

# FSU LAW FOCUS

Friday, October 11, 2024

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## From the Dean

The Institute of Law, Technology & Innovation kicks off its first Frontiers in Law and Technology webinar of the Fall semester today with "Space Law: Logic is (Allegedly) the Beginning of Wisdom" via Zoom at 12:30 p.m., October 11. Join NASA lawyer and FSU College of Law visiting professor Tim Bass for an introduction to space law, with a



Tim Bass, Associate Chief Counsel for NASA and FSU Law visiting professor

special focus on the intersection of artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. As developments in space planning grow increasingly complex, understanding the legal frameworks governing satellite operations, data protection, and AI applications in space is crucial. This session will explore key regulations, emerging challenges, and best practices for ensuring compliance and security in the evolving space landscape. Register [here](#) for this free webinar which has been approved for Florida Bar CLE credit. If you are unable to attend the event live, feel free to check back at your convenience and view the video of this webinar or any of our other Frontiers' webinars (many of which are eligible for CLE credit) on our [website](#).

Dean Erin O'Connor

## Professor Brian Slocum Among Top 10 Most Cited Legislation Law Faculty in Country

FSU Law Stearns Weaver Miller Professor Brian G. Slocum is among the ten most-cited law faculty in the United States writing on legislation (including statutory interpretation and legislative process) based on the latest Sisk data. This ranking is for the period 2019-2023 (inclusive) and is based upon the data collected in late May/early June of 2024. Other institutions represented on this list and for this category include Yale,



Harvard, Georgetown, William & Mary, Northwestern and Stanford law schools.

Among those citing Professor Slocum's work is retired United States Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer. Slocum's paper, *Ordinary Meaning and Ordinary People* (with Kevin Tobia & Victoria Nourse), 171 **U. Penn. L. Rev.** 365 (2023) was discussed by Justice Stephen Breyer on page 14 of his 2023 book, [Reading the Constitution: Why I Chose Pragmatism, Not Textualism.](#)

Professor Slocum's research and teaching focus on legislation/statutory interpretation, language and law, administrative law, and contracts. He came to FSU Law in 2023 from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, where he held the titles of distinguished professor of law and associate dean for scholarship. Professor Slocum received his JD from Harvard and has a Ph.D and M.A. in Linguistics from the University of California, Davis.

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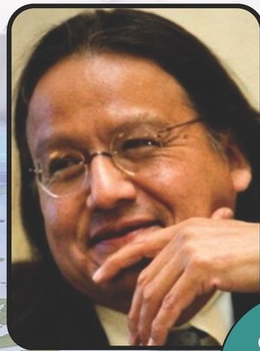
## FSU Center for Environmental, Energy & Land Use Law Shares 2024-25 Events Schedule

Our Center for Environmental, Energy & Land Use Law is hard at work and recently shared its schedule of events with law students (see below). Under the leadership of Professors Erin Ryan, the Associate Dean for Environmental Programs and James Parker-Flynn, center director, the center is providing

excellent programming and experiential opportunities for our law students. For example, this week, the center presented "*Does the Constitution protect a right to a clean environment? Or is it a barrier to governmental action against climate change?*" Dr. Amanda Shanor, the Wolpov Family Faculty Scholar at Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania presented this lecture discussing the role of constitutional law in the fight against the most challenging crisis facing humanity.



# 2024-2025 ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, AND LAND USE LAW EVENTS



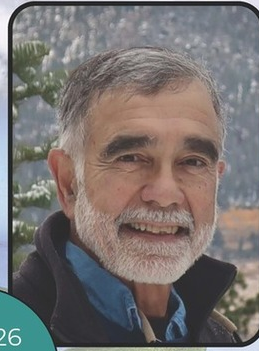
**GERALD TORRES**

**ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

Professor of Environmental Justice, Yale School of the Environment, and Professor of Law, Yale Law School

Oct. 30  
3:30 PM  
Rotunda

**DISTINGUISHED ENVIRONMENTAL LECTURES**



**JOHN LESHY**

**ON U.S. PUBLIC LANDS**

Emeritus Harry D. Sunderland and Distinguished Professor of Real Property Law

Feb. 26  
3:30 PM  
Rotunda

## FALL LECTURES AND EVENTS



**AMANDA SHANOR**  
**ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTITUTIONALISM**

Wolpov Family Faculty Scholar, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Oct. 9  
12:30 PM  
Zoom

**FSU LAW ALUMNI CAREER PANEL**

Hear from FSU alumni practicing environmental, energy, and land use law in government, NGO, industry, and private practice jobs.



Nov. 13  
12:30 PM  
Room 208

## SPRING LECTURES AND EVENTS



**PROGRAM FIELD TRIP!**

Visit a nearby natural treasure with your friends and professors.

Spring  
2025

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PANEL**

Discussing the impact of recent Supreme Court blockbusters with Professors Brian Slocum, Mark Seidenfeld, and others.

Spring  
2025



## AND DON'T MISS



**Introduction to Environmental Certificate Program**

Sept. 6, 12:30 PM  
Room 208



**Environmental Externship Luncheon**

Sept. 18, 12:30 PM  
Rotunda



**Environmental Program Lunch & Learn!**

Oct. 23, 12:30 PM,  
& March 2025  
Room 208



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