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Professor Meshon Rawls spoke to 20 seventh-grade students from Harlem, N.Y. on Monday about her path to law school and her career. UF alumnus and middle school math teacher Keith Robinson brought the students to the law school campus during their tour of UF to get motivated about college.

CGR symposium to address First Amendment freedoms



The Center for Governmental Responsibility's annual symposium will feature leading international experts in press and access freedoms on Friday, April 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 180, Holland Hall, at the Levin College of Law. Jon Mills, CGR director and dean emeritus, will moderate a panel on

"Threats to Freedom of Expression, Freedom of the Press, and Access Laws throughout the Americas."

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CSRRR spring lecture discusses affirmative action



"I am a product of affirmative action," Robert Chang stated as he spoke to the Levin College of Law on April 1, as the featured speaker for the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations spring lecture. Chang, professor and founding director of the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and

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Career Development

Equality at Seattle University, is an accomplished scholar, talented writer, successful lawyer, and himself a beneficiary of affirmative action.

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Professor Johnston encourages students to apply for judicial clerkships



For Levin College of Law Assistant Professor Lea Johnston, leaving a large-firm practice for a clerkship with Judge Richard C. Tallman of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit became a life-altering decision that inspired her to pursue a career in academia. Now, Johnston wants to encourage UF Law students to apply for judicial clerkships so that they have the same opportunity for professional development and

growth as she did.

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Series to teach cultural competency in the workplace



Beginning April 6, as a part of diversity week, join the Center for Career Development at 10 a.m. in the faculty dining room for a series of workshops designed to help students explore the complex relationships that exist between lawyers, clients, co-workers and community.

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Neily discusses the right to bear arms



The recent Supreme Court case *D. C. v. Heller*, in which the court held that the right to bear arms contained in the Second Amendment is an individual right, is still a hotly debated subject, but another important gun case is coming right on its heels. Clark Neily, a senior attorney at the

Institute for Justice and one of the architects of the *Heller* case, spoke to students about both cases on Wednesday at an event hosted by the Federalist Society.

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IRS chief counsel visits UF Law



The Graduate Tax program saved one of their most eminent speakers for their final Enrichment Speaker Series event in which IRS Chief Counsel William Wilkins spoke on Friday. "What a beautiful day to be stuck in a classroom," Wilkins joked, thanking the laughing students for attending. Wilkins began his presentation with a description of the

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Office of Chief Counsel, which turns out to be a large department in what is a very large agency. According to Wilkins, the Office of Chief Counsel has 2,564 employees. While that may seem like a lot, it is fairly small when one considers the task that they must perform.

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Nguyen warns of growth in labor trafficking



They were forced to work up to 14 hour days for meager wages. They were threatened and beaten; they could not leave. Ancient abolished slavery? No. Present day. In 2007-2008, 261 Vietnamese workers were sent to Jordan to work for W&D Apparel. W&D confiscated their passports and injured one

woman so badly that she later died from her injuries. The W&D case is just one example of the growing worldwide human trafficking problem.

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Law students volunteer for annual Youth Summit



Over 50 law students volunteered at Eastside High School and Gainesville High School on Friday, March 26, for The Center on Children and Families and The Florida Bar Foundation Public Interest Law Fellows annual Youth Summit. The Youth Summit is designed to engage high school

students in discussion about matters concerning law and policy and how each of these affects them.

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Travolta's lawyer believes in karma



Michael McDermott believes there's only one reason he got the opportunity to speak at UF Law on Friday: karma. The attorney for actor John Travolta, who was asked to speak by the Entertainment and Sports Law Society, stressed treating people well in life to guarantee success.

"I'm here today because of John Travolta, not because of me," McDermott said. "I'm here because of karma."

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Jourdan proposes solutions for displaced residents



If home is indeed where the heart is, it is no wonder why residents displaced from their homes find themselves disheartened and grief-stricken. Levin College of Law Assistant



Professor Dawn Jourdan believes she has the solution for minimizing the grief of relocation and help displaced residents thrive in their new homes. On April 30, sponsored by the Journal of Law and Public Policy, Jourdan discussed her upcoming article that will

appear in the JLPP titled, "Valuing Grief: A Proposal to Compensate Relocated Public housing Residents for Intangibles." [READ MORE»](#)

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

Become a Public Interest Law Fellow: Deadline April 5

Make a difference in your community and the world -- and get paid for it. The Levin College of Law is currently seeking students for the Public Interest Law Fellows Program for 2010-11, funded by The Florida Bar Foundation. Public Interest Law Fellows are engaged in a number of public service projects in the community, and receive a stipend for their work. Applications are available in the Center for Governmental Responsibility, 230 Bruton-Geer Hall. The application deadline is April 5, at 5 p.m. For more information, e-mail Tim McLendon, mclendon@law.ufl.edu.

APIL fellowship applications due April 5

Need funding for your unpaid summer job? Applications for the APIL summer fellowship 2010 are here. Please download the application form that is available on APIL's Twen page and submit your application to the Career Development Office by noon on April 5. [Download the application »](#)

Child Abuse Awareness Week 5-9

The Family Law Society is hosting a series of events for Child Abuse Prevention Month. All donations from events go to the Child Advocacy Center. April 5-9 from noon-1 p.m., we will be selling Black and Blue Ribbons in the courtyard for a \$1 donation. Our slogan is "Wear black and blue so children don't have to." At the table you will also have the chance to decorate a paper doll which will be displayed around the law school. Additionally, on Tuesday, April 6, at noon, play Four Square for Kids on the sidewalks on the law school for a \$1 donation. Lastly, on Friday, April 9, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. bring your children and join us for a brown bag picnic on the south lawn of the law school.

Joint journal write-on competition info session April 6

The Florida Journal of International Law (FJIL) and the Journal of Technology Law and Policy (JTLP) invite you to an information session to learn about the joint journal write-on competition that will be held in late July. The information session will be on

Tuesday, April 6, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. At the info session, information will be given about the write-on competition, including dates and requirements. The joint competition means you only have to write one case comment to be considered for membership on both journals. Food will be served. Please e-mail Katie Kellam (FJIL) at katie.kellam@gmail.com or John DiRico (JTLF) at john.dirico@ufl.edu with any questions.

Judicial clerk roundtable April 6

Considering a judicial clerkship after graduation? Come hear federal judicial law clerks: Larry Dougherty (JD 09), U.S. 11th Circuit Court of Appeal; Michael Dupee (JD 92), U.S. Northern District of Florida; and U.S. Middle District of Florida law clerks Jason Marques (JD 07), Lundi McCarthy and staff attorney Janine Toner (JD 04) share their experiences and perspectives on finding, attaining, and working as judicial clerks on April 6, at noon in the Faculty Dining Room. Pizza will be graciously provided by the Federal Bar Association.

Legal career opportunities with the U.S. Marines April 6

Want the chance to enjoy immediate responsibility, travel worldwide and serve your country all while making a difference? Come learn about legal career opportunities in the United States Marines. A representative will be on hand on April 6, at noon in HOL 270, to answer questions and share their legal career experiences in the Marines.

1Ls: Florida Moot Court Team tryout competition information sessions April 7 & 15

1Ls, The Florida Moot Court Team invites you to an information session about how to become a member of the only moot court team at UF Law that competes in multiple national moot court competitions at prestigious law schools around the country. The Florida Moot Court Team is one of the top three co-curriculars at UF Law. The team has competed in front of numerous federal and state judges, including most recently Chief Justice Roberts of the U.S. Supreme Court and past chief justices of the Florida Supreme Court. The tryout competition will be held this summer (and will not conflict with the Florida Law Review write-on competition). There will be two info sessions: April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in HOL 355B and April 15 at 2 p.m. in HOL 382. Interested students should attend one session. At the info sessions, we will discuss what Florida Moot Court does, the tryout process and dates, and how to join the Florida Moot Court tryout competition TWEN site. Please e-mail Kate Woods at kewoods@ufl.edu or Christa Diaz at diaz.christa@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

1Ls: Florida Law Review write-on competition information sessions April 7 & 15

This summer, after final exams, the Florida Law Review will hold a write-on competition to select our new members. The competition is conducted online through Westlaw's TWEN site, so there is no need to stay in Gainesville to participate. The competition consists of two parts: a Bluebook test and an essay test. You have the option to take the Bluebook test either Saturday, May 15 or Saturday, May 22. The essay test will be administered on Friday, May 28 and will be due on Monday, June 7. We will hold several information sessions in April about the competition. All 1Ls are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars for:

- Wednesday, April 7, 12-1 p.m., HOL 285C - Introduction to Florida Law Review and the Write-On Competition
- Thursday, April 15, 4-5 p.m., HOL 285C - Bluebook review

In case your schedule doesn't permit you to attend one of these meetings, the information we cover will be posted on our TWEN competition site. The site will become available the day of the April 7 orientation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Race and Death Penalty open forum debate April 7

On April 7, at noon in HOL 180, please join us as the Center for the Study Race and Race Relations presents its Race and Death Penalty open forum debate. Professors Dekle, Nunn, Rambo, and Rush will debate the pros and cons of the death penalty today, specifically as it applies across the racial spectrum. Audience participation is requested and encouraged - this open forum and debate is for you and your questions. Don't miss the opportunity to ask questions to death penalty and racial law experts.

Multicultural Fair April 8

The fourth annual Multicultural Fair has been scheduled for Thursday, April 8, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the law school. The Multicultural Fair provides an opportunity for all student organizations to collaborate in celebration of the law school's cultural fabric.

Careers in Labor & Employment Law April 9

Join UF Law alum Pete Zinober (JD 69), formerly of Zinober & McCrae, now partner at Greenberg Traurig, as he shares his insight and experiences in labor and employment law on April 9, at noon in HOL 345. Zinober specializes in the defense of employment discrimination cases in state and federal court. He also specializes in traditional labor management relations law, including the representation of employers in connection with unfair labor practice and representation case proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board, labor and non-union arbitrations, collective bargaining and counseling. This event is co-sponsored by the ABA Labor & Employment Law Section.

Environmental Moot Court tryouts: Application deadline April 9, Oral arguments April 12 - 13

Interested in environmental law? Want to hone your brief-writing and appellate advocacy skills? Students in their second year can try out for a position on the 2010-2011 Environmental Moot Court team which will represent UF at the National Environmental Moot Court Competition in February 2011 in White Plains, N.Y. The application process includes a written submission (resumé, unofficial (ISIS) transcript, and argument section of your brief from Appellate Advocacy) and an oral argument tryout. You should remove your name and contact information from the resumé, transcript, and writing sample and identify your application with the entrant number you will be assigned when you submit your material. Written submission can be delivered in hard copy to 319 Holland Hall or sent by e-mail to hinson@law.ufl.edu. Students who tried out for the coach position in fall 2009 can elect to submit an updated resumé and transcript and rely on their previous oral tryout. Early application is encouraged. Applicants are asked to sign up for an oral argument time slot at the time of submitting their written materials. Written applications are due Friday, April 9, by 4 p.m. Oral argument tryouts are scheduled for April 12-13. For more information, contact Lena Hinson at hinson@law.ufl.edu or 273-0777.

Free mediation workshop featuring Carlos Alvarez April 9

Gators for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Levin College of Law's Institute for Dispute Resolution, Real Property Law Association, Environmental & Land Use Law Society, International Law

Society, LexisNexis, and Corporate & Securities Litigation Group are proud to announce the spring mediation workshop by Carlos Alvarez, Esq., a Florida Supreme Court certified circuit court mediator. The workshop is Friday, April 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, with a reception from noon to 1 p.m. in the law school courtyard. The workshop will focus on mediation pertaining to land use, environmental, real property, and commercial law. Students can register by adding the TWEN course "Mediation Workshop: Attorney as Peacemaker." Seats are limited, and students are encouraged to sign up before Thursday at 5 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable, real-world experience about mediation, which is a rapidly growing field. The workshop can boost your resume with a certificate of workshop completion. For any questions or concerns, please contact Zarra at zelias@ufl.edu

"Illegality and Consequences of the U.S. Policy of Torture and Abuse of Prisoners" April 9

UF's American Constitution Society is pleased to present Marjorie Cohn, professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, author, and award winner for a discussion on the "Illegality and Consequences of the U.S. Policy of Torture and Abuse of Prisoners" on April 9, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. Subway subs will be provided.

Practice Series: Pleadings & Motion Practice April 9

This course, to be held on April 9, at 2 p.m. in HOL 382, examines the purposes and functions of pleadings in the litigation process, and develops the fundamental lawyering skills needed for handling pretrial motions effectively. This class will analyze the anatomy of commercial foreclosure pleadings from A – Z, including the complaint, motion for summary judgment, final judgment of foreclosure, notices relating to the foreclosure sale and sale process, and post-judgment motions and practice. The loan documents, pleadings for affirmative relief as well as defensive motions and procedures will be analyzed in relationship to the foreclosure process. The procedural and substantive law governing foreclosure actions will be reviewed as it relates to drafting of the pleadings and argument of the case.

Shadow program lottery April 9

1Ls and 2Ls can now sign up now in the hall in front of the CCD for opportunities to observe attorneys at work in their offices. Opportunities may include substantive work as well. Students' names will be selected at random at the lottery on April 9, at 10 a.m. for these opportunities. You must be present at the lottery to be selected.

LRW teaching assistant applications due April 12

The Legal Research, Writing, and Appellate Advocacy department is seeking teaching assistants for the fall 2010 – spring 2011 terms. Applications are available at the LRW office. The application deadline is April 12, 2010.

Music night hosted by Dean Jerry April 18

Got a hidden musical talent? Show it off at the upcoming Music Night 2010, to be held Sunday, April 18, 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.

