



Florida Energy Systems Consortium

# 2009 FESC SUMMIT

**Marshall Student Center  
University of South Florida • Tampa, Florida  
September 29-30, 2009**



Date/Time	Tuesday, September 29	Wednesday, September 30	
8:30-9:00		Presentation of results from Round Table discussion MSC 2100 BC	
9:00-10:30	Registration and Poster Set up Marshall Student Center (MSC) 2100AB	Oral Presentations: Session 1 MSC 3705: Energy Efficiency & Conservation; Education, Outreach, & Policy MSC 3708: Biomass Resources; Carbon Capture MSC 3709: Ocean Energy Resources; Solar Resources MSC 3711: Energy Storage and Delivery; Smart Grid	
10:30-11:00			
11:00-12:00	General Session MSC 2100AB 11:05 Welcome–Karen Holbrook 11:15 Keynote–Sam Baldwin	10:40-12:40 General Session MSC 2100BC Technical Team Roundtable Discussion Buffet Working Lunch	11:30-12:30 Oversight Board Lunch (Invitation only)
12:00-12:30	Buffet Lunch		
12:30-1:00			
1:00-2:00	Overview of Florida’s Energy Needs and Opportunities James Murley Mark Futrell	12:50-2:10 Oral Presentations: Session 2 MSC 3705: Energy Efficiency & Conservation; Education, Outreach, & Policy MSC 3708: Biomass Resources; Carbon Capture MSC 3709: Ocean Energy Resources; Solar Resources MSC 3711: Future Directions	
2:00-2:30	Overview of FESC Strategies and Programs–Tim Anderson	2:10-2:40 Break	
2:30-3:15	Round Table Discussion Facilitator: Tim Anderson How can FL Universities promote collaboration and assist economic development?	2:40-4:10 General Session MSC 2100BC Overview Presentations Camille Coley, Mark Jamison, Jim Fenton	
3:15-3:45	Break		
3:45-4:10	Poster Overviews	4:10 Closing Remarks	
4:10-5:15			
5:30-7:00	Poster Session and Reception		

## Introduction

Welcome to the 2009 FESC Summit! The Summit is organized to bring together energy experts in the State University System of Florida to share their energy-related research findings and promote future collaboration. Over the next two days, energy experts and FESC researchers will introduce you to Florida energy policy, ongoing research, and plans for the future.

### 2009 FESC Summit Keynote Speaker



**Dr. Samuel F. Baldwin**

Chief Technology Officer and Member, Board of Directors  
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
United States Department of Energy

Sam Baldwin is a PhD. Physicist and currently serves as the Chief Technology Officer for, and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy. In previous positions he has served with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), Princeton University, the U.S. Senate, and elsewhere. He is the author or coauthor of 9 books and monographs at OSTP, OTA, DOE, and elsewhere, and more than 30 papers and technical reports on energy technology and policy, physics, and other issues. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

## Acknowledgements

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## 2009 FESC Summit

### Program

*All events will take place in the Marshall Student Center (MSC) unless otherwise noted*

### Pre-Summit Activities

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:**

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM Florida Smart Grid Workshop  
Embassy Suites-USF

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:**

8:00 – 11:00 AM Florida Energy and Climate Commission (FECC) meeting - Open to the public.  
Marshall Student Center 3707 (the Oak Room), 8:00AM – 11:00AM  
Agenda is posted at the FECC website:

[http://myfloridaclimate.com/climate\\_quick\\_links/florida\\_energy\\_climate\\_commission/the\\_commission/meetings\\_and\\_workshops](http://myfloridaclimate.com/climate_quick_links/florida_energy_climate_commission/the_commission/meetings_and_workshops)

### FESC Summit

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

9:00 – 11:00 AM Registration and Poster set-up  
MSC 2100AB

### General Session: Marshall Student Center Ballroom (2100 AB)

**11:05 - 11:15 AM WELCOME**  
*Karen Holbrook, Vice President for Research and Innovation*  
*University of South Florida*

**11:15 – NOON KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
*Sam Baldwin, Chief Technology Officer and Member, Board of Directors, Office of the Secretary, U.S.*  
*DOE Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy*

**NOON – 1:00 PM BUFFET LUNCH**

**1:00 - 2:00 PM OVERVIEW OF FLORIDA'S ENERGY NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
*James F. Murley, Chairman, Florida Energy and Climate Commission*  
*Mark Futrell, Office of Strategic Analysis and Governmental Affairs,*  
*Florida Public Service Commission*

**2:00 – 2:30 PM OVERVIEW OF FESC STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS**  
*Tim Anderson, Director, FESC*

**2:30 – 3:15 PM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**  
*Facilitator: Tim Anderson*

- How can Florida universities best promote research collaboration among themselves and with industry, and assist the state's economic development?

**3:15 – 3:45 PM BREAK**

**3:45 – 5:15 PM POSTER OVERVIEWS**  
*Moderator: Dave Cartes*

3:50 Research Laboratories and Facilities Development  
*D. Block*

3:52 Concentrating Solar Power Program  
*C. Cromer, R. Reedy*

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*R. Feiock, I. Aurirac, T. Kassedert*

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- T. Chapin, I. Audirac*
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**5:30 – 7:00 PM POSTER SESSION AND RECEPTION**

*A complete listing of posters and a poster map are located on pages 8 and 9.*

**7:00 PM Dinner on your own**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**General Session: Marshall Student Center Ballroom (MSC 2100AB)**

**8:30 – 9:00 AM PRESENTATION OF RESULTS FROM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**  
*FESC Leadership Team*

**FESC Faculty Research Presentations**

**9:00 – 10:30 AM ORAL PRESENTATIONS: SESSION I**

**MSC 3705: Energy Efficiency & Conservation, Education & Outreach, Policy**

*Co-Chairs: Julie Harrington, Richard Gilbert*

FESC Education and Outreach Efforts

*P. Jones*

Early Adoption of Sustainable Energy Innovations by Florida Local Governments

*R. Feiock and T. Kassekert*

Off-Grid Zero Emissions Building

*J. Kramer, A. Krothapalli, B. Greska*

Developing a Renewable Energy Research Web Portal

*C. Hinnant, I. Douglas, C. McClure*

**MSC 3708: Biomass Resources, Carbon Capture**

*Chair: George Philippidis*

Thermophilic Bacterial Biocatalysts for the Conversion of Cellulosic Substrates to Fuels and Chemicals

*K.T. Shanmugam*

Production of Liquid Fuels Biomass via Thermo-Chemical Processes

*B. Joseph, Y. Goswami, J. Bhethanabotla, J. Wolan, V. Gupta*

Engineering biocatalysts for Hemicellulose Hydrolysis and Fermentation

*J. F. Preston*

Potential for Geologic Carbon Sequestration in Deep Saline Aquifers in Florida

*T. Roberts-Ashby, R. Owen, M. Thomas, M. Trotz, J. Cunningham, M. Stewart*

### **MSC 3709: Ocean Energy Resources, Solar Resources**

*Co-Chairs: Camille Coley, David Block*

FAU Center for Ocean Energy Technology

*S. Skemp, H. Hanson, C. Coley*

Beyond Photovoltaics – Nanoscale Rectennas for Conversion of Solar and Thermal Radiation to Electricity

*S. Bhansali, Y. Goswami, E. Stefanakos, S. Krishnan, R. Ratnadurai, M. Celestin, S. Wijewardane*

Solar Thermal Power for Bulk Power and Distributed Generation

*D.Y. Goswami, M. Rahman, A. Sunol, R. Vasquez, H. Chen, G. Demirkaya*

Thin Film Photovoltaic Module Processing Laboratory

*D. Morel, C. Ferekides, E. Stefanakos*

### **MSC 3711: Energy Storage and Delivery, Smart Grid**

*Co-Chairs: Dave Cartes, Debra Reinhardt (invited)*

Non-contact Energy Delivery with Integrated DC-AC Inverter for PV System

*R.A. Chinga, J.J. Kasanova, J.A. Taylor, J. Lin*

Chemical and Mechanical Degradation of Fuel Cells

*D. Slattery, L. Bonville, X. Huang, M. Rodgers*

Reliable and Resilient Future Electrical Energy System for Florida

*S. Dale, M. Seurer, T. Baldwin, P. McLaren, T. Alquthami, J. Langston, R. Meeker*

Innovative Processing for Novel Energy Storage Materials

*Wolfgang Sigmund*

## **General Session: Marshall Student Center Ballroom (2100 BC)**

**10:40 AM – 12:40 PM TECHNICAL TEAM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS AND BUFFET WORKING LUNCH**

*Moderator: Canan Balaban*

### **Technical Teams**

Energy Efficiency and Conservation – *Team Leader: Pierce Jones; Scribe: Gokmen Demirkaya*

Carbon Capture and Sequestration – *Team Leader: Mark Stewart; Scribe: Tina Roberts-Ashby*

Ocean Energy – *Team Leader: Howard Hanson; Scribe: Caitlin Slezzycki*

Energy Storage

*Battery and Super Capacitors – Team Leader: Jim Zheng; Scribe: I-Tsang Wu*

*Fuel Cells – Team Leader: Jim Fenton; Scribe: Ruraskandan Ratnadurai*

Smart Grid – *Team Leader: Dave Cartes; Scribe: Ali E. Ercelibi*

Solar PV – *Team Leader: Tim Anderson; Scribe: Kosol Son*

Solar Thermal – *Team Leader: Yogi Goswami; Scribe: Sarada Kuravi*

Algae – *Team Leader: George Philippidis; Scribe: Nianthrini Balakrishnan*

Biomass – *Team Leader: Babu Joseph; Scribe: Ricardo Vasquez Padilla*

Policy and Systems – *Team Leader: Mark Jamison; Scribe: Bijith Mankidy*

*Scribes to be assigned: Raymond Scheffle, Barbara Graham, Huijan Chen*

**11:30 AM – 12:30 PM OVERSIGHT BOARD LUNCH HOSTED BY WIN PHILLIPS (INVITATION ONLY)**

**MSC 2702**

## **FESC Faculty Research Presentations**

**12:50 – 2:10 PM ORAL PRESENTATIONS: SESSION II**

### **MSC 3705: Energy Efficiency & Conservation, Education & Outreach, Policy**

*Co-Chairs: Pierce Jones, Ted Kury*

Energy Policy and the Environment: Challenges and Opportunities

*T. Kury, J. Harrington*



Multi-Objective Optimization of Power Plants to Reduce Operating Costs and Maintenance Costs

*G.S. Dulikravich*

Optimizing Traffic Signal Timings to Reduce Fuel Consumption, Green House Gases, and Vehicular Emissions

*A. Stevanovic*

Energy Efficient Building Technologies and Zero Energy Homes

*R. Vieira, P. Fairey, J. Sonne*

**MSC 3708: Biomass Resources, Carbon Capture**

*Co-Chairs: George Philippidis, James Preston*

Integrated Florida Bio-Energy Production with Carbon Capture and Sequestration

*A. T-Raissi, N. Muradov, D. Block*

Combined Cooling, Heat, Power, and Biofuel from Biomass and Solid Waste

*W.L. Lear, J.N. Chung*

A Model for Redistribution of Cap-and-Trade Revenue

*P. Rocha, E. Salimi, T.K. Das, R. Fehr*

Accounting for Carbon Emissions in Florida: Land Use, Energy, and Fuel

*T. Zhao and M. Horner*

**MSC 3709: Ocean Energy Resources, Solar Resources**

*Co-Chairs: Franky So, Darlene Slattery*

Research to Improve Photovoltaic (PV) Cell Efficiency by Hybrid Combination of PV and Thermoelectric Cell Elements

*N. Sorlaica-Hickman, R. Reedy*

PV Energy Conversion and System Integration

*N. Kutkut, J. Shen, I. Batarseh, Z. Qu, X. Wu, W. Mikhael, L. Chow*

VIVACE: A New Concept in Hydrokinetic Energy Conversion

*M.M. Bernitsas (presented by Nicolaos Xiros)*

Clean Drinking Water using Advanced Solar Energy Technologies

*E. Stefanakos, D.Y. Goswami, M. Trotz, M. Batzill*

**MSC 3711: Future Directions**

*Chair: Ali T-Raissi*

PV Manufacturing Database and Florida Applications

*D. Block, R. Reedy*

Solar Thermal Power

*Y. Goswami*

SURA Workshop on Energy: A brief update and summary

*B. Joseph*

Smart Grid

*Dave Cartes*

**GENERAL SESSION: MARSHALL STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM (2100 BC)**

**2:10 – 2:40 PM**      **Break**

**2:40 – 4:10 PM**      **OVERVIEW PRESENTATIONS**

*Camille Coley, Executive Assistant Vice President, FAU*

*Mark Jamison, Director, Public Utility Research Center, UF*

*Jim Fenton, Director, Florida Solar Energy Center, UCF*

**4:10**      **CLOSING REMARKS**

*Tim Anderson*

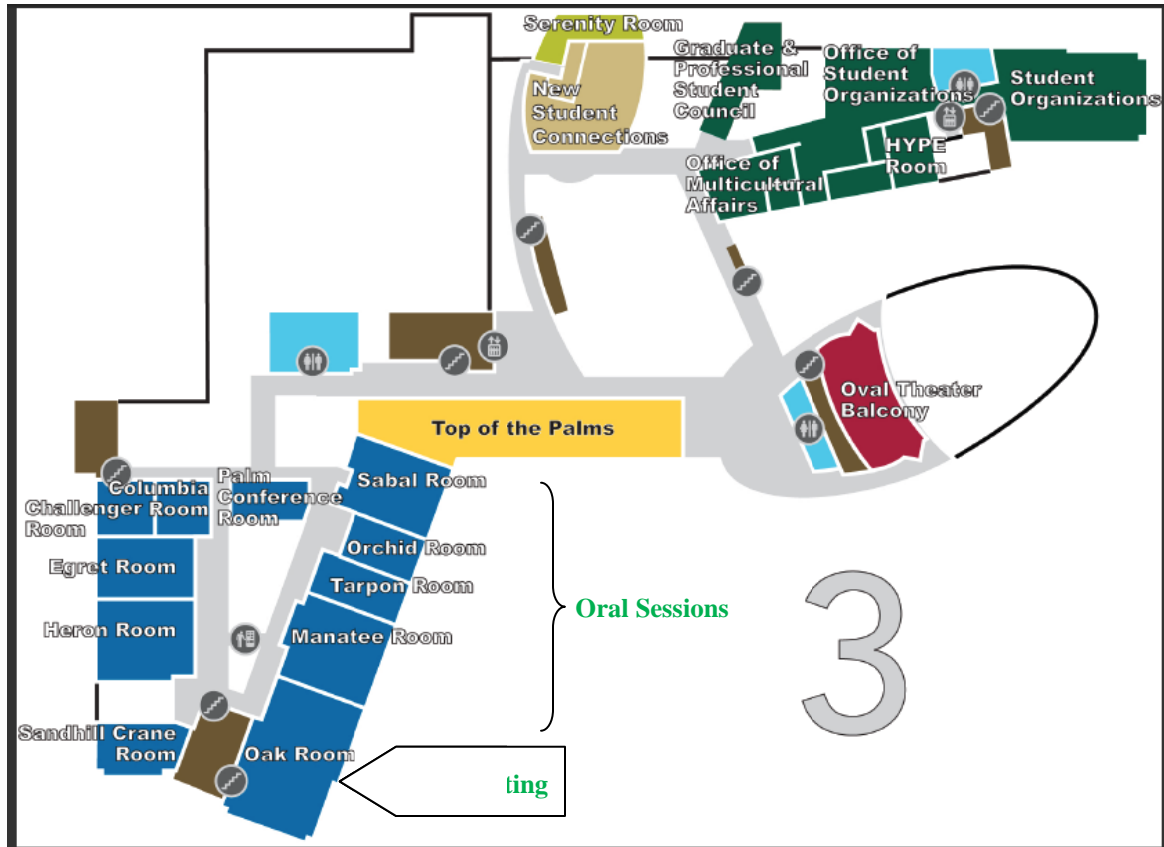
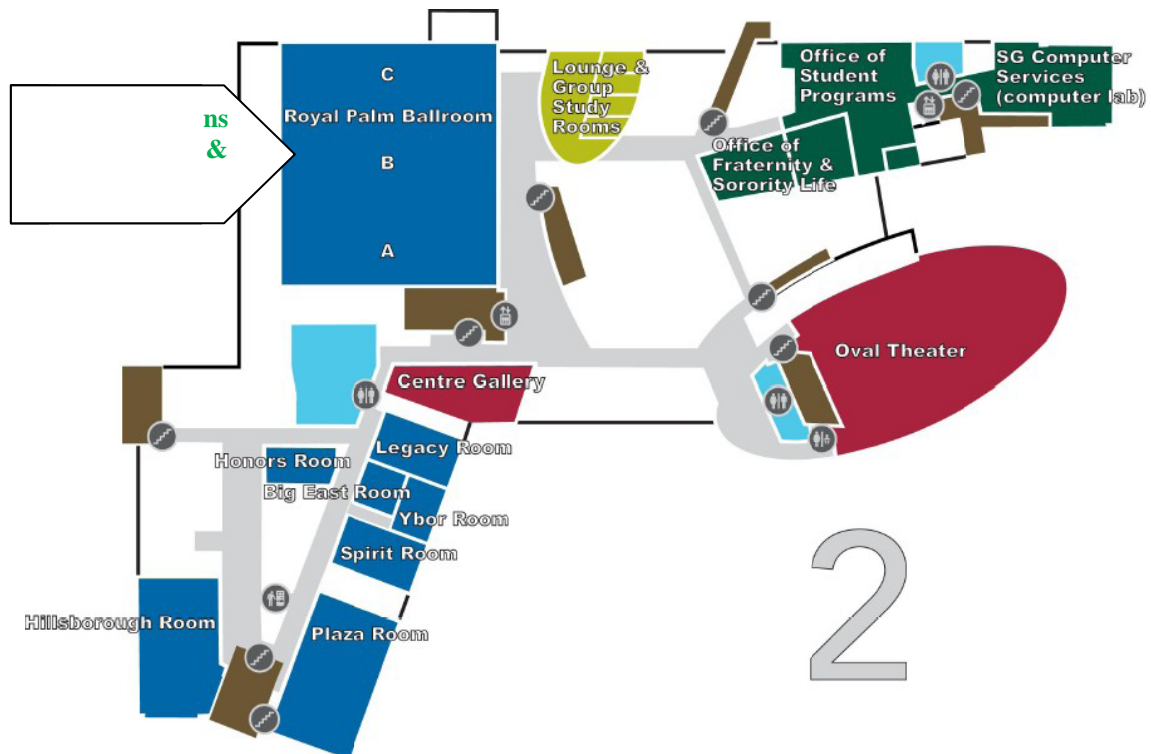
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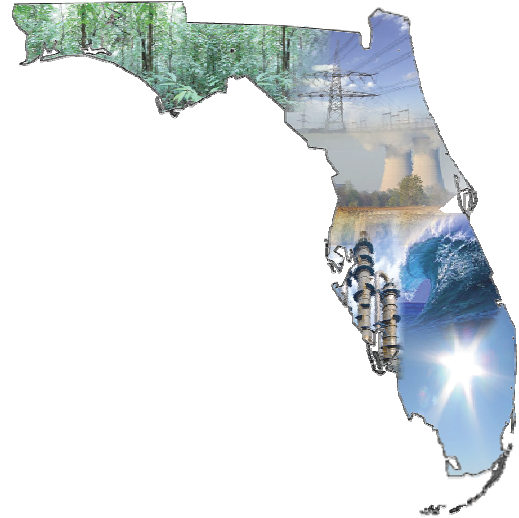
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## Marshall Student Center Floors 2 and 3



## Bringing Energy Solutions to Florida, the Nation, and the World

The Florida Energy Systems Consortium (FESC) was created by the Florida State government to promote collaboration among the energy experts at its 11 supported universities to share energy-related expertise. The consortium assists the state in the development and implementation of an environmentally compatible, sustainable, and efficient energy strategic plan. The Consortium was charged to ***'perform research and development on innovative energy systems that lead to alternative energy strategies, improved energy efficiencies, and expanded economic development for the state'***. The legislature appropriated funding for research at five of the universities as well as support for education, outreach, and technology commercialization. The Consortium reports to and supports the Florida Energy and Climate Commission in developing and implementing the State's energy and climate agenda.



Overarching to the Consortium's research strategy is an energy systems approach to identify innovation opportunities, prepare an energy workforce, and guide economic development.

Through collaborative research and development across the State University System and the industry, the goal of the consortium is to become a world leader in energy research, education, technology, and energy systems analysis. In so doing, the consortium shall:

- **Coordinate** and initiate increased collaborative interdisciplinary energy research among the universities and the energy industry.
- **Assist** in the creation and development of a Florida-based energy technology industry through efforts that would expedite commercialization of innovative energy technologies by taking advantage of the energy expertise within the State University System, high-technology incubators, industrial parks, and industry-driven research centers.
- **Provide** a state resource for objective energy systems analysis.
- **Develop** education and outreach programs to prepare a qualified energy workforce and informed public.

