Stetson in the News, August 2015

Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 2015

Top stories in the news

• On Aug. 27, research by Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of Psychology, on the dangers of academic "consensus" was featured on Minding the Campus.
• Professor Ferguson's commentary on criminals broadcasting their crimes on social media is featured in the top story "Social media gives attention-seeking killers dangerous new platform" on CBS12 News, KFDM 6, Capital Bay, and more than 20 other media outlets on Aug. 28.
• Also, on SkyNews-U.K. National, Aug. 17, Psychology Professor Chris Ferguson was interviewed via Skype, regarding his research which draws no direct correlation between watching violent video games and displaying violent behavior.
• The Aug. 28 Tampa Bay Times quotes Law Professor Paul Boudreaux in the article "Residents' docks reveal ownership quirk that could require St. Petersburg referendum."
• Music Professor Lynn Musco, D.M., was applauded for her performance in the New Score Chamber Orchestra, Ballads for Four Seasons by Examiner, and Buzzfeed on Aug. 30.
• News Channel 8 WFLA-TV featured Law Professor Roberta Flowers's comments on the ethics of withholding video evidence, in a program that aired Aug. 31.
• On Aug. 25, Law Professor Theresa Pulley-Radwan was quoted by the Tampa Bay Times in an article titled "Lawsuit alleges Bill Edwards drained mortgage company."
• On Aug. 27, Law Professor Darryl C. Wilson was quoted by the Florida Times-Union and InsuranceNewsNet in the article, "Golf course owner must pay despite damage by the state; Liability dispute after bulldozer fighting fire damages pump system."

Other stories

• Professor of Family Enterprise Greg McCann, J.D., was quoted in the Orlando Business Journal and World News articles on Aug. 28, talking about the relations between older and younger generations in family-run businesses.
• On Aug. 29, Stetson head coach Roger Hughes was quoted in the Buffalo News article "Relentless drive makes UB's Leipold a master builder."
• The Daytona Beach News-Journal, Aug. 28, features the commentary on Carl North's experiences during the Battle of the Bulge, by Eric Kurlander, Ph.D., professor of modern European history.
• WOFL-ORD (Fox-35), Sept. 1, reports on "What makes this residence hall so unique for the 85 Stetson students who live there," about using two floors of the former Clarion Hotel, and sharing it with senior citizens who live on the floors below them. Also picked up by WOGX (FOX) and Central Florida’s TV-27.

Alumni in the news

• Stetson Law alumnus and member of the Stetson University College of Law Board of Overseers, Robin Doyle, has been approved as a Dispute Resolution Arbitrator through the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), as reported by Naples Daily News on Aug. 27.
• On Aug. 29, Stetson Law graduate Mark Bentley, P.A, announced that his firm's website, www.MarkBentleyPA.com, has recently been revamped to further improve its service quality, as reported in PR.com and Online PR Media.
• On Aug. 29, as reported by PR.com, Contacto Latino News, and BizWire Express, Stetson alumnus Mark J. Rose has been elected to the Florida Defense Lawyers Association (FDLA) Board of Directors and selected as Board Liaison for the FDLA Auto/Transportation Committee.
• On Aug. 31, Murray B. Silverstein, a Stetson graduate and prior recipient of the Stetson University Wm. Reece Smith, Jr. Public Service Award for pro bono service was reappointed by Florida Supreme Court to Florida Courts Technology Commission, as reported by KLKN-TV, KCEN-TV, WLTZ-TV, and over 50 other news outlets.
• Shorecrest Preparatory School welcomes Stetson University alumna Lisa Wylie as the new director of Project Management/Technology for Business Operations, as published by Tampa Bay Newswire on Aug. 29.
• Stetson graduate and adjunct English professor Kait Ballenger’s newest addition to her Execution Underground Series, Midnight Hunter, was released on Sept. 1.
• On Sept. 2, Stetson graduate Casey B. Weade was featured in a CPA Practice Advisor article discussing how to avoid hidden retirement investment fees.
• Bloomberg Business, KBCD, Fox 14 News, and over 90 other news outlets reported on Sept. 2 Nucor’s announcement on the addition of Stetson graduate Laurette Koellner to the Nucor Board of Directors.
• On Aug. 31, Stetson Law alumnus Robert Beach was featured in article by the ABA Journal and the Tampa Bay Times titled “Retired judge who helped set swim record at 85 makes ‘best law decisions’ in the pool.”
• According to a Sept. 1 news release from Gray Robinson, Law alumna Kristin Shusko has been named to Leadership Tampa Bay’s Class of 2016.

Aug. 21-27, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Stetson University was ranked number seven in the 2015 Washington Monthly College Rankings – Best Master’s Universities, and covered widely in the San Francisco Chronicle Online, Houston Chronicle Online, Seattle Pi and 40 other media outlets on Aug. 25.
• Alumni, who were members of Delta Delta Delta, from Stetson University and other schools were asked what slang words were used in 1916, and the results were reported in “16 ‘Spiffy’ Words College Students Used in 1916,” by NPR, WNYC-AM, KPBS-TV and over 50 other media outlets on Aug. 20.
• John Jett, Ph.D., lab coordinator and visiting research professor in the biology department and former SeaWorld trainer, provided commentary on aquatic life at SeaWorld in an article in Umbrella News on Aug. 25.
• Stuart Michelson, Ph.D., professor of Finance, provided commentary on whether or not Uber could help competing transportation systems gain more business, in Orlando Business Journal and My Informs on Aug. 25.
• In the wake of the tragic shooting of two broadcast journalists in Virginia, Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of Psychology, provided commentary about gun control in Whistleblower Online, and wrote an editorial featured in Daily News Online on Aug. 26.
• Law Professor Darryl Wilson is quoted in the Aug. 25 Florida Times-Union article, “St. Augustine golf course owner fumes over state’s refusal to pay for bulldozer damage.”
• Law Professor Theresa Pulley-Radwan is quoted in the Tampa Bay Times article, “Lawsuit alleges Bill Edwards drained mortgage company.”
• The Aug. 22 Tampa Tribune quotes Law Professor Charles Rose in the story, “65-year sentences rejected for teen Bloomingdale library rapist.”
• The Aug. 21 CR80 News quotes Law Professor Peter Lake in the article, “Campus safety assessment tools for higher ed.” Professor Lake is also quoted in the WalletHub article, “2015’s Most and Least Educated Cities.”
• Associate Professor of Math Hari Pulapaka, Ph.D., and his wife Jenneffer, were featured in JamesBeard.org, Aug. 12, in the article, “Restaurateurs Hari and Jenneffer Pulapaka Serve Up Their Leftovers to Community Farms.”

Other news

• A study by Stetson revealed that students in a single-gender school learned better than those in a coeducational school, which contributes to the debate if more schools should be single-gender, as reported by Florida Watchdog on Aug. 21.
• Stetson’s Gillespie Museum will be reopening on Aug. 25, and in September, a new exhibit called “Sandhill Symphony: A Natural History of The High Pine” was featured in Orlando Sentinel and Sun Sentinel on Aug. 23.
• The Daytona Beach News-Journal’s article, Aug. 22, reported about how Stetson students positively impact local businesses after their return from summer.

Alumni in the news

• According to a news release from GrayRobinson, Law alumnus Jason Searl was elected chair of the City of Orlando Municipal Planning Board.
According to the Aug. 21 Tampa Bay Times and Aug. 24 SaintPetersBlog, Law alumna Rena Jade Upshaw-Frazier is running for House District 59.

Stetson alumna Renee Lammers has recently started her own blog that follows her adventures as a painter traveling around Maine to paint landscapes in a post on Bangor Daily News on Aug. 21.

Aug. 14-20, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Stetson will be building the Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center at Lake Beresford to research and develop innovative technical, social and political solutions to protect freshwater resources and related environmental concerns, as reported in Bloomberg Business, The Street and over 100 more news media outlets on Aug. 19.

• On Aug. 13, The Huffington Post quotes Law Professor Peter Lake in a piece regarding the sexual assaults that occurred at the University of Kansas. The Aug. 19 Chronicle of Higher Education quotes Professor Peter Lake in the article, “Education Dept. Seeks to Clarify Privacy of Students’ Medical Records.”

• Research by Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of Psychology, was featured in the ongoing debate—whether or not violent video games create violent tendencies in children who play them featured—on My Fox LA, Philly, and over 100 more news media outlets, Aug. 18.

• Professor Ferguson also provided commentary against the APA Video Game Aggression Task Force in Game Informer on Aug. 14.

• Professor Ferguson has also conducted an experiment that supports the position that age impacts one's opinions on video games regarding violence, as reported in Science Daily, EurekAlert and five other news media outlets on Aug. 19.

• On Aug. 17, Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy’s op ed piece titled “Presidential Candidates, Each Sold Separately” ran in the Brennan Center for Justice and Common Dreams.

• On Aug. 13, The Tampa Bay Times quotes Professor Charles Rose regarding a man accused of impersonating a SEAL Team 6 member to solicit money outside a Wawa.

Other news

• Bay News 9 Aug. 17 features a story about the future of a youth literacy program that was started by Todd Hoover, a part-time student at Stetson Law.

• KUSI News San Diego features Stetson’s exchange programs in Ireland and England on Aug. 12.

• Leander Seah, Ph.D., assistant professor of History, provided commentary about World War II, on the 70th anniversary of VJ Day, as reported in The Daytona Beach News-Journal on Aug. 14.

• Campus Cookies, an organization founded by Stetson ENACTUS students, will be presenting at the next 1 Million Cups entrepreneur forum covered in a story in The Daytona Beach News-Journal on Aug. 17.

Alumni in the news

• Sean Emory, Stetson alumnus, will be featured in the event #PreMarket Prep as an expert in finance in Yahoo! Finance and Benzinga on Aug. 17.

• On Aug. 17, The Daily Times News reports that Law alumna Sandra Urban of Ridley Avenue was sworn in by Mayor James Hopely to complete the unexpired term of Steve Copolla.

• On Aug. 13, The Poughkeepsie Journal ran Law alumnus Craig A. Burgess’s op ed piece titled “Man became lawyer to fight injustice.”

Aug. 7-13, 2015

Top stories in the news

• On Aug. 10, CRI Radio China reported that Professor of Excellence in Trial Advocacy and Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy Charles H. Rose was featured in a segment by the Beijing Hour regarding the anniversary of Ferguson shooting.
Stetson students are going to be sharing an assisted living facility with senior citizens—the former Clarion Hotel, which creates a possibility for internships and volunteering to help the elderly, first reported in the Daytona Beach News-Journal, Aug. 11, and picked up by the AP, Aug. 12, and ran in The Washington Times, The News Observer, Lexington Herald-Leader Online and 34 other news media outlets. It was also reported on many Orlando TV news stations, and other TV news affiliates, including, WJHG, in Panama City.

Clay Henderson, director of Stetson University’s newly established Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, hopes to bring about new policy changes that will help the environment, as reported in The Daytona Beach News-Journal on Aug. 10.

On Aug. 7, Professor of Law Peter Lake was interviewed by IT News regarding a new integrated framework for improving campus safety called the 32 National Campus Safety Initiative.

Associate Professor and Chair of Psychology Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., provided commentary on why video games do no cause violent behaviors in an article on WBI-R on Aug. 6. Additional coverage: 13WHAZ, Individual, NWCN, The Des Moines Register and Poughkeepsie Journal. Ferguson also provided commentary on children’s exposure to computers in an article in Aquarius Magazine on Aug. 11.

Jason Evans, Ph.D., assistant professor of Environmental Science, was featured in a Q&A on The Texas Tribune about the climate on Aug. 11.

On Aug. 8, The Tampa Bay Times interviewed Associate Dean and Professor of Law Susan Rozelle regarding the necessity defense in the Doug Hughes’ gyrocopter case.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Journalism Andy Dehnart, M.F.A., wrote an article about interesting reality TV shows in Reality Blurred on Aug. 6. Dehnart, whose online bio includes his teaching career at Stetson University, produces, owns and operates this popular online publication.

Stetson University was one of the questions in the nationally televised “Jeopardy” (hyperlinked on this CBS affiliate), Aug. 6. The ‘answer’ was: “This university in DeLand was named for a hat manufacturer who provided financial assistance.”

Alumni in the news

Russell Schropp, Stetson alumnus, was named to Florida Trend Magazine’s Twelfth Annual Legal Elite, a list that represents less than two percent of Florida’s lawyers who are held in the highest regard as professional attorneys, covered in Press Release and Contacto Latino News on Aug. 9.

Bradford J. Cunningham, Stetson alumnus, has been appointed to Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Gilla Inc., a designer, marketer and manufacturer of E-liquids for vaporizers, reported by CNN Money, Yahoo! Finance, NASDAQ and 35 other news media outlets on Aug. 11.

On Aug. 5, Trans World News featured Stetson Law alumnus Michael Babboni in an article about the potentially deadly safety defect with Dodge Ram pick-ups.

On Aug. 6, WMFE interviewed Stetson Law alumnus and adjunct Jay Wolfson about the Fallout Planned Parenthood in Florida.

On Aug. 7, Stetson Law alumna Melody Lynch was featured in an article by the Orlando Business Journal about her transition from dancing to practicing law.

July 31-Aug. 6, 2015

Top stories in the news

Stetson has taken steps to improve showcasing student art in the Hand Art Center by making a switch to use Videotel’s VP71 industrial digital signage media player which is more viewer-friendly, as covered by Townhall Finance on Aug. 4, The San Diego Union-Tribune, American Public Media, and 60 other news media outlets.

Law Dean Christopher Pietruszkiewicz is quoted in the July 30 Wall Street Journal article, ”Law Schools Fight Bar Association Over How Graduates’ Jobs Are Counted.” The article also ran in JDJournal. Dean Pietruszkiewicz is also quoted in the Aug.3 Bloomberg article, “Are Law Schools Skewing Job Placement Numbers.”

On Aug. 3, Law Professor Peter Lake is quoted by the Chronicle of Higher Education in the article “Do Fraternities Have a Place on the Modern Campus?”

On Aug. 2, Law adjunct professor and alumnus Jeffrey Brown is quoted by the Florida Times-Union in the article “Jacksonville death penalty case could be dismissed due to questions of speedy trial rights.”

Other news
According to the Aug. 4 *Santa Monica Daily Press*, the Stetson team is among the 16 student trial teams from some of the nation’s top law schools who have made the cut to participate in this year’s National Civil Trial Competition in Los Angeles.

**Bill Ball, Ph.D.**, visiting associate professor of political science, and creator of the university’s makerspace, was reported to be giving two presentations about 3D printing on Sunday, Aug. 2, and Wednesday, Aug. 5, at the Deltona Regional Library in an article by *The Daytona Beach News-Journal* and US Official News on July 31.

Assistant Professor of History **Leander Seah, Ph.D.**, provided commentary about the 70th anniversary of the Enola Gay’s delivery of the atomic bomb over Japan in Aug. 6, 1945, in World War II in an article by *The Daytona Beach News-Journal* on Aug. 6.

News of a memorial at a Palm Beach County library, named in honor of Betty Batson Bell, founder of the Betty Batson Bell Lecture Series at Stetson, was recently covered by U.S. Official News on July 31.

Jake Smith, Stetson student, delivered DeLand’s first secular invocation during a meeting of the DeLand City Commission, as reported in *The Daytona Beach News-Journal*, Aug. 1.

Stetson is undergoing a huge growth to accommodate more students and, as the school grows, DeLand benefits, as reported in *The Daytona Beach News-Journal* on Aug. 2.

**Patrick Hennessey, Ph.D.**, director of Stetson’s Orchestra, will also be the director for The Space Coast Symphony’s JAZZ Orchestra during a concert at 7 p.m., Aug. 8 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy’s Scott Center for the Performing Arts, as reported in *Florida Today* on Aug. 5.

Psychology Chair **Chris Ferguson, Ph.D.**, provided commentary on why video games do not cause violent behaviors in an article in *Central Florida Future* on Aug. 6.

On July 30, *KTRE* featured Stetson Law student Brandon Williams in an article about his study abroad experience turned summer associate position in Spain.

The exhibit “A Tradition of Contemporary Ceramics” at the Hand Art Center was featured on exhibits to see in Orlando Sentinel on July 30.

**Alumni in the news**

Brenda Blackburn, Stetson alumna, is one of three finalists to become Berkeley’s new superintendent, as reported in *The Post and Courier* on Aug. 1.


According to the Aug. 4 *PRLog*, Law alumnus Forrest Bass is now Florida Bar Board Certified in Wills, Trusts and Estates.

According to the Aug. 5 *SpaceCoastDaily*, Pete Sweeney and Andrew Lannon’s presentations were accepted for publication in the Stetson Law Review’s Local Government Law Symposium, the premier local government law publication in Florida.

According to an Aug. 4 press release from Hurley Rogner Miller Cox & Waranch, P.A., Law grad W. Rogers Turner has been appointed vice chair of the Florida Bar Association’s Workers’ Compensation Board Certification Review Committee.

Stetson alumnus, Casey B. Weade, a retirement-planning professional, provided commentary on how planning for retirement is harder because of hidden fees, explains what kinds of hidden fees exist, and gives solutions to this problem in an article featured on *Life & Health* on July 31.

According to an Aug. 4 press release from Gray Robinson, GrayRobinson shareholder and Stetson Law alumnus John R. Herin, Jr. has obtained his board certification in City, County and Local Government Law from the Florida Bar’s Board of Legal Specialization & Education.

Starting this fall, Stetson alumna Anna Barcenas will be the assistant principal at Lake Wales High School, as reported in *News Chief* and The Ledger on Aug. 3.