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Third Annual Environmental Law and Justice Symposium

Climate Change and Global Food Security

November 1-3, 2012

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), an 1890 land-grant institution, is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, resolution of complex issues, and the empowerment of citizens and communities.
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On behalf of the faculty, staff, and students, welcome to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), an 1890 land-grant institution, dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, resolution of complex issues, and the empowerment of citizens and communities. Following the success of the 2011 and 2010 Environmental Law and Justice Symposia: Green Justice for All: International and Comparative Dimensions of Environmental Justice and New Directions in Environmental Justice, the 2012 Symposium, Climate Change and Global Food Security will merge interdisciplinary environmental sustainability efforts of several unique but similarly focused and community-based, academic, business, and government organizations including the Southeastern Green Network, the Tallahassee Food Network, the City of Tallahassee Florida, Wells Fargo, Spelman College, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Collegiate Environmental Sustainability Initiative.

The 3rd Annual Environmental Law and Justice Symposium, Climate Change and Global Food Security, is an exemplary outcome of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into and signed on February 18, 2011 between Florida A&M University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 Collegiate Environmental Sustainability Initiative. Through this MOU, Florida A&M University and EPA are building a cooperative working relationship in areas of mutual interest including the development of a pool of culturally diverse and highly qualified graduates to address current and future environmental challenges. Areas of cooperation covered by this MOU include FAMU as convener on issues of the environment including climate change, sustainability, health disparities, environmental justice, and children’s health; and the exploration of the development of a Food Security Initiative (agricultural policy, sustainable agriculture production, local food systems, and public health, and socio-economic dimensions of sustainable food systems in the United States).

The movement towards sustainable communities has brought into focus the centrality of food in our everyday lives and its myriad economic, social, and environmental connections. This three-day symposium and community outreach initiative will engage the general public, college faculty and students, environmental policy and decision makers, and community food stakeholders in dialogue, activities, and publication of lectures and scholarship addressing the impact of climate change on the global, regional, and local food supply. The fifteen symposium sessions include keynote addresses; lectures; plenary panels; concurrent panels; a roundtable discussion; the Sustainable U Student Summit and Poster Competition; a community-based food garden tour; a youth led social-entrepreneurship demonstration project; and a facilitated discussion, “The Tallahassee Food Conversation.”

Thank you for attending the 2012 symposium and we hope that you enjoy your visit to Florida A&M University and Tallahassee, Florida. Please mark your calendars for November 2013 for Florida A&M’s 4th Annual Environmental Law and Justice Symposium, Empowering Environmental Justice Communities: Challenges and Opportunities, to be held at Florida A&M College of Law in Orlando, Florida.

Prof. Randall S. Abate and Dr. Richard Gragg
Symposium Co-Chairs

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Early in his career, Professor Abate handled environmental law matters at two law firms in Manhattan. He holds a B.A. from the University of Rochester and a J.D. and M.S.E.L. (Environmental Law and Policy) from Vermont Law School.

Richard D. Schulterbrandt Gragg, III, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Policy in the School of the Environment at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee Florida. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in environmental toxicology, environmental ethics, environmental health, and environmental justice and directs undergraduate and graduate students in thesis and dissertation research. His scholarship, research and professional interests include: environmental health disparities; environmental equity and justice; environmental science and sustainability. He is published in Environmental Justice; Health Affairs; Journal of Environmental Health; International Journal of Public Administration; and co-editor of Environmental Justice Reader: Addressing the History, Issues, Policy and Change (Linus Publications 2012).

Dr. Gragg is the Chair of the FAMU Environment and Sustainability Council and serves as a member of the Sustainable Tallahassee Board of the Directors. He is the founding director of the Center for Environmental Equity and Justice (1998-2011) and a former member of the Audubon of Florida Board of Directors, the Florida Environmental Regulations Commission, and the US Environmental Protection Agency, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and Health and Research Subcommittee. Dr. Gragg is also President and CEO of the Public Private Partnership for Sustainable Communities and The Food Conversation. Dr. Gragg received his B.S. in Biochemistry from the SUNY Binghamton University in 1980; his M.S. in Pharmacology in 1986 and Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences in 1994 from the Florida A&M University.
Agenda: Thursday, Nov. 1 - Perry Paige Auditorium

8:30 a.m. Conference Welcome

Dr. Richard D. S. Gragg, III, Symposium Co-Chair; Associate Professor, FAMU School of the Environment; Chairman, FAMU Environment and Sustainability Council

Nathan Ballantine, Co-Founder Tallahassee Food Network; aka The Man in Overalls and Persona of Tallahassee Food Gardens

Jewell A. Harper, Esq., Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4

9:00 a.m. University Welcome

Dr. Larry Robinson, Interim President, Florida A&M University

Rodner Wright, Interim Provost, Florida A&M University

9:30 a.m. Introduction of Opening Keynote Speaker

Krystal Pree, Doctoral Student, FAMU School of the Environment

Opening Keynote Speaker: Praxis Matters: Partnerships and Collaborations for Policy Change, Community Health and Social Justice

Kenyon Farrow, Communications Director, The Praxis Project

10:30 a.m. Introduction of Lecturer

Howard Mathis, 4th Year, FAMU College of Agriculture and Food Sciences

Lecture: Land Tenure & Food Sovereignty: A Transactional Perspective and its Implications for African-American Food Movements in the Era of Climate Change

Kwasi Densu, Assistant Professor, Florida A&M University

11:15 a.m. Introduction of Lecturer

Michael Jefferson, 4th Year, FAMU School for the Environment, SGA Vice President

Lecture: Food Insecurity and Public Health

Dr. Qasimah Boston, Tallahassee Food Network

12 Noon Luncheon and Keynote Address

Julian P. Foster Band and Rehearsal and Practice Room

Introduction of Keynote

Bravo G. Brown, Doctoral Student, School of the Environment

Keynote Address: Food as a Foundation for Sustainable Communities

Rashid Nuri, CEO, Truly Living Well, Inc.

1:00 p.m. Spoken Word Entertainment

Jonathan Norville, Poet
1:30 p.m. Urban Agriculture in Underserved Communities Panel

Panelists:
- **Miaisha Mitchell**, Co-Founder, Tallahassee Food Network
- **Dr. Monica White**, Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University
- **Malik Yakini**, Executive Director, The Detroit Black Community Food Security Network
- **Dr. David Padgett**, Associate Professor, Tennessee State University

**Moderator:** **Ariana Marshall**, Southeastern Green Network

3:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion on Global Food Security: Challenges and Opportunities in Feeding Future Generations - Foster Tanner Hall, Room 103

Panelists:
- **Robert Hamilton**, Director of the Food Literacy Group, Spelman College
- **Dr. Kome Onokpise**, Associate Dean and Professor, FAMU College of Agriculture and Food Sciences
- **Laurie Beyranevand**, Associate Professor, Vermont Law School

**Moderator:** **Dr. Romie Tribble**, Economics Chair, Spelman College

5:00 p.m. ‘Sustainable U’ Summit and Poster Competition - “Orange Going Green” - School of Architecture Atrium - Hosted by the Center for Global Security and International Affairs, FAMU ESSO and FAMU Green Coalition

**Summit Chair:** **Dr. Jonathan Warford**, Assistant Professor of Geography, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

**Entertainment:** **Jonathan Norville**, Poet

Summit Discussion Topic: My Sustainable Degree

Panelists:
- **Marty Mesh**, Executive Director, Florida Organic and Certified Organic Growers & Consumers
- **Lindsay Harper**, Pivot Point, Inc.
- **Mark Winne**, Author and Co-Founder of the Community Food Security Coalition
- **Rashid Nuri**, Founder and President of Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture
- **Dr. Joanne Chu**, Director of EcoEthos Solutions
- **Ralph DeMeo, Esq.**, Hopping, Green and Sam
- **Michael Dixon**, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Food Defense
- **Kenyon Farrow**, Communications Director, The Praxis Project
- **Caroline Y. Freeman-Robinson**, Senior Advisor, Office of the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 4

**Moderators:** **Christina Compere**, FAMU Broadcast Journalism Major, Green Coalition
- **Anthony Ward**, President, FAMU Green Coalition

7:30 p.m. Florida A&M University Lyceum Presents Sulaiman Hakim - Lee Hall Auditorium

**Agenda:** Friday, Nov. 2 - FAMU Perry Paige Auditorium

8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- **LeRoy Pernell**, Dean, FAMU College of Law
- **Randall S. Abate**, Associate Professor, FAMU College of Law
- **Andrew Irvin**, Senior Editor, FAMU Law Review

9:00 a.m. Introduction of Opening Keynote Speaker
- **Cameryn Rivera**, FAMU Environmental Law Society

Opening Keynote Presentation: Climate Change, Food Production, and Sustainability
- **Claudio Lutzky**, Executive Director, Program on Climate Change Law University of Buenos Aires School of Law
9:45 a.m. Regulatory Tools to Combat the Climate Change Crisis
Panelists:
Andrew Long, Associate Professor, Florida Coastal School of Law
Cinnamon Carlane, Associate Professor, The Ohio State University College of Law
Shi-Ling Hsu, Professor, Florida State University College of Law
Moderator: Randall S. Abate, Associate Professor, FAMU College of Law

11:15 a.m. Concurrent Morning Breakout Sessions
The Economics of Food Security - Perry Paige Auditorium
Panelists:
Dr. Romie Tribble, Economics Chair, Spelman College
Dr. Robynn Cox, Assistant Professor of Economics, Spelman College
Jeannie Economos, Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Project Coordinator, Florida Farmworker Association
Dr. Fatemeh Shafiei, Associate Professor of Political Science, Spelman College
Moderator: Dr. Naim Shabazz, Associate Professor, FAMU School of Business and Industry

Workforce Issues and Local Food Access - Foster Tanner Recital Hall, Room 103
Panelists:
Nathan Ballantine, Co-Founder Tallahassee Food Network; aka The Man in Overalls and Persona of Tallahassee Food Gardens
Marty Mesh, Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc.
Yolanda Gomez, Organizer, Florida Farmworkers Association
Moderator: Dr. Kome Onokpise, Associate Dean and Professor, FAMU College of Agriculture and Food Sciences

12:45 p.m. Luncheon, Keynote Address and Book Signing
Julian P. Foster Band and Rehearsal and Practice Room

1:05 p.m. Introduction of Luncheon Keynote Speaker
Christopher Rich, 4th Year FAMU School of the Environment, President Environmental Science Student Organization

Luncheon Keynote Presentation
Food Policy: Is There a Common Definition?
Mark Winne, Author and Co-Founder, Community Food Security Coalition

1:50 p.m. Spoken Word Entertainment
Jonathan Norville, Poet

2:00 p.m. Climate Change, Food Security, and Arctic Indigenous Peoples - Perry Paige Auditorium
Panelists:
Jordan Diamond, Esq., Deputy Director, Oceans Program, Environmental Law Institute
Dr. Irina Stoyanova, Indigenous Peoples Scholar, New York, NY
Erin Dougherty, Esq., Native American Rights Fund, Anchorage, AK
Moderator: Randall S. Abate, Associate Professor, FAMU College of Law

4:00 a.m. Networking and Sustainable U Poster Session - School of Architecture Atrium

4:30 p.m. Symposium Reception and Sustainable U Poster Competition Awards
School of Agriculture
Hosted by Dr. Larry Robinson, Interim President; and Rodner Wright, Interim Provost

Entertainment
Tutu Ola Cultural Performance Collective
Agenda: Saturday, Nov. 3 - Watson Temple Institutional Church of God in Christ (665 West Brevard Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304) - Town Hall Meeting: Tallahassee Food Conversation & Community Garden Tours (Sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and City of Tallahassee, FL)

8:30 a.m. Breakfast; Welcome and Opening Remarks
Dr. Michael Abazinge, Interim Dean, School of the Environment
Dr. Robert Taylor, Dean, College of Agriculture and Food Sciences
Bill Proctor, Leon County Commissioner District 1
Frank Jameson, Business Banking Manager, Capital Gateway Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

9:30 a.m. Community Garden Tours
French Town; Florida A&M University; Betton Hills; and Southwood Community Gardens

12 Noon Collards and Cornbread Lunch - Town Hall Meeting: Tallahassee Food Conversation
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Elder Donald Sheppard, Pastor, Watson Temple Institutional COGIC
Nancy Miller, Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

12:15 p.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Dr. Qasimah Boston, Tallahassee Food Network
Facilitator and Keynote - Community Food Gardens and Sustainable Communities
Mildred McClain, Harambee House, Inc.

1:00 p.m. Youth Childhood Obesity Prevention Activities and Social Entrepreneurship Demonstration
Tallahassee Youth for Change; Distinguished Young Gentlemen; Youth Empowerment and Leadership Development Academy (iGrow); and Dare to Dream

1:45 p.m. Tallahassee Food Conversation: Facilitated Discussion
Discussants: Community Food Stakeholders; Tallahassee Food Network; Southeastern Green Network; FAMU College of Agriculture and Food Sciences; City of Tallahassee Planning Department; Leon County Office of Sustainability; FAMU School of the Environment; and Florida Farmworkers Association

3:30 p.m. Wrap-Up and Close-Out
Kenyon Farrow is a renowned activist and writer on health and urban policy issues. He currently is the Communications Director for The Praxis Project, and the former Executive Director of Queers for Economic Justice. His published writings can be found at KenyonFarrow.com, and in many books including two new anthologies, *For Colored Boys*, and *We Have Not Been Moved: Resisting Racism and Militarism in 21st Century America*. He has been honored as a leading voice on today’s issues by Black Entertainment Television, The Root.com, *Out Magazine*, among many others.

Kwasi Densu is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and African-American Studies at Florida A&M University. He conducts research in the areas of Africana land-based social movements, sustainability and indigenous knowledge, environmental justice, and Africana political thought. He is also an organic farmer.

P. Qasimah Boston, Ph.D., is a health educator and behavior scientist. Her global public health research examines household food insecurity in rural communities. She is interested in participatory methods to empower communities and engage people in collaborative problem solving processes. Dr. Boston is working with communities in West Africa and the United States, and with university researchers as partners to develop community-academic partnerships for action-oriented research on social inequities in health. She has developed Project FOOD (For Our Own Development) Now to address food insecurity and public health challenges.

Dr. Boston is co-founder of the Tallahassee Food Network and also works with the Health Equity Alliance of Tallahassee (HEAT), the HEAT Heart Health Project, the Tallahassee Childhood Obesity Prevention Education, and with community building initiatives. She has experience implementing participatory evaluation strategies that report progress of programs and she also has experience planning and implementing public health approaches to answer pressing community issues. Dr. Boston has research experience in household food insecurity, obesity, violence, and racial inequalities in health. Her dissertation research is entitled, “The Ability of Women to Overcome Household Food Insecurity: Social Support, Social Networks & Culture.” She has presented research results at the American Public Health Association and at the U.S. Conference on African Immigrant Health. Dr. Boston has two children and seven grandchildren.
**Luncheon Keynote - Nov. 1**

**K. Rashid Nuri** is the Founder and President of Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture. Truly Living Well is a 501(c)(3) company that uses quality local food production as a platform to develop healthier minds, bodies, and communities through education, economic development, and environmental improvement.

Mr. Nuri brings more than forty years of experience to TLW. Rashid lived and worked three years in Southeast Asia, five years in Nigeria and almost two years in Ghana. He has managed public, private, and community-based food and agriculture businesses in over 35 countries around the world.

Travel has enabled Rashid to observe local food economies in the countries he has visited. He now lends his experience to urban areas where good health and nutrition are lacking. He is President of Georgia Organics, and serves on the board of the Atlanta Local Food Initiative and the Urban Food Abundance Movement. Rashid also served four years as a Senior Executive in the Clinton administration as Deputy Administrator at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Senior Advisor at the Department of Commerce. Rashid is a graduate of Harvard College, where he studied Government, and has a M.S. in Plant and Soil Science from the University of Massachusetts.

**Opening Keynote - Nov. 2**

**Claudio J. Lutzky** is Executive Director of the Climate Change Law Program at the University of Buenos Aires Law School, where he teaches courses on Environmental Dispute Resolution, Climate Change Law, and Sustainability.

He is an attorney admitted to practice in the State of New York and the City of Buenos Aires. Between 2005 and 2011, Professor Lutzky was Vice President, Carbon Contracting at MGM International, a leading global developer of greenhouse gas emission reduction projects.

He has worked in over 400 carbon market transactions, including project development and emissions trading, worldwide. He is a member of the team that developed the Certified Emission Reductions Sale and Purchase Agreement, a template widely used in the carbon market. Professor Lutzky has delivered presentations on climate change at events in several countries. He was also a Counselor at the Argentine Embassy in Washington, D.C., a Director at the Argentine Republic Executive Branch, and Deputy Secretary General at the University of Buenos Aires.

He received his J.D. from the University of Buenos Aires, where he is currently working on his S.J.D. dissertation, and he holds an LL.M. degree in Law and Economics from George Mason University School of Law.
Mark Winne - From 1979 to 2003, Mark Winne was the Executive Director of the Hartford Food System, a Connecticut non-profit food organization. He is the co-founder of the Community Food Security Coalition where he worked as the Food Policy Council Program Director from 2005 to 2012. He was a Kellogg Foundation Food and Society Fellow, a Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Visiting Scholar, and a member of the U.S. Delegation to the 2000 Rome Conference on Food Security. As a writer on food issues, Mark’s work has appeared in the Washington Post, The Nation, Sierra, Orion, and Yes!, to name a few. He is the author of two books, *Closing the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty* and *Food Rebels, Guerrilla Gardeners, and Smart Cookin’ Mamas*. Both books are published by Beacon Press. Through his own firm, Mark Winne Associates, Mark speaks and trains on topics related to community food systems, food policy, and food security.

Mildred McClain, Ph.D., co-founded and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Harambee House/Citizens For Environmental Justice, a community based organization whose mission is to build the capacity of communities to solve their problems and to engage in positive growth and development. The organization was created in 1990, is located in Savannah, GA, and serves communities at the local, state, regional, national, and international levels.

Dr. McClain has been a human rights activist and teacher for over 40 years. She has served on numerous committees, commissions, working groups, and boards. She created major partnerships with the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control, and many community based organizations, with the goals of addressing public health and environmental justice issues and concerns. Dr. McClain served as an efficient delegate to the World Conference Against Racism and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, both held in South Africa. Under Dr. McClain’s leadership for the past 20 years, the Black Youth Leadership Development Institute has trained over 1,500 young people to serve as leaders in their communities. Dr. McClain is a mother and grandmother.

The goal of the work is to develop the capacity of our community to create lifestyles that promote health, wellness, and environmental sustainability through community gardens, health fairs, testing children for lead poison, and soil testing in contaminated communities.
Panelists

**Nathan Ballentine**, The Man in Overalls, aka Nathan Ballentine is Food Gardener, Educator, Community Organizer, and Persona of Tallahassee Food Gardens (TFG), a social enterprise that “encourages and assists folks to raise food for self and neighbor.” He designs, installs, and manages food gardens and facilitates community food projects. Additionally, he works with the Tallahassee Food Network (an organization he helped found) to develop community gardens, projects, and partnerships to grow the Tallahassee food movement. Around the edges he plants food gardens with young people at churches and schools and leads food gardening workshops. Notable past and ongoing projects include: the Southwood Community Garden, Kate Sullivan School Garden, FBMC Benefits Management Company Garden, and the iGrow-”Whatever You Like” urban ag youth program. He graduated with a degree in Community Organizing from Warren Wilson College. He’s gardened since the age of eight.

**Laurie Beyranevand** is an Associate Professor and Faculty Fellow of the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems at Vermont Law School where she teaches courses focused on food regulation and policy, environmental advocacy, and dispute resolution. Prior to joining the faculty at Vermont Law School, Professor Beyranevand worked as a Staff Attorney for Vermont Legal Aid in its Disability Law Project. In this position, she began to recognize the many connections between food and health. Her recent publications have been published in the Fordham Environmental Law Review (2012) and the Nebraska Law Review (forthcoming 2013) and focus on agricultural biotechnology. Her current research focuses largely on the role of agricultural biotechnology in ensuring food security and its effects on food safety, as well as efforts to increase consumer knowledge about food related issues. Professor Beyranevand has a B.A. from Rutgers University and a J.D. from Vermont Law School.

**Cinnamon P. Carlarne** is an Associate Professor at the Michael E. Moritz College of Law at the Ohio State University. She teaches in the areas of environmental, energy, and tort law. Professor Carlarne’s scholarship focuses on the evolution of systems of international environmental law, with an emphasis on climate change. She has written numerous articles exploring questions of international environmental law as well as a book on comparative climate change law and policy with Oxford University Press, and a forthcoming edited textbook on oceans and human health. She is also one of the editors for the forthcoming International Handbook of Climate Change Law (Oxford University Press) as well as serving on the editorial board for Transnational Environmental Law (Cambridge University Press) and Climate Law (IOS Press). Prior to joining the Moritz faculty, she was the Harold Woods Research Fellow in Environmental Law at Wadham College, Oxford and an Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law. Professor Carlarne received her J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and her BCL and M.Sc. in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford, where she was a Marshall Scholar.
Robynn Cox, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Economics Department at Spelman College. Her teaching and research interests include Econometrics, Economics of Crime, Health Economics, Public Finance, Urban Economics, and Labor Economics. Dr. Cox currently teaches Econometrics, the Economics of Crime, and courses in Principles. Her research is concerned with the impact of incarceration on various aspects of the former inmate's life such as employment, wages, health, family, etc. Dr. Cox has been awarded the Young Investigator Development Grant, and a small grant under the Research Program on Childhood Hunger to conduct her investigations. Her research has been published in the Review of Black Political Economy. In addition, she has given numerous presentations at professional conferences and has appeared on North Carolina Public Radio Program, The State of Things. Prior to her appointment at Spelman College, Dr. Cox was a Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Economics at Duke University. She earned her M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Georgia State University, where she was awarded the Andrew Young Fellowship, the highest award for Graduate Students in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Jordan Diamond, Esq., is a Staff Attorney and the Deputy Director of the Ocean Program at the Environmental Law Institute (ELI). Since joining ELI in 2008, she has focused on identifying ways to improve domestic and international ocean and coastal law and policy, with an emphasis on integrated and comprehensive approaches to marine management. For the past several years, her work has included efforts to strengthen local voices in marine resource management processes in the U.S. Arctic, such as how Alaska Native input and knowledge is incorporated into climate change science and how federal agencies consult with tribes during marine resource decisionmaking. Her recent research has also covered community engagement in coastal restoration and recovery following the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, assessing domestic and binational approaches to improving habitat conservation and restoration in the Gulf of Mexico, and analyzing regional frameworks for offshore energy development in the Mid-Atlantic. She holds a B.A. in Earth and Environmental Sciences from Wesleyan University and a J.D. with a Certificate of Specialization in Environmental Law from UC Berkeley School of Law.
Panelists cont.

Ralph A. DeMeo, Esq., is a Shareholder in the Tallahassee law firm of Hopping Green & Sams, P.A., where he practices environmental, land use, administrative, health and safety, and animal law, with emphasis in civil and administrative litigation. He received his B.A. in 1976 and M.A. in 1980 with honors in English from Stetson University, where he was a member of the National English Honors Society; he studied post-graduate creative writing and English literature at the University of Florida; and he received his J.D. with honors in 1984 from Florida State University. He is a former college English professor, with emphasis in creative writing, poetry, and theatre, and currently is an adjunct professor of Legal Studies at Tallahassee Community College, and of Environmental Policy in the Environmental Sciences Institute at Florida A&M University. He is a member and currently Chair of The Florida Bar Animal Law Committee; past Chair of The Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use Law Section (ELULS); and past Chair of The Florida Bar Journal and News Editorial Board (Journal/News). He has served on a number of community and charitable Boards, including The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, the Tallahassee Animal Shelter Advisory Board, Tallahassee Safety Town Advisory Board (Chair), and the Leon County Indigent Health Care Community Advisory Board.

Michael Dixon, Ph.D., is a Policy Analyst (FDA), and Subject Matter Expert within the Food and Agricultural Sector. In 2003, he earned his M.S. degree in Community Nutrition; and, obtained his Ph.D. from Howard University in Experimental Nutrition in 2005. He is a distinguished scholar, trainer, and was awarded the Outstanding Scholar/Researcher at Howard University in the College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences, and Mentors of Excellence. In 2005, he was recognized for his enthusiasm, dedication, and hard-work as a Food Safety Unit Intern at USDA/Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), in the initial development of the Food Defense training modules entitled, “The Relevance of Food Defense (Biosecurity)” for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Dr. Dixon is a board certified Licensed-Dietetic Nutritionist, Certified Nutrition Specialist, and the president of Dr. O. Dixon, LLC in Laurel, Maryland. Since 2008, Dr. O. Dixon, LLC specializes in Food Defense consultations; identifying weaknesses throughout the flow-of-food; recommending preventive measures/strategies; and, the proactive analysis of harmonization efforts against an intentional or deliberate attack(s) to food.

Erin Dougherty, Esq., is a Staff Attorney at the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) in Anchorage, Alaska. At NARF, Erin works on a variety of Indian law and tribal jurisdiction issues, including a project to assist Alaska Natives in their efforts to relocate coastal villages threatened by erosion and other problems associated with climate change. This includes a wide range of legal issues such as navigating the regulatory jurisdiction over all aspects of community infrastructure. After graduation, she was a law clerk for the Honorable Dana Fabe, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. Erin serves on the Alaska Bar Association’s Committee for Pro Bono Service and the Committee on Fair and Impartial Courts. She is admitted to practice law in Alaska, the District of Alaska, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prior to law school, Erin was a Fulbright Scholar based at the University of Tromso in Tromso (Romso), Norway where she conducted masters-level research on Sámi political mobilization and indigenous self-governance. She received her J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 2008.
Yolanda Gomez was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and came to the United States at the age of 12 years old. Coming from a migrant farmworker family, Yolanda worked as a farmworker for over 30 years, migrating with the seasons in harvesting crops all over the United States. For twelve years, she served as a crew leader in the citrus fields of Indian River County; at times supervising as many as 20-40 people. Ms. Gomez understands the realities of the life and work of farmworkers. She first became involved with the Farmworker Association of Florida during the 2004 hurricane season, when she helped her community recover from the devastation of the storms that impacted her area. She has since worked as an organizer for the Farmworker Association, devoting herself to improving the living and working conditions of the people in her community with whom she shares a common history and background. As an organizer, she feels that she has found her true calling. One of her greatest recent accomplishments is the Fellsmere Community Farm project – a project of, by and for the farmworker community in her town of Fellsmere, providing fresh, healthy food while empowering the community in which she lives.

Jeannie Economos is the Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Project Coordinator for the Farmworker Association of Florida. Ms. Economos has worked for over 20 years on issues of the environment, environmental justice, indigenous and immigrants’ rights, labor, peace, and social justice. From 1996-2001, she worked for the Farmworker Association of Florida as the Lake Apopka Project Coordinator, addressing the issues of job loss, displacement and health problems of the farmworkers who worked on the farm lands on Lake Apopka prior to the closing of the farms in 1998. From 2007 until the present, she has been the coordinator of the pesticide health and safety program of the organization, which includes annually training over 500 farmworkers in Florida on their rights and protections in the workplace and how to protect themselves and their families from pesticide exposure. She is also engaged in local, state, national and international coalitions and collaborations related to farmworker rights and health and safety, pesticide reduction, sustainable agriculture, and food sovereignty. Ms. Economos is currently co-coordinator of the Lake Apopka Farmworkers’ Memorial Quilt Project, the purpose of which is to raise awareness about the impacts of pesticides on the former farmworkers on Lake Apopka.

Caroline Freeman-Robinson currently serves as a Senior Advisor to the Region 4 Administrator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency on Minority Academic Institutions Activities. As one of EPA Region 4 Senior Advisors, Ms. Freeman-Robinson also serves as a member of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Biological and Agricultural Systems Engineering Advisory Board. Ms. Freeman-Robinson joined the EPA in 1990 and has served as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Enforcement Branch Manager, Air Enforcement Supervisor, Superfund Remedial Project Manager, Superfund Ombudswoman, and the Regional Asbestos National Emissions Standards Coordinator. Prior to her Environmental Career with the Federal Government, she served as a Senior Design Engineer with Simons-Eastern Engineering Consultants, Inc., and as a Project Engineer with International Paper Company. Ms. Freeman-Robinson is a Mechanical Engineering Graduate of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. In her spare time she enjoys, mentoring young adults, playing the piano, family activities, reading inspirational novels, and deep sea fishing.

Yolanda Gomez was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and came to the United States at the age of 12 years old. Coming from a migrant farmworker family, Yolanda worked as a farmworker for over 30 years, migrating with the seasons in harvesting crops all over the United States. For twelve years, she served as a crew leader in the citrus fields of Indian River County; at times supervising as many as 20-40 people. Ms. Gomez understands the realities of the life and work of farmworkers. She first became involved with the Farmworker Association of Florida during the 2004 hurricane season, when she helped her community recover from the devastation of the storms that impacted her area. She has since worked as an organizer for the Farmworker Association, devoting herself to improving the living and working conditions of the people in her community with whom she shares a common history and background. As an organizer, she feels that she has found her true calling. One of her greatest recent accomplishments is the Fellsmere Community Farm project – a project of, by and for the farmworker community in her town of Fellsmere, providing fresh, healthy food while empowering the community in which she lives.
Panelists cont.

Robert Hamilton’s interests range from mushrooming to winemaking. Through his current membership of the Georgia Mushroom Club, Southern Fruit Fellowship (SFF), the California Rare Fruit Group (CRFG), Georgia Organics, North American Fruit Explorers (NAFEX) where he currently serves on the board, he has been able to learn from hobbyists and esteemed professionals in the field while touring orchards and crop fields around the nation. Mr. Hamilton has taught numerous classes in fruit propagation and care at local community centers and professional venues. Mr. Hamilton has facilitated the first UNCF Mellon Food Workshop for curriculum development at Spelman College and co-facilitated the EPA-Spelman Conference on Greening Your Campus and Curriculum. Recently, Mr. Hamilton has been elected to the board of the Atlanta chapter of the Slow Food USA and the advisory board of the Southeastern African-American Farmers Organic Network (SAFFRON) Network. Through this work he is chosen as an international congress delegate to represent the USA at the Slow Food 2012 International Congress of Terra Madre in Torino, Italy.

Lindsey Harper is a native of Atlanta, GA, and a second-generation graduate of Howard University. It’s there she began her career in radio and production with public relations company In the Public Eye, Inc. enjoying internships with the Institute for Policy Study, XM radio station WOL, and the Pacifica Network station WPFW. After graduating college, she began working at V-103 in Atlanta and later attending the Connecticut School of Broadcasting and interning at Stankonia Recording. Two years after landing at her current employer, Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters, she was named as an Emmy® nominated talent, promoted to producer, and now produces programming for teens and young adults. She is president and CEO of her own TV/Radio/Web content production company Pivot Point, Inc. The GreenGoingForward Network is her flag ship initiative.

Jewell A. Harper, Esq., is Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 in Atlanta, Ga. Her area of focus is Environmental Literacy and in that capacity she implements the Region 4 Collegiate Environmental Sustainability Initiative. She joined the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 in 1984. She served as an attorney and senior manager in various divisions at USEPA, Region 4, including Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator; Deputy Director, Science and Ecosystems Division; Deputy Director, Waste Management Division; Branch Chief, Air Enforcement and Permitting, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division; and Associate Regional Counsel, Office of Regional Counsel. She served on the EPA Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice for over five years. Ms. Harper received her Juris Doctor from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco. She received her Bachelor of Science from Howard University, Washington, D.C. She is a member of the State Bar of California; the District of Columbia Bar; the National Bar Association; the American Bar Association, the Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys and Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.
Panelists cont.

Marty Mesh became committed to organic agriculture and sustainable food systems while a farmworker in 1972, and in 1976 helped start Bellevue Gardens Organic Farm in Archer, Florida. Marty helped form Florida Certified Organic Growers & Consumers, Inc. (FOG) in 1989 and has served as Executive Director since 1995. FOG is active in local, state, national and international work to further sustainable agriculture and improved food systems. In 2004, Marty was named among the 25 people who most influenced the organic industry, due in part to the past 40 years he has dedicated to a more environmentally responsible and socially just form of agriculture. He completed a nine-year term on the Board of the Organic Trade Association, and is a past charter board member of the Alachua County Nutrition Alliance, Organic Materials Review Institute, Accredited Certifiers Association, and the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group, as well as past board member of the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture among others. Marty is still current charter board member of the Florida Food Policy Council. Marty helped establish the Agricultural Justice Project in 1999, and the Domestic Fair Trade Association. He co-produced an acclaimed documentary film, What’s Organic About Organic?

Shi-Ling Hsu is a Professor of Law at the Florida State University College of Law. Prior to his current appointment, Professor Hsu was Professor and Associate Dean at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law, and an Associate Professor at the George Washington University Law School. Prior to his academic appointments, he was a Senior Attorney and Economist for the Environmental Law Institute in Washington D.C, and a Deputy City Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. Professor Hsu also practiced law with the firm of Fenwick & West in Palo Alto, California. Professor Hsu has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Columbia University, and a J.D. from Columbia Law School. He also has an M.S. in Ecology and a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics, both from the University of California, Davis. Professor Hsu has taught in the areas of environmental and natural resource law, climate change law and policy, law and economics, quantitative methods, and property.

Andrew Long is an Associate Professor of Law at Florida Coastal School of Law where he teaches environmental law and property courses. He researches primarily in the area of international environmental law and governance. His recent work has concentrated on the interactions of international and supranational institutions with each other and with national and subnational governments, as well as the role of non-state actors. Professor Long’s scholarship appears in U.S. and international law journals, peer-reviewed and peer-edited journals, and books edited by U.S. and European scholars. He is currently working on his first book, which offers an innovative approach to global environmental governance based on issue linkage. Professor Long regularly presents his research at legal and interdisciplinary conferences. Prior to joining the Florida Coastal School of Law faculty in 2008, Professor Long taught at the University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law as a Visiting Assistant Professor, served as a Senior Court Attorney with the New York Court of Appeals, and practiced in Oregon. Professor Long received his LL.M. from New York University School of Law, where he served as an advisor to the NYU Environmental Law Journal, and his J.D. from Willamette University College of Law, where he served on the Law Review.
**Panelists cont.**

Mary Miaisha Simmons Mitchell is the co-founder of the Tallahassee Food Network and Executive Director of the Greater Frenchtown Governor’s Revitalization Council – Front Porch Florida. Ms. Mitchell is a native of Tallahassee with over 40 years experience in education, community organizing and health care settings including work in hospital administration, health care management, comprehensive program development and design, mental health, alcoholism, tobacco prevention, counseling/management, multicultural/gender fair training and consultation, social work, volunteer work and the public work of community organizing and problem solving. She is the mother of three children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren, and strongly agrees with the philosophy “it takes a village to raise a child”.

David A. Padgett is an Associate Professor of Geography, and Director of the Geographic Information Sciences (GISc) Laboratory at Tennessee State University (TSU) in Nashville, Tennessee. He has developed a Geography/Environmental Justice curriculum with a strong emphasis on service learning. He has previously developed and taught geography and geographic information systems (GIS)-related courses at Austin Peay State University (Tennessee) and Oberlin College (Ohio). Since 1992, Padgett has been the Owner and Chief Consultant of GEO-Mental, a multi-faceted environmental consulting firm. He is the Project Manager and Co-Author of “The Best Cities for African Americans” cover feature series for Black Enterprise Magazine; the author of Nashville: An Experience in Metropolitan Governance in Growing Smarter: Achieving Livable Communities, Environmental Justice, and Regional Equity; and the co-author of “Urban Food Deserts and their Potentially Negative Impacts upon Low-Income and Black Communities in Nashville, Tennessee” in The State of Blacks in Middle Tennessee. Padgett, 47, is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and the University of Florida.

Fatemeh Shafiei, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Political Science at Spelman College. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside. She has served as an Environmental Fellow at Associated Colleges of the South. Dr. Shafiei teaches courses in the International Relations Track. Her research and teaching interests are in environmental policy, environmental education, environmental justice, and international relations. Her more recent work has been focused on the environmental determinants of health disparity. Shafiei has served as an invited speaker, panelist, chair, panel organizer, moderator, and discussant in numerous conferences and forums. She also has served as environmental justice consultant for CDC and Bates College. Dr. Shafiei received federal funding for her research in the environmental policy area from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for “Environmental Policy and Innovation Grant: Emergency Planning and Preparedness.” She also participated in planning, and made presentations at the 1994 and 1995 EPA-CAU Teachers’ Environmental Summer Institute that was funded by EPA Region IV. She planned, developed, invited speakers, and organized The Atlanta Environmental Summit: Linking Priorities From A Minority Perspective, held on June 15, 1996. Shafiei’s work on environmental policy, particularly within the state of Georgia resulted in her extensive analysis of environmental laws passed by the Georgia Legislature, documented in nine chapters on environmental policy in Georgia Legislative Review, an annual publication that analyzed broad public policy issues in the state. In addition, she also has published in the area of environmental determinants of health disparity.
Irina L. Stoyanova, Ph.D., is an independent researcher whose work and expertise have focused on indigenous peoples’ rights and activism, sustainability, and international environmental policymaking. She earned her M.S. and Ph.D. from the Environmental Science and Public Policy Department at George Mason University. She devoted her dissertation to examining the advancement of transnational human rights networks, more specifically the contemporary struggles of the world’s indigenous communities to voice their concerns and fully participate in decision-making processes. The indigenous movement in the Russian North was the special focus of her dissertation. She has continued to study and address the Circumpolar North region in her more recent research, further examining the situation of the indigenous peoples of Siberia as well as the Saami of Scandinavia. In 2011 and 2012, she was invited as a guest lecturer at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race at Columbia University. She has further applied her longtime passion to protect and empower indigenous communities and safeguard the biological richness of the territories they occupy through her involvement with the Rainforest Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Minority Rights Group International, and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Monica White, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of Environmental Justice at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is the President of the Board of Directors of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network. Her research investigates communities of color and grassroots organizations that are engaged in the development of sustainable, community food systems as a strategy to respond to issues of hunger and food inaccessibility. Dr. White’s most recent publications include, *D-Town Farm: How African American Resistance to Food Insecurity is Transforming Detroit*, published in Environmental Practice and *Sisters of the Soil: Urban Gardening as Resistance in Detroit*, published in Race/Ethnicity: Multicultural Global Contexts. She is currently working on her first book, entitled, *Farming for Freedom: Black Resistance Through Agriculture*. This book offers a multidimensional analysis of the work of Black farmers and their mobilization efforts to respond to race and class-based structural inequities and provides a historical investigation of their struggles to grow food. Dr. White received her Ph.D. from Western Michigan University.

Malik Kenyatta Yakini is an educator, business owner, and activist who is committed to freedom and justice for humanity in general, and African people in particular. He serves as Executive Director of Nsoroma Institute Public School Academy, one of Detroit’s leading African-centered schools. He is C.E.O. of Black Star Educational Management. In 2006, he was honored as “Administrator of the Year” by the Michigan Association of Public School Academies. Mr. Yakini is a founder and Interim Executive Director of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, which operates a two acre farm in Detroit and spearheaded efforts to establish the Detroit Food Policy Council, which he chairs. He formerly served on the Michigan Food Policy Council. He is a member of the “Undoing Racism in the Detroit Food System Facilitation Team.” He was selected as a 2011-2012 IATP Food and Community Fellow. He has presented at numerous community meetings and national conferences on food justice food security. He was featured in the book “Blacks Living Green.”
Moderators

Ariana Marshall recently completed her doctoral studies in the FAMU School of the Environment. As a student, she served on the FAMU Environment and Sustainability Council, worked with the FAMU Green Coalition, the Environmental Sciences Student Organization, and Sankofa. Being from the Caribbean island of Barbados, she attributes her interest in environmental issues primarily to the impacts of overdevelopment she has seen in the nine years she has been in the U.S. Through her studies, she sees that many of the environmental issues faced in the Caribbean are parallel to those faced in underserved communities in the U.S. Her research interests include climate change adaptation and justice, environmental education, and international coastal affairs. Her dissertation focused on the role of public participation in coastal land use planning and climate change adaptation. Ariana believes that solutions can be found in empowering more students to feel confident and informed as they engage in the shaping of environmental policies and decisions. Through working with the Southeastern Green Network on recent summits, which focused on the role of HBCU’s in addressing issues related to agriculture, food access and the sustainability of black farmers, she intends to activate HBCU students around these issues as well.

Oghenekome (Kome) Onokpise, Ph.D., obtained his B.Sc. in Agriculture at the University of Ife, Nigeria in 1974, his M.S. in Plant Breeding & Genetics, University of Guelph, Canada in 1980, and his Ph.D. in Tree Breeding & Forest Genetics at the Iowa State University, USA in 1984. In 1985-1986 he did post-doctoral research in Plant Biotechnology at the Ohio State University, USA. He has over 30 years of research experience, 30 years of international program activities; combined 21 years of experience in cooperative extension and outreach activities; and more than twenty years of combined administrative experience at the Coordinator, Director and Associate Dean levels in academics, research and international programs. Since 1975, Professor Onokpise has conducted research on at least seven different plant species ranging from root and tuber crops, such as yams, cocoyams to tree crops such as natural rubber, as well as invasive plant species like cogongrass. These works have been done domestically and internationally through both United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funding. Additionally, he is leading new efforts on bioenergy research in the areas of feedstock development focusing on non-food crop species such as switch grass and camellina.

Professor Onokpise has also written and works on the Ecological Restoration of tropical hardwood tree species such as mahogany and iroko. His international scientific travels have taken him to places like the Amazon Basin in Brazil, Rumpi Mountains of Cameroon, and Rubber Plantations in Malaysia among others. His research funding has totaled approximately $1,300,000 in the last three years. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the Society of American Foresters, American Association or the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Florida Forestry Association, Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, National Geographic Society, Smithsonian Institution, American Association for the Advancement of Industrial Crops (AAIC), Society of Economic Botany, Gamma Sigma Delta, Florida Academy of Sciences; and Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida. Professor Onokpise has over 120 refereed journal, proceedings and conference publications. He is the author of one book, and a coauthor in two others. He is currently a Professor and Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, (FAMU), in Tallahassee, Florida, USA.
Romie Tribble, Jr., Ph.D., currently holds the rank of Full Professor in Economics at Spelman College. He currently serves as the Department Chairperson in Economics and serves as at-large representative of the Spelman College Faculty Council. He also served on the Spelman College SACS Reaffirmation Committee for Accreditation at the pleasure of the college’s President, Dr. Beverly Tatum. He is currently the Secretary for the National Economic Association, the leading professional and academic association of African-American Economists in the United States.

Dr. Tribble has recently served as a co-principal investigator for the Department of Transportation (DOT)-Spelman College program/project initiative entitled, “The Entrepreneurial Training and Technical Assistance Women and Girls Program” from September 2009 to May 2010.

Dr. Tribble has taught a wide range of Economics courses during his tenure at Spelman College. He has taught both Microeconomic and Macroeconomic theory and directed senior thesis research for more than 300 Spelman seniors who have majored in Economics. His teaching focuses at present on economic development, international economics, political economy and inequality, and industrial organization/antitrust economics. His current research investigates the impact of globalization on both domestic inequality and on inequality between nations.

Dr. Tribble’s most recent research paper is entitled “Does Openness Explain Changes in Income Inequality: A Cross-Sectional Examination with a Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa and East Asia.” He is currently working on a paper investigating the impact of government fiscal policy on domestic inequality in an open economy. This research on globalization complements his teaching in Economics 424, a course entitled “Globalization and Development.”

Romie Tribble, Jr. earned a B.A. in Political Science with a Minor in Economics from Lincoln University; a M.A. in Economics with a Minor in International Relations from the University of Denver; and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Sociology from Colorado State University. He has studied abroad at the American University in Cairo and worked for the Agency for International Development (AID) in Lesotho. He has recently completed faculty development programs in South Africa, Ghana, and Nepal.

Daaim Shabazz, Ph.D., received his Ph.D. in International Affairs and Development from Clark Atlanta University in 1998. He is an Associate Professor at Florida A&M University’s School of Business and has taught in the areas of international business, e-Business, and marketing. Dr. Shabazz has taught a variety of courses including the graduate course, “World Resources” which deals with globalization, trade dynamics, population, food security, natural resource management, and information management. His current research involves China’s foreign direct investment in Africa.
Summit Moderators

Christina Compere is a fourth year Broadcast Journalism student from New York City. She is an active member of the Florida A&M University Green Coalition and has a passion to inform other African American youth about sustainability and how it affects their lives. Ms. Compere has connected her broadcast journalism experience with going green by helping promote the Student Green Energy Fund initiative through a video that helped pass the student vote on campus at 72 percent!

Along with FGC members, Ms. Compere has had meetings with our past President James Ammons, EIT chairs, Siemens Corporation, Director of Libraries, and also the FAMU fee committee on bringing sustainability practices to Florida A&M University. She recently attended the Environmental Protection Agency annual conference at North Carolina A&T University and was one of the moderators for their environmental youth summit.

On October 7, Ms. Compere was a part of the “Global Climate Crisis” march, which consisted of almost 400 students from several southern universities, that ended the Southeast Student Renewable Energy conference held at FAMU. She plans to continue to connect her broadcast experience with the green movement and how it will one day change our surrounding communities.

Anthony Ward is a fourth year international business relations student from Saint Petersburg, Fl. He is currently serving as the President of the Florida A&M University Green Coalition for the 2012-2013 school year. His interest in Renewable energy and sustainability projects was peaked when he joined the FAMU Green Coalition in the spring of 2011 and went to Power Shift that very same year.

Mr. Ward's accolades with the FAMU Green Coalition include the Passing of the Student Green Fund bill with the Students and Fee Committee (with hopes of making pass the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors in the coming months), helping with different Green initiatives on campus that would push FAMU to the Princeton's Review for the top 311 Green Schools for 2 years in a row, and hosting the Southeast Student Renewable Energy Conference on FAMU’s campus earlier in October.

Mr. Ward hopes that FAMU’s campus will prosper under different Renewable energy and Sustainability Projects long after his Graduation, along with many future leaders who are willing to take up the Green cause.
Jonathan Winston Haniffe Norville was born a creative artist on May 20, 1992 in Miami, FL. Blessed with an inquisitive mind and the gift of gab, Jonathan uses alliterated and metered verse to convey his thoughts and commentary on societal and environmental issues.

Tutu Ola Cultural Performance Collective has its roots planted firmly in the music of the African Diaspora, which includes but is not limited to West African, Afro-Brazilian, Afro-Caribbean, and African American musical styles.

TutuOla is a group of eclectic and multi-talented performing artists. It is a group that uplifts and heals, through music and dance, blending cultures and genres to create unique works. Currently based out of Tallahassee, FL, the group has shared its music through workshops and performances at elementary schools, high schools, and universities. They also teach and assist in the instruction of the African Diaspora Drum and Dance Class at Tallahassee Community College, and play for the Tallahassee Community College African Drum and Dance Ensemble. Throughout Tallahassee the group is well known for providing the music for local dance classes. They have also become regular performers in the African Caribbean Concert (Tallahassee, FL) and the Omotunde Festival (Savannah, GA). The group has built an artist and mentor network that includes Bli Bi Eric Gore, Papa Malik Faye, Aboubacar Amo Soumah, Dr. Baba Chuck Davis, Mangue Sylla, Ibrahima Kolipe Camara, and Diadie Bathily.

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