Supreme Court Cites UF Environmental and Land Use Law Scholars

The Supreme Court recently cited the scholarship of Professors Michael Wolf and Danaya Wright in the decision Murr v. Wisconsin, 137 U.S. 1933 (2017). Justice Anthony Kennedy cited Professor Wright in his majority opinion, while Chief Justice John Roberts cited Wolf in his dissenting opinion.

**Michael Alan Wolf:** *Powell on Real Property § 81A.05(2)(a)* (M. Wolf ed. 2016).


5th Greenest Law School

National Jurist has recognized UF Law as the fifth greenest law school in the country. The magazine compiled its ranking by examining a number of factors, including the schools’ efforts to maximize sustainability while minimizing environmental impact, provision of mass transit options for students, receipt of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certifications, and course offerings related to environmental law.
Robert Faculty Scholarship and Presentations (Selections from 2017-2018)

Mary Jane Angelo
Sam T. Dell Term Professor; Director, Environmental and Land Use Law Program
Research Handbook on Climate Change and Agricultural Law (Edward Elgar 2017) (with Anel Du Pleissis).

Tim McLendon
Staff Attorney, Center for Governmental Responsibility

Thomas T. Ankersen
Legal Skills Professor; Director, Conservation Clinic

Amy Stein
Professor of Law

Joan D. Flocks
Director, Social Policy Division, Center for Governmental Responsibility

Michael Allan Wolf
Richard E. Nelson Chair in Local Government

Alyson Craig Flournoy
Alumni Research Scholar

Danaya C. Wright
Clarence J. TeSelle Professor

Christine A. Klein
Chesterfield Smith Professor
Distinguished Speakers and Scholarly Events

The 2018 Annual Wolf Family Lecture on the American Law of Real Property featured Eduardo M. Peñalver, Tessler Dean and Professor of Law at Cornell Law School (pictured left). Dean Peñalver presented his work, Property, Democracy, and Locke.

The Environmental Capstone Colloquium brings prominent speakers who address different aspects of a compelling issue related to environmental law and land use policy. The spring 2018 theme was “Water.” Speakers included:

Robert Palmer, Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute
Melissa Scanlan, Director, New Economy Law Center, Vermont Law School
Mark Squillace, Professor, University of Colorado Law School
Bruce Huber, Robert & Marion Short Scholar, University of Notre Dame Law School.

In October 2017, UF Law’s Center for Race and Race Relations and the Environmental and Land Use Law Program co-sponsored a workshop, “Clean Water and Environmental Justice: Lessons from the Flint Water Crisis,” given by Professor Mary Jane Angelo.

In July 2018, the Environmental and Land Use Law Program, along with Vanderbilt University, the University of North Carolina, and the University of South Carolina, co-sponsored workshop for environmental law scholars to present and receive comments on their research.

Interdisciplinary Focus

Professor Amy Stein serves on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Florida Climate Institute, a consortium of 10 Florida universities with a multi-disciplinary network of national and international research and public organizations, scientists, and individuals concerned with achieving a better understanding of climate variability and change.

Professor Mary Jane Angelo serves on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the UF Water Institute, a UF consortium addressing complex water issues through innovative interdisciplinary research, education, and public outreach program. Thomas Ankersen and Christine Klein are also both affiliate professors, with Ankersen serving as a Collaborating Faculty member on the 2017-2019 UF Water Institute Graduate Fellows Program.

Robust Student Learning Experiences

The Public Interest Environmental Conference, an annual student-run event, brings together nationally and internationally known academics, policy makers, and practitioners to discuss preeminent environmental issues through an interdisciplinary lens. The 24th Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference, held in February 2018, addressed “Our Climate: The Only Constant is Change.”

In 2017, the Environmental and Land Use Law Program collaborated with the UF Emerging Pathogens Institute, the UF Water Institute, and the State University of Haiti, Port-au-Prince to analyze water law and policy in Haiti. The collaboration included events in the US and Haiti.

Fellowships for Student Field Placements

Students compete for several fellowships that fund placements in organizations and agencies that focus on environmental law and policy. These funds include Rumberger Foundation Fellowships, Conservation Law Fellowships, Florida Water Law Fellowships, and Environmental and Land Use Law Program Minority Fellowships.
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SPRING BREAK FIELD COURSES

Students participate in yearly Spring Break Field Courses. These interdisciplinary courses are taught by professors from UF Law and from other units within the university. The 2018 course, held in St. Augustine, Florida, focused on "Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Cities" and was sponsored by the Florida Climate Institute.