Stetson University in the News - October 2015

Oct. 30-Nov. 5, 2015

Top stories in the news

- Chris Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and co-chair of Psychology, shared his thoughts, based on his research, on women and gaming in relation to the recent uproar over South by Southwest festival canceling a panel discussion about the harassment of women in video games, as reported by Yahoo! News and The Christian Science Monitor on Oct. 29.
- Associate Dean and Professor of Law Susan Rozelle’s opinion editorial on the death penalty ran Nov. 2 in Washington Monthly.
- On Oct. 30, The State Capital News Feed reported that Federal Election Commission Chairwoman Ann Ravel would be speaking at Stetson University College of Law on Nov. 3.
- On Oct. 27, KAIT 8 reported that Stetson University College of Law is hosting the international historical exhibit “Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany under the Third Reich” on the third floor of Stetson’s Dolly & Homer Hand Law Library on the Gulfport campus. The traveling exhibit has been shown in close to 100 cities in Germany, the U.S. and around the world.
- The Florida Courier published an article featuring Stetson’s Poverty and Homelessness Conference on Oct. 29.

Other news

- On Oct. 29, Targeted News Service reported that Stetson Law hosted members of the CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations) organization, Legislative and Government Affairs Director Laila Abdelaziz, Civil Rights Director Thania Clevenger and attorney Jamie Klapholz discussed how laws are applied to people of differing races in the U.S.
- The Daytona Beach News-Journal mentioned Stetson’s chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha in the Oct. 31 article about Making Strides Against Breast Cancer’s annual charity event.
- On Nov. 2, Stetson University was included in the article on the new federal “College Scorecard,” as reported by the Daytona Beach News-Journal.
- Additionally, an article on the Daytona Beach News-Journal posted on Nov. 3, regarding Chick-Fil-A coming to DeLand, reports Stetson as a large component to the town’s significant growth.
- BanklessTimes features an infographic created by Stetson University Master’s in Accounting program on Nov. 3.

Alumni in the news

- Stetson graduate John Fanelli was named Flagler County’s Principal of the Year on October 29, as reported by The Daytona Beach News-Journal.
- On October 29, California Newswire reported that Stetson Alumnus Michael Babboni, Attorney, of Shapiro Goldman Babboni & Walsh, urges owners of affected by VW’s admission of its emissions cheating device scandal vehicles to consult with an attorney.

Oct. 23-29, 2015

Top stories in the news

- On Oct. 23, The Dispatch Online, WZVN-TV, KSL-TV, and over 10 other news outlets report on Stetson University’s hopes to raise $150 million during its fund drive.
- Professor of Law Peter Lake spoke with the Huffington Post for the Oct. 21 article, “Professor Accused of Harassment Is Gone, But Debate Isn’t Over.” Professor Lake is quoted in the Oct. 23 Harvard Crimson story, “Honor Code Could Prompt Talk of Students’ Roles in Discipline.” On Oct. 21, Myinform quoted Professor Lake in an article titled “Professor Accused of Harassment Is Gone, But Debate Isn’t Over.”
• Professor of Law Charles Rose spoke with the Tampa Tribune for the Oct. 22 story, "Federal officials giving depositions in Jill Kelley privacy suit.
• Professor of Law Royal Gardner is quoted in the Oct. 22 Politifact article, "Marco Rubio says EPA rule covers 'water barely bigger than a puddle.'"
• Hari Pulapaka, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Mathematics, has been featured in a Daytona Beach News-Journal article posted on Oct. 25 regarding trying to get U.S. lawmakers to adopt higher standards for school lunch program.
• The second annual Poverty and Homelessness Conference held at Stetson, received good coverage in the Daytona Times, Oct. 29.
• Stetson University was mentioned in an Oct. 29 Inside Higher Ed article titled “Encouraging Low-Income Enrollment.”
• Hatters baseball coach Pete Dunn shares his thoughts on Jacob deGrom, Stetson’s first alumnus to step onto the World Series, in an article on the Bright House Sports Network and Bay News 9 published on Oct. 22.
• The news ran Oct. 27 in Houston Chronicle.com and multiple other national media outlets that Stetson Law’s Jewish Law Society is hosting an international historical exhibit about the impact of Nazi suppression on Jewish Lawyers suffered during the Third Reich.
• On Oct. 22, it was reported in several national outlets including Reviewseeker that Stetson University College of Law’s 17th Special Needs Trusts-The National Conference drew hundreds of attendees to the Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club on Oct. 14-16.
• The Oct. 27 Asian Correspondent mentions Stetson’s LL.M. in international law.

Alumni in the news

• Stetson graduate Alex Bittner will be added as an agent for Adams, Cameron & Co., Realtors, as reported by The Daytona Beach News-Journal on Oct. 24.
• On Oct. 27, the Bradenton Herald reported that Stetson alumna Martha Lopez will be presenting an art song recital titled “Exsultate, Jubilate,” based around Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s famous composition of the same title.
• Stetson alumnus Marcus Sanfilippo was named Flagler County’s Assistant Principal of the Year, as reported by The Daytona Beach News-Journal on Oct. 28.
• On Oct. 25, WTVM and other news outlets reported that Stetson Law alumnus Paul Catania earned the 2016 Martindale-Hubbell Preeminent Rating Award.
• According to the Oct. 27 BizWireExpress, Law alumnus Michael Babboni advises Volkswagen owners to seek legal counsel.
• The Oct. 20 Stuart News reports that Law alumni Jeffrey Hendriks and Michael McNicholas are running for the St. Lucie County Bench.

Oct. 16–22, 2015

Top stories in the news

• The Daytona Beach News Journal, ESPN and countless other news media outlets featured DeLand native and former Hatter baseball star Jacob deGrom in several articles on Oct. 15.
• Matthew Wilson, Ph.D., Assistant professor of Sport Management, was interviewed by StarTribune on Oct. 18.
• On Oct. 20, Stetson University was listed ranked as one of the top 45 online graduate accounting programs by Accounting Degree Review, as reported by WAFF, KTVN, WFIE, and over 60 other news outlets.
• A team led by K.C. Ma, Ph.D., director of the George Investments Institute and professor of Finance, was featured by U.S. News, Yahoo Finance, MyInform, and seven other news outlets on Oct. 16.
• Professor Ma was also quoted by Yahoo Finance, MyInform, U.S. News & World Report, and six other news outlets in the Oct. 19 article titled “8 Unusual Unglamorous Investment Opportunities.”
• News of Stetson’s Special Needs Trusts Conference quoting Law Professor Rebecca Morgan ran in 30 national outlets including SFGate on Oct. 20. News of the conference also ran in the Jewish Journal article, “Unfixable Realities.”
• Law Professor Peter Lake is quoted in the Oct. 20 Harvard Crimson article, "Petition Calls for Administrators to Control Final Clubs.”
• On Oct. 17, Yahoo News mentioned Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy in an article titled "LOS LÍMITES AL FINANCIAMIENTO PRIVADO EN LAS CAMPAÑAS ELECTORALES GAR.”
• Stetson student David Sawyer created a website, The Story of Life, which allows users to record and share stories from their lives, as reported by The Orlando Sentinel on Oct. 19.

Other news

• Terri Witek, Ph.D., professor of English and Sullivan Chair in Creative Writing, was mentioned in the Daytona Beach News-Journal article “Volusia County’s new poets laureate champion their craft” on Oct. 18.
• Clay Henderson, director of Stetson’s Institute for Water and Environmental Resilience, provided his thoughts on Constitution Revision Commission, as reported by the Daytona Beach News-Journal on Oct. 17.
• News of Stetson Law’s upcoming Law Day Nov. 7 ran nationally in 24 media outlets and in Creative Loafing.
• News of the Stetson Law Food Law Society planting an organic garden ran in the Gulfport Gabber article, “The Gardening Frenzy Begins.”
• Stetson’s upcoming 5K Zombie Run was mentioned in the Orlando Sentinel on Oct. 21.

Alumni in the news

• On Oct. 18, Stetson alumnus Stephen B. Woodruff was appointed director of Treasury Services for Community & Southern Bank, as reported by The Marietta Daily Journal.
• Stetson alumna Anna Lucia Richardson was featured in an article from the Tampa Bay Metro on Oct. 20.
• On Oct. 16, KEYC reported that Law alumnus Brice Zoecklein of Zoecklein Law, P.A. opened a New Office Location to Serve the Brandon Community.
• BJC Online reported that Law alumnus J. Brent Walker will retire at the end of 2016 as executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, a Washington, D.C.-based organization committed to upholding the historic Baptist principle of religious liberty for all people.

Oct. 9-15, 2015

Top stories in the news

• K.C. Ma, Ph.D., Director of the Roland George Investments Institute (RGIP), was featured offering his opinions on joining investment clubs to U.S. News & World Report, Yahoo Finance, and My Informs on Oct. 8.
• Additionally, on Oct. 13, Professor Ma was quoted in the Go Banking Rates article ”5 Stocks to Buy Before Christmas.”
• On Oct. 12, Law Professor Stacey-Rae Simcox was interviewed by Newschannel 8 about a veteran who lost his benefits when he was declared dead. The story also ran in WJHL.
• Law Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law Bruce Jacob is quoted in the Oct. 10 Tampa Bay Times article, “Scott and Jill Kelley’s legal case persists long after the General David Petraeus scandal.”
• On Oct. 11, The Tampa Bay Times mentioned Law Professor Lance Long and quoted Law student Sean Carlo Lopez in an article about the Food Law Society organic garden on the Gulfport campus titled “Growing Healthy Habits.”
• Law Professor Peter Lake is quoted in the Oct. 9 Chronicle of Higher Education article, “As Federal Investigations of Sexual Assault Get Tougher, Some Ask if That’s Progress.” On Oct. 8, States News Service quoted Professor Lake in an article titled “As Federal Investigations of Sex Assault Get Tougher, Some Ask if that’s Progress.”
• Scott Jones, Ph.D., assistant professor of Marketing and Department Chair, explains some of the benefits to the completion of the Daytona Rising project, as reported in The Daytona Beach News-Journal on Oct. 9.
• On Oct. 14, Florida Today featured the Space Coast Symphony Jazz Orchestra directed by Patrick Hennessey, Ph.D., professor of Music and Jazz Ensemble director at Stetson.

Other news
• Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management Coordinator Robert Matusick gave his opinion on recent shootings at college campuses across the country, and shared his plans on improving campus safety to The Daytona Beach News-Journal on Oct. 11.
• Paul Croce, Ph.D., professor of History and director of American Studies, guest posted in S-USIH on Oct. 14 “Development Biography; or The Top Reasons to Consider Early Life When Evaluating Thinkers and Their Thoughts.”
• Valrie Chambers, Ph.D., associate professor of Accounting, was quoted on Oct. 13 in WiseBread, REdinBlog article titled “5 Signs You Probably Need an Accountant.”
• The National Jurist and other national outlets ran the news that Stetson Law is a top law school for placing graduates in small law firms.
• On Oct. 12, Bar & Bench reported that the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala, will host the Surana & Surana India National Rounds of Stetson International Environmental Law Moot Court Competition from Nov. 27-29.
• According to the Oct. 12 Tampa Bay Newswire, V. James “Jim” Dickson, an adjunct law professor at Stetson, has been elected president of the Community Law Program, Inc.
• University of South Florida president Judy Genshaft mentioned the USF medical school partnership with Stetson Law’s Veterans Advocacy Clinic in her address, which ran in the U.S. Official News.
• Daytona Times features the upcoming presentation at Stetson’s Gillespie Museum, “Our Amazing Arachnids—Florida’s Spiders and Their Kin” on Oct. 8.

Alumni in the news

• According to Tampa Hispanic Heritage, Inc., Law alumnus Daniel Alvarez has been named Hispanic Man of the Year 2015.
• According to the Oct. 7 Stuart News, Law graduates Jeffrey Hendriks and Michael McNicholas are vying for a vacancy on the St. Lucie County court bench.

Oct. 2-8, 2015

Top stories in the news

• Jason Evans, Ph.D, assistant professor of Environmental Science and Studies, is featured in a WMFE story on Oct. 2 about the use of a new phone app called Sea Level Rising, that tracks tidal flooding and other major weather events on the state’s sea level.
• Additionally, Professor Evans was quoted in an Oct. 7 article from WLRN regarding frequent flooding in the Florida Keys.
• Christopher Ferguson, Ph.D., associate professor and co-chair of Psychology, gave his thoughts on the reasoning behind mass shootings in an article featured on Yahoo News and Christian Science Monitor Online, on Oct. 2.
• President Wendy Libby was quoted in the article “Meet the financial-aid program that requires colleges to supplement, if not supplant, federal aid,” in The Hechinger Report on Oct. 7.
• Law Professor Charles Rose was invited to write the opinion editorial, “’Trial of the (20th) century’ changed the legal backdrop” for the Oct. 1 Orlando Sentinel Front Burner. Professor Rose also did an interview with 10News that aired Oct. 7 about Florida’s proposed open carry law.
• On Oct. 4, Law Professor Ciara Torres-Spelliscy’s op ed entitled “US Presidents: Get yours today. Collect the whole set. Each sold separately” ran in the Axis of Logic.
• On Oct. 2, Laura Crysel, Ph.D., assistant professor of Psychology, provided her analysis of a popular Harry Potter personality test on Inside Higher Ed.
• Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Media Relations Janie Graziani was interviewed in the Oct. 2 WESH 2 News report regarding gun safety at Stetson, as a result of recent shootings at other schools in the past year.

Other news
• On Oct. 6, the Houston Chronicle and multiple national news outlets reported that Law professor and Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy director Royal Gardner has been reappointed chair of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands for 2016-2018.
• The Tampa Bay Times, Bay News 9 and national news outlets all reported that the U.S. Attorney General has awarded a $400,000 grant to Stetson University College of Law for the college’s National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law to develop a forensic evidence training program for lawyers who work on death penalty cases.
• Law Professor Lance Long did a live radio interview with WMNF News on Oct. 5 about sea level rise and his participation in a sea level rise conference. News of Stetson Law students, faculty and staff participating in the sea level rise conference at St. Petersburg College ran in the Targeted News Service.
• The Oct. 6 Ole Miss reported that the University of Mississippi alumni association has awarded its highest honors to Mary Ann Strong Connell, who reportedly received the Thomas S. Biggs Jr. Award from Stetson Law.

Alumni in the news

• On Oct. 5, The Kendall Gazette reported that Law alumnus Gary Simon won the Allan Stolman Ultimate Networker Award for 2015.
• The Oct. 5, Penn Energy reported that NEOgás, a provider of natural gas logistics services to energy consumers without access to a natural gas pipeline, has appointed Law alumnus R. Paul Grady as the company’s new CEO.
• On Oct. 5, the Herald-Tribune reported that Law alumnus Forrest Bass, an associate at the Farr Law Firm, has been selected by the Florida Fellows of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel to join the inaugural class of the Florida Fellows Institute.
• The Oct. 5 Stuart News reports that Law alumnus Joshua D. Ferraro is a candidate for Martin County School Board District 5; the Sept. 30 Stuart News reports that Law alumnus Jonathan Chane is a candidate for U.S. House District 18.
• On Oct. 2, WAFF and other national news outlets reported that Law alumnus Benjamin P. Butterfield joined the International law firm Greenberg Traurig, Orlando Office.
• Stetson alumnus Spc. Damien Fraser gave his account on why he joined the military in The Mountaineer Online’s Oct. 1 article “Inspired to serve: Soldier pursues Army career, music to honor twin sister’s memory.”
• Casey B. Weade wrote an article titled “How Hidden Expenses Can Affect Your Retirement Goals” at Third Age on Oct. 5.
• Thakurdeo Rampersaud was featured in an Oct. 6 News Wire article titled “First Generation Immigrant, Thakurdeo Rampersaud, Wants to Use His Experiences to Help Others.”
• Stetson alumna Pamela Epting was appointed deputy commissioner of the Florida Office of Financial Regulation, as reported by Florida Politics on Oct. 7.
• The Sept. 30 Tampa Bay Newswire reported that Law alumna Michele Leo Hinston was appointed Vice-Chair of Pasco EDC’s Growth Task Force.