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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014			
6:00 - 9:00 pm	Opening Reception & Conservation Clinic Poster Session at the Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center, UF Levin College of Law		
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014			
8:30 - 9:00 am	Light breakfast served in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard		
9:00 - 10:45 am	Opening Plenary: Resource Outlook: The Current State of Agriculture, Challenges We Face & Opportunities for the Future (HOL 180)		
TRACKS	AGRICULTURAL FRONTIERS	NATURAL RESOURCES	LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES
Morning Session 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Farming Our Cities: The Emerging World of Urban Agriculture (HOL 285B)	Chocolate Forests, Flooded Farms and Sitting Ducks: Environmental Service Paybacks (HOL 355C)	A Genetically Modified Future? (HOL 345)
Lunch Event 12:30 - 2:00 pm	Round Table Event: Climate Change & Food Security (HOL 285C)		
TRACKS	AGRICULTURAL FRONTIERS	NATURAL RESOURCES	LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES
Afternoon Session I 2:15 - 3:45pm	Can a Local Farming Renaissance Address the Risks Globalization Poses to Agriculture? (HOL 285B)	Thirsty Agriculture, Thirsty Springs: Who Gets to Drink from the CUP? (HOL 285C)	Licensed to Fill: Agricultural Exemptions for Wetlands Degradation (HOL 355B)
Afternoon Session II 4:00 - 5:30 pm	The Conflicting Goals of Food Safety and Environmental Protection (HOL 285B)	Beyond BMPs: The Elusive Solution for Agricultural Pollution (HOL 285C)	The New Farm Bill: Same Pig, New Lipstick? (HOL 355B)
Banquet 7:00 - 10:00 pm	Urban Agriculture: Things are Looking Up (Sweetwater Branch Inn, 625 East University Ave., Gainesville)		

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

9:00 - 9:30 am	Light breakfast served in the Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard	
9:30 - 11:30 am	Finding Collaborative Solutions for Natural Resources Issues Sponsored by the Public Interest Committee of the Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section (HOL 180)	
Lunch & Special Events 11:45 am - 1:45 pm	<u>Lunch Event</u> 11:45am-1:45pm Finding Your Career Path (HOL 270)	<u>Lunch Event</u> 11:45am-12:30pm A Reading from a Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden (Faculty Dining Room)
		<u>Special Event</u> 12:45-1:45pm Ethics & Professionalism for Attorneys (HOL 180)
2:00 - 3:30 pm	Closing Plenary: Feeding the Future (HOL 180)	
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Public Interest Committee of the Environmental and Land Use Section of the Florida Bar Meeting (HOL 180)	



WELCOME

The most recent revision to the United Nation's global population projection has the Earth's population peaking at just over ten billion by the year 2100. This represents around a 40% increase in the number of people that need to be fed, yet even now, 66% of the world's population is malnourished according to the World Health Organization.

At the same time, we are rapidly losing arable soils, around 10 million hectares (approximately .7% of the world's cropland) annually, according to the 2013 Trade and Environment Review compiled by the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development. Soil erosion reduces the productivity of agricultural and forest ecosystems and hurts wildlife diversity, which further marginalizes our ability to weather threats posed by population growth and climate change. Increased industrial and municipality demands on water sources, as well as increased prevalence of minimum flow requirements for surface water systems, will further constrain available water resources for agricultural producers. This will necessitate the development of increased water-use efficiencies concurrently with increased agricultural productivity. At the same time, agricultural producers are finding themselves squeezed by escalating input costs and never ending downward price pressure from powerful food retailers and processors that command considerable market influence. These diminishing margins leave many farmers with few options to develop sustainable farming practices.

Whether you are a large commercial agricultural producer, owner of a small family farm, an attorney, or a private citizen, these issues will affect all of us. As a developed nation with an abundance of natural resources, the United States is ideally situated to develop, implement, and propagate agricultural practices, policies, and technologies that can ensure stable, sufficient food production capable of weathering a wide spectrum of threats. That is why it is incumbent upon us to bring together diverse perspectives, foster healthy discussions, and pool our collective human and intellectual capital to find timely, beneficial solutions to these issues.

This year's conference will explore a variety of legal and environmental issues surrounding these challenges including: incentivizing sustainable agricultural production, valuing the environmental services sustainable agricultural production provides, technological frontiers in agriculture, and the tension between food safety and environmental protection.

Thank you for attending this year's PIEC. Your continued interest and support help make this event possible. We hope you enjoy the conference!

Sincerely,

Chris Johns and Gentry Mander
2014 PIEC Co-Chairs

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Opening Reception Keynote Speaker

GOV. BUDDY MACKAY

Former Governor of Florida and Board
Member of the Florida Springs Institute

Kenneth H. “Buddy” MacKay is recognized as one of Florida’s most prominent leaders during one of the most pivotal periods in Florida’s history. During this time as a public servant, he earned a reputation as a political progressive and devoted environmentalist. He has worn many hats over the course of his career, including governor, diplomat, attorney, officer and activist. As a result, Governor MacKay is uniquely positioned to bear witness to Florida’s transformation from a sleepy backwater into one of the most populous states in the nation. His insights and experiences provide a fascinating glimpse into many of the policies that have shaped our state’s development.



Born in Ocala, Florida, Governor MacKay received his B.S. and B.A. from the University of Florida in 1954 and his LL.B. from the University of Florida Law School in 1961. He served in the United States Air Force as a captain from 1955 to 1958. He began his practice in Daytona Beach after being admitted to the Florida Bar in 1961. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives, where he served from 1968 to 1974. He was then elected to the Florida Senate, serving there until 1980. He was elected Lieutenant Governor of Florida in 1990 and was reelected in 1994. Upon the death of Governor Lawton Chiles, MacKay was sworn in as the 42nd Governor of Florida on December 13, 1998. Now retired, Governor MacKay currently serves on the Board of the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, and on the Advisory Board of the Conservation Trust for Florida.

Banquet Keynote Speaker

DR. DICKSON DESPOMMIER

Professor of Public Health in Environmental
Sciences at Columbia University

Dr. Dickson Despommier was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. He earned a B.S. in Biology from Fairleigh Dickinson University, a M.S. in Medical Parasitology from Columbia University and he a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Notre Dame University. Now a full-time professor in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences at Columbia University, Dr. Despommier



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conducts research on intracellular parasitism, teaches courses on parasitic diseases, and is the director of the Vertical Farm Project.

The Vertical Farm Project started as a classroom activity in Dr. Despommier's Medical Ecology course in 1999, and addresses issues related to urban agriculture, environmental disturbance, and the restoration of damaged ecosystems. Since its creation, the Vertical Farm idea has earned significant notoriety and attracted much intellectual capital. It has been featured in numerous articles in the popular press (NY Science Times, Popular Science, New York Magazine, Time Magazine, and Scientific American, to name a few), and Dr. Despommier has given interviews on radio and television shows (including the Colbert Report) about his Vertical Farm concept. Under his watch, over 82 graduate students have participated in generating a wealth of supportive studies.

Dr. Despommier's pioneering efforts have gained worldwide attention. Vertical farming projects are currently being considered in an impressive array of major international cities, including Las Vegas, San Francisco, Shanghai, Paris, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Toronto. Additionally, the United States Agency for International Aid (USAID) is looking into fostering vertical farming in Jordan. Vertical farming presents a refreshingly optimistic solution to one of society's most daunting challenges.

UNSUNG HERO

Jeannie Economos is the Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Project Coordinator for the Farmworker Association of Florida. Jeannie has worked for more than 20 years on issues of the environment, environmental justice, indigenous and immigrants' rights, labor, peace and social justice. From 1996-2001, she was the Lake Apopka Project Coordinator for the Farmworker Association of Florida (FWAF), addressing the issues of job loss, displacement, and health problems of the farmworkers who had worked on Lake Apopka farms before they were closed in 1998. From 2007 to the present, Jeannie has been the FWAF health and safety coordinator. She assists with the annual training of more than 500 Florida farmworkers on their occupational health and safety and is engaged in local, state, national, and international coalitions and collaborations related to farmworker rights and safety, pesticide reduction, sustainable agriculture and food sovereignty. Jeannie is currently co-coordinator of the Lake Apopka Farmworkers Memorial Quilt Project to raise awareness about the impacts of pesticides on the former Lake Apopka farmworkers.

PANELS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Check-In & On-Site Registration: 5:30-6:00 pm

Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center, Levin College of Law

RECEPTION & CONSERVATION CLINIC POSTER SESSION:

6:00-9:00 pm

Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center

- Opening Remarks: **Robert H. Jerry, II**, Dean and Levin Mabie & Levin Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Keynote Speaker: **Gov. Buddy MacKay**, Former Florida Governor and Board Member, Florida Springs Institute. See Governor Mackay's biography on page 7.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

Check-In & On-Site Registration: 8:00-10:00 am

Marcia Whitney Schott Courtyard, Levin College of Law

OPENING PLENARY:

9:00-10:45 am

Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180)

Resource Outlook: The Current State of Agriculture, Challenges We Face & Opportunities for the Future

Dr. Jack Payne will first provide an overview of the current state of agriculture within Florida and the challenges agriculturalists face. Next Sarah Bittleman will highlight agriculturalists and environmentalists' common interests and explore hidden opportunities for collaboration.

- **Sarah Bittleman**, Senior Agricultural Counselor, Environmental Protection Agency
- **Jack Payne**, Senior Vice-President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida
- Student Panel Assistant: Chris Johns

**Farming Our Cities:
The Emerging World of Urban Agriculture (HOL 285B)**

This panel will provide insight into the legal, social, and commercial challenges inherent to establishing vertical and community gardens, especially as limited by covenants, conditions, and restrictions. Special attention will focus on the benefits of a locally sourced food supply, as well as the potential urban agricultural yields available in Florida.

- **Katherine English**, Attorney, Pavese Law Firm
- **Nathan Ballentine**, Tallahassee Food Gardens and The Man in Overalls
- **Dr. Pierce Jones**, Extension Program Leader for Energy Program, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida
- Moderator and Student Panel Assistant: Wes Hevia

**Chocolate Forests, Flooded Farms and Sitting Ducks:
Environmental Service Paybacks (HOL 355C)**

Agro-Environmental Service Payments attempt to compensate agriculturalists and other landowners for the environmental services provided by their land, or the agricultural practices they incorporate into their production methods. These payment systems can be designed at the national, regional, or local level and can be tailored to address a variety of environmental issues. This panel will explore a breadth of Agro-Environmental Service Payment system topics from implementation issues, to examining payment systems that have been successfully implemented, to potential future agro-environmental service payment applications.

- **Charlie Nealis**, Ph.D. Candidate, Water Institute, University of Florida
- **Jacob Marlin**, Director, Belize Foundation for Research and Environmental Education
- **Sarah Lynch**, Director, Agriculture and Market Transformation Department, World Wildlife Fund
- Moderator: **Tiernan Mennen**, Director, Land and Resource Rights, Human Rights and Rule of Law, Chemonics International
- Student Panel Assistants: Greg Toth & Jeanette Roorda

A Genetically Modified Future? (HOL 345)

Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) continue to be a matter of great interest and debate for people in a wide range of fields, as well as to consumers. While concerns over potential health and environmental risks of GMO foods continue to mount, many believe that GMO crops will play a critical role in feeding a growing global population and adapting to climate change. This panel will explore various perspectives on some of the controversies surrounding GMOs, including both positive and negative impacts GMOs have had and may have in the future. Specific topics include: the role of GMOs in agriculture, the risks associated with GMOs and the scientific validity of these risks, and the impact of GMO patents.

- **Dr. Kevin M. Folta**, Associate Professor and Interim Chairman, Horticultural Sciences Department, University of Florida
- **Marty Mesh**, Executive Director, Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc.
- **Elizabeth Rowe**, Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Moderator: **Mary Jane Angelo**, Professor, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Student Panel Assistant: Maurice Boetger

LUNCH BREAK & SPECIAL EVENT: 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Climate Change & Food Security Roundtable Discussion (HOL 285C)

This will be a frank discussion about how various food industry segments are adapting to a rapidly changing production universe in order to ensure food security. The discussion will feature prominent professionals representing many different food production perspectives.

- **Reggie Brown**, Executive Vice President, Florida Tomato Exchange
- **Michael Stephenson**, Senior Director of Environmental, Health & Safety Compliance, Walmart Stores, Inc.
- **Sarah Lynch**, Director, Agriculture and Market Transformation Department, World Wildlife Fund
- **Sarah Bittleman**, Senior Agricultural Counselor, Environmental Protection Agency
- **Jack Payne**, Senior Vice-President for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, University of Florida
- Moderator: **Tim Center, Esq.**, Executive Director, Sustainable Florida; Principal, Centerfield Strategy
- Student Panel Assistant: Francesca Passidomo

AFTERNOON SESSION I: 2:15 – 3:45 pm

Can a Local Farming Renaissance Address the Risks Globalization Poses to Agriculture? (HOL 285B)

Global agricultural trade under GATT/WTO rules has reshaped production in both emerging and developed countries toward extensive cultivation of the most profitable export crops. This approach asks countries dependent on agriculture to ensure food security through the increased financial ability to import needed foods that should follow from aggressive participation in the global market. By relying on exports rather than producing a wide variety of agricultural products domestically, these countries assume the risks of crop failures, changes in global demand, and falling prices for their few domestic crops. They also must compete with the heavily subsidized growers in some countries. Our panel will debate whether a return to small-scale farming of an agrobiodiverse nature will decrease these risks.

- **Ottón Solís**, Professor, University of Costa Rica
- **Carmen Gonzalez**, Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law
- **James D. Grueff**, Managing Partner, Decision Leaders, LLC.; Former Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Trade Policy, Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture
- Moderator and Student Panel Assistant: Daniel Fontana

Thirsty Agriculture, Thirsty Springs: Who Gets to Drink from the CUP? (HOL 285C)

Agricultural water use is on a collision course with the state's growing concern for springs ecology, and with the setting of minimum flows and levels for springs and rivers. High profile consumptive use permit applications, such as that of the Adena Springs Ranch in Marion County, have highlighted the potential for conflict. This panel will take a broad look at the water needs of Florida's farmers and Florida's springs, identifying areas of conflict and challenge, and discussing how the state can best accommodate the economic, environmental, and political factors relevant to agricultural water use and the consumptive use permit (CUP) process.

- **Gov. Buddy MacKay**, Former Governor of Florida; Board Member, Florida Springs Institute
- **Dr. Robert L. Knight**, President, Florida Springs Institute
- **Wayne Flowers**, Shareholder, Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.
- Moderator: **Byron Flagg, Esq.**, Founder, The Flagg Firm, P.L.
- Student Panel Assistant: Bill White

Licensed to Fill: Agricultural Exemptions for Wetlands Degradation (HOL 355B)

Eighty percent of Florida's historic wetlands have been lost to agricultural development, and today agricultural lands encompass most privately owned wetlands. Certain agricultural activities, however, are exempt from many wetlands regulations. Further, in 2010, the Florida Legislature significantly expanded the scope of agricultural exemptions and transferred to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) the authority to determine whether certain activities qualify for these exemptions. This panel will discuss how this expansion has affected wetlands and will focus on the continuing controversy regarding the scope of agricultural exemptions under the federal Clean Water Act.

- **Alyssa Cameron**, Attorney, Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services
- **Jason Totoiu**, General Counsel, Everglades Law Center
- **Christopher Byrd**, Attorney, The Byrd Law Group
- Moderator: **Richard Hamann**, Associate in Law, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- Student Panel Assistant: Chelsea Dalziel

AFTERNOON SESSION II: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

The Conflicting Goals of Food Safety and Environmental Protection (HOL 285B)

The Food Safety Modernization Act empowers the FDA to take more proactive steps to prevent foodborne disease outbreaks through new regulations for farms and increased food inspection. This legislation has been particularly controversial among small and organic farmers, who argue that it will have a disproportionate impact on their operations. It also created a potential conflict between the desire to have a “clean” disease-free farm and the desire to build sustainable farms with high biodiversity that provides important ecosystem services such as pollination, natural pest control, and wildlife habitat. This panel will explore the benefits and burdens of this legislation and address the issues related to its implementation.

- **Dr. Katie Sieving**, Professor, Department of Wildlife Ecology & Conservation, University of Florida
- **Dr. Rosalie Koenig**, Professor, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida; Owner, Rosie's Organic Farm

- **Roland McReynolds**, Attorney, Executive Director of Carolina Farm Stewardship Program
- **Soohyoun Ahn**, Assistant Professor, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida
- Moderator and Student Panel Assistant: Kimberly Marshall

Beyond BMPs: The Elusive Solution for Agricultural Pollution (HOL 285C)

The effective control of agricultural non-point source nutrient pollution is a great challenge for water quality managers. Florida depends on Best Management Practices (BMPs) developed by university researchers, adopted by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), verified by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Water Management Districts, and implemented by agricultural producers. Whether this program will be able to protect and restore water quality, and what we can do if it cannot, will be the subject of this panel.

- **Darrell Smith**, Assistant Director, Office of Agricultural Water Policy, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- **Dr. Wendy Graham**, Director, Water Institute, University of Florida
- **John Thomas**, Attorney, Law Office of John R. Thomas, P.A.
- Moderator and Student Panel Assistant: John Clarke

The New Farm Bill: Same Pig, New Lipstick? (HOL 355B)

With the recent passing of the Farm Bill, questions remain regarding what it will contain and what changes will be made that can help secure intergenerational food security in an environmentally friendly way. As a vast, omnibus piece of legislation, the Farm Bill contains provisions for conservation and environmental programs such as the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, the Wetlands Reserve Program, and the Conservation Reserve Program, just to name a few. This panel will provide a general overview of the different conservation programs contained in the Farm Bill, and discuss the prioritization of their funding, as well as the potential of these programs to affect change. This panel will also discuss the corn to ethanol program, which is also a part of the new Farm Bill.

- **Dr. Jeffrey Burkhardt**, Professor, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida
- **Dr. Rod Clouser**, Professor, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida
- **Janell Hendren**, National Affairs Coordinator, Florida Farm Bureau
- Moderator and Student Panel Assistant: Adrian Mahoney

BANQUET: 7:00-10:00 pm
Sweetwater Branch Inn 625 E. University Ave.

Urban Agriculture: Things are Looking Up

- **Presentation of Student Fellowship:** Mary Jane Angelo, Professor & Director of the Environmental & Land Use Law Certificate Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law
- **Presentation of Unsung Hero Award:** Joan D. Flocks, Director, Social Policy Division, Center for Governmental Responsibility, University of Florida Levin College of Law. *See Jeannie Economos' biography on page 8.*
- **Presentation of Citizen of the Year Award:** Marcy LaHart and Christopher Byrd
- **Recognitions and Introduction:** Chris Johns, J.D. Candidate 2015 & Gentry Mander, J.D./ M.D.P. Candidate 2014, PIEC Co-Chairs
- **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Dickson Despommier**, Professor of Public Health in Environmental Sciences at Columbia University; Author of *The Vertical Farm: Feeding the World in the 21st Century*. *See Dr. Despommier's biography on pages 7-8*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

WORKSHOP: 9:30-11:30 am
Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180)

Finding Collaborative Solutions for Natural Resources Issues

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- **Christopher Byrd**, Partner, The Byrd Law Group
- **Quilla Miralia**, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
- **Jonathan L. Dain**, Project Team, Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute; Faculty, Tropical Conservation & Development Program, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida

Conflicts that arise between agricultural and environmental interests are often contentious, costly affairs. Finding common interests between disputing parties can play a crucial role in loosening intractable positions and ultimately bring about timely, agreeable resolutions. The Public Interest Committee of the Environmental Land Use Section of the Florida Bar hosts Jon Dain from the Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute to lead a workshop that will showcase effective tools and strategies for dealing with these types of conflicts.

LUNCH BREAK & SPECIAL EVENTS:

Finding Your Career Path 11:45 am-1:45 pm (HOL 270)

This workshop will provide a broad overview of the current job market in the fields of environmental and land use law. A panel of recent graduates and experienced professionals representing a diverse range of public and private sector careers will be on hand to provide invaluable tips and advice for landing a job in this field of law. During the panel discussion, participants are encouraged to ask questions about how to find, interview for, and pursue a rewarding career in these specialized practice areas.

- **Christina Storz**, Assistant District Counsel, US Army Corp of Engineers
- **Chelsea Sims**, Associate, Cobb Cole
- **Andy Miller**, Executive Director/Legal Counsel, Public Trust Environmental Legal Institute of Florida, Inc.
- **Jennilyn Thiboult**, Compliance Officer & Consultant, CHC
- **Jocelyn Croci**, Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of Transportation
- **Jaclyn Lopez**, Staff Attorney, Center for Biological Diversity
- Student Panel Assistants: Marcelo Fiallos & Stephanie Carusillo

A Reading from a Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden 11:45 am-12:30 pm (Faculty Dining Room)

Presented by:

- **Bob H. Lee**, Former Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission officer and author of *Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden*
- **Dennis Bayer**, Partner, Nowell, Bayer & Maguire

Ethics & Professionalism for Attorneys 12:45-1:45 pm (HOL 180)

Presented by:

- **Amy Mashburn**, Professor of Law and Director of Lawyering & Professionalism Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law

CLOSING PLENARY: 2:00-3:30 pm
Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180)

Feeding the Future

Closing out the conference, this panel discussion will be centered on what the future holds for sustainable agriculture. Panel speakers will share their outlooks for Florida, the United States, and the world. Also, they will share some interesting ideas they have for moving forward in the agricultural sector while dealing with a growing population, a changing climate, and shrinking resources.

- **Philip Ackerman-Leist**, Associate Professor at Green Mountain College and Director of the Farm and Food Project
- **Anna Prizzia**, Statewide Coordinator, Farm to School, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida
- Student Panel Assistants: Marcelo Fiallos & Stephanie Carusillo

ELULS PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEE MEETING: 3:30-4:30 pm
Chesterfield Smith Ceremonial Classroom (HOL 180)



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Thursday: All parking restrictions are lifted at 5:30p.m.

Friday: Please park in the green decal parking lots bordering the southern and eastern sides of the Levin College of Law. Parking restrictions in these lots have been lifted for the conference.

Saturday: All parking restrictions are lifted on Saturday.

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625 East University Ave.
Gainesville, FL 32601

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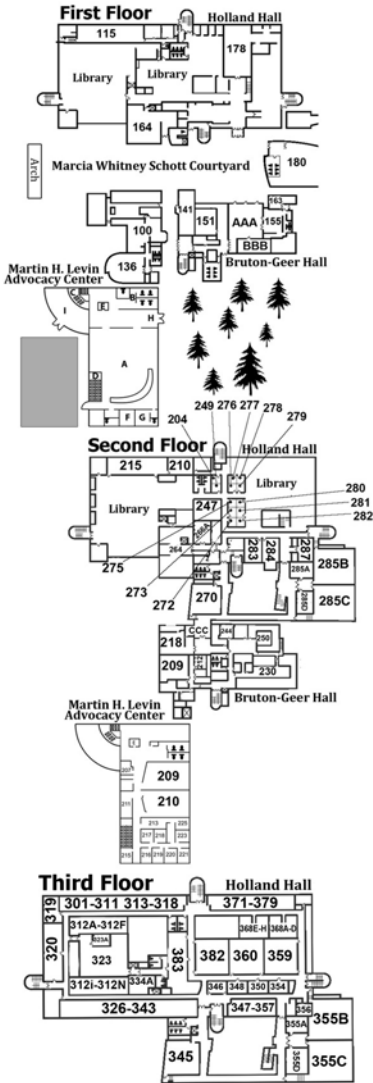
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