



5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARIS ACCORD

Thursday, December 10th, 11 am - 12 pm

Webinar Participants: Biographical Notes

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor of Miami-Dade County

“This county does believe in compassionate leadership and we can be a community that takes care of all of its residents.”

On Tuesday, November 3, Daniella Levine Cava won the election of Mayor of Florida’s most populous county and Florida’s economic heartbeat, Miami-Dade (2.7 million people), by a margin of 8 percentage points, with a campaign also based on environmental commitments.

She took office on November 17th.

During her term as Commissioner, Levine Cava **has worked to protect the environment by sponsoring a resolution in support of the Paris Agreement** (the United States has officially just withdrawn from this historic international agreement) **as well as legislation to improve water.**

<https://www.miamidade.gov/global/government/commission/district08/about-commissioner-cava.page>

CONSUL GENERAL SPEAKER



Hon. Laurent Gallissot
Consul General of France in Miami

Laurent Gallissot took up his post as Consul General of France in Miami on September 3, 2019 as Hurricane Dorian hit our constituency in Florida and the Bahamas. Crisis management was thus his first practical exercise, supported by the entire team of the Consulate General and his predecessor.

Mr. Laurent Gallissot joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1996 and has held many positions abroad and in France (Jerusalem, Ottawa, Brussels, Rome) as cooperation advisor, project manager, political advisor and multilateral negotiator. He has also worked with the services of the European Commission. In 2014, he headed the French language and education mission within the ministry for two years. In 2016, he was one of the first diplomatic advisers placed with the regional prefects and joined the city of Marseille as an advisor to the Provence-Alpes Côte d’Azur regional prefect. He then served as Secretary General of the **"One Planet Summit"**, a platform for commitments by private and public actors launched by the President of the Republic to implement the Paris Agreement on the climate. Mr. Laurent Gallissot was a political science researcher at the European University Institute in Florence. Graduate of the Sorbonne in arts and sociology, he also holds a European master's degree specializing in the management of cultural enterprises.

ACADEMIC PANELISTS



Todd Crowl, Ph.D.

*Director of the Institute of Environment/Director PI, CREST, CACHÉ
Center for Aquatic Chemistry and Environment
Co-founder of FIU's Sea Level Solutions Center
Florida International University*

Dr. Todd Crowl is the Director of the FIU Institute of Environment, one of the University's preeminent programs. He joined FIU in 2014 and has been leading the Institute through incredible growth over the past six years.

Since 2016, Crowl has been the lead at FIU on an NSF-funded project focused on aquatic chemistry and water contamination, CREST CACHÉ. He has also led the Institute into partnering with a number of universities and prestigious organizations, both nationally and abroad, including establishing the first ever UNESCO water chair in the state of Florida. He has presented important solutions to environmental threats to the White House and other high-profile decision makers.

His research interests include aquatic ecology, predator-prey interactions, food web ecology and most recently, urban stream ecology. As Co-Principal Investigator of the Luquillo Puerto Rico LTER, he spent the last 25 years looking at energy flow between the riparian zone and the streams draining the rainforest. Other projects he leads include the role of introduced fish on native fish communities in western US lakes and the role of urbanization on sustainable freshwater resources.

Prior to joining FIU, Crowl was a post-doctoral fellow at Otago University before taking on a faculty position at Utah State University. In addition to being a Professor of Quantitative Ecology at Utah State University, Crowl was also the Director and lead for the iUTAH EPSCoR program, where he worked to improve and maintain water sustainability in Utah.

Crowl has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles over the course of his career. He received his BS in Biology at Ohio State University and his MS and PhD in Zoology at the University of Oklahoma.



Diego Lirman, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor Marine Biology & Ecology
Rosentiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science
University of Miami*

Diego Lirman is an Associate Professor at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Dr. Lirman's research focuses on the disturbance ecology and active restoration of coastal ecosystems including both coral reefs and seagrass ecosystems. His lab has been instrumental in developing science-based restoration and monitoring practices now used widely in Florida and the Caribbean. His lab has planted 10,000s of corals onto degraded reefs in Florida.

Dr. Lirman also created the Rescue a Reef citizen science program where members of the public contribute to reef restoration by joining expeditions alongside restoration practitioners.



Caroline Lewis
Independent Consultant
Founder of the CLEO Institute

Caroline Lewis is an independent consultant who is passionate about effective education, civic engagement and social and climate justice. She designs initiatives that are transformative, scalable and replicable. Ms. Lewis aligns action plans with vision statements as she builds capacity, promotes innovation, scales impact, and inspires leadership in a diverse range of individuals and institutions.

Additionally, as Founder of The CLEO Institute, Lewis promotes climate literacy, climate justice, and support for bold action. She is currently CLEO's Senior Advisor, working with a stellar team to advance climate action as the urgent imperative it is. Lewis, a science teacher and high school principal, joined the staff at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in 2002 where she created the Fairchild Challenge. This interdisciplinary environmental education program still annually engages tens of thousands of students in Miami and around the world. As the 2016 founding Director of Cushman High School, Lewis provided a unique vision for a rigorous, creative, character-based and civic engagement-focused high school education.

Her service roles include: the National Environmental Education Advisory Council; American Public Garden Association; Miami-Dade Executive Board for Science Curriculum & Instruction; the White House Summits on Climate and Energy and Women & the Environment; the Conservation Fund's Advisory Panel; Congressman Curbelo's Climate Advisory Team, VAI-Changing The Current Advisory Council, Miami-Dade County Living With Water Committee, and others.

In 2013, Caroline Lewis was nationally recognized as a White House Climate Resilience Champion of Change. In 2015, she authored *Just Back Off* and *LET US TEACH* – a book for effective teachers and those who champion them. In 2017, she was a featured Speaker at the Miami March for Science and The People's Climate March, Miami, and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce recognized her as a Global Change Maker. In 2018, Lewis was named by Time Magazine as one of 31 individuals making a difference in the South. And, in 2019, Lewis was briefly featured in National Geographic's Documentary: *From Paris to Pittsburgh*.

BUSINESS PANELIST



Véronique Sallin

Founder of IMG Enterprises, Inc.

2020 Woman of the Year in Agriculture in Florida

Born and raised in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Caroline Lewis now calls Miami, Florida home where she lives in midtown with her husband, John.

Veronique is the co-founder of IMG Enterprises, Inc., a diversified agribusiness with operations in citrus, real estate, mitigation banking, landscape construction and ornamental plant production. The company's 550 employees manage 10,000 acres of fresh citrus and ornamental tree farms in the State of Florida through its sister companies IMG Citrus and Cherrylake, Inc. In addition to being a grower and marketer, IMG Citrus operates an innovative citrus packing and shipping facility in Vero Beach, Florida. Fresh oranges, grapefruit and tangerines grown in Florida and imported citrus from South America are marketed year-round and worldwide with a focus on direct retailer programs who value taste and environmental sustainability.

Veronique was born and raised in France and received a Master's degree in Business from HEC in Paris. Throughout her career, she brought strong leadership to the sales and marketing efforts of the operational companies, focusing on differentiation of the product, and building win-win relationships with customers worldwide. She is passionate about human connections and personal development and focused much of her energy on developing the culture and organizational development strategy of IMG Enterprises. In 2012, Veronique was awarded the National Order of Merit for her personal and professional work bridging French and American cultures and supporting the French community in Florida. She retired in 2020, the same year she was also recognized as the 2020 Florida Woman in Agriculture by the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture. She and her husband have three children, all of which are involved in the family business.



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