

16th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference
 Bringing It All Back Home : Leadership, Land Use, and Locanomics
 February 25 - February 27, 2010
 University of Florida Levin College of Law

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

TIME	LOCAL LEADERSHIP	LOCAL LAND USE	LOCAL ECONOMICS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010			
RECEPTION 6-9PM UF LAW LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER	Welcoming Remarks: Robert H. Jerry, II , Dean and Levin, Mabie & Levin Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Julian Juergensmeyer , Ben F. Johnson Chair in Law at Georgia State University College of Law and Co-Director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Metropolitan Growth.		
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010			
OPENING PLENARY 8:30- 10:00AM	Darrin Nordahl , Author of <u>My Kind of Transit: Rethinking Public Transportation in America</u> and <u>Public Produce: The New Urban Agriculture</u> Dr. Michael Rosenzweig , Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Author of <u>Win-Win Ecology</u>		
MORNING SESSION 10:30AM - NOON	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Leadership Panel I:</u> From Zeal to Commonweal: Reconciling Private Interest, Environmental Stewardship, and Ethical Duties</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Nicole Kibert, Associate, Carlton Fields; member of the Real Estate & Finance Practice Group and the Community, Condominium and Resort Development Group. Among her other activities, she heads the firm's "Go Green" initiative which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of business practices.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Land Use Panel I:</u> Spaces Between Places: Regreening the Urban Fabric</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Watershed Narratives: An Urban Stream Restoration Methodology</i></p> <p>Kenneth Yocum, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Washington</p> <p><i>The Green Leap: Creating Communities that Restore and Maintain Biological Diversity</i></p> <p>Mark Hostetler, Associate Professor, Wildlife</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Local Economics Panel I:</u> Sustainable Agriculture: Local and Life Cycle Approaches</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Michael Stephenson, Walmart, Senior Director of Safety & Environmental Compliance</p> <p>Wesley Ingwerson, Center for Environmental Policy, University of Florida; PhD candidate in the UF Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences and a Research Associate at the Center for Environmental Policy. In his dissertation work he is</p>

	<p>Richard Hamann, Governing Board Member, St. Johns River Water Management District</p> <p>John King, President and CEO of Water and Air Research, Inc.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Katrina Schwartz, Professor, UF Department of Political Science</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>This panel will explore the conflicts that can arise between personal values and professional responsibilities with respect to environmental interests. The discussion will cover ethical considerations, the tensions between public and private sectors, implementation in private practice, and other relevant topics.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Sheri Coverman Kathryn Barkett</p>	<p>Conservation & Ecology, University of Florida & UF IFAS Program for Resource Efficient Communities</p> <p><i>40 Acres and a Tax Exemption: Issues and Strategies in Protecting Urban Biodiversity</i></p> <p>Janet Bowman, Director of Legislative Policies & Strategies, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <p>Michael Rosenzweig, Professor of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Author of “Win-Win Ecology”</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>Studies show that urban areas are becoming increasingly less biodiverse. This trend not only risks converting cities into biological deserts, it may also affect the way humans interact with the environment, treating it as external to their own existence. This panel will address urban ecology strategies for maintaining and restoring ecological health within human dominated systems.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Jennilyn Thibouet James Davies</p>	<p>developing new tools using life cycle assessment and other environmental accounting methods for evaluation of the sustainability of products.</p> <p>Scott Sager, Senior Forester with Environmental Services, Inc. (ESI) in Jacksonville, Florida; he provides consultation regarding the management of natural sources to generate a variety of ecosystem service credits, including wetland mitigation credits, wildlife habitat credits, and carbon credits.</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>The speakers in this panel will discuss the way product indexing, labeling, and certification make it possible for consumers to drive sustainable practices through their purchasing decisions. The presentations will address both the development and implementation of environmental product labeling systems in the context of agriculture, consumer product retailing, construction and forestry.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Miles Belknap Farrell Tripp</p>
<p>SPECIAL LUNCH PRESENTATION 1:00-2:00PM</p>	<p><u>Restoring the Trust: Water Resources and the Public Trust Doctrine</u></p> <p>Much of the battle to preserve and protect water resources happens at the state and local levels—in any number of policy choices advocated and made by individuals, organizations, companies, and governments. In recent years, water activists have begun to deploy a new tool geared to shape these decisions. Long-established in legal jurisprudence, the <i>public trust doctrine</i> holds that certain natural resources belong to all and cannot be privately owned or controlled because of their intrinsic value to each individual and society. While water resources protected under the doctrine may not be <i>monopolized</i> by private entities, they nevertheless face great strains today from private use and misuse.</p> <p>This panel will explore the specific application of the public trust doctrine to the protection of surface water and groundwater resources.</p>		

	<p>This panel is based on a 2009 publication by the Center for Progressive Reform, <i>Restoring the Trust: Water Resources and the Public Trust Doctrine, A Manual for Advocates</i>. This panel will introduce water and environmental advocates to both the opportunities and limitations of applying the doctrine to water protection efforts and encourages reconsideration and reassessment of the legal doctrine to confront the challenges facing modern freshwater management at the state level.</p> <p>Link to CPR webpage: http://www.progressivereform.org/pubtrustwater.cfm</p> <p>Alexandra B. Klass is a Professor at the University of Minnesota Law School and a Member Scholar with the Center for Progressive Reform. She teaches and writes in the areas of environmental, natural resources, tort, and property law. Some of her scholarly work has appeared or is forthcoming in <i>Harvard Environmental Law Review</i>, <i>William & Mary Law Review</i>, <i>Iowa Law Review</i>, <i>Notre Dame Law Review</i>, <i>Minnesota Law Review</i>, <i>University of Colorado Law Review</i>, and <i>Ecology Law Quarterly</i>.</p> <p>Yee Huang, J.D., L.L.M., is a Policy Analyst with the Center for Progressive Reform, a nonprofit research and educational organization based in Washington, D.C. Her work focuses on state and federal water law reform.</p>		
<p>AFTERNOON SESSION I 2:00-3:30PM</p>	<p><u>Local Leadership Panel II:</u> The Ripple Effect: Case Studies of Law and Local Leadership</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Joe Browder, Environmental Consultant, Dunlap & Browder; Everglades activist since 1961; founding Conservation Director, Friends of the Earth</p> <p>Margaret Spontak, Senior Vice President for Workforce Connection in Ocala, Florida</p> <p>December McSherry, Owner, McSherry Farm, Environmental activist</p> <p>Mallory O'Connor, co-author <u>Florida's American Heritage River: Images from the St. Johns Region</u></p> <p>L Powers, Founder of the Dolphin Foundation</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Jack E. Davis, Associate Professor and 2009-2010 Waldo W. Neikirk Term</p>	<p><u>Local Land Use Panel II:</u> The Sea Around Us: Coastal Communities, Sea Level Rise and Ecosystem Migration</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>A conceptual framework for restoration and conservation of coastal ecosystems subject to chronic sea-level rise</i></p> <p>Loretta L. Battaglia, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale</p> <p><i>Climate Ready Estuaries: The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program - A Case Study in Adaptation Planning</i></p> <p>Lisa Beever, PhD. Executive Director, Charlotte Harbor Estuary Program</p> <p><i>Comprehensive Plan Policies, Land Development Regulations and Parcel Specific Implementation Strategies to Address Sea Level Rise Adaptation and Ecosystem Migration in Florida</i></p> <p>Krystle Macadangdang, LLM candidate & Melissa Newmons, J.D. Candidate, University</p>	<p><u>Local Economics Panel II:</u> Reintegrating Agriculture into the Urban Environment: Regulatory and Planning Hurdles for the Local Food Movement</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Marty Mesh, Executive Director of Gainesville's Florida Organic Growers (FOG) organization</p> <p>Pamela Jo Hatley, Tampa-area attorney who specializes in zoning, land use and environmental issues.</p> <p>Rick Martinez, owner and operator of Sweetwater Community Organic Farm in Tampa</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Danielle Treadwell, Assistant Professor, UF Dept. of Horticultural Sciences</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>The local food movement is growing quickly, but proponents face significant regulatory</p>

	<p>Professor, Department of History, University of Florida, author, <u>An Everglades Providence: Marjorie Stoneman Douglas and the American Environmental Century</u></p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>This panel will address how a grassroots environmental group that was formed for a specific local purpose can have further reaching unintended effects. Specifically, grassroots groups have the ability to inspire action in other people, areas, and issues. The panel will feature three Floridian activists, two from South Florida and one from the St. Johns watershed. The moderator is a Professor of History at the University of Florida who specializes in environmental topics.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Dan Harris Debbie Tyson</p>	<p>of Florida Conservation Clinic</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <p>Jim Titus, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington D.C.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Thomas Ruppert, University of Florida College of Law</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>As more coastal communities in the State of Florida begin recognizing the future impacts of sea-level rise, the need to adopt a wide variety of appropriate adaptation strategies has become increasingly important. Panelists will discuss a conceptual framework for restoration and conservation of coastal ecosystems subject to chronic sea-level rise, a case study in adaptation planning of the Charlotte Harbor Estuary Program, and comprehensive plan policies, land development regulations, and parcel-specific implementation strategies to address sea-level rise adaptation and ecosystem migration in the State of Florida.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Krystle Macadangdang Megan Wegerif</p>	<p>and planning challenges in implementing agricultural programs in urban environments. Agriculture policies and incentives tend to favor large-scale agricultural operations, while local land use and zoning policies can present barriers to the effective implementation of urban agriculture programs.</p> <p>How do current regulatory environments impact the community/local food movement? Which ones actively help? Which ones actively hurt? How can we use law and policy in developing systems that actually encourage urban agriculture? Our panelists are here to discuss the legal frameworks that must be negotiated in order to successfully promote the goal of reintegrating agriculture into the urban environment.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Christian Packard Joanna Reilly-Brown</p>
<p>AFTERNOON SESSION II 4:00-5:30PM</p>	<p><u>Local Leadership Panel III:</u> Leadership or Readership: The Changing Face of Environmental Journalism</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Juanita Green, Former Miami Herald Journalist and Vice President, Friends of</p>	<p><u>Local Land Use Panel III:</u> MiniCities and MegaCities: Incorporating Sustainability into Comprehensive Planning</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Adrienne Dessy, planner for City of</p>	<p><u>Local Economics Panel III:</u> Relocalizing the Marketplace</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Rose Koenig, Co-director of the UF/IFAS Center for Organic Agriculture at the University of Florida; owner of Rosie's</p>

<p>the Everglades</p> <p>Craig Pittman, St. Petersburg Times Staff Writer and co-author <u>Paving Paradise: Florida's Vanishing Wetlands and the Failure of No Net Loss</u></p> <p>Terry Gibson, Sportswriter and Assistant Editor of Florida Sportsman Magazine</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Jeff Klinkenberg, St. Petersburg Times Staff Writer, author of <i>PILGRIM IN THE LAND OF ALLIGATORS</i>, and Writer-in-residence for the University of South Florida's Florida Studies program</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>This panel will feature four prominent Florida environmental journalists who will offer historical and critical perspectives on the role played by environmental journalism over the past five decades. The panelists will offer their view on how the field has changed during this period, the growing importance of narrative in environmental journalism, the relationship between journalism and activism, and the evolving challenges of being an environmental writer. Attendees will get an insider's view on what makes environmental writers tick, and the constraints and opportunities that shape their coverage.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistant:</p> <p>Fay Pappas</p>	<p>Fernandina Beach's Community Development Department; her work focuses on historic preservation, working waterfronts, and sustainability initiatives, as well as land development code and comprehensive plan compliance.</p> <p>Ralf Brookes, Consulting Environmental & Land Use Counsel</p> <p>Dylan Reingold, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel for the City of Jacksonville, Land Use and Environmental Law Department.</p> <p>Discussant:</p> <p>Dawn Jourdan, Assistant Professor, University of Florida Dep't of Urban & Regional Planning, Levin College of Law</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>In an era of rapid urbanization, comprehensive land use planning plays an increasingly important role in minimizing environmental impacts. The comprehensive planning process allows communities to identify sustainability goals and approaches with respect to transportation, housing, recreation, infrastructure and other growth-related issues. Strategies may vary depending on context, but Florida's planning mandates are often one size fits all. Panelists will share their experiences incorporating sustainability into the local policies of both minicities and megacities, from a town of seven residents to a metropolitan region of over one million.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Austin Moretz</p>	<p>Organic Farm.</p> <p>Thane Joyal, Attorney, Cooperative Development Services Consulting Co-op, Syracuse, NY</p> <p>Brad Burbaugh, UF-IFAS Duval County Extension Agent. Since December 2006, Brad Burbaugh has served as the University of Florida's Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent for Duval County.</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Alyssa Cameron</p> <p>Panel Description:</p> <p>The panel will address strategies for developing community markets for the local food movement. Our panelists will discuss issues faced by local growers in getting their food to a local marketplace, advantages and disadvantages of varying market structures, and methods of addressing various stakeholders' concerns with current and proposed systems.</p> <p>Student Panel Assistant:</p> <p>Alyssa Cameron</p>
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Allison Fischman

BANQUET
7:00-
10:00PM
HARN MUSEUM
OF ART

Keynote Speaker:
Bill Belleville, award-winning environmental author, documentary filmmaker, and author of five books, including River of Lakes: A Journey on Florida's St. Johns River and Losing It All to Sprawl: How Progress Ate My Cracker Landscape.

Saturday, February 27, 2009

WORKSHOPS
9:00-
10:30AM

Workshop: The Rezoning and Development Order Approval Process
Sponsored by the Public Interest Committee of the Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section
This year's workshop will teach participants how to engage in the rezoning and development order approval process. Panelists from government, public interest and private developer backgrounds will guide participants through the steps using a hypothetical development project for reference. This workshop will benefit anyone interested in learning about how Florida's land use laws are applied and how to effectively participate in the process from a citizen and public interest perspective.

MORNING
SESSION
11:00AM-
1:30PM

Next Generation Environmental Leadership Workshop & Lunch
Co-Sponsored by Florida Defenders of the Environment and The Bob Graham Center for Public Service
Lunch sponsored by Publix Supermarkets
This workshop will provide invaluable tips and advice for graduate, professional and undergraduate students, as well as developing professionals who want to learn about how to assume leadership roles, and the skills that conservation leadership demands. A distinguished panel of experienced professionals will address topics such as what questions to ask if you're invited to serve on a board, how to be an effective board member, how to assume a leadership role, leading in the digital age, and the importance of civic leadership.
Following a Q & A session, workshop participants will have the opportunity to follow up one on one with the panelists and other conservation leaders over lunch.
Panelists:
Shannon Estenoz, former director of the Everglades program for NWF and now a Governing Board Member of the SFWMD (invited)
Jody Lane Brooks, In-house counsel, Allen Land Group; founder of Jody Lane Brooks PA in Orange Park, Florida, where she represents clients in environmental permitting, administrative, zoning and land use matters seeking approval for projects involving jurisdictional wetlands, mitigation, ESA, and stormwater management

	<p>Chris Hand, Terrell Hogan Firm, coauthor with Bob Graham of <u>America, the Owner's Manual</u></p> <p>Ann Henderson, Director, Bob Graham Center for Public Service</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Margaret Spontak, Senior Vice President for Workforce Connection in Ocala, Florida</p> <p>Student Panel Assistants:</p> <p>Jennifer Thomas</p>
<p>CLOSING PLENARY 1:30-3:30PM</p>	<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Ron Chandler, Associate in Research, Florida Center for Community Design and Research, University of South Florida</p> <p>Darrin Nordahl, Author of <u>My Kind of Transit: Rethinking Public Transportation in America</u> and <u>Public Produce: The New Urban Agriculture</u></p> <p>Joe Browder, Environmental Consultant, Dunlap & Browder; Everglades activist since 1961; founding Conservation Director, Friends of the Earth</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Pegeen Hanrahan, Honorable Mayor, City of Gainesville</p>