



**The Rights of Nature: Defending our Biosphere**  
 University of Florida Levin College of Law  
 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Interest Environmental Conference  
 Feb. 6 – 8, 2020

**Thursday, February 6, 2020**

<p><b>Coffee, Connect and Collaborate</b></p> <p>4:00 PM – 5:30 PM</p>	<p>The UF Thompson Earth Systems Institute will facilitate a lightning mingling workshop to help you meet colleagues in the field, make connections and grow new ideas. This event will be semi-structured and will inspire conversations that can continue at the welcome reception. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.</p> <p><i>Limited Registration:</i> This workshop is limited to the first 30 registrants.</p> <p><i>Location:</i> Powell Hall Classroom, Florida Museum of Natural History</p>
<p><b>Reception and Welcoming Remarks</b></p> <p>5:30 PM – 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Opening Remarks, Conservation Clinic Poster Session, and Open Museum Space</p> <p><b><i>Opening Reception</i></b>          Hors d'oeuvres and drinks in the Denny Gallery. Museum space will be open for guests.</p> <p><b><i>Welcoming Remarks:</i></b> <b>Dr. Jack Payne</b>, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences</p> <p><b><i>Keynote Speakers</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dr. Doug Soltis</b>, Distinguished Professor, University of Florida; Curator, Florida Museum of Natural History.</li> <li>2. <b>Dr. Pam Soltis</b>, Director, University of Florida Biodiversity Institute; Distinguished Professor, University of Florida Biodiversity Institute; Curator, Florida Museum of Natural History.</li> </ol>

	<i>Location: University of Florida Museum of Natural History</i>		
<b>Friday, February 7, 2020</b>			
<b>Breakfast</b> 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	MLAC Foyer: Assorted Pastries and Coffee		
<b>Opening Plenary</b>  9:00 AM – 10:45 AM	<p><b>Setting the Stage</b></p> <p><u>Plenary Speakers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Leslie Thiele</b>, Professor of Political Science; Director of Sustainability Studies, University of Florida</li> <li><b>Erin Daly</b>, Professor of Law, Delaware Law School; Co-founder of the Dignity Rights Project</li> <li><b>Steven Wise, Esq.</b>, Founder and President, Nonhuman Rights Project</li> </ol> <p><i>Executive Board Liaisons: Adam Bentley, Valentina Franco</i></p> <p><i>Faculty Advisors: Mary Jane Angelo, Tom Ankersen UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Location: Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center, University of Florida, Levin College of Law</i></p>		
<b>Morning Session</b>  11:00 AM – 12:15 PM	<p><b><u>From Shoreline to Stateline: The Marine and Estuarine Policy Scene</u></b></p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Anna Upton, Esq.</b>, General Counsel for Everglades Foundation</li> <li><b>Holly Parker</b>, Florida Regional Manager, Surfrider Foundation</li> <li><b>Amy Trice</b>, Director of Ocean Planning, Ocean Conservancy</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Un-Natural Disasters I: We've Been Slimed!</u></b></p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Tony Oliver Smith</b>, Professor Emeritus, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida</li> <li><b>Kelly Cox, Esq.</b>, General Counsel, Miami Waterkeeper</li> <li><b>Captain Benny Blanco</b> Everglades Fishing Guide &amp; Host, Florida Sportsman Watermen Series, The Sportsman Channel</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Making Sense of the Sentience: The Progressive Development of Animal Welfare</u></b></p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Lauren Barr &amp; Alex Pepper</b>, J.D. Candidate, UF Law &amp; M.S. Candidate, University of Florida</li> <li><b>Samantha Gibbs</b>, Wildlife Veterinarian, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</li> <li><b>Jennifer Dietz, Esq.</b>, Animal Law Attorney, Jennifer A. Dietz</li> </ol>

	<p><i>Moderator: <b>J.P. Brooker</b>, Senior Manager and Policy Counsel, Florida Conservation, Ocean Conservancy</i></p> <p><i>Student Panel Assistants: <b>Alexa Goldstein &amp; Marta Shin</b></i></p> <p><i>Executive Board Liaison: <b>Sara Flenniken</b></i></p> <p><i>Faculty Advisor: <b>Tom Ankersen</b>, UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Location: MLAC</i></p>	<p><i>Moderator: <b>Professor Tom Ankersen</b>, UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Student Panel Assistants: <b>Pablo Hereter &amp; Phil Sliger</b></i></p> <p><i>Executive Board Liaison: <b>Harvey Halprin</b></i></p> <p><i>Faculty Advisors: <b>Alyson Flournoy &amp; Tom Ankersen</b>, UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Location: MLAC</i></p>	<p>PA; Adjunct Professor, Stetson University College of Law</p> <p><i>Moderator: <b>Professor Sabrina Little</b>, UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Student Panel Assistants: <b>Lauren Barr &amp; Alex Pepper</b></i></p> <p><i>Executive Board Liaison: <b>Valentina Franco</b></i></p> <p><i>Faculty Advisor: <b>Sabrina Little</b>, UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Location: MLAC</i></p>
<p><b>Lunch Break &amp; Special Event</b></p> <p><b>12:30 PM – 1:45 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>Climate and...</u></b></p> <p><i><u>Panelists</u></i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Insurance. <b>Peter Molk</b>, Associate Professor of Law, UF Law</li> <li>2. Poverty. <b>Andrew Hammond</b>, Assistant Professor of Law, UF Law</li> <li>3. Corporate Securities. <b>Andrew Winden</b>, Associate Professor of Law, UF Law</li> <li>4. National Security. <b>Maryam Jamshidi</b>, Associate Professor of Law, UF Law</li> </ol>		

	<p><i>Moderator: Professor Alyson Flourney, UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Student Panel Assistant: Amber Sowell</i></p> <p><i>Executive Board Liaison: Ben Hobbs</i></p> <p><i>Faculty Advisor: Amy Stein, UF Law</i></p> <p><i>Location: MLAC</i></p>
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<p><b>Afternoon Session I</b></p> <p><b>2:00 PM – 3:15 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>It’s a Great State, If We Can KEEP It: Florida’s Waterkeepers Speak</u></b></p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. John Capece</b>, Kissimmee Waterkeeper</li> <li><b>Lisa Rinaman</b>, St. Johns Riverkeeper</li> <li><b>Georgia Ackerman</b>, Apalachicola Riverkeeper</li> </ol> <p><i>Moderator: Jen Lomberk, Esq.</i> Matanzas Riverkeeper</p>	<p><b><u>Un-Natural Disasters II: The Human Cost</u></b></p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Antonio Tovar-Aguilar</b>, Executive Director, Farmworker Association of Florida</li> <li><b>Dr. Marysel Pagán Santana</b>, Program Manager, Puerto Rico, Migrant Clinicians Network</li> </ol> <p><i>Moderator: Sekita Grant</i>, Environmental Policy and Social Justice Strategist, UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability</p>	<p><b><u>All Creatures, Great and Small: The Right to Exist, Persist and Thrive</u></b></p> <p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Steven Wise, Esq.</b>, Founder and President, Nonhuman Rights Project</li> <li><b>Jaret Daniels</b>, Associate Curator and Director, McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, Florida Museum of Natural History</li> <li><b>Jackie Lopez, Esq.</b>, Florida Director and Senior Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity</li> </ol>
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<p>Afternoon Session II</p> <p>3:30 PM – 4:45 PM</p>	<p><b><u>When Corridors Collide: Who Pays the Toll?</u></b></p> <p><u>Panelists</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Reed Noss</b>, President and Chief Scientist, Conservation Science, Inc.</li> <li><b>Thomas Hawkins</b>, Program Director and Lecturer, College of Design, Construction and Planning, University of Florida</li> </ol> <p><u>Commentators</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tom Kay</b>, Executive Director, Alachua Conservation Trust</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Defending the Biosphere through Agricultural Policy</u></b></p> <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>John Walt Boatright</b>, Director of National Affairs, Florida Farm Bureau Federation</li> <li><b>Chris Petit</b>, Director, Office of Agricultural Water Policy, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services</li> </ol> <p><u>Commentators</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rose Koenig</b>, Interim Director, Global Office, UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and Lecturer</li> <li><b>Shannon Estenoz</b>, Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Policy and Public Affairs, Everglades Foundation</li> </ol>
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	<p>2. <b>Richard Grosso</b>, Professor of Law, Nova Southeastern University College of Law</p> <p><i>Moderator: Jane West</i>, Policy Director, 1000 Friends of Florida</p> <p><i>Student Panel Assistants: Andrea Hartung &amp; Katie Gwin</i></p> <p><i>Faculty Advisor: Thomas Hawkins, Tom Kay, Tom Ankersen</i>, UF Law</p> <p><i>Location: MLAC</i></p>	<p><i>Moderator: Professor Lisa Edgar</i>, UF Law</p> <p><i>Student Panel Assistant: Raychel Thomas</i></p> <p><i>Executive Board Liaison: Jana Caracciolo</i></p> <p><i>Faculty Advisor: Michael Olexa</i>, UF Law</p> <p><i>Location: MLAC</i></p>
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<p><b>Banquet</b></p> <p>7:00 PM – 10:00 PM</p>	<p><i>Banquet</i></p> <p><u>Keynote Speaker</u>  <b>Thomas Linzey, Esq.</b>, Co-Founder and Senior Legal Counsel, Community Environmental Defense Fund</p> <p>Location: <b>Working Food</b></p> <p><b>TICKET REQUIRED</b></p>
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**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

	<p><b><u>Florida Rights of Nature Convention (RONCon) Agenda</u></b>  <b><u>Saturday, February 8, 2020</u></b></p>
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<p><b>Morning Yoga</b></p> <p>7:30 AM- 8:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Yoga &amp; Mindfulness: MLAC Foyer</b>  <b>Teresa Drake</b> , Legal Skills Professor and Director, Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic, University of Florida College of Law</p>
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<p><b>Breakfast</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast and Sign In: Courtyard</b></p>
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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Assorted Pastries and Coffee
Morning Workshop I	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>Chuck O’Neal, Convener, Florida Rights of Nature</i> <b>The Movement for the Rights of Nature</b>
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	
Morning Workshop II	<b>Why the Regulatory System Isn’t Enough to Protect Nature and Our Communities</b> <i>Thomas Linzey, Esq., Senior Legal Counsel and Co-Founder, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund</i>
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	
Morning Workshop III	<b>The Rights of Nature in Florida</b> WEBOR, SAFEBOR, CALBOR, CHARBOR, and Other Florida Initiatives
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	
Lunch & Discussion	<b>Buffet Lunch and Facilitated Discussion</b>
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	
Afternoon Session I	<b>Milestones to Success</b>
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	
PIEC Closing Conversation	<b>Looking at the Past to Map the Future</b>  <i>John Moran, Florida Nature Photographer</i>  <i>Gary Mormino, Historian and Author, Professor Emeritus, University of South Florida</i>  <i>Thomas T. Ankersen, Director, Conservation Clinic, University of Florida Levin College of Law</i>
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	