

# *Environmental Disasters: Linking Law, Science, & Policy*

## **12th Annual Northeast Florida Environmental Summit**

Florida Coastal School of Law

&

Jacksonville University

**Wednesday, November 3, 2010** (Registration not required)

Hosted at: Marine Science Research Institute of Jacksonville University

6:00pm          A. Quinton White, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of Biology and Marine Science &  
Executive Director of the Marine Science Research  
Institute, Jacksonville University  
*The Gulf Oil Spill- What Lurks Beneath?*

**Thursday, November 4, 2010** ([Registration required](#))

Hosted at: Florida Coastal School of Law, Room 550

8:30 – 9:00: Light Breakfast

9:00 – 9:45: Welcome & Opening Address  
Opening Keynote Address:  
Jim Chen, Dean and Professor, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law

9:45 – 10:45: Panel 1: Cultural & Economic Aspects of Environmental Disasters  
Dr. Gregory V. Button, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee  
*Uncertainty in the Wake of Environmental Disasters*  
Dr. Rick Dunford, Environmental Economics Services  
*Potential Economic Effects of Environmental Disasters*

10:45 – 11:45: Panel 2: Governance Failure & Environmental Disasters: The Deepwater Horizon  
Oil Spill  
Alyson Flournoy, Professor of Law & Director of the Environmental & Land Use  
Law Program, University of Florida Levin College of Law  
*The BP Deepwater Horizon Disaster: A Case Study in Regulatory Failure*  
Lindsay Conlon, World Resources Institute  
*Worst Case Scenario: Governance Failures Leading up to the Gulf Oil Spill*

11:45 - 1:00: Lunch & Keynote Address  
Keynote Address: *Oil Spills and Hurricanes*  
Dr. Stephen Leatherman, Director, Laboratory for Coastal Research

- 1:00 - 2:00: Panel 3: Insurance Implications of Environmental Disasters  
Sean B. Hecht, Lecturer in Law & Executive Director, Environmental Law Center,  
UCLA Law  
*The Role of Insurance in Climate Change Risk Management and  
Adaptation*  
Dr. Walter Rosenbaum, Professor Emeritus & Director Emeritus of the Bob  
Graham Center for Public Service, University of Florida  
*Has Flood Insurance Become Development Assurance?: The Federal Role  
in Mitigating Flood Hazard Risk*
- 2:00 – 3:00: Panel 4: Environmental Disasters & Litigation  
Carl R. Nelson, Fowler White Boggs P.A.  
*Oil Pollution Act Litigation: Recovery of Purely Economic Losses*  
James R. May, Professor of Law, H. Albert Young Fellow in Constitutional Law,  
and Professor of Graduate Engineering (Adjunct), Widener  
University  
*Courting Disaster: Constitutional Climate Litigation*
- 3:00 – 4:00: Panel 5: Environmental Disasters & Human Health  
Richard McNelis, Senior Counsel, Florida Department of Health  
*Florida Public Health Emergency Law*  
Dr. Christopher M. Teaf, Associate Director, Center for Biomedical &  
Toxicological Research, Florida State University

*Reception following at 4pm.*