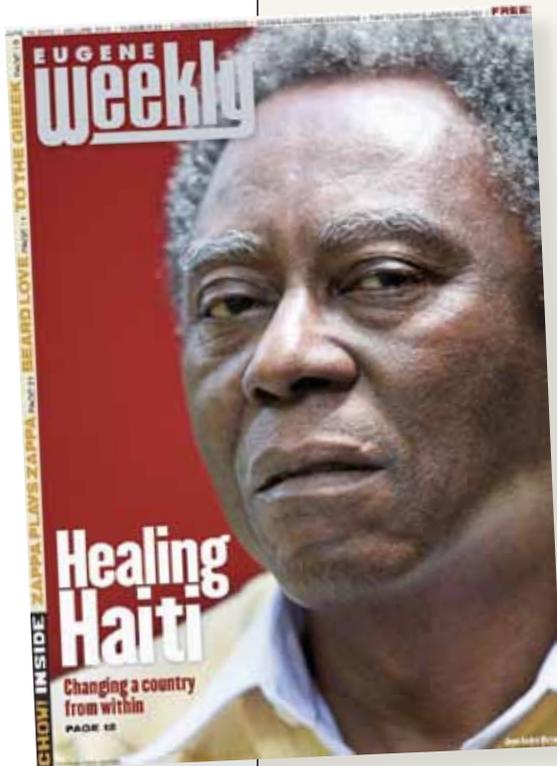


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“I have mixed feelings going back to my country. Happy to go back home, but sad to leave home.”

Jean André Victor
ELAW guestbook

ELAW Fellow Jean André Victor

“For more than 20 years, Jean André Victor worked as an agronomist in Haiti, trying to solve the riddle of how to fix the centuries of environmental degradation and poverty that has kept Haiti from developing a self-sustaining economy and food supply. But, ‘the main problem is that you can’t solve the degradation of Haiti with projects,’ says Victor.

“This spring, at the age of 68, Victor came to Eugene to discuss law and policy with scientists and other attorneys, write the first textbook on environmental law in Haiti and learn English at

the University of Oregon’s American English Institute. He came through the help of the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide . . .

“He will return to Haiti this summer – a country that was struggling even before the devastating January earthquake that killed thousands of Haitians, including Victor’s mother – and try to change his country from within.”

Excerpt from “Healing Haiti: Changing a Country from Within,” by Camilla Mortensen, Eugene Weekly, June 10, 2010. (www.eugeneweekly.com/2010/06/10/coverstory.html)

ELAW hosted Jean André Victor from Haiti for a three-month ELAW Fellowship (March 29 – June 29). Jean André is an environmental attorney and an agronomist.

He worked one-on-one with ELAW staff to advance his work to protect biodiversity in Haiti, including launching projects involving tree planting and fuel-efficient cookstoves. He completed a first draft of the first book of Haiti’s environmental laws and participated in a ten-week intensive English program at the University of Oregon’s American English Institute. Many thanks to the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the American English Institute, for supporting Jean André’s Fellowship.

Summer Legal Interns

ELAW receives many applications from promising law students who want to volunteer as summer Legal Interns. This summer we are pleased to have **Joanna Reilly-Brown** and **Ashley White** working with us.

Joanna (on right)

I am a rising third-year law student in the University of Florida’s Levin College of Law Environmental and Land Use Law certificate program. I am fascinated by the interaction between humans, culture, and the natural environment.

Last summer I spent two months in Costa Rica studying international environmental law and comparative watershed management. This year, I spent the first two weeks of May in Belize working on a project through the UF Law Conservation Clinic involving small farmers converting to more sustainable farming practices in the buffer zone of a protected area.



Ashley

I am a third year student at Willamette University College of Law. I am in the process of completing a certificate in International and Comparative Law. I am interested in contemporary global environmental issues, rights, and environmental compliance.

I worked and studied in China in 2005 and 2007 – including teaching English at the Shanghai Migant Workers School. I will travel to China later this year to study environmental law. My research on the environmental impact of China’s economic rise served as my primary motivation for attending law school.