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INTRODUCTION

More than 300 participants convened in Orlando on November 3-4, 2011 for “Green Justice for All: International and Comparative Dimensions of Environmental Justice,” the Second Annual Environmental Law and Justice Symposium hosted jointly by the Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law and the FAMU School of the Environment. The event provided insightful views into several of the latest international, national, regional, state, and local developments in environmental justice, and attracted attendees from throughout the state of Florida and beyond. This symposium issue of the Florida A&M Law Review continues to enhance what already was a major environmental justice event.

The symposium began with the Second Annual Distinguished Lecture, delivered by Dr. Albert Mumma, Associate Professor of Law at the University of Nairobi Faculty of Law in Nairobi, Kenya. Dr. Mumma’s presentation addressed an innovative proposal on international climate change regulation that would promote climate justice for the least developed nations of the world. His remarks are published in this symposium edition, along with scholarship from scholars, practitioners, and law students that addresses a wide range of domestic and international environmental law and justice issues.

The symposium included an opening keynote address from Carlton Waterhouse, Associate Professor of Law at Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis and a closing keynote address from Esperanza Garcia, a climate change negotiation delegate and youth leader from the Philippines. The event also included panel discussions on the Disproportionate Impacts of Energy on Low Income Communities and Communities of Color in the Southeast, Human Rights and Environment Disputes, State and Regional Developments in Environmental Justice, and Comparative Law Perspectives on Environmental Justice. The panels featured renowned experts on environmental law and jus-

tice issues representing government, academia, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sectors.

The symposium also involved unique and memorable dimensions. Climbing PoeTree delivered a mesmerizing and unforgettable luncheon keynote performance on social and environmental injustice conveyed in a compelling artistic format. A poignant addition to the symposium was the display of the Lake Apopka Farmworker Memorial Quilts, prepared as a tribute to the lives of now-deceased farmworkers who worked the muck farms on Lake Apopka in Central Florida.

The symposium would not have been possible without the generous support of its external sponsors: the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt LLP, the Environmental and Land Use Law Section of the Florida Bar, the International Law Students Association, the Hispanic American Law Students Association, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, and the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

DEDICATION

We were deeply fortunate and honored to have among our distinguished panelists for this symposium Dr. Svitlana Kravchenko, and her husband, Professor John Bonine, both of whom are among the most distinguished scholars in the world on human rights and the environment. Professors Kravchenko and Bonine of the University of Oregon School of Law delivered engaging and informative presentations on procedural and substantive dimensions of Human Rights and the Environment, a rapidly growing subject area in which Kravchenko and Bonine have co-authored the definitive law school casebook.

Shortly after the symposium, on February 10, 2012, Dr. Svitlana Kravchenko passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Kravchenko left an enduring impact on environmental law practice and scholarship in the Ukraine, the United States, and the world. She authored 12 books and 190 articles and book chapters. Her passing stunned the environmental law community worldwide as it mourned the loss of one of its most inspirational leaders and scholars. But her legacy endures well beyond the words she wrote in her impressive scholarship. Professor Bonine said it best in noting, "Her impact is not characterized by what she did, but by how she inspired." Dr. Kravchenko was a beloved friend and inspiring mentor to many students and colleagues throughout the world. Among those she inspired was Vanessa Danley, a graduate of FAMU College of Law and a student in the LL.M. in Environmental Law program in the 2011-2012 academic year at the University of Oregon School of Law. Danley fondly remembered Dr. Kravchenko in noting, "She always gave such good guidance. No matter what."

This symposium issue is dedicated in loving memory of Dr. Svitlana Kravchenko and her legacy of insight and inspiration in the field of human rights and environmental protection. We are especially fortunate to publish one of her final pieces of scholarly writing in this symposium issue.

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