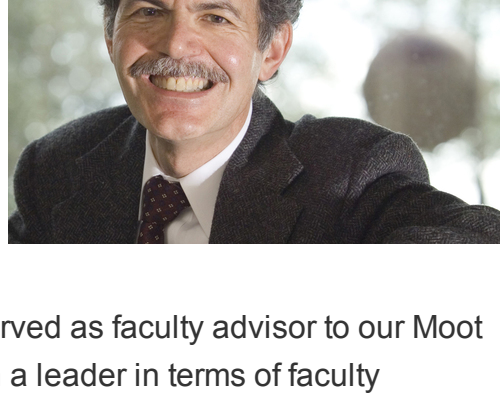


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From the Dean

This year marks John W. & Ashley E. Frost Professor **Nat Stern's** 40th year teaching at FSU Law! During his four decades at the law school, Nat has made far too many contributions to count. He has taught thousands of students, introduced hundreds of undergraduates to the joys of legal education through our Donald J. Weidner Summer for



Undergraduates Program, and expertly served as faculty advisor to our Moot Court Team since 1993. He also has been a leader in terms of faculty governance, including serving for a year as associate dean for academic affairs and chairing the faculty appointments and curriculum committees several times. Nat is a favorite in the classroom and has deservedly won numerous teaching awards. Under his leadership, the Moot Court Team has won many national competitions and two international competitions—last year was the team's most successful, proving that Nat continues to lead the team with extreme skill almost 30 years after taking the helm. In addition, Nat is a very productive scholar and engaged colleague. Celebrating Nat's 40 years at FSU is also bittersweet for us because he recently announced that he will retire from the full-time faculty at the end of this academic year. While this is a huge loss for our community, we take solace in the fact that he plans to continue to oversee the Moot Court Team. We are very pleased that his friendly smile will still be present on campus! We plan to celebrate Nat and his retirement this spring and will share more details about the celebration as they are finalized next year.

Erin O'Connor

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Professor Hsu Publishes Book

D'Alemberte Professor **Shi-Ling Hsu** has a new book, *Capitalism and the Environment: A Proposal to Save the Planet* (Cambridge University Press 2021), which will be published later in December. In this book, Hsu argues that capitalism is neither the environmental menace that some on the left believe it to be, nor the panacea for all social ills that some on the right believe it to be. Capitalism is a form of economic governance, which is steered by political choices. Hsu further argues that rescuing the Earth from human-caused pollution and climate change requires harnessing the power of capitalism, not rejecting it, and not idolizing it. Harnessing capitalism and steering it on a path to environmental repair requires a different set of political choices, vastly different from those that have been made by human industrial society. But once the capitalist engine is pointed in an environmental direction, the transformative power of capitalism holds humankind's best hope for saving the planet from humankind itself.

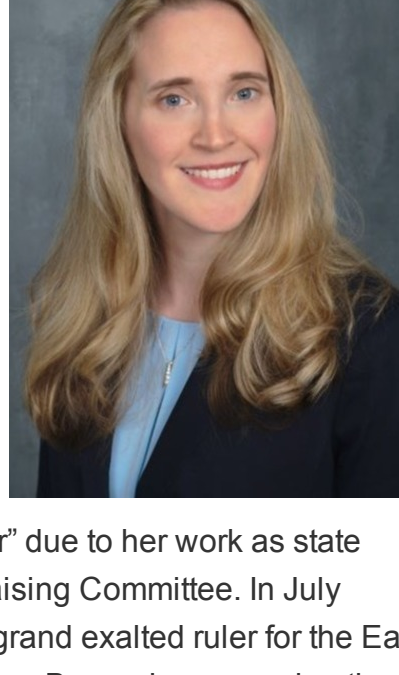


"I wrote this book because there are widespread misconceptions about capitalism," said Hsu. "On the left, capitalism has been equated with greed and excess, and environmental destruction. On the right, capitalism is celebrated as the only system in which human virtue can flourish. Both left and right make the mistake of making capitalism into ideology, which it is not. It is, however, the most powerful economic engine for transformation, and if only it can be directed toward protection and repair of the environment, it holds out the best hope for saving humankind from its own errant political choices."

Hsu is an expert in the areas of environmental law, natural resource law, climate change, law and economics, and property. He has published in a wide variety of legal journals and co-authored a casebook, *Ocean and Coastal Resources Law* (Wolters Kluwer 2019). Prior to entering academia, Hsu was a senior attorney and economist for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington, D.C. He also practiced law in California, both for the City and County of San Francisco and the law firm of Fenwick & West in Palo Alto.

Alum Profile: Erika J. Barger ('13)

In January 2021, Erika J. Barger became corporate counsel at Brown & Brown Insurance—the fifth largest independent insurance brokerage in the nation—in Daytona Beach. In this role, she handles various transactional matters with a focus on regulatory compliance and data privacy. Barger previously served as general counsel and chief compliance officer for Holland Financial and a judicial law clerk at the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal. Barger is also very engaged in the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks on the national and state levels, and at her lodge in Ormond Beach. In 2019, she was named Florida's "Elk of the Year" due to her work as state chairman of the Elks National Foundation Fundraising Committee. In July 2021, Barger was installed as the district deputy grand exalted ruler for the East Central District of Florida. During her one-year term, Barger is overseeing the eight lodges in her district, visiting each lodge to ensure that they are properly governed and in compliance with the organization's constitution and statutes. Barger is also responsible for ensuring that each lodge demonstrates financial stability, and offers a safe and welcoming environment for all to enjoy.



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Student Profile: 3L Melody Andrews

Desired Practice Location: Open to Tallahassee, Northwest Florida, Central Florida, or South Florida

Expected Graduation: May 2022

Field of Law Sought: Public interest, civil rights, family law, criminal defense, or appellate criminal appeals

Melody Andrews is from Jacksonville, Florida, and she earned her bachelor of arts in theatre and creative writing from Florida State University.

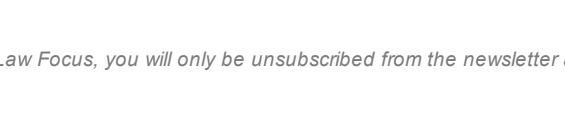
Andrews is working as a legal and policy intern this semester with Disability Rights Florida, where she performs research, and gathers and analyzes

information related to major Florida policy topics, including mental health, intelligent policing impact, risk protection orders, and accessibility regulations and outreach. She also reviews federal and state legislation, including proposed legislation, and provides updates and analysis to management. During the summer, Andrews was a legal intern at the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence, where she researched and reported on various areas of the law, including procedure, domestic violence, sexual assault, injunction orders, and Florida civil procedure. In addition, she assisted in developing advocacy ideas and policy initiatives. Since January 2021, Andrews has served as a research assistant for FSU Law Professor Paolo Annino and as a student legal advocate and certified legal intern with the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Law Project (HELP) at FSU Law. As a research assistant, Andrews has worked on several research projects including grant applications and outreach proposals. She has also provided supervision and guidance to students in the Children's Advocacy Clinic, and has assisted graduate fellows in active cases by visiting clients and assessing clients' legal needs. In her role with HELP, Andrews has worked on several cases with survivors of human trafficking and has provided legal support, which has included drafting documents for power of attorney and expungement. She has also prepared for dependency proceedings. In addition, she presented as part of a group in continuing legal education seminars on the basics of human trafficking, supply chain human trafficking, and the importance of safe houses and safe foster homes in Florida. During the fall of her 2L year, Andrews was a student legal advocate with FSU Law's Children's Advocacy Clinic. She worked on multiple cases with children involved in the dependency system, attended court hearings, which included several judicial reviews, and participated in a full-length administrative trial regarding termination of benefits. In addition, she drafted several motions and memoranda, gathered and submitted evidence for the administrative trial, and assisted former foster youth with applications for additional state care. The summer before her 2L year, Andrews worked as a law clerk with The Law Office of Brian C. Keri, P.A. in Tallahassee, where she researched several aspects of employment law, including case law dealing with discrimination and Title VII claims, and also drafted correspondence in reference to civil procedures, applicable case law, recorded statements, depositions, and an appellate brief. Prior to beginning law school, Andrews worked as an audio engineer with Age of Learning in Glendale, California, where she recorded talent, edited voice over audio in English, Spanish, Mandarin, and Japanese, as well as mixed and sound designed games and audiobooks.

At FSU Law, Andrews is president of the Nontraditional Students Association and secretary of the Trafficking in America Task Force. She also received a book award for the Children's Advocacy Clinic in the fall of 2020. If you are interested in connecting with or hiring Andrews after graduation, visit her [LinkedIn profile](#) or email her at maa07e@my.fsu.edu.

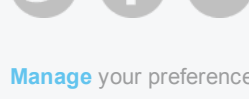
"I love both the theoretical and practical application of law. Working with the Public Interest Law Center, Disability Rights Florida, and the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence has allowed me to work in direct client advocacy as well as policy and law reform. Courses like Prison Law and Policy, Immigration Law, and International Human Rights Law have helped me gather a wide body of knowledge that I hope to use to help those in need within the realm of public interest and civil rights."

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