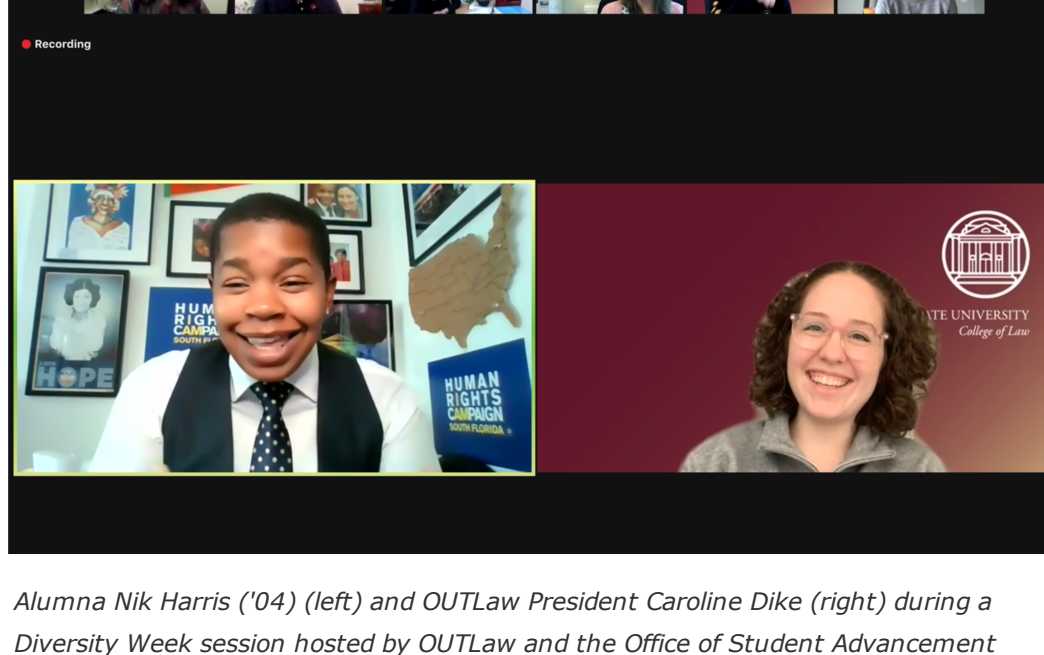


From the Dean



Alumna Nik Harris ('04) (left) and OUTLaw President Caroline Dike (right) during a Diversity Week session hosted by OUTLaw and the Office of Student Advancement

Last week, our student organizations hosted another engaging Diversity Week that celebrated and promoted the differences of our community members. This annual event planned by students and led by our Student Bar Association always includes a robust agenda, and this year was no different, even though the events were virtual. OUTLaw, in coordination with the Office of Student Advancement, hosted alumna Nik Harris ('04), who spoke about her career path, including her position as the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' first LGBTQ Consumer Advocate. Our Black Law Students Association hosted a virtual game night that celebrated the diversity within the FSU Law community and was an opportunity to learn more about fellow students. The Student Bar Association (SBA) and Office of Student Advancement co-hosted a session with The Florida Bar Appellate Practice Section, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, which featured three outstanding appellate law practitioners: Karla Ellis ('96), Sarah Lahlou-Amine and Laura Roe. SBA also joined with our International Law Students Association and Office of Student Advancement for a session featuring some of our accomplished LL.M. students, who earned their law degrees in Brazil, Ghana, India and Venezuela. SBA and our Women's Law Symposium also implemented unique social media campaigns to illustrate the diversity of our student body and to showcase our trailblazing alumni, respectively. Even though this academic year has been unlike any other, our students continue to present innovative events and embrace the collegiality that is a hallmark of our community.

-Dean Erin O'Connor

Georgetown Law Professor Sheila Foster Presents Spring 2021 Distinguished Lecture



Spring 2021 Distinguished Lecturer Sheila Foster

On Wednesday, February 24, Georgetown Law Professor Sheila Foster delivered FSU Law's Spring 2021 Distinguished Lecture via Zoom. Foster is the Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Urban Law and Policy at Georgetown and holds a joint appointment with the Georgetown Law School and the McCourt School of Public Policy. Her areas of expertise include environmental law and justice, urban land use law and policy, and state and local government. Foster's book "Co-Cities," with co-author Christian Iaione, is forthcoming from MIT Press.

Foster's lecture, "Mapping the New Urban Commons: Law and Resource Stewardship in the City," proposed the question "to whom does the city belong" and used anecdotes from urban Philadelphia, New York City, Detroit and other cities to examine how we should think about ownership and control of land and physical resources that were once private, but end up back in the public domain. Foster went on to redefine city as an "urban commons"—meaning that the city is a collaborative space in which urban inhabitants are central actors in managing and governing city life and urban resources—and discussed community land trusts and the Co-Cities Project.

"I began over a decade ago by investigating how different kinds of urban assets, such as community gardens, parks and neighborhoods could be conceived as an urban commons and later have explored and developed with my co-author how to conceive the infrastructure of the city itself as a shared commons, a shared infrastructure on which a variety of urban actors can come together and collectively manage and govern these resources to provide in particular for communities that have less of the kinds of goods and services they need to flourish and survive," said Foster. "And so in this way, I'm working in this space between public control and ownership and private—the market and the state. It's in this space I think we can locate a rich set of possibilities."

The Distinguished Lecture was hosted by our nationally ranked environmental law program. A [recording of Foster's lecture](#) can be found online.

Alum Profile: Amber Stoner Nunnally ('14)

[Amber Stoner Nunnally](#) has been elevated to partner at Shutts & Bowen in Tallahassee. She is a member of the firm's appellate practice group and concentrates in all aspects of appellate advocacy and procedure. Nunnally prepares appellate documents in original proceedings and also provides appellate support during trial and pretrial activities. She also is an experienced litigation attorney and represents businesses and state agencies on matters of law and public policy in the areas of constitutional and administrative law. She previously was a staff attorney for Florida Supreme Court Justice Ricky Polston ('87) and Florida First District Court of Appeal Judge T. Kent Wetherell, II ('95).



"I am excited to have been elevated to the partnership level at Shutts & Bowen, and look forward to expanding my practice alongside the partners in the Tallahassee office. I hope to enjoy continued success with the firm and my colleagues in the Appellate Practice Group in 2021 and for years to come."

Student Profile: 3L Dylan Levi Pryor

Desired Practice Location: Interested in opportunities throughout Florida, especially South Florida and Jacksonville

Expected Graduation: Spring 2021

Field of Law Sought: Interested in all opportunities and fields of law. Strong interest and experience in commercial real estate/transactional law, with a focus in affordable housing law.



Originally from Pompano Beach, Florida, Dylan Levi Pryor earned a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in economics from New College of Florida. When he graduates from FSU Law this spring, he will also earn the Business Law Certificate. This semester, Pryor is working as a certified legal intern for the FSU Law COVID-19 Veterans Legal Clinic, where he researches legal issues and drafts documents for a variety of matters brought to the clinic by local veterans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. He is also certified to represent clients in court. For the first part of last summer, Pryor participated in the FSU Public Interest Law Center Veterans Legal Clinic, where he worked on a variety of cases, including dissolution of marriage, summary administration and will drafting. During the second half of his 2L summer, Pryor was a summer associate at Coleman Talley LLP's Jacksonville office. He researched a wide range of tax and legal issues and drafted documents concerning affordable housing, tax law and real estate law, including commercial real estate transactions and property conveyances. During the fall semester of his 2L year, Pryor was an in-house extern for the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. He conducted research and prepared written recommendations on legal issues concerning applications from Florida businesses to receive tax credits for developments providing affordable housing. During his 1L summer, Pryor was a judicial intern for Judge Bernard Bober, of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida Criminal Division.

Pryor is a notes and comments editor for the *Florida State University Law Review* and an article and notes editor for the *Florida State University Business Review*. He is the founder and current president of the Jewish Law Students Association and was a member of the Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Team during his 2L year. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Pryor after graduation, [visit his LinkedIn profile](#).

"During my time at FSU Law, I learned to combine my legal knowledge and passion with my knowledge of basic business concepts to potentially be a very profitable associate. Through FSU Law's unparalleled programs and the consistent support of my professors, I was able to effectively design my own curriculum to accomplish this goal and I feel uniquely prepared to enter the field."

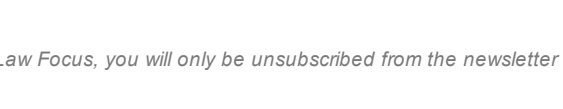
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