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UF Law Professor Alyson Flournoy (right) moderated the discussion, "The Cost of a Human Life" during the 15th annual Public Interest Environmental Conference on Friday. (UF Law/ Charles Roop)



Spring is finally here! Classes will not meet next week, March 9-13 during spring break. The law school will resume a normal schedule on Monday, March 16. [See library schedule»](#)

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The 15th annual Public Interest Environmental Conference (PIEC) gave environmentalists, scientists, lawyers and law students the opportunity to seek solutions to Florida's environmental woes. The law student-organized conference titled, "Beyond

Doom and Gloom: Illuminating a Sustainable Future for Florida," took place from Thursday through Saturday. Michael Willson (2L), co-chair of the conference, felt that it was important for participants to look past salacious headlines about the environment and seek positive changes.

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CSRRR spring lecture March 16: Re-Defining civil rights after Obama



Nationally recognized civil and voting rights advocate, Professor Sherrilyn Ifill, will deliver the UF Center for Study of Race and Race Relations Spring Lecture on March 16, at noon in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom 180. The lecture, free and open to the public, is titled "Re-Defining Civil Rights After Obama." Professor Ifill is a professor of law at the University of Maryland School of Law where she has been a faculty member since 1993. Following her graduation from New York University School of Law, Ifill served

as an Assistant Counsel at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc. where she litigated cases involving voting rights. Her expertise has been sought by the NBC Nightly News and her op-eds often appear in the Baltimore Sun, Jurist and AFRO American newspapers. In 2008, Professor Ifill's book *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the 21st Century* was a finalist for the Hurston/Wright book award for non-fiction. For more information on the Spring Lecture or Professor Ifill, [visit the lecture Web site.](#)

Baron breaks down art of e-mail discovery



Jason R. Baron just received over 200 million e-mails. But that's nothing compared to what someone in his position could get in eight years. Baron is the director of litigation for the National Archives and Records Administration. The moment

President George W. Bush's term ended, Baron's office took possession of all of the e-mails that went through the White House in Bush's eight years. Baron expects a lot more from the Obama administration.

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Flocks presents plight of farmworkers before president's cancer panel

At the beginning of every week, check out The CCS BUZZ for a quick synopsis of programming, recruiting, networking and volunteer and "SHIP" opportunities available to you. The CCS Buzz can be found in *FlaLaw Online*, via link on your Symplicity homepage after you log in, or you can pick up a hard copy in Career Services 244 Bruton-Geer Hall.

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While lush orange groves and sprawling agricultural fields have long been an iconic symbol of Florida, viewed affectionately by state residents and visitors alike, few people are aware of the serious health consequences that the farmworkers who tend to them may face. Joan Flocks, director of the Social Policy Division of the Center for Governmental Responsibility at the Levin College of Law is seeing to it that the risks of pesticide exposure to farm workers are brought to the attention of the public.

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Researcher argues case for guns on campus



Schools would be safer places if guns were allowed on campus, according to Dr. John Lott. Lott, a senior research scientist at the University of Maryland, argued Wednesday that those with concealed weapons permits should be allowed to carry them onto campus. The Federalist Society

brought Lott to campus. Criminals do not care if guns are prohibited on school campuses, Lott said. In fact, it makes it easier for them to kill people, he argued.

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Xinning Shirley Liu receives scholarship for commitment to diversity



Xinning Shirley Liu, a second-year law student born in China, is the recipient of the Constangy, Brooks & Smith Diversity Scholars Award. This \$2,000 annual award is presented to a second-year law student in each region the firm has offices. "I was very pleasantly surprised and honored to have received this award." said Liu, who is a first-generation college and law student. "In our dynamic multicultural society, it's wonderful to see

great firms reaching out and encouraging diversity in the legal workplace."

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Tax professors shed light on financial meltdown



As part of University of Florida Back to College Weekend, UF Law tax faculty tackled a topic dominating the news and the consciousness of the country — the mortgage meltdown and the worldwide economic downturn it precipitated. More than 40 UF



alumni participating in the Back to College Weekend attended the Feb. 21 panel discussion at the law school. Titled, "President Obama's Tax Initiatives and the Congressional Response," the interactive session kept the diverse Back to College audience fully engaged. Moderated by Graduate Tax Program Director Michael Friel, the panel included Hugh F. Culverhouse Eminent Scholar in Taxation Lawrence Lokken, Professor Patricia Dilley, and Alumni Research Scholar Dennis Calfee.

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Employers expect legal experience and proven skills from law students



When potential employers interview recent law school graduates, grades are not the only thing they are interested in. They're also looking for legal experience. Employers take a critical look at how you spent(d) your time while not attending classes. So, you better think twice if you plan to lounge by the pool this summer. "We want to see that you have practical legal experience," said Otto Immel, a partner with Quarles & Brady LLP, Naples, Fla.

"Your resume has to prove that you are hardworking, can multi task and work effectively under pressure. You won't get hired if you hang out and work on your tan all day."

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Professors contract book deals with publishers for 2009-2010



Professors have recently contracted to publish books during the 2009-2010 school year. Professor Charles Collier to publish *Meaning in Law: A Theory of Speech*, Professor Alyson Flournoy to publish *Beyond Environmental Law: Policy Proposals for a Better Environmental Future* (with

chapters by Mary Jane Angelo, Tom Ankersen, and Christine Klein) and Professor Michael Seigel to publish two books: *Lawyers Crossing Lines* and *White Collar Crime: Law, Procedure, Theory and Practice*.

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Upcoming Events

Career Services: What I Did Last Summer March 4

Come hear what works in formulating a successful job strategy from a panel of 2Ls and 3Ls who have gone through this process and secured summer internships on Wednesday, March 4, at noon in 136 BG.

From application to exam: Everything you want to know about the Florida Bar Exam.

Come enjoy pizza and gain invaluable information this Wednesday, March 4, at noon in HOL 345. Jessie Howell Wallace will speak about the Bar exam application conversion process and

Karen Hundley, Florida director of BarBri Bar Review and Phil Sandon, Florida Bar exam tutor & consultant will help you understanding the contents of and preparation for the Florida Bar Exam. Pizza will be provided by BarBri.

**Wolf Family Lecture in the American Law of Real Property
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JMBA and APIL host LawLawPalooza March 19

Did you train in classical piano like Rachmaninoff? Can you put on a magic show like David Copperfield? Or are you funny enough to give Dane Cook a run for his money? If so, it's time to share your secret talent with your law school family at LawLawPalooza. JMBA and APIL have teamed up to bring you a variety show on March 19, filled with bands, dancing, singing, comedy sketches, magic, martial arts, step dancing, and so much more! We simply need YOUR talent! All funds raised from ticket prices will be used to support public interest fellowships. Contact Jennifer Hartzler at jennifer.hartzler@gmail.com for more information about performing at LawLawPalooza.

IRS Chief Counsel to speak March 20

The Graduate Tax Program Enrichment Speaker Series will host Clarissa C. Potter, acting chief counsel for the Internal Revenue Service on Friday, March 20, at 11 a.m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180).

Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture in Family Law March 23

Professor Naomi Cahn will deliver the third annual Weyrauch Distinguished Lecture in Family Law on Monday, March 23, 2009 at noon in room 180, with a reception following the lecture in the Faculty Dining Room. Professor Cahn's talk, "Family Classes," will focus on how family and class issues are intertwined, drawing upon research in her two recent books, *Test Tube Babies* (NYU Press 2009) and *Red Families/Blue Families* (Oxford U Press, forthcoming 2009). Professor Cahn is the John Theodore Fey Research Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School.

Dunwody Distinguished Lecture March 23

Dunwody Distinguished Lecture: Akhil Reed Amar, Sterling Professor of Law & Political Science, Yale Law School, on March 23, at 10 a.m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180).

**Center for Governmental Responsibility Annual Lecture
April 3**

Center for Governmental Responsibility Annual Lecture: Roger Cossack, legal analyst for ESPN, will speak on "Media and the Law" on April 3, at 10 a.m. in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180).

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Music Night 2009 hosted by Dean Jerry



Got a hidden musical talent? Show it off at the upcoming Music Night 2009, to be held Sunday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the home of Dean Bob Jerry and his wife Lisa. All students and faculty are invited -- but the "ticket" to attend is that you must bring a dessert and agree to perform a musical piece

(play an instrument or sing a song). A piano will be available. Each participant can bring one guest. Space is limited, so sign up is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To register, stop by the Dean's Office and see Doris Perron.

Jessup Moot Court Team placed ninth in Southeast Super Regionals



UF's Jessup Moot Court Team placed ninth overall out of twenty two teams competing in the Southeast Super Regionals. The participants were Rachel Malkowski (2L), Wayne Atkinson (2L), Michael Stewart (2L), Jason Zimmerman (2L) and Jeff Dambly (2L). Participants are evaluated by their oral skills as well as their written memorials. Rachel

Malkowski was awarded first place oralist out of approximately 88 participants. Michael Stewart placed 19th out of all individual oralists. The case involved a dispute between two countries argued before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). The main issues concerning the dispute included state sovereignty, extradition, sexual exploitation, and the jurisdiction of the ICJ. The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world's largest moot court competition, with participants from over 500 law schools in more than 80 countries. The team received support and coaching from its faculty advisor Professor Jon Mills, team President Patricia Camino (3L), and team Vice-President Han Huang (3L). Special thanks to the coaches Eric Burger (3L), Morgan Weinstein (3L), Dmitri Goubarkov (3L) and Kate Haddock (3L). In addition, we thank professors Tim McClendon, Henry Wihnyk, Mary Adkins, Michelle Jacobs, and Joseph Little for their time and support. For more information e-mail Patricia Camino at pcamino@ufl.edu.

Students receive book awards for academic excellence



Students, faculty and friends of the law school gathered in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom Feb. 27 to honor book award recipients for the spring semester. Presented every semester, book awards recognize the top performers in each class, and give alumni a chance to

support academic excellence at the UF Levin College of Law. More than 100 students were honored for their performance in classes in the spring. Multiple award winners included Joshua S. Altshuler, Crystal Espinosa, Kevin Hall, Jennifer Hartzler, Heather J. Howdeshell, Kathryn Ward Hurd, David Karp, Allison Riggs, Brandon Sherlinski, Emily A. Snider and Nickisha Webb. If you

have received a book award, but weren't able to attend the ceremony, you can pick up your plaque in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 267 Holland Hall. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

- [See full list of winners](#)

L.A.W. hosts meet and mingle with faculty and staff



The Law Association for Women hosted a Faculty Meet-and-Mingle on Thursday, Feb. 26, at the law school, to kick-off its Women's History Month events. Students mingled with female law school faculty and staff, while partaking in bagels, pastries and juice.

Participants discussed law school courses, possible career paths, and current events.

Help survivors of domestic violence in our community



Help survivors of domestic violence in our community by donating to the Family Law Society's food and supply drive. All donations benefit Peaceful Paths, a domestic abuse network that serves survivors of domestic violence in Alachua, Bradford and Union counties. Each year,

Peaceful Paths provides safety, support, and the empowerment necessary for hundreds of families to move to self-sufficiency in our community. Peaceful Paths is in great need of necessary tangible items, especially food items, in order to continue the help they provide to these families. Donation boxes are available in the library and student affairs office lobbies from Monday, Feb. 23 through Friday, March 6.

Time is running out to apply for financial aid



For those of you who have not already done so, now is the time to apply for aid for the 2009-2010 academic year. I encourage you to apply by April 1 using FAFSA on the Web. Just go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. After applying via FAFSA/Renewal

FAFSA on the Web, you can check the status of your application and/or make corrections online. You will need to use your Federal Access Code (PIN) to complete the 2009-2010 FAFSA.

Levin College of Law Faculty and Student Art Show



Calling all student and faculty artists. We are now accepting artwork in any medium (ie. sculpture, painting, photography) for the fourth annual Levin College of Law Faculty and Student Art Show. Artwork will be displayed in the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center. Please email

digital image submissions with a brief description to Eric Berger at ecburger@gmail.com by Monday, March 16. Students and faculty will be notified if they are selected by late March. If you have any questions please e-mail Eric Berger or Alexis Cooper at lex314@gmail.com.

Financial aid for Florida Bar prep and exam



Are you making plans to take the Bar and wondering where you will come up with the financing necessary for these out-of-pocket expenses? There are private loan companies who will make Bar exam loans to students who are in their final year of law school.

These loans can be used for a student's living expenses while studying for the Bar, Bar prep classes and other Bar related expenses.

Sallie Mae
1-800-984-0190
www.salliemae.com

Wells Fargo
(To apply, student would need to have some type of account/loan with Wells Fargo)
1-800-378-5526
www.wellsfargo.com/student/

For more information contact Financial Aid Coordinator Carol Huber at 352-273-0620.

Spring Break Library Hours

Friday, March 6: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday- Sunday, March 7-8: CLOSED
Monday- Friday, March 9-13: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 14: CLOSED
Sunday, March 15: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. (regular hours resume)

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