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Tribute to the Achievements of Professor Fred P. Bosselman

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The four articles in this section honor Professor Bosselman who retired from full-time teaching at the Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2002. One might ask why the tributes are being published in this *Journal* rather than the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*. There are three reasons. First, the *Chicago-Kent Law Review* is an all symposium review so the format is not well-suited to the four short articles that focus on Fred's wide-ranging career and important substantive contributions to land use and environmental law. Second, in October 2001, Professor Bosselman delivered the Distinguished Lecture at the The Florida State University College of Law. His lecture, *What Lawmakers Can Learn from Large-Scale Ecology*,¹ will be published in the Spring 2002 issue of the *Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law*. It shows Fred at the height of his creative powers, and it seemed appropriate that Fred should be honored in one of the leading land use and environmental law journals. Third, Fred had a distinguished career in practice before joining the Chicago-Kent faculty in 1992 and large segments of that career were spent in Florida.

The four articles by a group of distinguished land use and environmental scholars, who are also friends and colleagues, highlight his illustrious legal career. One should view them as a tasting sampler rather than a seven-course meal because they do not do justice to the breath and depth of his scholarship and related work. For example, the tributes do not recognize his return to his early roots as a public utility lawyer. In the past few years, Fred has been revitalizing energy law and policy, which became an exciting area in the 1980s but died when the Reagan-Bush-Clinton administrations decided to rely on imported oil almost exclusively to meet petroleum demands. His 2000 casebook, *ENERGY, ECONOMICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT*, co-authored with Professor James Rossi of The Florida State University and Jacqueline Lang Weaver of the University of Houston, is the first comprehensive energy law casebook in over a decade.

From the beginning Fred combined a high-level, cutting edge land use and environmental practice with first-rate, increasingly inter-disciplinary scholarship. His practice initially concentrated on land use issues and early in his career, he made important contributions to the American Law Institute's Model Land

1. Fred P. Bosselman, *What Lawmakers Can Learn from Large-Scale Ecology*, 17 J. LAND USE & ENVTL. L. (forthcoming 2002).

Development Code, an effort which influenced Florida's land use law. One of Fred's many valuable skills is his ability to spot important, emerging trends. He quickly spotted the importance of the environmental movement, and for over thirty years, Fred has played a major role in integrating land use and environmental law. His long-standing interest in the impact of tourism on vulnerable landscapes and his role in promoting the use of multiple-species habitat conservation plans are examples of his ability to find innovative legal approaches to new problems.

The four articles include:

- Professor David L. Callies, *Fred Bosselman and the Taking Issue*.
- Professor Daniel R. Mandelker, *Fred Bosselman's Legacy to Land Use Reform*.
- Professor Craig A. Peterson, *Twenty-five Years of Taming Tourism*.
- Professor A. Dan Tarlock, *Fred Bosselman as Participant Observer Lawyer: The Case of Habitat Conservation Planning*.

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