16th Annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas  
Monday, May 11, 2015  
Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center, University of Florida Levin College of Law  
Gainesville, Florida  

8-8:30 a.m.  
Registration  
Lobby, Advocacy Center  

8:30-9:25 a.m.  
Opening Session  
Courtroom, Advocacy Center  
Welcome: Jon Mills, Dean Emeritus, Professor of Law & Director, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida  
Stephen N. Zack, Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP, Miami, Florida; Past President, American Bar Association  
Julia Sweig, Senior Research Fellow, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas; formerly the Nelson and David Rockefeller Senior Fellow for Latin American Studies and Director for Latin American Studies, Council on Foreign Relations; author, Inside the Cuban Revolution: Fidel Castro and the Urban Underground (Harvard University Press) and Cuba: What Everyone Needs to Know (Oxford University Press)  

9:25-9:45 a.m.  
John Caulfield, Chief of Mission of the U.S. Interests Section to Cuba (Retired), Jacksonville, Florida  

9:45-10:05 a.m.  
Jose R. Cabanas, Chief of the Cuban Interests Section, Washington, D.C.  

10:05-10:15 a.m.  
Coffee Break  

10:15-10:50 a.m.  
Working with Legal Practitioners in Cuba  
Antonio Zamora, Of Counsel, Lex International Law Firm, Miami, Florida  
Carlos Ernesto Loumiet, Partner, Broad and Cassel, Miami, Florida  

10:50-11:45 a.m.  
University of Florida Activities in Cuba  
Moderator: Philip J. Williams, Director, Center for Latin American Studies  
William A. Messina, Agricultural Economist, Food and Resource Economics Department, IFAS; Co-Director, Research initiatives on agriculture and fisheries sectors in Cuba  
Fred Royce, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, IFAS; Program Manager for cooperative agreement between the University of Havana and the University of Florida
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Legal Education

Pedro Malavet, Professor & Director of LL.M. in Comparative Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Daniela Vargas, Professor, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Carmen Diana Deere, Distinguished Professor, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida

12:45-12:55 p.m. Questions and Comments

12:55 p.m. Presentation of “2015 Jon Mills Award for Significant Contributions to Relations Between Florida and the Americas”

1-2 p.m. Lunch, Faculty Dining Room, 1st Floor, Bruton-Geer Hall

2-3 p.m. Environment and Agriculture

Timothy McLendon, Staff Attorney, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Michael Olexa, Professor, Department of Food and Resource Economics, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida

Paulo Roberto Pereira de Souza, Professor, University of Marília, Brazil

Richard Hamann, Associate in Law Research, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law

3-3:15 p.m. Questions and Comments

3:15-3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

3:30-4:30 p.m. Trade and Investment

Stephen J. Powell, Director of International Trade Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Antonio Zamora, Of Counsel, Lex International Law Firm, Miami, Florida

James M. Meyer, Harper Meyer Perez Hagan O’Connor Albert & Dribin LLP, Miami, Florida
Johannes Werner, Editor of Cuba News, Tampa, Florida

4:30-5 p.m. Questions and Comments

5-6 p.m.
Summary Discussion
Moderator: Jon Mills

6:30 p.m.
Reception
Home of Jon & Beth Mills, 2727 N.W. 58th Blvd., Gainesville, Florida