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### Glenn Good named to Inaugural STAR Luminaries Cohort



Dr. Glenn E. Good, Dean and Professor of the University of Florida College of Education, has been named a member of the Inaugural STAR Luminaries Cohort, recognized during the STAR Scholars Network 8th Anniversary Celebration and Global Futures Forum in Washington, DC.

This distinction is conferred upon senior leaders whose work has demonstrably advanced higher education through ethical leadership, institutional transformation, and sustained contributions to the public good. Dr. Good's stewardship of the College of Education—reflected in its consistent national ranking, substantial research growth, and strengthened institutional capacity—speaks not only to his individual leadership, but also to the broader excellence and momentum of the University of Florida.

The STAR Luminaries recognition honors leaders who:

- \* Strengthen institutional trust and integrity
- \* Advance inclusive excellence and access
- \* Promote responsible innovation in a rapidly evolving academic landscape
- \* Foster global scholarly collaboration

Dr. Good's record of scholarly distinction, national service, and sustained institutional advancement exemplifies these principles. His leadership continues to elevate the University of Florida's impact across research, teaching, and public engagement.

Learn more about the [STAR Luminaries](#)

## **Academic News and Happenings**

**Distinguished Professor Lecture  
Mark Tehranipour Mar 12**



**Mark Tehranipoor, Ph.D.**  
**Distinguished Professor**  
**Intel Charles E. Young Preeminence Endowed Professor in Cybersecurity**  
**Sachio Semmoto Chair, ECE Department**  
Electrical & Computer Engineering  
Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering

### **Gen-AI for Chip Design and Security**

- Designing functionally correct and secure system-on-chips (SoCs) are a critical imperative, yet traditional techniques struggle to keep pace due to significant challenges in complexity, scalability, comprehensiveness, and adaptability.
- The advent of large language models (LLMs), with their remarkable capabilities in natural language understanding, code generation, and advanced reasoning, presents a new paradigm for tackling these issues.
- Moving beyond monolithic models, an agentic approach allows for the creation of multi-agent systems where specialized LLMs collaborate to solve complex problems more effectively.

- This talk will present a multi-agent assistant system designed to automate and enhance SoC design and security verification.

**Date & Time:** March 12, 2026 at 1:00 PM

**Location:** Reitz Union Chamber Room, Ground Floor & via [Webcast](#)

View the Webcast [here](#)

Learn more about Distinguished Professor [Mark Tehranipoor](#).

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## UF Strategic Communications Academy

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**Who is this course for?** UF and UF Health scientists, administrators, staff and faculty.

**What format is the course?** The course is held once a month, live and online.

**Does it cost money?** Yes, but only a fraction of what you would pay for other professional development opportunities! For \$1,750 you get six, six-hour live sessions led by senior team members of UF's Center for Public Interest Communications in the College of Journalism and Communications.

Questions? Please contact Ellen Nodine, Director of Programs and Training, Center for Public Interest Communications [enodine@jou.ufl.edu](mailto:enodine@jou.ufl.edu)

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# Law School Events

## 2026 Originalism Conference

Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6

University of Florida Levin College of Law, Martin H. Levin Advocacy Center

[Please visit the website to learn more and register](#)

## Simple Interest and Usury

Steven J. Willis, Professor of Law, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Monday, March 9 at noon in Bailey Event Space

Please contact [ruthm@law.ufl.edu](mailto:ruthm@law.ufl.edu) for more information

Part of the [Marshall M. Criser Distinguished Internal Faculty Workshop Series](#)

## Market Power in Wholesale Electricity Markets

Joshua Macey, Professor of Law, Yale Law School

Wednesday, March 11 at noon in Bailey Event Space

For more information, please contact [farley@law.ufl.edu](mailto:farley@law.ufl.edu)

[2026 Bayard Wickliffe Heath Memorial Lecture on U.S. Antitrust Policy](#)

## Secrets of the Swamp

A yellow jersey for Dr. Ivan Ruchkin!

Professor Ruchkin, an assistant professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, came in just minutes ahead of the peloton with the correct answers to last week's "Gators That Got Away" contest.

In order (and slightly amplified) ...

- A. **Jonathan Demme** briefly attended UF. He went on to direct *Silence of the Lambs* starring Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins.
- B. The poet and writer **James Dickey** did a short, unhappy stint as a professor in the UF English Department, ending in a literary dustup. Years later, he wrote a book that was turned into *Deliverance*, one of the most iconic cinematic thrillers of the 1970s. The UF dustup occurred in 1956 when Professor Dickey, reading his poems aloud at a women's literary gathering, read a poem ("The Father's Body") which offended delicate ears in the room. Amid the ensuing bruhaha Dickey resigned and moved to New York to work as an advertising copywriter. He was happy to go. He wrote in one letter from Gainesville, "If we stay here another year, I hope we're dead from it by the end."
- C. **Stephen Stills** was admitted to UF. While waiting to enroll in fall, he went to New Orleans to sing in a folk music club. He moved to New York City, wound up in Laurel Canyon and became rock n' roll royalty. Telling the

story in his 2018 commencement speech in The Swamp, Stills said, "Eighteen months after my departure from Gainesville, *The Buffalo Springfield* put an end to my elusive college career." (Buffalo Springfield's megahit was "For What It's Worth;" Stills went on to form the iconic **Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young**.)

- D. **Dr. Ibram X. Kendi** not long ago was a young UF history professor who became famous as a founder of, and symbol for, what he calls "antiracism," often swept into the more generic "woke." In his 2016 doctoral commencement address, Dr. Kendi challenged graduates to constantly question accepted beliefs and traditions. Only through rigorous questioning would graduates "make history, not be history," said Dr. Kendi.

## Mystery Map



What at UF does this map depict? The first person to email [ahoover@ufl.edu](mailto:ahoover@ufl.edu) the correct answer (must include a brief explanation) snags the Provost's Pen and UF travel mug!

Share your thoughts or submit items by **emailing** the Provost Faculty Update staff.

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