Faculty and Staff

Kristen David Adams and Candace Zierdt, Professors of Law, presented their proposed book project on the topic of practicing overseas in international transactions to the American Bar Association Business Law Section Uniform Code Committee’s Joint Meeting of the Article 1 and Article 2 subcommittees.

Shahram Amiri, Associate Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, served as the keynote speaker in May for the Finance, Global Management, Economics & Information Technology Research Conference, in New York City, presenting “The Impact of Information and Communication Technology on Purchasing Power Parity in Developing and Developed Nations.” Dr. Amiri will serve as the keynote speaker for the 3rd National South African e-Skills Summit in Cape Town, South Africa, in November, presenting “An Examination of ICT Spending and the Development of e-Skill in the Republic of Turkey.”

Wendy Anderson, Associate Professor and Chair of Environmental Science and Studies, received a $25,000 grant from the Bureau of Land Management to support a vegetation analysis and mapping project in 2015 on three BLM parcels on Lopez Island, Washington. The results will inform the BLM’s decision to renew the designation of “Areas of Critical Environmental Concern” for each of these parcels, which provides them with the highest level of protection from human exploitation. She will be hiring two Stetson students this year to review historical documents and maps of the area in preparation for the fieldwork she will conduct with her students next summer.

William Andrews, Associate Professor of International Business, has been serving as an advisor to Details, a highly scalable software-as-service company serving the floral industry and operating out of the Daytona Beach business incubator. He anticipates becoming a founding partner in the immediate future.

William Andrews, Associate Professor of International Business, and Jon Carrick, Assistant Professor of International Business, participated in a Department of Commerce trade mission to Bogata, Colombia. Important contacts were made which should yield new opportunities for case studies, internships and student employment.

Frank Barbera, Assistant Professor of Family Enterprise, won the 2014 Academic Award for Best Dissertation, presented by the Family Firm Institute, Inc. (FFI). FFI is the oldest and most prestigious multidisciplinary professional association for family enterprise in the world with members from more than 88 countries.

Robert D. Bickel, Professor of Law, together with Tammy Briant, Director for Student Life, presented “Equal Justice Journey: The Permanent Lessons of the Civil Rights Movement,” at the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Legal Aid Program Directors Association.

Brooke J. Bowman, Professor of Legal Skills, presented “Fantastic Five-Minute Fundamentals: Teaching and Reinforcing Research Skills in Five Minutes,” at the 16th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (co-presenter with Wanita Scroggs, International Law Librarian, and Whitney Curtis from Hastings College of the Law). She co-chairs the Moot Court committee of the Legal Writing Institute, and serves as Editor in Chief of the peer-edited Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute. Professor Bowman is a member of the ABA’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition subcommittee, which hosts the six regional rounds of the competition (involving over two hundred teams), as well as the national finals, and she took the lead in converting her book, ALWD Companion: A Citation Practice Book, (with Coleen Barger) to the ALWD Online Companion.

Catherine J. Cameron, Professor of Legal Skills, presented "The Top Ten Takeaways from The Science Behind the Art of Legal Writing" at the Southeast Legal Writing Conference held at Stetson, which highlighted information that can be found in the book she co-authored with Lance N. Long, Professor of Legal Skills.

Pamela Cappas-Toro, Assistant Professor of Spanish, has been selected to present at the Eastern Region Campus Conference in October. The theme of the conference is: “Moving Us Forward-Fifty Years On: From Civil Rights to Critical Engagement” Pamela will be presenting on, “Higher Education and the Prison Industrial Complex: Promoting Social Justice and Student Activism in Latino Communities.”

Jon Carrick, Assistant Professor of International Business, published an article entitled, “Academic Entrepreneurship: How Little We know,” in The Journal of Strategic Innovation and Sustainability, 9(1-2). He is also serving on the editorial board of the Journal of Management Policy and Practice and is a reviewer for American Journal of Management and the Journal of Applied Business and Economics.

Jon Carrick, Assistant Professor of International Business, is serving as an Advisor for HireWheel; this is a company that beat out over 1,000 other applicants to get accepted into the prestigious Brandery Incubator in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Valrie Chambers, Ph.D., CPA, Associate Professor of Tax and Accounting, was appointed to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) - Tax Division, Individual and Self-employed Tax Technical Resource Panel beginning in October of this year, and re-appointed to the Regulation Subcommittee of the AICPA, which selects items for inclusion in the uniform CPA exam. She also serves as quarterly column editor for the AICPA’s IRS Advocacy & Relations Committee (formerly the IRS Tax Practice and Procedures Committee).

Patrick Coggins, Professor of Education, was appointed by the Florida Commissioner of Education as a member of the Commissioner of Education Task Force on Holocaust Education.


Leigh de Armas DeLorenzi, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education, co-authored the article “Making the Case for Standards of Conduct in Clinical Training” published in *Counselor Education and Supervision*. This article has been selected by the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) for the "2014 Outstanding Article for Counselor Education and Supervision Award." The award will be presented at the Association’s 2014 regional conference in Birmingham, AL, this October.

Mitzi Dykes, Instructor in Management, is coordinating the professional communications curriculum in the School of Business Administration. Faculty members teaching these professional communication courses are working together to provide consistent and high-level instruction in this foundational course with common learning objectives, common syllabi, and common assignments.

Hala ElAarag, Associate Professor of Computer Science, was elected Vice President/President Elect of the Consortium of Computing Sciences in Colleges. Dr. El Aarag also co-authored and co-presented research with three students: with Harrison Neal the article "A Reliable Covert Communication Scheme Based on VoIP Steganography" in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science Transactions on Data Hiding and Multimedia Security* (Springer, 2014); with J. A. Roles delivered the paper "A Bayesian Game Approach to Coexistence with Malicious and Selfish Nodes in Wireless Ad-Hoc Networks" at the Communication and Networking Symposium (CNS’14), International Society of Modeling and Simulation 2014 Spring Simulation Multiconference in Tampa, FL (April 13-16, 2014) -- the paper was a candidate for the Best Paper Award at the conference; and with Christian Micklisch presented the paper "RapiBaBot: A Solution To The Inverted Pendulum Using a Raspberry Pi and its GPIO" at the IEEE Southeast Conference in Lexington, KY (March 13-16, 2014).

Jason Evans, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Studies, received a $44,240 contract to conduct geospatial scenario modeling, public outreach, and policy integration for local climate change and sea level rise adaptation planning in Monroe County and the Village of Islamorada, FL. This work is being utilized to inform conservation land purchases, prioritize local infrastructure upgrades, and guide future growth management policies in ways that minimize long-term exposure to sea level rise inundation. Partners in this work include the Nature Conservancy, Florida Sea Grant, Quest Ecology, Catalysis Adaptation Partners, and Erin Deady, P.A. Dr. Evans will be hiring at least one Stetson student to assist with digitization of vulnerable habitat and infrastructure using aerial photography and Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) point cloud data from Key Largo, Big Pine Key, Stock Island, and the Village of Islamorada.
Jason Evans, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Studies, is co-Principal Investigator for a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) project that is providing detailed flood resilience and sea level rise adaptation assistance to the communities of St. Marys, GA and Hyde County, NC. This project was awarded through NOAA’s 2013 Coastal Community Climate Adaptation Initiative and is being conducted by Dr. Evans in partnership with research and extension faculty from the Georgia and North Carolina Sea Grant programs. Dr. Evans intends to hire one Stetson student to assist with development and management of geospatial data needed for model implementation and outreach communications.

Tom Farrell, Professor and Chair of English, participated in the New Chaucer Society Congress in Reykjavik, Iceland in July.

Kelly M. Feeley, Professor of Legal Skills, and James A. Sheehan, Director of the Tampa Law Center and Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, completed their book, Mastering ADR (Carolina Academic Press 2014).

Chris Ferguson, Associate Professor and Chair of Psychology, was named a Fellow of the American Psychological Association.

Giovanni Fernandez, Assistant Professor of Finance, recently had two research papers accepted for publication in the International Journal of Finance. The papers are entitled “With One Shot, Which Bullet Would You Use? Market versus Accounting Data in Bankruptcy Prediction Part I” and “With One Shot, Which Bullet Would You Use? Market versus Accounting Data in Bankruptcy Prediction Part II.”


Royal C. Gardner, Professor of Law and Director, Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, spoke about his book Lawyers, Swamps, and Money, at the U.S. EPA headquarters in Washington, DC, and moderated two plenary sessions at the National Mitigation and Ecosystem Banking Conference in Denver. This summer, in his capacity as Chair of the Ramsar Convention’s scientific advisory body, he participated in meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Montreal), the Convention on Migratory Species
Savannah-Jane Griffin, Director of Community Engagement (BBA ‘07, MBA ‘08), was selected to present at the Eastern Region Campus Conference in October. The theme of the conference is: “Moving Us Forward-Fifty Years On: From Civil Rights to Critical Engagement.” Savannah-Jane will be presenting a poster presentation on, “Assessment of Service and Community Engagement in Higher Education.”

Tandy Grubbs, Professor and Chair of Chemistry, has had a chapter about his project, the “3D Printing in Chemistry Initiative,” accepted for an upcoming ACS Book entitled

Addressing the Millennial Student: New Pedagogy and Approaches to Improve Student Learning Outcomes in Undergraduate Chemistry. Susan Ryan, Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the Library & Digital Learning Resources, and two students who were involved in this project appear as co-authors of the article: Luciano E. H. Violante, Daniel A. Nunez, Susan M. Ryan, and W. Tandy Grubbs, "3D Printing in the Chemistry Curriculum: Inspiring Millennial Students to be Creative Innovators."


Heather Hamilton, AmeriCorps VISTA in the Center for Community Engagement, was awarded the 2014 AmeriCorps VISTA of the Year for the state of Florida, through Florida Campus Compact.

Lua Hancock, Assistant Provost for Student Success, will be the keynote speaker for the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Florida conference in Fort Myers, FL, October 2014.

Carol E. Henderson, Professor of Law, co-chairs the Life & Physical Sciences Division, Science & Technology Section of the American Bar Association. She presented “Art and Scientific Evidence: Criminal Investigation and Authentication,” at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Maggie Herb, Lecturer in English and Director of the Writing Center, is taking a number of our Writing Center Tutors to the International Writing Centers Association conference in Orlando. Ten of our Writing Center Tutors were chosen to present four sessions out of a record number of received proposals. Dr. Herb will also give two presentations, “The Risks of Contingent Writing Center Directorships” and “Every Writing Center is Different. Or Is It?”

Anthony Hose, Professor of Orchestral Conducting, celebrated another successful season as Artistic Director of the Beaumaris Festival in the United Kingdom.

Matt Hurst, Assistant Professor of Finance, recently had his research paper entitled, "Board Changes and CEO Turnover: The Unanticipated Effects of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act," accepted for publication in the Journal of Banking and Finance, a top journal in the field.
Gene Huskey, Professor of Political Science and the William R. Kenan Jr. Chair at Stetson, had a chapter published in a Cambridge University Press collection edited by Mark Beissinger and Stephen Kotkin, *Historical Legacies of Communism in Russia and Eastern Europe*. Dr. Huskey’s contribution is entitled, “Legacies and Departures in the Russian State Executive.” Dr. Huskey was also among two dozen specialists in comparative politics invited to participate in a conference on Coalitional Presidentialism at St. Antony’s College, Oxford, in May. His talk there was on Budgetary Powers and Coalition Management in Russia.


Scott Jones, Assistant Professor of Marketing and faculty advisor to Stetson’s American Marketing Association (AMA), has organized site visits for AMA members and his students to United Parachute Technologies and Kermit’s Key Lime Shoppe.

Scott Jones, Assistant Professor of Marketing, was an invited panelist at the PhD Project’s International Symposium for doctoral students in the field of marketing held in conjunction with the American Marketing Association’s Summer Educators conference. Dr. Jones joined Andrea Dixon (Baylor University) and Jeff Murray (University of Arkansas) in a discussion on social networking, career positioning, and balancing the demands for scholarship and teaching of tenure track positions.

Robin Kazmarek, Associate Director of Career Development, and John Sheehy, Career Development Coordinator, co-presented “Ready, Set, Grow: Providing Seniors the Tools for Success” at the Florida Association of Colleges and Employers annual conference, June 2014. It was voted best session of the conference by attendees. Additionally, Kazmarek was invited to co-present in October, 2014 with Tim Harding, Associate Dean of Career Development and Engagement at the University of Tampa, on “Now Trending: Combining Career Centers with Advising, Engagement or Other Functional Areas,” a webinar hosted by the Southeastern Association of Colleges and Employers.

Camille King, Associate Professor of Psychology, co-authored with M. Garcea and A. C. Spector the article “Restoration of quinine-stimulated Fos-immunoreactive neurons in the central nucleus of the amygdala and gustatory cortex following reinnervation or cross-reinnervation of the lingual taste nerves in rats,” in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology* (Aug 1; 522 (11): 2498-517).

Laura Kirkland, Cataloging Librarian and Associate Professor, led two table talks on “Resources Description and Access” at the NEFLIN Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, September 2014.

Routa Kroumovitch, Professor of Violin, will be concerto soloist and concertmaster of the orchestra of the world-renowned *Vina del Mar* Competition in Chile.

Eric Kurlander won the McInery Prize for Excellence in Teaching in May. Dr. Kurlander also co-edited with Joanne Miyang Cho and Douglas McGetchin the book *Transcultural Encounters between Germany and India: Kindred Spirits in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, New York and London: Routledge, 2014. Dr. Kurlander’s article “The Orientalist
Roots of National Socialism? Nazism, Occultism, and South Asian Spirituality, 1919-1945” is included in the volume.

Lance N. Long, Professor of Legal Skills, presented at the Legal Writing Institute’s National Bi-Annual Conference in Philadelphia on the subject of Stetson’s subject-focused legal writing classes.

K.C. Ma, Visiting Professor of Finance and Director of the Roland George Investments Program, celebrated two more national championships for the student-run portfolio. The RGIP won both the G.A.M.E. competition sponsored by Quinnipiac University and the R.I.S.E. competition sponsored by the University of Dayton for the performance of their fixed-income portfolio.

Jason Martin, Library Head of Public Services and Assistant Professor, was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the University Libraries Section of the Academic College & Research Libraries group. Martin gave two poster sessions at the June 2014 American Library Association Conference, Las Vegas, titled “Managing against Change: Transactional Leadership and the Experienced Library Leader” and “Lead and Inspire: The Effect of Transformational Leadership on Organizational Outcomes.”

Jeffrey J. Minneti, Professor of Legal Skills and Director of Academic Success, presented “Assessing the Impact of Law Student Work Ethic on Academic Performance and First-Time Bar Passage,” at the Association of Academic Support Educators Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rebecca C. Morgan, Boston Asset Management Chair in Elder Law, Professor of Law, and Co-Director, Center for Excellence in Elder Law, moderated a one-day program for Judge Advocate General Legal Services attorneys at Redstone Arsenal on Special Needs Trusts, provided CLE for the Oklahoma Bar Elder Law Section, and presented at the Third World Congress on Adult Guardianships and at the Law & Society Meeting, and was the Keynote speaker on “What Aging Society Means to All of Us,” at the Professional Network on Aging’s Annual Conference in Memphis.

Erin Moore, Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology, co-authored with T. Harris the article “Sex is like jelly beans: Educating students on the risks of oral sex,” in the *American Journal of Sexuality Education* (9 [2014]: 292-307). Dr. Moore also co-authored with her students Samantha Warta (BA ’14) and K. Erichsen (BA ’14) the article “College students’ volunteering: Factors related to current volunteering, volunteer settings, and motives for volunteering,” in *College Student Journal* (48 [2014]: 386-396). Further, Dr. Moore was awarded an FC2 Female Condom College Health Mini-Grant for $1,000 from The Female Health Company. This grant funds a project that will take place throughout the 2014-2015 academic year. She is collaborating with several students in her Health Psychology class on this project.

Carolyn Mueller, Professor of International Business, is once again having her Cross-Cultural Dynamics & Management class participation in the X-Culture Global Collaboration Course. Stetson students will participate with student from all over the world in teams of six to seven members, each from a different university in a different country. Each team will develop a high-quality business plan for a multinational company.
Carolyn Mueller, Professor of International Business, will present a case titled “Wise Dragon Consulting in China” at the Academy of International Business-SE annual conference in October 2014 in Miami, FL. The focus of Dr. Mueller’s spring 2014 sabbatical, this case is about two companies begun nine years ago in China by two Stetson alumni and Mueller’s former students, Stephen Berning (BBA ’04) and Christina Homan (BBA ’05). Also at the AIB-SE 2014 conference, Dr. Mueller will chair a panel discussion on Undergraduate Business Student Research.

Lynn Musco, Professor of Clarinet, represented Stetson at the International Clarinet Festival in Assisi, Italy in August.

Luz Estella Nagle, Professor of Law, met with members of the Labor Market Regulatory Authority from Bahrain to discuss human trafficking and labor migration.

Carolyn Nicholson, Professor of Marketing, presented her work “Marketer Generated Content Engagement: A Framework for Exploring its Impact on Brand Trust and Socially-Mediated Communication” at Annual Conference Society for Marketing Advances, with Deborah Goldring, Assistant Professor of Marketing. Dr. Nicholson and Dr. Goldring continue working on the dataset for journal submission.

Marleen A. O’Connor, Professor of Law, presented “Corporate Control of the Global Food Economy” at the Annual Meeting of Law & Society, and ”The New Economy and the Future of Corporate Law Scholarship” at the AALS Mid-year Meeting for Corporations. She also wrote an article, Corporate Control of the Global Food Economy, which was selected to be presented at Yale’s Food Systems Symposium in November 2014.

Gary Oliphant, Associate Professor of Management, is leading Stetson’s efforts implementing a grant received from The Coleman Foundation to improve entrepreneurship education. Dr. Oliphant is working with four “Coleman Fellows” in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Music to develop courses and create innovative programs in entrepreneurship education at Stetson. Coleman Fellows include: Eric Kurlander, Professor of History, Nathan Wolek, Associate Professor of Digital Arts, Patrece Robinson, Adjunct faculty in Music, and Dan Plante, Professor of Computer Science.

Gary Oliphant and Becky Oliphant, Associate Professors of Management, are revising the Entrepreneurship minor, creating two tracks in the minor: 1) social entrepreneurship, and 2) creativity and innovation. The first track will focus on non-profit enterprises while the second track will focus on for-profit enterprises. These two tracks will parallel the student co-curricular activities of ENACTUS and the Stetson Entrepreneurial Group (S.E.G.).

Lou Paris, Visiting Lecturer in International Business and Stetson Alumnus (BBA ’07), is taking his business, Bounce Forward, LLC which owns the “No Bully Fear” trademark, international. Professor Paris is currently in negotiations with a school district in Panama to distribute an anti-bullying kit for children and parents. At the same time Paris is setting up an instructor certification system, to be launched first in Venezuela and then expanded to neighboring countries, including: Colombia, Peru, and Brazil. Professor Paris’ efforts come after a national TV campaign launched in September through the Telemundo network. This campaign was specifically geared to the Hispanic market in the United States.
Lou Paris, Visiting Lecturer in International Business and Stetson Alumnus (BBA ’07), is reopening his operations of Export Guru in Florida. Export Guru helps local businesses access Latin American markets AND business loans with interest rates below 1% annually. The typical loans under Export Guru are between $50K and $100K. To date, Export Guru has funded two businesses in Florida for a total of $180K. The reactivation of the business comes as a result of renewed interest from local startups.


Ellen S. Podgor, Gary R. Trombley Family White-Collar Crime Research Professor and Professor of Law, is the new President of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

Michael Rickman, Professor of Piano and Steinway Artist, headlined numerous concerts and recitals across Italy at the Orfeo Festival this summer.

Leila Roach, Associate Professor of Counselor Education, presented a workshop on spirituality and values at the Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling Conference in New Orleans, LA.

Stephen Robinson, Professor of Guitar, celebrated his 30th year at Stetson and released his latest recording, Imagine.

Charles H. Rose III, Professor of Excellence in Trial Advocacy and Director, Center for Excellence in Advocacy, presented on depositions skills and skills training at the Federal Trade Commission, and presented as a Master of Advocacy during the NACDL White Collar Crime Program in San Diego. Professor Rose with Stephanie A. Vaughan, Professor of Legal Skills and Associate Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy, taught a two-day intensive Teacher Advocacy Training course to over twenty advocacy professors at the University at Buffalo Law School and created an advocacy program at University College, Dublin.

Susan D. Rozelle, Associate Dean for Faculty and Professor of Law, was appointed to the Editorial Board of the ABA Criminal Justice Magazine. Her article, “Practice Attributional Charity: Cognitive Bias in Intentional Homicide Law,” is forthcoming in volume 47 of the Texas Tech Law Review (invited symposium contribution), and she presented “Eating the Elephant: Institutional Strategies for Work-Life Balance,” at the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference in August.

Susan Ryan, Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the duPont-Ball Library & Digital Learning Resources and Professor, and Tandy Grubbs, Professor of Chemistry, presented a technology session titled “Collaborate and Innovate: 3D Printing in Academic Libraries,” at the American Library Association’s Annual Conference, Las Vegas, June 2014.

David Schmidt, Professor of Trombone, and his students were selected to perform at the International Trombone Festival in Columbus, Georgia, and received stellar reviews for their performance
John Schorr, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, was selected as a finalist for the AACU Campus Compact Thomas Ehrlich Engaged Faculty Award and will be presenting at the AACU annual meeting in January.

Matthew Schrager, Assistant Professor of Integrative Health Science, presented the paper “Effects of Blueberry Supplementation on Cognitive and Motor Function in Older Adults” at the American College of Sports Medicine Conference on Integrative Physiology of Exercise in Miami Beach, FL September 20, 2014.

Rajni Shankar-Brown, Associate Professor and Jessie Ball duPont Chair of Education, organized the first annual 2014 Poverty and Homelessness Conference at Stetson University on September 15, 2014. The conference was organized in collaboration with Volusia County Schools and brought over 260 educators to campus for a keynote presentation, breakout sessions, and a panel discussion with national and local experts. In addition to illuminating the complexity of poverty and the intersectionality of social justice issues, the conference called university-level teacher educators, K-12 administrators, K-12 teachers, academic coaches, counselors, social workers, and Stetson teacher candidates to action with the goal of positively impacting the lives of children and youth living in deep poverty.

Stacey-Rae Simcox, Associate Professor of Legal Skills and Director, Veterans Advocacy Clinic, is co-editor of Servicemember and Veterans Rights with LexisNexis. She also was appointed to the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Judicial Conference Committee.

Robert Sitler, Professor of Spanish and Director of Latin American Studies, published the article “Remembrance and Rebirth in Blue Spring (Volusia County)” in Journal of Florida Studies, vol. 1, no. 3 (Spring 2014).

Carine Strebel-Halpern, Assistant Professor of Education, co-authored with J. W. Nutta, K. Mokhtari, F. M. Mihai, and E. Crevecoeur-Bryant the book Educating English Learners: What Every Classroom Teacher Needs to Know, Cambridge, MA: Harvard Education Press, 2014. Dr. Strebel-Halpern and Christopher Colwell, Associate Professor of Education, attended the summer conference of the Association of Teacher Educators (August 1-5) and presented our State Department of Education-approved ESOL infusion program: Preparing Teachers to Reach English Learners: Teacher Preparation Perspective.

Page Thanasiu, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education, presented on results from the Department’s international trip to the UK at the European Branch of the American Counseling Association Conference in Milan, Italy.

John Tichenor, Associate Professor of Management and Interim Department Chair, presented a paper titled “Female Leadership and Corporate Social Responsibility” at the international Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations conference at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, July 11, 2014.

Chris Tobler, Associate Professor of Finance and Department Chair, recently chaired a session and presented his research paper entitled “Exotic Structured Products - The Case of Victory Certificates,” co-authored with Rodrigo Hernandez, Radford University and Jeff Jones, Missouri State University, at the Academy of Business Research Conference. The research was voted Best Paper of the finance session of the conference.
**Ciara Torres-Spelliscy**, Associate Professor of Law, presented on multiple panels, including "When Corporate and Election Law Collide: A Century of Regulating Money in Politics," at the Annual Conference of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools; "Beyond Citizens United and McCutcheon: What Next for Campaign Finance Regulation?" at the Annual Convention of the American Constitution Society in Washington, D.C.; and "The Emerging Ecology of Money & Politics" at the annual meeting of the National Institute on Money in state Politics at Bigfork, Montana. She was elected as member of the Board of Directors of the Mertz Gilmore Foundation in July 2014.

**Rebecca S. Trammell**, Dolly & Homer Hand Library Director and Professor of Law, chairs the Southeastern Association of Law Schools Distance Learning Committee. She led a two-day Distance Education Expo as part of the SEALS annual meeting, providing hands-on access to online law school courses from several law schools including Stetson. She also presented as part of the SEALS Distance Learning discussion group.


**Kevin Winchell**, Assistant Director of Community Engagement (BA ’07, BS ’08, MBA ’14), was selected to present at the Eastern Region Campus Conference in October. The theme of the conference is: “Moving Us Forward-Fifty Years On: From Civil Rights to Critical Engagement.” Kevin will be presenting on “Lessons from 2012: Using campus and campaign best-practices to increase student political engagement through voter registration, education, engagement, and turnout.”

**Terri Witek**, Professor of Creative Writing and Director of the Sullivan Creative Writing Program, participated with five Stetson students in the Disquiet International poetry festival in Portugal last summer. The students were Annemarie Boss (BA ‘13), Abby Bush (BA expected ’16), Chyina Powell (BBA expected’16), Jared Alan Smith (BA ’14), and Jessica Wasilewski (BA expected ’14).

**Student Highlights**

Ayushia Ansari and Margaret Ellison are currently developing a sporting apparel product, a real business opportunity that started in Professor Paris’ International Business class. The product is a soccer shoe made of the same material and pattern as a soccer ball. A working prototype has been produced and they are currently in the process of creating a Kickstarter campaign to harness investment funds.

Jeremy Bailee and Thomas Burgess, and Yaffi Hilili, Kristy Rowsey, and Yesica Liposky formed the two Stetson teams which participated in the E. Earle Zehmer Workers’ Compensation Moot Court held in Orlando in conjunction with the Workers’ Compensation Institute Annual Meeting. Our two teams advanced to the quarterfinal round of the competition and won the award for second best brief. In addition, Ms. Liposky was named the best overall advocate in the competition. The teams were coached by College of Law Associate Dean Michael Allen and alum and adjunct faculty member Jason Stearns, class of 2008.
Jeremy Bailee, Nick Sellers, and Anisha Patel formed the Stetson team which participated in the Robert Orseck Memorial Moot Court Competition held in conjunction with the Florida Bar’s Annual Convention, this year in Orlando. The team advanced to argue in the final round before the Florida Supreme Court. The team also won the Best Brief Award. The team was coached by Professor Brooke Bowman, class of 2002, and alum Larry Miccolis, class of 2009.

Jeff Barbacci, Stetson accounting alumnus (BBA ’91; MAcc ’92), has been elected Chair of the Florida Institute of CPAs. Jeff is a shareholder of Thomas Howell Ferguson PA, a CPA firm in Tallahassee.

Kevin Berstler, senior Spanish major and Bonner student, has been awarded the Student Excellence in Service Award for the entire state of Florida (among all independent colleges/universities), through Florida Campus Compact.

Kevin Crews, 2014 graduate, was the winner of the 2014 Law Student Essay Contest sponsored by Florida Lawyers Mutual Insurance, the Young Lawyers Division of The Florida Bar, the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of The Florida Bar, and the Henry Latimer Center for Professionalism. Mr. Crews won this contest two years in a row.

Michelle Crowe, current MAcc student (BBA ’14) and a Fell Research Scholar, co-authored a paper with faculty members Vince Brenner and Maria Rickling on accounting for research and development costs that will be presented at the Academic of Business Education Annual Conference in September.

John Dieck, History major (BA expected ‘15) received a competitive IIE Gilman travel Fellowship to Morocco.

Lauren Geraci, third-year law student, won the 2014 Dean Frank E. Maloney Memorial Writing Contest, sponsored by the Environmental & Land Use Law Section of The Florida Bar.


Katelyn Promfret, senior Marketing major, is the recipient of a research grant funded by the Davis Brand Capital gift. Katelyn is working with Michelle DeMoss, Associate Professor of Marketing, on a project entitled, “Influence of Eco-labeling and Product Claims on Consumer Perceptions of Brand Attitudes and Intentions.” Ms. Pomfret and Dr. DeMoss plan to submit their paper to the 2014 Academy for Business Research Conference. In addition, Ms. Pomfret will be presenting the paper at the Stetson Showcase in the spring.

Zsofia Szurovszki, International Business major, participated in a 9 week internship this past summer with Bosch, GmbH in Germany. Her responsibilities included assisting in the development of pricing models used by the purchasing department and reconfiguring bid specifications away from component parts and toward higher-order assemblies.

Scott Tolliver, third-year law student, was selected to serve as the ABA Law Student Division liaison to the Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs for 2014-2015.

Katherine Tonner, Psychology major (BA expected ’15), received a SURE grant for $2,000 to complete a project on jealousy, gender expression, love styles, and attachment.

James R. Weston, who recently received a Master of Accountancy (MAcc ’14) at Stetson after successfully completing his Stetson BBA (’11) and playing on the Hatter baseball team, has been hired as an energy industry analysis for Raymond James at its Houston office.

Wynn Willard, third-year student, has an article forthcoming in the Duquesne Law Review entitled “Throwing Out the Baby and Weighing the Bathwater: The Nonsense of Executive Compensation Oversight.”

Stetson’s chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, was one of only 33 chapters (of the 1100 chapters worldwide) to be selected to receive a Model Chapter Award for the 2013-2014 academic year. The award is given to chapters who serve their communities with philanthropic and education events and can show a high level of dedication from their officers, members, and faculty adviser.

Of the Stetson University College of Law graduates who sat, for the first time, for the Florida Bar Exam in July 2014, 78.2% passed the examination, over 6% better than the state-wide average. We take very seriously our responsibility to help our students prepare for lives as professionals, who make a difference in our profession, our communities, our State, and beyond, and passing the bar exam is one step in leading lives of significance.

Ten Writing Center Tutors were chosen to present four sessions at the International Writing Centers Association conference is in Orlando. “Evaluating Our Own Effectiveness: The Benefits of Tutor-led Assessment” by Taylor Cochran, Maggie Herb, Bianca Hernandez, Hannah VanSumeren, and Jennifer Schmitt; “Breaking Our Silence: Tutors Talk about Race, Racism, and Microaggressions” by Cameron Black, Elizabeth Hutchison, Jordan Bennett, and Aaliyah Gray; “Expanding the Role of the Writing Center” by Vanna Blasczak and Victoria Languzzi; “Writing Centers: Not Just for University Writing Students Anymore” by Jennifer Schmitt.

Recent Graduates in Graduate Programs and Industry Positions

Nanda Aung, BA in Molecular Biology ’14, was accepted into the PhD program in Molecular and Cell Biology at Georgia Tech.
Devon Blair, BS in Integrative Health Science ’14, is working at Camp Boggy Creek, a nonprofit camp that serves chronically ill children of Florida and south Georgia.

Madeline Briggs, BA in History ‘14, has begun the MA Program in Art History at Oxford University.

Lizzie Bustin, BA in History ‘14, was accepted into the MA Program in Medieval Studies at Cardiff University.

Cayman Calabro, BA in History ‘14, was accepted into the joint LLD/MA in Law/Historical Preservation at Roger Williams University.

Alexander Cardounel, BS in Biology ‘14, was accepted into Tulane University’s Master’s in Physiology Program.

G. Paul Carey, BS in Integrative Health Science ‘14, started the Master of Education in College Student Affairs Program at the University of South Florida.

Caty Casademont, BS in Integrative Health Science ‘13, began the Medical Doctorate Program at St. Georges Medical School.

John Cossu, BS in Computer Science ‘14, started a company called Software Oriented Solutions Inc. in May 2014.

Rose Creed, BS in Biology ‘14, was accepted into the PhD program in Neuroscience at the University of Alabama.

Kellie Fredette, BS in Biology ‘14, was accepted into the Master’s program in Taxonomy at Auburn.

Dustin Giamo, BS in Integrative Health Science ‘13, was accepted into the Physician Assistant Program at Nova Southeastern University.

Jeremy Goldberg, BBA in Finance ‘14 and graduation speaker, is pursuing a Master of Science in Finance at Washington University in St. Louis.

Justin McCallister, BA in History and German ‘14, has entered the MA Program in Gothic Studies at St. Mary’s Twickenham.

Morgan Resnick, BS in Integrative Health Science ‘14, entered the Master of Arts in Higher Education Program at the George Washington University.

Justin Ridgewell, BS in Mathematics and Computer Science ‘14, is employed by SkillSHARE Inc. NY as of August 2014.

J. Andrew Roles, BS in Mathematics and Computer Science ‘14, works for Lockheed Martin NY as of June 2014.

Olena Vlasyuk, BS in Integrative Health Science ‘13, entered the Master of Public Health program in Health Policy at the George Washington University School of Public Health.

Samantha Warta (Psychology major, Class of 2014) accepted a research position with the University of Central Florida.

D’Andra Williams, BS in Integrative Health Science ‘14, began work on her doctorate in Dental Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry.