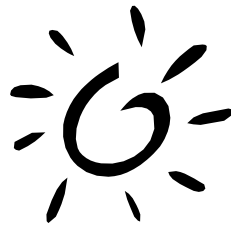




# THE SECOND ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS CONFERENCE



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FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2003

8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

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## Program

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Florida Environmental Ethics Conference, April 2003

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.      Registration

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.      Opening Remarks

**William A. Covino**, PhD, Dean, D.F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, Florida Atlantic University

**Robert A. Meyers**, JD, Executive Director, Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

**Kenneth W. Goodman**, PhD, University of Miami Ethics Programs

**Rosalyn Y. Carter**, PhD, Dean, College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs, Florida Atlantic University

**Robin N. Fiore**, PhD, Department of Philosophy, Florida Atlantic University

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.      Welcome

**Frank T. Brogan**, President, Florida Atlantic University

9:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.      Concurrent Panel Discussions (1a & 1b)

1a.      Gentrification and Environmental Justice: The Future of the Northfork

1b.      Economic Development, The Environment and Urban Sprawl: The Case of Blasting in Western Miami-Dade County

10:10 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.      *Break*

## Program

- 10:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.      Concurrent Panel Discussions (2a & 2b)
- 2a.    Miami Blue(s): Ethics, Extinction and the Environment
- 2b.    Restoring Communities, Renewing Spirit
- 11:30 p.m. -12:15 p.m.      *Lunch*
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.      Keynote Address: **Barry E. Hill**, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Environmental Justice and Preserving Natural Resources: Challenges and Opportunities*
- 1:15 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.      *Break*
- 1:25 p.m. –3:25 p.m.      Plenary: Everglades Restoration and Communities
- 3:25 p.m.                      Concluding Remarks: Kenneth W. Goodman, PhD
- 3:30 p.m.                      Adjournment and Evaluation

9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. (**Concurrent Panel Discussion 1a**)

Gentrification and Environmental Justice: The Future of the Northfork.

This panel will discuss the past, present and future of the North Fork of the New River, the only remaining natural waterway in Broward County. Panelists will discuss the importance of the Northfork and future challenges and opportunities for the river and the surrounding communities.

Panelists

Jaap Vos, PhD (Moderator) is an Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida Atlantic University. He spearheads FAU's monthly clean-ups of the Northfork and has worked with Broward Urban River Trails (BURT) and residents on documenting the history of the Northfork and its communities.

Eugene Franklin is President of the Washington Park Neighborhood & Enhancement District. He has been a leader in the community, actively pursuing the restoration of the Northfork and its communities. Recently, Mr. Franklin was nominated for 2003 Sun-Sentinel Publisher's Community Service Award.

Kevin Carter is a Natural Resource Specialist (III) and works in the Environmental Monitoring Division of the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection. He assesses the water quality of Broward County's surface waters, including estuarine and freshwater systems and has been actively involved with the restoration of the Northfork for nearly a decade.

Walter "Mickey" Hilton, is President of Durr's Homeowners Association. Mr. Hilton was one of ten "Community Historians" who helped Broward Urban River Trails (BURT) and FAU document the history of the Northfork and its communities.

9:00 a.m. –10:10 a.m. (**Concurrent Panel Discussion 1b**)

Economic Development, The Environment and Urban Sprawl: The Case of Blasting in Western Miami-Dade County.

The age-old questions of economic vitality, the environment and shifting population centers surface in this panel discussion on blasting in western Miami-Dade County. The panel will explore policy options and regulations available to government and industry that strive to achieve a delicate balance between the needs of an industry critical to the financial well-being of South Florida and the rights of communities located in this region to live in relative peace and tranquility.

Panelists

James F. Murley, JD (Moderator) is the Director, Catanese Center for Urban and Environmental Solutions at Florida Atlantic University. He is a member of the Miami River Commission, The Legislative Committee on Intergovernmental Coordination and a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

Robert A. Meyers, JD is the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust and has published articles on the subject of legal and ethical issues in local land use matters. He is a former faculty member at Florida International University, where he taught courses in local government administration, public policy, administrative law and ethics.

Michael Pizzi, Esq. is a 1995 graduate of the University of Miami School of Law. He is a Councilman with the Miami Lakes Town Council, and was formerly a member of the Community Council and Zoning Board from 1998 to 2000. He is the President of Citizens Against Blasting, and a founding member of the West Lake Civic Group.

Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, JD is a former Miami-Dade County Commissioner, and practices law in the areas of zoning and land use, municipal law, administrative law, urban development law and litigation. He is an active member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and serves on ULI's Public/Private Partnership Council. Additionally, he has served on the South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida.

9:00 a.m. –10:10 a.m. (**Concurrent Panel Discussion 1b**)(continued)

Kerri L. Barsh, JD is a lawyer with the firm of Greenberg Traurig and practices environmental compliance, enforcement and litigation, and land use law. Kerri has represented public and private clients on environmental issues, including hazardous waste regulatory and liability matters; air quality permitting; petroleum product contamination; and other compliance and enforcement matters.

10:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (**Concurrent Panel Discussion 2a**)

Miami Blue(s): Ethics, Extinction and the Environment

Questions raised by the extinction of an entire species remain among the most interesting and difficult in environmental ethics. Scientists, policy makers, workers, educators and other stakeholders must balance practical, ethical and theoretical issues and values on the steely edge of economic development and employment. This panel addresses the fate of the "Miami blue," a small butterfly that once ranged all over Florida but now faces extinction in a Big Pine Key park. The panel features a scientist studying the butterfly and an ethicist specializing in environmental issues.

#### Panelists

Kenneth W. Goodman, PhD (Moderator) co-directs the University of Miami Ethics Programs and is a collaborator at the Atmospheric & Marine-Based Interdisciplinary Environmental Health Training (AMBIENT) Center, a University of Miami and Miami-Dade County Public Schools program supported by the National Institutes of Health through the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences.

Jaret Daniels, PhD is Assistant Director for Research at the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera Research at the University of Florida in Gainesville. He is responsible for the McGuire Center for Insect Conservation, with emphasis on conservation biology of imperiled lepidoptera - including the Miami blue.

Sandra Anderson Schuh, PhD is President of the environmental consulting firm Stutz, Schuh and Associates. She is formerly the Director of the Environmental Ethics Institute at Miami-Dade Community College and is a Fulbright Scholar.

10:20 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Concurrent Panel Discussion 2b)

Restoring Communities, Renewing Spirit

This panel provides three models of young people discovering the rich biological and cultural diversity of the natural world of South Florida. In the process of learning to explore and restore the local bioregion, students experience the mutually enhancing dynamic of having their spirits restored as well.

Panelists

Patricia Siemen, JD (Moderator) is Director of the Environmental Ethics Institute, Miami-Dade Community College and is an Adrian Dominican Sister. Previously, she was a trial attorney with the United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

Audrey Ordenes is the Executive Director of Citizens For a Better South Florida, an environmental education organization dedicated to instilling environmental awareness among multi-lingual, multicultural constituencies of South Florida.

Allison Austin serves as Director of Communications and Outreach for Audubon of Florida. Austin's expertise includes ecotourism planning and community development. She holds a BS in Communications and a MS in Ecotourism Planning and Management.

Carlos Gonzalez teaches composition and literature at Miami-Dade Community College. He has a master's degree from University of Miami and is interested in Earth Literacy as a tool to explore and invite community.

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 pm      Keynote Address

## Environmental Justice and the Preservation of Natural Resources: Challenges and Opportunities

Introduction: James F. Murley, JD. Jim Murley is Director, Catanese Center for Urban and Environmental and Urban Solutions at FAU.

Speaker: *Barry E. Hill*

Barry Hill is the Director of the Office of Environmental Justice of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He is responsible for managing the office that serves as a focal point for ensuring that communities comprised of people of color and/or low-income populations receive equal protection under environmental laws. Previously, Mr. Hill was Associate Solicitor, Division of Conservation and Wildlife, and Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, US Department of the Interior. Prior to the Interior posts, he was counsel to an international law firm, where he practiced in the area of environmental law and energy law. Mr. Hill has taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Environmental Law at Antioch Law School and American University's Washington College of Law, and teaches Environmental Justice at Vermont Law School. Mr. Hill has a B.A. in Political Science from Brooklyn College, M.A. in Political Science from Howard University, and a J.D. from Cornell Law School. In 2001 Mr. Hill won the American Bar Association's award for Distinguished Achievement in Environmental Law and Policy.

1:25-3:25 pm      Plenary Session

### Everglades Restoration and Communities

Communities are often identified with particular geographical places, or with certain histories and traditions. In an ethical sense, a community refers to a shared vision, a common set of values that, in principle, can serve to bring about agreement on practical issues that divide people. Recent work in environmental ethics suggests that communities are best defined not by shared values but by shared consequences and risks – especially ecological risks. This panel considers the impacts of Everglades Restoration on communities, both human and natural.



1:25 p.m. - 3:25 pm

Plenary Session Panelists (continued)

Panelists

Sylvia Cohen (Moderator) is a Research Associate at the Catanese Center for Urban and Environmental and Urban Solutions at Florida Atlantic University. She has worked on gentrification issues in connection with *Development without Displacement* – a project funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Lou Toth, PhD is Chief Scientist, South Florida Water Management District, Kissimmee Division of the Northern Ecosystem Restoration. He is primarily responsible for assessing the project's success in restoring the ecological integrity of the Kissimmee River. He holds a B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Virginia Tech and an M.S. in Biological Sciences from Northern Illinois University.

Thaddeus Cohen is President of Thaddeus Cohen Architects in Delray Beach. He chaired Palm Beach County's Affordable Housing Commission, served on the board of the Delray Beach Housing Authority and served as a member of Governor Bush's Commission on Growth Management. He now serves on the Board of Directors of 1000 Friends of Florida.

Richard Gragg III, PhD, is Associate Professor and Associate Director for the Environmental Sciences Institute at Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University and is also the Director of the Center for Environmental Equity and Justice. He is a member of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) and its Health and Research Subcommittee, and serves as a member of the Boards of Directors for the Audubon of Florida, and the Florida Brownfields Association.

David P. Reiner II, JD is a partner in the commercial firm of Reiner & Reiner, P.A. in Miami, Florida. He is also President of Friends of the Everglades and has participated in numerous Federal and State environmental cases on behalf of that organization and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida.

Cynthia C. Laramore is Executive Director of A.C.T.I.O.N. (Active Citizens Together Improving Our Neighborhoods, Inc.). ACTION began as the Glades Area Environmental Justice Initiative and has since expanded its focus to include improving Glades area schools and student achievement. She served as a member of the Florida Environmental Equity and Justice Commission (1994-1996).

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