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### ESPN legal analyst to deliver UF Center for Governmental Responsibility lecture Friday



Legal Analyst Roger Cossack will deliver the annual University of Florida Levin College of Law Center for Governmental Responsibility lecture on "Media and the Law" on Friday, April 3 at 10 a.m. His speech, being held in Holland Hall 180, is free and open to the public. Cossack presently serves as the legal analyst for ESPN, reporting on how the law applies in various ways to sports. He also is distinguished practitioner in residence at

Pepperdine University School of Law, where he teaches a course on media and the law. "Roger Cossack offers our students a unique perspective on the law, as a practitioner, analyst, and professor," said Jon Mills, professor, dean emeritus, and director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility.

### Constitutional scholar dissects Florida's Bush-Gore "extravaganza"



A handful of judges, several former editors-in-chiefs of the *Florida Law Review*, and a room full of law school students overfilled the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom on March 24. Renowned constitutional scholar Akhil Reed Amar, the Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale, spoke at the 28th Annual *Florida Law Review* Dunwody Distinguished Lecture in Law. The lecture was

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## Cahn addresses the complication of familial class and classification



In the beginning of her March 23 lecture, titled "Family Classes," Naomi Cahn admitted that the title is an intentional double entendre, suggesting both the classification of families under different labels and the social and economic classes that result from financial status and ideological beliefs. Cahn, the John Theodore Fey Research Professor of Law at George Washington University Law School, received her J.D. from Columbia and her B.A.

from Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. She spoke at the Levin College of Law as the speaker for the third annual Weyrauch lecture, a lecture dedicated to the memory of the late Walter Weyrauch, a Levin College of Law professor and legal scholar.

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## New collection available in library catalog: Center for Research Libraries



The University of Florida is a member of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), a partnership of more than 240 university, college, and independent research libraries. For 50-plus years CRL has acquired and preserved newspapers, journals, documents, archives, and

other traditional and digital resources from a global network of sources, and made them available to member institutions and others through interlibrary loan and electronic delivery. For researchers at member institutions CRL functions as a branch library of extraordinary resources.

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## Hirschfield discusses Cuban health care and socialized medicine



In Michael Moore's "Sicko," the filmmaker portrays Cuba as an island with a great health care system. But that's not even close to the case, said an anthropologist who did a field study there. "He's not visiting what I would call the real Cuba," said Katherine Hirschfield, a University of

Oklahoma anthropologist. The Health Care Law Society brought Hirschfield to speak on Thursday about socialized medicine.

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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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## Faculty Scholarship and Activities



The UF law faculty is comprised of highly accomplished scholar-teachers who bring remarkable experience and knowledge to the classroom. Keep up with what they're writing about and saying each week in FlaLaw by reading about their scholarship and activities, as well as their media

appearances.

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### Upcoming Events

#### **Federal Law Clerk Roundtable April 1**

Considering a judicial clerkship after graduation? Come hear federal judicial law clerks, Amanda Reid-Payne (JD 04), Jennifer Deeb (JD 00), and Lundi McCarthy share their experiences and perspectives on finding, attaining, and working as judicial clerks on April 1, at noon in the faculty dining room. Pizza will be provided by the Federal Bar Association.

#### **RPLA presents a title workshop April 2**

Join the Real Property Law Association and the Attorney's Title Insurance Fund, Inc. for a workshop on Thursday, April 2, at noon in 285B HOL. Historically, the evaluation of the quality of title to real property, and the rendition of an opinion with respect thereto, has belonged to attorneys. In some areas of the country, a major source of attorneys' fees associated with real estate transactions is the title insurance premium. It is a "bread and butter" practice area for most attorneys in small firm practice. Knowing how to examine title to real property is thus an essential skill newly minted attorneys must have. The Fund's Title Examination Workshop is designed to provide law students with an introduction to the knowledge and techniques necessary to accurately examine titles.

#### **ESPN legal analyst to deliver UF Center for Governmental Responsibility 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).

#### **Help bring attention to the tragedy of child abuse in Alachua County April 4**

The Family Law Society and the Child Abuse Prevention Task Force are hosting the annual "Winds of Change" event on Saturday, April 4, from 1-3 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help plant approximately 2,000 pinwheels on the North Florida Regional Medical Center front lawn. Each pinwheel represents an abused, abandoned or neglected child in Alachua County in 2008. Please bring a screwdriver to help plant the pinwheels. For more information, contact Holly Marini at [hmarini@ufl.edu](mailto:hmarini@ufl.edu) or Kelly Damerow at [kdamerow@ufl.edu](mailto:kdamerow@ufl.edu).

#### **Judicial Clerkship Application Process April 8**

Come and learn about the process of applying for Federal Judicial Clerkships, from obtaining letters of recommendation to applying

to accepting an offer on April 8 at noon in the faculty dining room. Please be aware that the judicial application process typically is accomplished over one year in advance, so don't miss out on great opportunities by missing critical deadlines. 2L's will be applying during summer 2009 for positions beginning fall 2010.

## News Briefs

### Legal Research & Writing Teaching Assistants Needed

The LRW department is accepting applications for fall 2009-spring 2010 teaching assistants. Applications are available at the LRW office.

### Environmental Law(n) sports event April 2



The faculty affiliated with the Environmental and Land Use Law Program invite all interested students to join us for lawn sports (volleyball, bocce, badminton, croquet) on Thursday, April 2, from 4:30-6 p.m. The faculty will seek to improve its overall record against the teams mustered by the

students. Pizza will be served. If you have an interest in environmental or land use law, please join us on Thursday afternoon, on the lawn to the south of Bruton-Geer for a chance to get to know your fellow students and professors. For more information contact Lena Hinson at [elulp@law.ufl.edu](mailto:elulp@law.ufl.edu).

### Attention Student Alumni Association members



You are cordially invited to SAA's inaugural Distinguished Gator Series event featuring Attorney General Bill McCollum on Thursday, April 2, at 3:30 p.m. in Emerson Alumni Hall. Available to SAA members only, the Distinguished Gator Series is free and connects current students with prestigious alumni. Alumni discuss how their university experience shaped their careers and why staying connected to their alma mater is so

important. Students will also have the unique opportunity to ask questions and mingle with our featured guest. Attire is business casual. Space is limited so be sure to register early. The deadline to RSVP is March 31. For more information contact [saa@ufalumni.ufl.edu](mailto:saa@ufalumni.ufl.edu) or 352-392-9533.

### Enrollment deadline for Environmental & Land Use Law certificate program



Students wishing to enroll in the Environmental & Land Use Law Certificate Program this semester are encouraged to do so before Friday, April 3. For information on the ELUL Certificate Program and visit [www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/certificate/index.shtml](http://www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/certificate/index.shtml). Enrollment

forms are available at [www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/pdf/ELULP\\_Application.pdf](http://www.law.ufl.edu/elulp/pdf/ELULP_Application.pdf) or in 319 Holland Hall or Student Affairs. Students enrolled in the certificate program will receive e-mail notification regarding priority pre-registration for core courses.

### **Grad Tax speaker discusses policy and personal identity**



Lawrence Zelenak, a law professor at Duke University, explained the philosophy underlying personal equity at on Friday. Zelenak addressed more than 50 students in the Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom and outlined several arguments proposed by public finance economists. "Philosophers have been raising questions about personal equity since Locke and Hume," Zelenak said. One approach taken by public finance economists

is to calculate a "lifetime endowment," which looks at a person's career over his or her lifetime. Congress, however, looks at one-year "slices" of a person's life. "Congress, at the other extreme, says 'maybe we should just look at the single year,'" Zelenak said. The current tax system, nevertheless, makes no effort to achieve lifetime equity, Zelenak said in a 30-minute question-and-answer session.

### **Conservation Clinic camping trip on bank of St. Marys**



Faculty and students in UF Law's Environmental and Land Use Law Program took advantage of the glorious spring weather and the largesse of White Oaks Plantation Conservation Center to camp on the banks of the St. Marys River on the Florida Georgia border.

Students in the Conservation Clinic and the Professor Richard Hamann's Adaptive Watershed Management course have been examining legal, scientific and management issues related to management of the transboundary river, including designation as an Outstanding Florida Water, harmonized local environmental regulation and the potential for an interstate compact. They have been collaborating with the University of Georgia's environmental law practicum under the direction of Professor Laurie Fowler. Fowler will visit the UF Water Institute on April 14 to discuss her work developing River Basin Centers in Georgia. At White Oak students were treated to a tour of the facility, which provides a refuge for 35 species of endangered African wildlife. Several students braved the season's last chill and swam across the river to Georgia and back.

### **2009-2010 law school calendar photo contest**



Do you like taking photos? Are you interested in seeing your work in print? This year, the Communications Office and Student Affairs is asking you to submit your best photo for the 2009-2010 calendar. You do not have to be a professional photographer to enter this contest.

The winning photo will be chosen by a committee and published in the 2009-2010 calendar. The deadline to submit is April 1, 2009. For examples of photos used in previous calendars, visit [www.law.ufl.edu/news/calendar.shtml](http://www.law.ufl.edu/news/calendar.shtml). For more information contact Communications Coordinator Katie Blasewitz at [blasewitz@law.ufl.edu](mailto:blasewitz@law.ufl.edu) or 352-273-0652. (Photo by Joshua Lukman)

### **L.A.W. donates money raised from professor auction**



Officers from Law Association for Women met with Alachua County P.A.C.E. to donate \$2,040. The



money was raised as part of L.A.W.'s annual professor auction held last semester. P.A.C.E. (Practical Academic Cultural Education) is a not-for-profit, state-wide organization dedicated to helping at-risk girls from 12-18 who are experiencing difficulty at home or school. Since 1985, PACE has helped more than 12,000 girls to stay in school and to stay out of the juvenile justice system. UF's L.A.W. is proud to support our community and such a worthwhile endeavor. L.A.W. also thanks the professors and students at the Levin College of Law who made it possible by their generous contributions.

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