Stetson University  
Academic Affairs  
Faculty and Staff Highlights  
October 2015 - February 2016

Tony Abbott, Professor of Environmental Science and Studies, has been appointed to the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board.

Kristen Adams, Professor of Law, spoke on two panels addressing the Convention on International Sale of Goods at the ABA Business Law Section Annual meeting in Chicago in September, one of the two with Candace Zierdt, Professor of Law. This meeting was also the beginning of her three-year term as Chair of the UCC Committee and Candace's three-year term as Vice Chair. The manuscript for their book on the CISG is now complete and submitted to the ABA. Also, on Friday, December 11, she spoke at the Virgin Islands Bar Association Annual meeting in St. Croix, in preparation for the symposium on Virgin Islands and Territorial Law that we will be having on the Gulfport campus in March.

Michael Allen, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Law and Director, Veterans Law Institute, participated in the following speaking engagements: the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning (Eckerd College, December 2015), Contemporary Issues in Constitutional Law; a panelist at the Orlando Sentinel Community Forum Concerning Veterans Issues, (Orlando, Florida, November 2015); the West Palm Beach Chapter, Federal Bar Association, Supreme Court Review (West Palm Beach, Florida, October 2015); the Hillsborough County Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference, Supreme Court Review (Tampa, Florida, October 2015); the Civil Practice Seminar, Tampa Bay Chapter, Federal Bar Association (Tampa, Florida, October 2015); the National Organization of Veterans Advocates Semi-Annual Meeting, Delays in the Veterans’ Appeals Process (Chicago, Illinois, October 2015); Stetson's Special Needs Trust Conference, Veterans' Benefits Law (St. Petersburg, Florida, October 2015); the Otis Lecture, Constitutional Interpretation (West Palm Beach, Florida and St. Petersburg, Florida, September 2015). His book review, Fifty Years of Justice: A History of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida was published in the Florida Historical Quarterly (2015), and Same-Sex Marriage Decision Settles Some Questions, Opens Others was published in The Docket (Sarasota County Bar Association, September 2015). Dean Allen served as the co-coach of two moot court teams during the fall 2015 semester.

Shahram Amiri, Associate Professor and Chair of Decision and Information Sciences, and Joseph Woodside, Assistant Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, had their article entitled, “The Impact of ICT on e-Government,” published in December, 2015 in The Business Review Cambridge, Volume 23 (2); they presented this paper in December, 2015 at the Finance, Economics, MIS, and Global Business Research Conference. The pair also had their article entitled, “An Examination of ICT Spending and the Development of E-Skills in the Republic of Turkey,” accepted for publication in December, 2015 for the China-USA Business Review. They also presented their paper entitled, “The Impact of Information Communication Technology (ICT) on Brazil, Russia, India, and China’s (BRIC) Employment and Economic Indices,” in August, 2015 at the Americas Conference on Information Systems (AMCIS).
**Shahram Amiri**, Associate Professor and Chair of Decision and Information Sciences, **Fred Augustine**, Professor of Information Systems, **Michael Bitter**, Rinker Distinguished Professor of Accounting, **Monica Jeancola**, Assistant Professor of Accounting, and **Joseph Woodside**, Assistant Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, presented their paper “Accounting Analytics: Interdisciplinary Curriculum” in October, 2015 at the Symposium on International & Interdisciplinary Business Research.

**Wendy Anderson**, Professor of Environmental Science, will be a plenary speaker in February at The Art of Sustainability conference in Palm Bay at the East Florida State College campus. Her talk is entitled “Art and the Environment: The Power of Experience to Shape our Beliefs and Actions.”

**William Andrews**, Associate Professor of Management, and **Lou Paris**, Visiting Lecturer in Management, developed and delivered a program for the Management Center of Innsbruck that included taking a group of Austrian undergraduate and graduate business students to Cuba. The purpose of the trip was to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in Cuba.

**Robert Askew**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, co-presented at the International Society for Quality of Life Research 22nd Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada, Oct 21-24. The title of his Podium Presentation was “Development of the PROMIS Nociceptive Pain Scale.” Dr. Askew also co-presented at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine 92nd Annual Conference in Dallas, TX, Oct 25-30. The title of his Podium Presentation was “Reduced Functional and Quality of Life Outcomes Associated with Delays in Evaluation for Acute Rehabilitation Services.” He has had several papers published and accepted for publication:


**Bill Ball**, Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science, and **Tandy Grubbs**, Professor of Chemistry, in collaboration with the duPont-Ball Library, are teaching Stetson’s first semester-long course on 3D Printing and Rapid Prototyping during spring semester. The class, listed as a School of Business Administration entrepreneurship course, includes students from a wide variety of majors. The class is an innovative interdisciplinary experiential learning opportunity for our students.

**James Beasley**, Professor of Management, and **John Tichenor**, Associate Professor and Chair of Management, co-produced Stetson’s first intercollegiate case competition in April, 2015. The Florida Regional Business Ethics Case Competition involved 13 teams from five universities—
University of Florida, Florida Southern College, University of Tampa, Jacksonville University, and Stetson. The teams presented analyses of a case on “Executive Compensation: Just Desserts or Undeserved Treasure.” The Stetson team of Emma Campbell and David Sawyer were first place winners. The pair also presented the case, “Just One More Penny Per Pound? A Case Study of Publix Supermarkets and the Coalition of Immokalee Farmworkers’ Fair Food Program” at the 2015 North American Case Research Association Annual Meeting (NACRA) in Orlando Florida on October 8-10, 2015 and authored a Business Ethics Case, “Executive Compensation: Just Desserts or Undeserved Treasure,” that was used in an intra-collegiate case competition at the University of Florida in Spring semester, 2015.

Cindy Bennington, Professor of Biology, and Karen Cole, Director of the Gillespie Museum, were named co-editors of a special edition of The Southeastern Naturalist entitled Conservation, Restoration and Education: In situ natural history education. Based on abstracts submitted in June, Drs. Cole and Bennington invited sixteen lead authors and their coauthors to submit manuscripts for the edition. The review process began in mid-September.

Jason Bent, Associate Professor of Law, is serving as Chair of the Labor Relations & Employment Law section at AALS.

Mike Bitter, Rinker Distinguished Professor of Accounting, reviewed manuscripts for The Accounting Educators’ Journal and The New Accountant in October and November, 2015, respectively. He was also re-elected as Treasurer, a Board Member, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Stetson Business School Foundation, Inc.

David Bjella, Professor of Music, started his 16th season as co-principal cellist of the IRIS Orchestra in Memphis, Tennessee. This unique orchestra brings artists from around the world for four days of rehearsals and concerts six times a year with soloists such as Emanuel Ax, Yo-Yo Ma, and Joshua Bell. In November, Professor Bjella was a judge for the District FOA Solo and Ensemble in Brevard County. In January of 2016, he will lead a cello sectional for the 11/12 All-State Symphony Orchestra. In the same month, Bjella will be hosting a renowned guest artist from the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University in Houston, Norman Fischer. Professor Fischer will be giving a two-hour masterclass for Stetson cellists in Elizabeth Hall.

Kristie Born, Visiting Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Accompanying, and Marja Kerney, Adjunct Professor of Music, with another pianist and percussionist form Ensemble P4, performed recitals of new works, many of them written specifically for the ensemble on January 22nd at 7:30 in Lee chapel, on January 30th at the Daytona News-Journal center, and on February 13th at UCF.

Isabel Botero, Assistant Professor of Family Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, and Ram Subramanian, Professor of Leadership, participated in Successful Transgenerational Entrepreneurship Practices (STEP) Latin American Academic Meeting hosted by Stetson University in Celebration, Florida, October 26 - 27, 2015.

Brooke J. Bowman, Professor of Legal Skills, Associate Director for the Center of Excellence in Advocacy, and Moot Court Advisor, was the Competition Director of the 8th Annual National Pretrial Competition. She was the Co-Editor, with colleague Professor Jason Palmer, for The International Lawyer: Year-in-Review (yearly publication of the ABA Section on International Law), and she was a panelist on “Why I Give: Alumni-Donors Share Insights and Inspiration,” at the American Association of American Law Schools 110th Annual Meeting, New York, New York, on January 9, 2016.

Vince Brenner, David M. Beights Professor of Accounting, and Monica Jeancola, Assistant Professor of Accounting, presented a paper “Managing Reported Operating Cash Flow: IFRS Opportunities” at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Academy of Business Disciplines last November.

Tammy Briant, Director for Student Life, will be published in the 2016 Knowledge Communities Publication released yearly by NASPA, the leading association for the advancement, health, and sustainability of the student affairs profession. Tammy’s article calls for higher education professionals to address special considerations of graduate and professional students while creating Title IX policies and procedures.

Valrie Chambers, Associate Professor of Accounting and Tax, and Jud Stryker, Eugene M. Lynn Professor, participated in a panel discussion (with Dr. Betty Thorne) of identity theft at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Academy of Business Disciplines last November. The two, along with Betty Thorne, Professor of Decision and Information Sciences, and Jay Stryker, Adjunct in Decision and Information Sciences, also presented their paper “Identity Theft: How Concerned Are College Students?” at the conference.

Dione Chandler, Adjunct Professor of Music (Oboe), held master classes at Florida Southwestern State College’s Double Reed Fest in Fort Myers in October 2015; at Fort Myers High School in November, and at DeLand High School and Spruce Creek High School in December. Dr. Chandler gave a faculty recital in Lee Chapel in September; joined the Reflections Chamber Ensemble reed trio for performances in Tampa (October), Lakeland (November), and St. Petersburg (January); and continues to play oboe for the Southwest Florida Symphony and the Florida Orchestra. Here at Stetson, Dr. Chandler hosted Dr. Galit Kaunitz from the University of Southern Mississippi in November for a gust artist master class and recital in November and collaborated with Gabriel Bergeron-Langlois, Adjunct Professor of Music (Bassoon), to host Double Reed Day in January. Dr. Chandler continues to be active on the College Music Society’s committee on Academic Affairs.

Dengke Chen, Assistant Professor of Digital Arts, presented Aniramic at The Ingenuity Festival, an event that brings together people from art, music and technology circles in the Cleveland, OH, area in September. Mr. Chen was an invited speaker at the Hunan International Art Fair in China in December. While there, he also showed the program from this year’s Golden Orchid, a
festival of video and animation that he curates, and showcased his own artwork through a small exhibition.

**Jane Christeson**, Professor of Music, **Douglas Phillips**, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands, **Michael Rickman**, Professor of Music, and **David Schmidt**, Associate Professor of Music, presented a *Memorial Concert for Dr. Bobby Adams* in October in Lee Chapel and again at Doctor Phillips High School in Orlando.

**Yves-Antoine Clemmen**, Professor and Chair of World Languages and Cultures, co-edited with Margit Grieb and Will Lehman the book entitled, *Contemporary Approaches to World Languages and Cultures. Selected Proceedings of the 21st Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Film* (Boca Raton: Brown Walker Press, 2015). Dr. Clemmen also contributed an article entitled, “Claude Simon, Author and Photographer: The Object of Exhibition in Question,” (pp. 119-128) to this volume.


**Joel Davis**, Professor of English, published an article "The Sidney's and Political Theory, 1500-1700" in *The Ashgate Research Guide to the Sidneys*.

**Andrew Dehnart**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies and Director of the Journalism Program, hosted three exceptional writers and journalists who focus on the arts: Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Wesley Morris from *Grantland*, who had just been hired by the *New York Times* as critic-at-large; the *Boston Globe* music and television critic Sarah Rodman, who is a board member of the Television Critics Association; and *TV Guide Magazine* senior writer Damian Holbrook, who is also on the TCA board. The three visited classes, met with students, and discussed writing, journalism, and careers in arts criticism during a panel discussion moderated by Dehnart, whose writing and journalism focuses on television. Dehnart also presented two sessions, "Tools to Increase Your Social Media Following" and "How to Pitch Your Way into Magazines and More," and was on a panel called "The Business of Freelancing" at the National College Media Convention in Austin, TX, Oct. 28-Nov. 1.


**Leigh DeLorenzi**, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education, **Leila Roach**, Associate Professor and Chair of Counselor Education, and **Page Thanasiu**, Assistant Professor of Counselor Education, made a roundtable presentation at the Association for Counselor Education
and Supervision National Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA, in October: The ABC’s of Treating Childhood Trauma.

Michelle DeMoss, Associate Professor of Marketing, incorporated into her Social Marketing: “Making a Positive Difference” course social marketing plans for Volusia County's Environmental Management Division focused on the County's tree planting initiative and volunteer and educational programs. Dr. DeMoss also attended Marketing Next Expo event with seven marketing students who received grant money to participate in various workshops led by industry leaders in the area.

Michelle DeMoss, Associate Professor of Marketing, and Benjamin Goss, Associate Professor and Director of Sport Business, coauthored a case study with entitled, “Linda Construction Company's Decision on Expanding Its Product Mix”. The case was published in Vol. 33., No. 2 of the Journal of Case Studies, a publication of the Society for Case Research.

Aaron Distler, Associate Director of Academic Success & Accessibility, and Rebecca Stone, LMHC, Outreach Coordinator and Mental Health Counselor, presented a paper entitled, “Emotional Support Animals: Understanding the Law and Implementing a Policy,” at the October 2015 meeting of the American College Counseling Association (ACCA) in Louisville, Kentucky.


Jason Evans, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Studies, and Clay Henderson, Executive Director of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, represented Stetson at the SE Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit in Key West, FL, in December. Dr. Evans gave a presentation, "A Deep Dive into Modeling the Future," and Mr. Henderson networked on behalf of the Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience.

Tom Farrell, Professor of English, presented “Internally Persuasive Latin in Piers Plowman B” at the Southeastern Medieval Association conference in Little Rock, AR, in October. At the business luncheon that concluded the conference, he became President of the Association.

Roberta Favis, Professor Emerita of Art History, will have her essay on Oscar Bluemner’s letter to Arthur Dove published in Pen to Paper: Artists’ Handwritten Letters from the Smithsonian’s Archives of American Art. The book will be published by Princeton Architectural Press in May 2016.

Christopher Ferguson, Associate Professor of Psychology, made multiple media appearances, mainly related to recent mass shootings and other acts of gun violence, but also regarding video game effects. These media appearances included television (Fox 35, BBC Horizons), radio (Canadian Broadcasting Channel, multiple local AM talk-radio stations), and print (e.g. Yahoo News, Christian Science Monitor, Huffington Post). He also had two papers published in two of the leading journals in his field: “Do angry birds make for angry children? A meta-analysis of video game Influences on children’s and adolescents’ aggression, mental health, prosocial behavior and academic performance,” Perspectives on Psychological Science, 10, 646-666; and
“Everybody knows psychology is not a real science: Public perceptions of psychology and how we can improve our relationship with policymakers, the scientific community, and the general public,” *American Psychologist*, 70, 527-542, as well as an article published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* examining the issue of representations of female characters in video games: “Video-game heroines can kick sexism’s butt,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, December 11, 2015, B14-15.

**Michael Finch**, Professor of Law and Director, Academic Success, has been serving as interim director of the Academic Success Program. His main charge from the Dean was to better prepare our graduates for the bar exam and so improve their success. Professor Finch, together with Bar Preparation director, Michael Pierce, has added or revised course offerings so that third-year students engage in the type of active learning that best improves students’ performance. Students now write essays and answer questions at each class meeting, after which the instructors review, grade, and return each student’s work. According to Professor Finch, Stetson’s approach now offers students an opportunity to write and receive individual assessment that is as rigorous as any offered by other Florida and American law schools.


**Jennifer Foo**, Professor of Finance, attended the Current Economic and Social Topics (CEST) International Colloquium Conference, Dec 16-18, 2015 in Lodz and Warsaw, Poland and presented the paper “*Comparative Investment Performance of Pension Funds.*” She was also invited to make a presentation "Globalization and 21st century Economic Superpowers: Europe, US and Japan versus the Rise of China" at the University of Szczecin, Szczecin, Poland, Dec 19, 2015.

**Mayhill Fowler**, Assistant Professor of History, presented a paper at the Association of Jewish Studies conference in Boston, MA, in December, entitled “Jews, Soviets, Ukrainians: Backstage at the Yiddish Theaters of Soviet Ukraine.” She was the Academic Organizer and discussant for the Danyliw Seminar in Ukrainian Studies in Ottawa, Canada, in October. Dr. Fowler also was an invited speaker at the Roundtable on Culture and Politics at the International Symposium sponsored by Oxford University in Lviv, Ukraine, in September. She presented “Urban Legacies: Culture-in-Practice and Public Policies in East-Central Europe.” Further, an edited collection to which Dr. Fowler contributed a chapter won an award; *Staging the Ukrainian Theatrical Avant-Garde of the 1920s and 1920s*, a catalogue for an exhibition at the Ukrainian Museum in New York City in February 2015, won the College Art Association Alfred H. Barr, Jr. Award for 2015 for the best exhibition catalogue.

**Roy Gardner**, Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy, was reappointed Chair of the Ramsar Convention’s scientific advisory body for 2016-2018. In November, he spoke at the United Nations in New York at the closing ceremony of the UN Secretary General’s Advisory Body on Water and Sanitation, which included King Willem Alexander of the Netherlands and Crown Prince Naruhiito of Japan. He and Erin Okuno, the Foreman Biodiversity Fellow, will be co-teaching a seminar this spring at the USF Honors College as part of the Stetson-USF 3+3 program.
Melissa Gibbs and Kirsten Work, both Professors of Biology, completed their Blue Spring Minimum Flow and Level survey and submitted their report on the ecological health of Blue Spring to the St. Johns River Water Management District on December 31.

Deborah Goldring, Assistant Professor of Marketing, presented at three conferences: “Why Should I Buy Your Brand? A Systematic Review of the Literature on Brand Value Proposition” and “Pathways for 21st Century Learners: Integrating Industry-Based Certifications into the Curriculum” at the Society for Marketing Advances Annual Conference; “Wood Box Crafts: Will Global Competition Open or Close the Company?” at the North American Case Research Association Annual Conference and an encyclopedia acceptance; and “Reputation Orientation” for The SAGE Encyclopedia of Corporate Reputation.

Lindsey Graves, Assistant Director for Interfaith Initiatives, presented “Connecting and Building Peaceful Communities through Meditation” to The Parliament of the World’s Religions in October 2015.

Kristin Gregory, Assistant Director of First Year and Transition Programs, published “Is Orientation Ever Over?: A Culture of Continuing Support” in The Student Affairs Collective.

Kristin Gregory, Assistant Director of First Year and Transition Programs, and Tanner Vickers, Associate Director of Student Development and Campus Vibrancy, presented “Orientation as Initiation: Infusing Spirit into Transition” at the National Orientation Directors Association in October 2015.

Savannah-Jane Griffin, Director of Community Engagement and Inclusive Excellence, was re-appointed to the Bonner National Fellows Program.

Savannah-Jane Griffin, Director of Community Engagement and Inclusive Excellence, Rajni Shankar-Brown, Associate Professor of Education, and Amber Finnicum-Simmons, class of 2016, presented “Student Affairs and Academic Affairs: Strategies for Building a Culture and Infrastructure for Engagement” at the Florida Campus Compact meeting in November 2015.


book chapter entitled, “Griswold Commentary,” in Feminist Judgments, is forthcoming by

**Carol Henderson**, Professor of Law, was notified in September that she received a $400,000
grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). She is the Principal Investigator for the
project “Crime Scene to Courtroom Forensics for Capitol Litigators.” Stetson will be producing
eight webinars and two in-person training sessions with 75 attendees in each in-person training.
In October, she was invited to serve as a member of the National Judicial College’s Scientific
Evidence Course faculty. Also in October, she made a presentation to the International
Association of Chiefs of Police, Forensic Science Committee regarding the grant project and the
joint Stetson and Law Enforcement Innovation Center (LEIC) online training program,
“Locating, Evaluating and Selecting Expert Witnesses,” in which she served as the faculty
presenter. In November, she gave three presentations in Australia: at the Australian Society of
Forensic Odontology Symposium in Darwin; at the Australia New Zealand Forensic Society
(ANZFSS) for the Northern Territory; and at the University of Technology in Sydney. While in
Australia, she met with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory, had a
telephone conference with the Chief Justice of the Australian Capital Territory and attended a
lecture by a Judge from the New South Wales District Court. She continues to serve as the co-
chair of the Life & Physical Sciences Division, Technology & Law Section of the ABA.

**Clay Henderson** was the recipient of the Stan Blum Lifetime Achievement Award from the
Marine Resources Council for his body of work for conservation of the Indian River Lagoon.

**Patrick Hennessey**, Adjunct Professor of Music, Douglas Phillips, Assistant Professor of Music
and Director of Bands, **Tammara Phillips**, Visiting Lecturer in Music, and **Jared Rawlings**,  
Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Music Education, in partnership with Woody
O’Cain, Executive Director of the Stetson University Office of Alumni Engagement, hosted a
Stetson University Alumni Reception in conjunction with the 69th Annual Midwest Band and

**Veronica Hernandez**, AmeriCorps VISTA Community Partner Coordinator, presented “X, Y,
and now Z: Understanding the Generations” at the Florida Campus Compact meeting in
November 2015.

**Matt Hurst**, Assistant Professor of Finance, submitted his paper, “The Behavior Heuristics
Responsible for Formation and Liquidation of Tax Holding Accounts,” to the Journal of
Behavioral Accounting, an AAA journal. This is the first in a series that investigates the
theoretical and empirical impacts of behavioral biases present when investors face significant
taxable liabilities. He also recently passed his CFA Level I Exam on his first try. Three levels of
exams are required to get certification in being a Certified Financial Analyst. This is a globally
recognized certification in assessing the abilities, competence and integrity of a professional
financial investment analyst.

**Lamerial Jacobson**, Brown Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fellow in Counselor Education, published
with dissociative identity disorder: Perspectives on the counseling process,” Journal of Mental
Health Counseling, 37(5), 308-322; and Bell, C.H., Jacobson, L., Zeligman, M., Fox, J., and

**Scott A. Jones**, Associate Professor of Marketing, was quoted in a number of newspapers including the *Washington Post* regarding the legality of daily fantasy sport entities, such as DraftKings and FanDuel. He also chaired an on-going search for a marketing faculty position in analytics. As chair of the department, he also led the hiring of two new adjunct instructors: **Tim Hawes**, most recently the VP of Licensing for the PGA Tour, and **Dan Spellman**, the current Manager of Internet, Consumer and Tour Travel Technologies for AAA.


**Peter Lake**, Charles A. Dana Chair and Director, Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy, was quoted extensively in the popular press, including *BuzzFeed*, the *Harvard Crimson*, *Huffington Post*, and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.


**Danielle Linder** presented two posters at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention in Chicago, IL, in November: “Gender Differences in Self-Objectification: Lessons Learned through Scale Development” (coauthored with Stacey Tantleff-Dunn from Rollins College) and “Self-Objectification, Body Image, and Disordered Eating among College Students: Is Sports Participation a Buffer?” This is the major conference for clinical psychologists and draws an international audience. Dr. Linder facilitated a session at the National Institute for the Teaching of Psychology entitled “Integrating Undergraduate Research Experiences into Psychology Courses.” NITOP was held January 3-6 in St. Petersburg, FL.

**Lance Long**, Professor of Legal Skills, presented a paper titled, “Is There Any Science Behind the Art of Legal Writing?,” at the Psychology of Persuasion Conference held at the University of Wyoming on September 19. The paper will be published in the Spring Issue of the *University of Wyoming’s Law Review*. On October 2 and 3, he was a debater and a presenter at a two-day conference at St. Petersburg College entitled “Sea Level Rise: What’s Our Next Move?” sponsored by the Institute for Science for Global Policy, in partnership with the Institute for Strategic Policy Solutions at St. Petersburg College. He was quoted in the article “Tampa Trio in DUI Setup Casts Light on Legal Discipline” by the *Tampa Bay Tribune* on September 27 about the connection between sloppy writing and attorney discipline: “Stetson Law professor Lance N. Long said his research showed that lawyers who are disciplined are significantly more likely to be sloppy writers in their court briefs than lawyers who are not disciplined. He said this makes sense because lawyers are most often disciplined for careless actions as opposed to criminal wrongdoing.” On October 5, he was interviewed live by Sean Kinane on WMNF radio, urging action on sea level rise: [http://www.wmnf.org/sealevel1005/](http://www.wmnf.org/sealevel1005/).
Thomas Masse, Dean of the School of Music and Professor of Music, was invited by the National Association of School of Music to convene a daylong workshop on Fundraising for Music Executives at the Association’s annual conference in St. Louis, MO in November. The event was fully subscribed and leaders from some of the most prestigious institutions in the country participated as panelists. Dean Masse has been asked to repeat the session next year at the national conference in Dallas. Dean Masse and Noel Painter, Associate Professor and Associate Dean, have been invited to present at the Academic Chairperson’s Conference in Charleston, SC in February. Their presentation, “Working with the Dean,” highlights their work at Stetson and draws from their highly effective and successful working relationship despite their very different personalities and style. Dean Masse has been invited to perform and teach clarinet at the Orfeo Festival in Vipiteno, Italy in the summer of 2016.


Emily Mieras, Associate Professor of American Studies and Chair of History, presented a paper at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, in October, entitled “Marginalized on American ‘Main Streets’: Locating Misery and Resistance in Discourses of Small-Town Identity.” She also presented a paper at the Society for American City and Regional Planning History in Los Angeles, CA, in November, entitled “Making Main Streets: Nostalgia, History, and Institutional Action in the Southeast.” Dr. Mieras also served on the program committee for this conference.

Trista Miller, Staff Attorney, was recently hired as staff attorney for the Stetson University Veterans Advocacy Clinic. Ms. Miller is an Army veteran and a graduate of the College of Law. She most recently served as the Assistant Director of Clinical Education at the College of Law. Ms. Miller will work with Professor Simcox to handle cases and supervise students in the clinic.


Nicole Mottier, Assistant Professor of History, presented a paper at the American Society of Legal History meeting in Washington, DC, in October, entitled “Monitoring Financial Morality and Development Through Debt in 1920s Mexico.” She also published an article “Inventing
Carolyn Mueller, Professor of Strategic Management and International Business, was very active at the Academy of International Business-SE Annual Conference at Savannah State University in November 2015. Dr. Mueller’s involvement included serving as Dean, Annual Meeting of AIB-SE Fellows – Dean of Fellows 2014-15, presenting a paper with Stetson undergraduate international business major, Alexis Laufler, a paper with colleagues, a panel with colleagues, and serving as Co-Track Chair: The World of IB Undergraduate Education.

Lynn Musco, Professor of Music, is a partner in TOSCA DUO with Shawn Copeland ’99, Assistant Professor of Clarinet and Alexander Technique at the University of Idaho. They toured the Northwest in September, performing and giving master classes at the University of Idaho, Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington (joining Paul Luongo ’06, Assistant Professor of Music History and conductor of Whitman’s orchestra), and the University of Montana Clarinet Festival (Missoula, Montana).

Luz Estella Nagle, Professor of Law, attended the International Bar Association’s annual meeting in Vienna, where she spoke on two panels and participated in meetings as a member of the International Bar Association Human Rights Institute Council and as vice-chair of the IBA President’s Special Task Force on Human Trafficking. Her first panel was on “Corporate Responsibility and Human Rights: Contemporary Slavery,” and her second panel was on “The Role of Lawyers in Advancing Development and the Rule of Law.” She also participated in the IBA Human Rights Institute’s Crimes Against Women subcommittee workshop. In early November, she presented at a symposium, “Sex Offenses: Lessons from the Front Lines,” at Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles. In mid-November, she was a guest speaker addressing international human trafficking at the St. Louis Chapter of the Committee on Foreign Relations. In late November, Professor Nagle joined a select group of international experts invited to Amman, Jordan to confer with the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Trafficking to assess the impact of armed conflict on making people vulnerable to human trafficking and to make recommendations for UN policy goals going forward.

Michael D. Oeser, Visiting Professor of Legal Skills, placed his latest article in the North Dakota Law Review, a target journal for articles on American Indian Law. The article is titled, “Avoiding Extinction, Preserving Culture: Sustainable, Sovereignty-Centered Tribal Citizenship Requirements.” He presented his article, “The Tribal Equal Access to Voting Act: Opportunity? Pitfall? Both?,” to the Eleventh Circuit Legal Scholarship Forum. He also served as a practice judge for one of Stetson mock trial teams, and judged the South Atlantic Tournament of the American Collegiate Moot Court Association, hosted by Stetson last Fall Semester.

Jason S. Palmer, Professor of Legal Skills and Coordinator of Legal Research and Writing, is the 2015-2016 co-chair of the Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshops that hosted legal writing workshops at 12 different law schools across the country. Professor Palmer presented on a panel on “Student Scholarly Writing” at the 2016 Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference in Miami, Florida. He moderated the panel “What’s Next For the LGBT Movement after the Marriage Cases: Defects in Anti-Discrimination Laws and Religious Freedom Challenges” at the Association of American Law Schools 2016 Annual Meeting. He has been
appointed the Co-Editor of the American Bar Association’s *International Lawyer - Year in Review*, which reports significant development in international law from over 40 committees of the ABA’s Section on International Law.

**Lou Paris**, Visiting Lecturer in Management, launched an infomercial nationwide as a way to test an anti-bullying product within the Hispanic market. He was also named one of "40 under 40" according the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*.

**Timothy Peter**, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, directed the Stetson Cabaret Singers, who were featured at the President’s Gala in October, where he also served as emcee. He hosted and directed an alumni choir with current members of the Concert Choir during Homecoming 2015. He conducted a state high school honor choir in Charlotte, North Carolina in November and led a reading session at the Florida conference of the American Choral Directors Association in November.

**Jelena Petrovic**, Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies, presented “Progress through Submission and State-building: Discourses on Europeanness in News Coverage of Serbia’s Integration into EU” as part of a Mass Communication Division competitive papers panel at the 101st National Communication Association convention in Las Vegas, NV, November 2015. Additionally, Dr. Petrovic, together with **Paula Hentz**, Director of International Programs, presented “Why are all the International students sitting together in the cafeteria? Teaching about cultural adaptation through community engagement” as part of a Great Ideas for Teaching Students session at the 101st National Communication Association convention in Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.

**Douglas Phillips**, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Bands, and the members of the Stetson University Symphonic Band, and the School of Music hosted the 26th Annual Florida Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame Weekend in November. This weekend of musical celebration included two concerts (Southern Winds and Stetson University Symphonic Band), two post-concert receptions, and luncheon/banquet for the three inductees, their families, friends, and guests. Dr. Phillips also presented a clinic entitled, “Beyond Conducting: A Basic Conducting and Rehearsal Techniques Refresher,” during the Florida Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference held in Tampa, January 13-16, 2016. Dr. Phillips serves as the Music Director and Conductor of the Southern Winds and is also a member of the Florida Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame Board of Directors. Additionally, he is active as a guest conductor and clinician, working with Cypress Bay High School’s three bands for a two-day workshop in Weston in October, and in January of this year for the 2016 Flagler All County High School Band held at Flagler Palm Coast High School and for the 2016 Hernando All County High School Band held at Hernando High School in Brooksville.

**Ann Piccard**, Professor of Legal Skills, presented a lecture to accompany the Jewish Law Students Association’s opening of the ABA historical exhibit on Lawyers of the Third Reich in November 2015. Her lecture focused on Hitler’s strategic dismemberment of the German legal system as a key component in his plan to make the Holocaust possible. The exhibit itself remained in Stetson’s law library for two months before resuming its journey around the world. The opening lecture and reception were well-attended by members of the Stetson community as well as many members of the general public. Her article entitled, “Justiciability of All Human Rights: Scottish Independence as Redress for British Human Rights Abuses,” is forthcoming in...

Elisabeth Poeter, Associate Professor of World Languages and Cultures, contributed an article to *Contemporary Approaches to World Languages and Cultures. Selected Proceedings of the 21st Southeast Conference on Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Film* (Boca Raton: Brown Walker Press, 2015). Her article is entitled “Who are the Germans? Teaching Inclusiveness in Modern German Culture” (pp. 47-58).

Hari Pulapaka, Associate Professor of Mathematics, has had his research and associated paper entitled “A Traceability Index for Food” accepted for presentation at the 18th International Conference on Global Food Security this March in Miami. This research will also be published in the peer-reviewed conference proceedings in a special issue of the journal *Advances in Global Food Security*.

Theresa J. Pulley Radwan, Professor of Law, is a member of the Advisory Board for the *ABI Law Review* and for the 40th Annual Alexander L. Paskay Memorial Bankruptcy Seminar.


Madhu Rao, Professor of Decision Information Sciences, Betty Thorne, Professor of Decision Information Sciences, and Joseph Woodside, Assistant Professor of Decision Information Sciences, presented a Decision and Information Sciences update in December, 2015, to Sheri McQuarrie, Vice President of Client Services at Surgical Momentum, Stetson Alumna.

Jared Rawlings, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Music Education, recently published with C.M. Conway and S. Hibbard, “The potential use of micropolitics in examining personal and professional experiences of music teachers” in the *Journal of Music Teacher Education*, 25(1). In September he presented “Bullying in the Music Classroom: What Music Teacher Educators Need to Know” at the 2015 Symposium on Music Teacher Education in Greensboro, NC. Dr. Rawlings has been invited to present “Conducting structural equation
modeling analyses in music education research,” a poster presentation as well as “The contagion of cruelty: What music teachers need to know about bullying” for the Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) in Tampa in January.

**Michael Rickman**, Professor of Music, performed at the University of Kiel in Travemunde, Germany on November 7. As Artistic Director of the Great Pianists at Stetson series, he coordinated and hosted next two concerts in November: Jane Solose and Natsuki Fukasawa, both Steinway Artists.

**Matt Roberts**, Associate Professor of Digital Arts, and **Terri Witek**, Professor of English and Director of the Sullivan Creative Writing Program, presented *Dream Garden* at the Art in Odd Places event in downtown Orlando, FL, in September.

**Brandon Robinson**, College of Law alum, joined the Stetson University Center for Excellence in Elder Law as its grant-funded consumer protection fellow. Since joining the Center in September, Brandon has made a number of presentations to community groups and prepared publications focusing on frauds committed against the elderly, particularly elderly veterans.

**Susan D. Rozelle**, Associate Dean for Faculty and Professor of Law, led the inaugural programming of the new AALS Section for Associate Deans in New York in January. She wrote the Op-Ed, “Loading the Dice for Death,” *Washington Monthly* (Nov. 2, 2015), and was interviewed on NPR and Bay News 9 regarding the U.S. Supreme Court case that found Florida’s death penalty system unconstitutional.

**Lynn Schoenberg**, Dean of Students, represented Stetson in numerous ways at the NASPA-Florida (Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education) Conference. Lynn presented a session titled "What every passionate student affairs practitioner needs to know about collegiate mental health.... in 50 minutes." She was selected to serve as Case Study Competition Judge for the Annual Case Study Competition.

**Tara Schuwerk**, Assistant Professor of Communication and Media Studies, presented on the panel “*Teaching Media Quarterly*: Cultivating dynamic pedagogy through open access lesson plan publishing” at the 101st National Communication Association convention in Las Vegas, NV, November 2015.


**Stacey-Rae Simcox**, Associate Professor of Legal Skills and Director, Veterans Advocacy Clinic, was invited to speak at the Association of American Law School’s Disability Law Section panel, “Wounded Warriors,” in January in New York City. She was invited to become a member of the planning committee for the American Bar Association’s Military and Veteran Summit, and she was appointed to Congressman David Jolly’s Veteran Advisory Council. She
moderated a panel on “Advanced Clinical Practices” at the Second Annual National Conference on Law Clinics Serving Veterans in Washington, DC, and served on two subcommittees of the National Veterans Legal Clinic Consortium. She presented a continuing legal education course for the American Bar Association on veterans’ pensions, and testified at an Administrative Separation Board hearing for the US Navy. She served as the Reporter for the Uniform Law Commission’s Committee on the Veterans Courts Act, and had two articles accepted for publication: “Thirty Years After Walters The Mission is Clear, the Execution is Muddled: A Fresh Look at the Supreme Court’s Decision to Deny Veterans the Due Process Right to Hire Attorneys in the VA Benefits Process,” to be published in the University of Cincinnati Law Review; and “Understanding TBI in our Nation’s Military and Veterans: Its Occurrence, Identification and Treatment, and Legal Ramifications,” to be published in the University of Missouri - Kansas City Law Review, co-authored with Dr. Michelle Mattingly and Dr. Isia Marrero as part of the partnership between the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine and the College of Law’s Veterans Advocacy Clinic.

Alicia Slater, Professor of Biology, became an Associate Editor of the journal Freshwater Science. She also submitted the annual report on her springsnail research to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.


JR Swanegan, Director of International Programs, will serve as the Communications Chair for the International Legal Exchange Section of AALS next year.

Page Thanasiu co-presented an educational session at the Association for Play Therapy International Conference in Atlanta, GA, in October: Diversity Sensitive Play Therapy Techniques for Use with Grieving Children.

Kathy Thomas, Adjunct Professor of Music (horn), hosted the third annual Stetson Horn Day on January 31st with special guest Richard Sparrow. The day will provide a clinic for middle and high school students to prep them for solo and ensembles, and they will join Stetson students to form a horn choir.

Ciara Torres-Spelliscy, Associate Professor of Law, addressed the Mexican Electoral Tribunal in Mexico City on October 16-17, 2015 at the invitation of the University of Texas at Austin and the Mexican government. She spoke about the unraveling of Watergate-era, money-in-politics reforms, and about enforcement of campaign finance laws in New York City, New York State, and American federal elections. She had a piece recognized on Larry Solum’s blog: http://lsolum.typepad.com/legaltheory/2015/09/torres-spelliscy-on-corporate-political-spending-divestiture.html, and she recently presented her forthcoming paper, Shooting Your Brand in the Foot: What Citizens United Invites, at the Robert Zicklin Center for Corporate Integrity at Zicklin School of Business, CUNY Baruch College.

Rebecca Trammell, Dolly & Homer Hand Library Director and Professor of Law, is a member of the Working Group on Distance Learning in Legal Education. The Group has just completed the publication, Distance Learning in Legal Education: Design, Delivery and Recommended
Practices. The title includes her in the list of authors, and Stetson College of Law is also recognized as one of the supporting institutions.

Lou Virelli, Professor of Law, co-authored a book, Administrative Law: Cases and Materials, Seventh Edition (William Jordan, Richard Murphy & Louis J. Virelli III, eds., LexisNexis) (2015). He was a commenter at the AALS New Voices in Administrative Law Program in New York (January 2015), is Chair of the SEALS Works-in-Progress Committee (inaugural committee), and an Executive Committee Member of both the AALS Administrative Law Section and the AALS Constitutional Law Section.


Jamison Walker, Assistant Professor of Music, sang three concerts with the Army Material Command Band, sang two concerts with the West Point Army Band, was awarded his Doctorate from Florida State University, and published his dissertation "The Spectral Analysis of the Heldentenor."

Rebecca Watts, Associate Professor and Chair of Communication and Media Studies, with assistance from Political Science alumna Candace Lankford and the Tiger Bay Club of Daytona Beach, hosted CNN producer and journalist Alexis Kenan Weed for a guest lecture on November 12. Ms. Weed presented on the differences between live and edited television news, drawing from specific examples of her current work producing for CNN Newsroom with Carol Costello. After the public lecture, she spent substantial time talking one-on-one with students who intend careers in media.

Jessica West, Assistant Professor of Finance, has a paper entitled, “In Search of Cash Flow Pricing,” by Fabozzi, F. J., Chen, K., Ma, C., West, J., accepted for publication in the Journal of Financial Research, Lubbock Texas, United States.


Kevin Winchell, Associate Director of Community Engagement, received the 2015 Community Engagement Educator Award from Florida Campus Compact, which recognizes and honors
outstanding individuals for significant contributions to the institutionalization of community engaged scholarship by inspiring a vision for service on campus. He also presented “Think Like a Campaign Manager: What Colleges Can Learn from Political campaigns to Increase Student Political Engagement” at Florida Campus Compact and “Boosting and Tracking Campus-Wide Student Engagement” at the Bonner Foundation in November 2015.

Daniil Zavlunov, Assistant Professor of Music, presented “Opera as policy during the reign of Nicholas I: the first decade (1825-1835),” in October at the Joint Meeting of the Capital and Southeast Chapters of the American Musicological Society, University of Richmond. The talk was based on his research in Russia last summer. Dr. Zavlunov has been awarded a Stetson Summer Grant for 2016 for further archival research in Russia for his upcoming book on opera in Russia during the reign of Nicholas I (1825-1855).

**Notable Department Accomplishments**

The *Department of Chemistry* prepared and submitted its five-year re-accreditation report/application to the American Chemical Society Committee on Professional Training (ACS-CPT) in May 2013. The Department received a re-accreditation letter from the ACS-CPT commending our program and the positive trajectory of the Department, and indicating that our ACS accreditation is continued through 2019.