



STETSON LAW

22nd International Wildlife Law Conference



IWLC-22

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

8:00 a.m.	Coffee and light breakfast served
8:50 a.m.	Welcome Remarks
9:00 a.m.	Opening Lecture
9:30 a.m.	Panel 1: Ethical Considerations of De-Extinction
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m.	Panel 2: Enforcement Perspectives
11:45 a.m.	Lunch service begins
12:15 p.m.	Lunch Panel: eDNA in the Marine Environment
1:00-1:15 p.m.	Comfort Break
1:15 p.m.	Panel 3: The Legal Landscape of Rewilding and De-Extinction
2:30 p.m.	Panel 4: Novel (Re)introduction Issues
3:30-3:45 p.m.	Comfort and Snack Break
3:45 p.m.	Species Case Studies
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Comfort break
5:00-7:00 p.m.	The Edward and Bonnie Foreman Biodiversity Lecture and the Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition Welcome Reception

All events will take place in the Mann Lounge except for the Edward and Bonnie Foreman Biodiversity Lecture and Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition Welcome Reception, which will take place in the Great Hall



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9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Opening Lecture

- Dr. Alex Erwin - University of Florida Levin College of Law - *Make America Wild Again*

9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Panel 1: Ethical Considerations of De-Extinction

- Ms. Rachel Lois Gella - University of St. La Salle College of Law - *Jurassic Diplomacy: Realist and Institutional Motivations Behind State Consent in De-Extinction Efforts*
- Melissa Guckenberger - *Territorial Transformations: Exploring the Roles of Land Use, Governance, and Borders for Landscape-Scale Trophic Rewilding and Conservation Translocations*
- Ms. Veerle Platvoet - Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law - *A Critical Approach to Rewilding and De-Extinction*
- Mx. Jennifer Bass - *A Humane Framework for the Ethical Use of CRISPR on Wildlife*

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Panel 2: Enforcement Perspectives

- Mr. Patrick Duggan - United States Department of Justice, Environmental Crimes Section - *Criminal Enforcement and Wildlife Reintroduction: A Poor Fit in Need of a Solution*
- Dr. Monique Sosnowski and Mr. Robert Dolgos - Farmingdale State College - *Prosecuting Green Crimes: A Systematic Analysis of U.S. Environmental Crime Cases*

12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunchtime Panel: Dr. Aspasia Pastra - Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute, World Maritime University, Dr. Frank Muller-Karger - University of South Florida, College of Marine Science, Dr. Sophie Seeyave - CEO of the Partnership for Observation of the Global Oceans (POGO), and , Professor Marcel Jaspers - Department of Chemistry, University of Aberdeen - *Data Challenges for Marine Biodiversity and Marine Biotechnology: The Work of the Ocean Data Working Group and the Marine Genetic Resources Scientific Committee Under the Future Ocean Program of the Global Ocean Institute of the World Maritime University*

1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Panel 3: The Legal Landscape of Rewilding and De-Extinction

- Professor Jaclyn Lopez - Stetson Law - *The Fourth "R" to Species Listing & Recovery: Rewilding Capacity, De-Extinction, and the Future of the U.S. Endangered Species Act*
- Hon. Colin Schmitt - Elisabeth Haub School of Law/Yale School of the Environment - *Ballot Box Biology: State Initiatives that Impact Scientific Wildlife Management and the Pathway to Enact Supermajority Restrictions on Them*
- Professor Yanmei Lin - Vermont Law and Graduate School - *Wildlife Safeguards, Linear Infrastructure, and Rewilding Pathways in Nepal*
- Professor Erin Okuno - Stetson Law - *Fitting a Square Peg in a Round Legal Framework: Challenges and Opportunities for Addressing De-Extinction Through Multilateral Environmental Agreements*

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Panel 4: Novel Reintroduction Issues

- Miss Mariah Bowman - Johns Hopkins University - *The Potential for an International Mechanism Focused on Controlling Invasive Species - A Discussion of Humane Methods*
- Ms. Sarah Crossman Sullivan - BE MASS - ESG, Communications, & Global Sustainability - *Echoes in Corridors: Life-Shaping Stories from More Than Five Hundred Years of Nourishing of People, Cattle, and Conservation*
- Mr. Obbie Afri - Karoli Gaspar University, Budapest - *Rewilding as Remedy: Court-Ordered Wildlife Reintroduction in Climate Litigation*

3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Panel 5: Species Case Studies

- Dr. Natalia Subbotina - Ukrainian Catholic University - *Wisent and the War: The Potential Impact of the Russian War of Aggression on the Reintroduction of the European Bison in Ukraine*
- Professor Bridgett vonHoldt - Princeton University - *Using Novel Genomic Approaches to Recover the American Red Wolf Genome*
- Mr. Jason Totoiu - Center for Biological Diversity - *Recovering the Florida Panther*

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Foreman Biodiversity Lecture on De-Extinction - R. Alta Charo, Knowles Professor Emerita of Law & Bioethics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and head of bioethics for Colossal Laboratories & Bioscience - *If We Could Turn Back Time*

6:00 p.m.

Stetson International Environmental Moot Court Competition Welcome Reception: Moot and Music

Times and panels are subject to change