Tide is Upon Us: Coastlines in the Face of Sea-Level Rise</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Andrew S. Coburn</b>, Research/Graduate Faculty &amp; Associate Director, Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, Western Carolina University</li> <li>• <b>Robin Kundis Craig</b>, Attorneys' Title Insurance Fund Professor of Law, Florida State University College of Law</li> <li>• <b>Robert H. Jerry, II</b>, Dean and Levin, Mable &amp; Levin Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ryan Feinberg</b>, J.D. candidate, Conservation Clinic, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u> Sea-levels have been rising slowly for decades, and scientists indicate that the rise will likely begin to occur much faster over the next century, with rises of between 0.6 and 16 feet estimated. Our knowledge of the impacts of such scenarios and our planning for them remain nascent endeavors. This panel begins by examining policies for insurance and other subsidies that promote coastal development in areas at risk for storms, erosion, and sea level rise. The panel will then discuss the dynamics of beaches and coastal areas</p>	<p><b>Food for the Future: Florida's New Agricultural Frontier</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Nick Comerford</b>, Professor, Department of Soil and Water Science, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Eric Simonne</b>, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Horticultural Sciences Department, University of Florida-Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Ann C. Wilkie</b>, Associate Professor, Bioenergy and Sustainable Technology, Department of Soil and Water Science, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Dr. Michael Olexa</b>, Director and Professor, Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u> During this century, Florida Agriculture will deal with a number of global environmental challenges not traditionally within the realm of agriculture. These challenges will be brought to the forefront based on global environmental concerns. Meeting these global challenges of the 21st century while providing food, fuel, and fiber for ever-growing populations requires agricultural research focused on the development and implementation of environmentally sound, socially acceptable, and economically feasible agricultural practices. This panel examines ongoing research that is and will be</p>	<p><b>A Thaw in the Courts: The Changing Climate for Litigating Climate Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Bookbinder</b>, Director of Climate Change Litigation, Sierra Club</li> <li>• <b>Lawrence P. Schnapf</b>, Associate, Schulte Roth &amp; Zabel; Founder, Schnapf Environmental Law Center</li> <li>• <b>Harvey Sheldon</b>, Partner, Hinshaw &amp; Culbertson L.L.P.; Former Regional Counsel of the U.S. EPA, Region 5</li> <li>• <b>Tseming Yang</b>, Professor of Law, Vermont Law School; Director of the Vermont Law School/Sun Yat-sen University Partnership for Environmental Law in China</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Jason Totoiu</b>, Staff Counsel, Everglades Law Center, Inc.</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u> This panel will provide a range of perspectives on the importance of and hurdles facing litigation of climate change. From a public interest perspective, this panel will focus on post <i>Mass v. EPA</i> issues of standing and harm. A private practice perspective will provide an overview of the current status of both state and federal law regarding climate change litigation, in addition to underscoring the importance of these issues to those in private practice. For an international perspective, this panel will discuss the progress that the U.S. and other</p>

	<p>generally in response to sea-level rise. As part of this, panelists will examine the impact of sea-level rise on our built environment and the reciprocal impact the built environment may have on coastal ecosystems as sea-level rise occurs. There will be additional time for a discussion of potential policies that could help Florida adapt to sea-level rise.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants: Chris Baehman &amp; Ryan Schmid Location: HOL 345</p>	<p>of even greater future significance in sustaining Florida's Agricultural Future and in providing viable solutions in meeting local, state, and global environmental challenges.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants: Simone Harbas &amp; Sarah Hensen Location: HOL 359</p>	<p>nations are making in the wake of global climate change treaties and how they can and should further collaborate on preventing global climate change.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants: Nick Beisel &amp; Seung-Hwan Hong Location: HOL 382</p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK NOON-2:00PM</p>	<p><b>Special Event - Campus Climate Neutral Round Table</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedee DeLongpré, Director, Office of Sustainability, University of Florida</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Event Description:</u></p> <p>The Campus Climate Neutral Roundtable (CCN) will bring together graduate students throughout the Southeast to address reducing greenhouse gas emissions from campuses and to ultimately move toward climate neutrality. This CCN is part of a nationwide effort to mobilize graduate students to tackle greenhouse gas emissions from campuses and to provide leadership for the future in confronting climate change.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistant: Christine Manning Location: BG Faculty Dining Room</p>		
	<p><b>Special Event - Higher Ground: The Battle to Save Florida's Beaches (20 minute video)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gary Appelson, Policy Director, Caribbean Conservation Corporation</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Event Description:</u></p> <p>For decades, Florida's outstretched coastline welcomed millions of Americans who came in search of their part of the American dream. But Florida's beaches are no longer an unspoiled paradise for people and wildlife. A rapidly growing population, coupled with sea-level rise and increased storm activity, is severely straining the state's dynamic barrier islands. This 20-minute film seeks to educate viewers about the implications of coastal erosion and how it affects all who use the beaches - from homeowners to fishermen, surfers to sea turtles. <i>Higher Ground</i> explores a changing reality, and considers ways we might adapt if we are all to continue sharing in Florida's most valuable natural resource.</p> <p>Location: HOL 355D</p>		

<p>AFTERNOON SESSION I 2:00-3:30PM</p>	<p><b>My Aquifer Runneth Dry: Drinking Water and Diversions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Karen Ahlers</b>, President, Putnam County Environmental Council</li> <li>• <b>Christine Klein</b>, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Faculty Development, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> <li>• <b>Wayne Flowers</b>, Shareholder, Lewis, Longman, &amp; Walker</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Mary Jane Angelo</b>, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u> During the last half-century, Florida has experienced significant growth in population and development. This growth has resulted in an increased demand for water resources, and numerous legal issues regarding how to most effectively allocate these resources have ensued. In the past few years, Florida has been embroiled in a controversy over whether to pipe surface water in rural areas of north Florida to highly urbanized areas of central and south Florida. Professor Klein will address the issue from a national legal perspective, while Wayne Flowers will discuss legal implications of water diversion in Florida. Karen Ahlers will provide perspective from a citizens' action group regarding water diversion in our local area.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants: Kate Horst &amp; Mike McDonnell Location: HOL 345</p>	<p><b>Community Land Management for Conservation: Making Homeowners Responsible and Making Agencies Comfortable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ray Ashton</b>, Executive Director, Ashton Biodiversity Research &amp; Preservation Institute, Inc. and The Gopher Tortoise Conservation Initiative</li> <li>• <b>Jim Bierly</b>, Sugar Mill Woods Homeowners Association, Citrus County</li> <li>• <b>Michael C. Eckert</b>, Attorney Hopping Green &amp; Sams, P.A.</li> <li>• <b>Clay Henderson</b>, Senior Attorney, Holland &amp; Knight</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Ondine Wells</b>, IFAS Florida Yards &amp; Neighborhoods Statewide Builder and Developer Program</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u> As the built environment continues to replace natural habitats in Florida, reconciling the two becomes increasingly important. One of the ways to accomplish this reconciliation is to charge Homeowner's Associations and Community Development Districts with land management responsibilities. Results to date have been mixed. This panel will examine the strategies and legal tools that could improve the ability of these groups to manage both common areas and individual lots for biodiversity conservation. Panelists will discuss the role of conservation easements, deed restrictions, third-party management in structuring a framework, and enforcement and education to ensure compliance.</p>	<p><b>Cash for Carbon: Carbon Markets and Regulatory Alternatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michael Burnett</b>, Executive Director, The Climate Trust</li> <li>• <b>Hal S. Knowles, III</b>, Coordinator, Program for Resource Efficient Communities and Ph.D. candidate, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Michael Wallander</b>, Associate, Greenberg Traurig, L.L.P.</li> <li>• <b>Mark van Soestbergen</b>, President, International Carbon Bank &amp; Exchange, Inc.</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Christine Manning</b>, J.D. candidate, University of Florida Levin College of Law Conservation Clinic</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u> Carbon markets represent a "cap and trade" approach to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Carbon markets transform pollution into a form of currency, which can then be traded. In 2005 the European Union initiated the world's largest carbon market, known as the Emission Trading Scheme, which exists under the framework of the Kyoto Protocol and allows for the expansion of a global carbon market. Although the United States has been an unwilling participant, a number of states, including California, Oregon and Washington, and private organizations, such as the Chicago Climate Exchange, have emerged to lead the U.S. towards a future that is less dependent on carbon. In order for these markets to function most effectively they must account for a variety of scientific, technological, and legal challenges. This</p>
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<p>AFTERNOON SESSION II</p> <p>4:00-5:30PM</p>	<p><b>Funding the Everglades: A Restoration Project in Need</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Shannon A. Estenoz</b>, Governing Board Member, South Florida Water Management District</li> <li>• <b>Kim Koleos</b>, J.D. Candidate, Conservation Clinic, University of Florida Levin College of Law; Bob Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>William Leary</b>, Member, St. Augustine Planning and Zoning Board; Former Director for Natural Resources, White House Council on Environmental Quality</li> <li>• <b>Jim Nicholas</b>, Professor Emeritus of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law; Professor Emeritus, Department of Urban &amp; Regional Planning, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Richard J. Grosso</b>, Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Clinic and Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u></p>	<p><b>Shell-Shocked: The Impact of War on the Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Captain Lee Dougherty</b>, Attorney; Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Florida; Commissioned member, U.S. Army Reserves; Former Florida National Guardsman, 3/20 Special Forces Group (Airborne); Former U.S. Army Ranger (3/75)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Mark Goldstein</b>, former U.S. Naval Officer; Chairman of the Board, Vice President, Secretary, and Director of The Mammatech Corporation</li> <li>• <b>Paula Stahmer</b>, Attorney; Co-chair, Suwannee-St. Johns Chapter of the Florida Sierra Club</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Winston P. Nagan</b>, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law; Samuel T. Dell Research Scholar; Founding Director, Institute for Human Rights and Peace Development; Affiliate Professor of Anthropology, University of Florida</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sustaining the Sunshine State: Florida's Alternative Energy Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>David Guest</b>, Managing attorney, Earthjustice, Tallahassee Office</li> <li>• <b>Charles Pattison</b>, Executive Director, 1000 Friends of Florida; member, Florida Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change</li> <li>• <b>Winifred Perkins</b>, Manager of Environmental Relations, Florida Power and Light Company</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Eric D. Wachsman</b>, Director, Florida Institute for Sustainable Energy and Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Jane West</b>, Founding Partner, Collins &amp; West, P.A.</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u></p> <p>Florida Governor Charlie Crist signed three Executive Orders on July 13, 2007, to establish an immediate, multi-pronged strategy to reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions. These orders call for increased energy efficiency and increased use of</p>

	<p>The earth's ecosystems are increasingly beyond the need for mere conservation and in need of large-scale affirmative restoration. Florida is on the leading edge of the coordination between federal and state law and funding to implement large-scale restoration projects. The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) is the world's largest environmental restoration plan. It envisions a 50-50 federal and state funding partnership. Since the initial federal appropriations in 2000, however, federal funding for Everglades restoration projects has been significantly reduced. This panel will focus on the state and federal funding for environmental restoration projects, based largely on the Everglades experience. The panelists will evaluate the general process for funding of restoration projects, address the recent Water Resources Act of 2007, and discuss innovative approaches to large-scale restoration funding.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistant: Patricia Camino Location: HOL 345</p>	<p><u>Panel Description:</u></p> <p>The direct impact of an explosion has a very visible effect on the immediate environment, but this is only one of many long-term impacts. During times of war, the impact we have on the environment can seem all the more important to discuss. With the increase in military spending comes an increase in military activity, not only in the war zone, but also across numerous military areas such as bases and training sites. This panel will focus on better understanding the real and potential effects war has on the environment, both immediate and long-term.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants: Jeremy Taylor &amp; Erin Ruff Location: HOL 359</p>	<p>alternative and renewable energy sources. This panel will discuss Florida's needs for sustainable energy within the scope of these Executive Orders. The panelists' varied perspectives and presentations will evaluate alternative energy sources and examine what steps can be taken to increase their use and overall energy efficiency in Florida.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistant: Leslie Rogoff Location: HOL 382</p>
<p>BANQUET 7:00-10:00PM HARN MUSEUM OF ART</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KEYNOTE SPEAKER: <b>David Hunter</b>, Assistant Professor of Law and Director, Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law at American University Washington College of Law</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Saturday, March 1, 2008</b></p>			
<p>WORKSHOP 9:00-10:30AM BG CAFETERIA</p>	<p><b>Citizen Planning: Effective Public Participation in the Land Use Process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bob Cohen</b>, Member, City of Gainesville Planning and Zoning Board</li> <li><b>Dr. Kim Davidson</b>, M.D., Coalition for Responsible Growth</li> <li><b>Richard J. Grosso</b>, Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Clinic and Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Al Hadeed</b>, County Attorney, Flagler County</li> </ul> <p><u>Workshop Description:</u></p> <p>This workshop will focus on the best practices that citizens need to effectively participate in the land use process. The discussants will describe the respective roles of citizen advocates, attorneys and planners in the comprehensive planning process and discuss best practices they believe can be applied universally to participation in the land use arena. They will offer suggestions on how to make the most of legal and planning expertise on a shoestring budget, and the appropriate role of lawyers as well as citizens and experts in the public participation process. They will also address effective communication skills and other practical information for land use advocates, their experts and their counsel.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistant: Melissa Hochmuth</p>		
<p>MORNING SESSION</p> <p>11:00AM-12:30PM</p>	<p><b>Water and Dam-Nations: Environmental Injustices and Dams</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ruben Orlando Gonzalez</b>, Founding member, Alliance for Conservation and Development; Rotary Foundation World Peace Scholar, Duke University</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith</b>, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Gaby Stocks</b>, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Thomas Ruppert</b>, Assistant in Environmental Law, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u></p> <p>This panel will focus on dams as the center of environmental justice issues. The panelists will highlight dams in Costa Rica and Panama. Specifically, the panelists will address environmental justice issues surrounding the motivation for dam</p>	<p><b>All Creatures Great and Small: Planning for Humans and Biodiversity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Terry Gibson</b>, Editor, The Florida Sportsman</li> <li>• <b>Eugene Kelly</b>, State Conservation Planner, The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>• <b>Preston Robertson</b>, Vice President and General Counsel, Florida Wildlife Federation</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Janet Bowman</b>, Associate Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u></p> <p>Habitat destruction, pollution, and a changing climate put great pressure on biodiversity. This panel explores the critical issues of biodiversity loss, explains its disturbing rate of occurrence, and emphasizes prospective solutions to these issues. The primary focus will highlight conservation planning, which aims to protect biodiversity by finding a balance between the location of development and the location of protected areas, thus allowing for the movement of species in the face of a changing climate. Terry Gibson will</p>	<p><b>Communication Breakdown: Science Education for Policymakers and Policy Education for Scientists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Judith T. Kildow</b>, Director, The National Ocean Economics Program, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute</li> <li>• <b>Jon Mills</b>, Dean Emeritus, Professor of Law, Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Stephen Mulkey</b>, Professor, Department of Botany and Coordinator, Sustainability Science, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Florida</li> <li>• <b>Jim Swann</b>, Former Governing Board Member, St. Johns River Water Management District</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Alyson Flournoy</b>, Professor of Law, Director of the Environmental and Land Use Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law</li> </ul> <p><u>Panel Description:</u></p>

	<p>construction. These issues include relocation, displacement, resettlement, and the allocation of benefits.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants: Kara Wick &amp; Rebecca Sable</p> <p>Location: HOL 285D</p>	<p>provide personal insight into the loss of biodiversity suffered in Florida. Eugene Kelly will address the causes of biodiversity loss, focusing primarily on climate change and sea-level rise. Preston Robertson will present the State of Florida's perspective on conservation planning.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants: Anthony Pinzino &amp; Andy Miller</p> <p>Location: HOL 285C</p>	<p>One of the greatest challenges in developing and implementing environmental policy is communication between scientists and policymakers. It is important to train scientists and policymakers to understand each other's limitations and needs in order to make the transfer of information effective. In order for sound policy to be formulated, social scientists, natural scientists, and policymakers need to be able to understand each other's perspective in order for informed environmental policies. This panel will discuss the inherent difficulties in and strategies for achieving a smoother dialogue between scientists and policymakers in developing environmental policy from three different perspectives.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistant: Erik Edmonds</p> <p>Location: HOL 285B</p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK</p> <p>12:30-1:30PM</p>	<p><b>Special Event - Natural Florida: In Word, Image, and Deed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Produced and directed by Steve Robitaille, Professor, Santa Fe Community College</li> </ul> <p><u>Special Event Description:</u></p> <p>English and Media Studies Professor Dr. Steve Robitaille hosts a multi-media presentation that explores how artists, painters, photographers, musicians, and writers have represented the natural wonders of Florida from the 1500s to the present. Painter Ellie Blair will produce a painting during the program, while the audience listens to singer/songwriters Cathy DeWitt and Janet Rucker; and poet Lola Haskins will read from her work.</p> <p>Location: HOL 285B</p>		
<p>CLOSING PLENARY</p> <p>1:30-3:30PM</p> <p>HOL 180</p>	<p><b>The Focus on Florida</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cynthia Barnett</b>, author of <i>Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.</i> and journalist</li> <li><b>Tommy Boroughs</b>, Partner, Holland &amp; Knight; Chair, Florida Energy Commission; member, Florida Governor's Action Team on Energy and Climate Change</li> <li><b>Dr. Stephen Mulkey</b>, Professor, Department of Botany and Coordinator of Sustainability Science, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Florida</li> <li><b>Moderator: Thomas T. Ankersen</b>, Professor of Law, Director of the Conservation Clinic, Center for Governmental Responsibility,</li> </ul>		

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**Panel Description:**

With nearly 1800 miles of coastline, Florida is the country's fourth fastest growing state. Each day brings nearly 1000 new residents to tee off on over 1200 golf courses and to contribute to Florida's ecological footprint. Ranked among the top thirty international contributors to greenhouse gas emissions, Florida undoubtedly has a significant impact on the regional, national, and international environment. The closing plenary will refocus the Conference discussion on Florida and the state of its environment. In the increasingly heated battleground for Florida's water resources, journalist and author Cynthia Barnett will discuss Florida's water issues, both the current state and the future implications of increased urbanization and consumption. Dr. Stephen Mulkey will further examine issues related to sustainable land-use and to preservation of the natural biodiversity of the state. From the energy perspective, Tommy Boroughs will give an overview of the state government's recommendations for a sustainable energy future for Florida. Finally, John H. Hankinson will close this year's Conference with a song of promise and determination to reduce Florida's footprint.