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Spotlight on Student Library Assistants

Last semester, several students were hired to staff the Circulation Desk. They are first-year student Angela Alexander and second-year students James ("Chris") Halligan, Andrea Harrison, Amy Howes, Megan Kilzy, Joseph Loman, Patrick Paoletti, and Payal Patel. So that you might be better acquainted with them, here is some biographical information about each one!

Angela Alexander is from Baltimore, Maryland. She attended Brown University and received a B.A. in Sociology. She came to law school because she wanted to go into a field where she would be able to help others and make an impact on the world. With a law degree, Angela thinks many opportunities will open up for her so that she can use her knowledge and skills to assist others.

Chris Halligan is from Worcester, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Assumption College where he majored in the Classics. Prior to coming to law school, Chris taught Latin.

Andrea Harrison is from Dallas, Texas. She is a graduate of Southern Methodist University where she majored in international studies and Spanish and minored in political

science. She came to law school after interning with Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) so that she could work in the area of child advocacy. Andrea is also interested in immigration and non-profit law.

Amy Howes is from Wolcott, Connecticut. She is a graduate of Roger Williams University with a double major in financial services and history. She came to law school because she has always wanted to and being the first in her family to attend law school, she wants to make her family proud of her!

Megan Kilzy is from New York City. She holds majors in Latin and philosophy from Wellesley College. She wants to practice litigation in the realm of international intellectual property law.

Joseph Loman is from Ansonia, Connecticut. Joe is a graduate of Southern Connecticut State Univer-

sity located in New Haven. He has a B.S. in Public Health with a specialization in environmental health. While in college and prior to coming to law school, Joe interned with and subsequently worked for the New Haven Health Department. He is currently pursuing career opportunities with the Air Force JAG and will be interning with them this summer.

Patrick Paoletti is from Rye, New Hampshire. He attended the University of New Hampshire. Pat's degrees from U.N.H. include a B.A. in Psychology/Justice Studies and an M.A. in Justice Studies. Pat's interests include criminal litigation, criminal law and corporate law. He would like to be a criminal attorney and have commercials on the CW Television Network during the work day!

Payal Patel is from Atlanta, Georgia. She is a 2004 graduate of Emory University where she majored in political science. Prior to coming to law school, Payal was a paralegal with a criminal defense law firm in Atlanta. She came to law school because she has always wanted to be a lawyer. Payal hopes to do something in the legal healthcare industry upon graduation.

Sunday Reference!

Effective this semester, librarians will provide reference assistance on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will not be any reference assistance on Saturdays.



Career Resources

In addition to the resources of the Office of Career Services, the Law Library's career collection contains a variety of materials for career exploration. The career collection is located adjacent to Training Lab 2. Of note is a recent acquisition *Career Opportunities in Law and the Legal Industry* (Career, KF297 .E24 2007). In this second edition, the author profiles 107 jobs. For each job, there is a description of the salary range, employment prospects, job requirements, and job duties. There are profiles of employment opportunities for attorneys (e.g. private practice, corporate, etc.), judges, alternative dispute resolution practitioners, legal and litigation support professionals, litigation consultants and expert witnesses, court support staff, educators, librarians and information specialists, communications professionals, managers and administrators, analysts and examiners, and even professions in politics. *Beyond the Big Firm: Profiles of Lawyers Who Want Something More* (Career, KF299 .P8 M67 2007) contains profiles of lawyers working in the area of civil liberties, employment law, environmental law, personal injury, and human rights law. Additional profiles include those working as prosecutors and defense counsel and those employed by federal/state government, non-profit organizations, and small law firms.

For those of you considering a career in international law, *Careers in International Law: A Guide to Career Paths and Internships in International Law* (Career K115

.C47 2005/06) contains essays by practitioners and academics offering insight into numerous practice areas. There is advice on networking and a listing of internship opportunities. *Careers in International Law, Second Edition* (Career, KZ1238.U5 C37 2001) is a collection of essays by practitioners about their careers. Representative careers are in business, commercial arbitration, trade, environmental law, humanitarian law, admiralty, transactional law, criminal law, and academia.

Two great publications to read if you are interested in public service work are *Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide* (Career, KF299 .P8 P83) and *International Public Interest Law: A Guide to Opportunities in the United States and Abroad* (Career, K118 .P82 P83 2002). An annual publication of the Bernard Koteen Office of Public Interest Advising of the Harvard Law School, *Serving the Public* is a two volume guide which covers public service work in the United States and abroad. There are discussions of the types of public interest settings and practices. A joint project of Harvard and Yale law schools, *International Public Interest Law: A Guide to Opportunities in the United States and Abroad* (Career, K118 .P82 P83 2002) contains personal narratives by lawyers and law students describing their work experiences in international public interest law.

Externships offer a wonderful opportunity to explore various careers in the law. An informative publication is *Learning From Practice: A Professional Develop-*

ment Text for Legal Externs, 2d ed. (Career, KF300. O38 2007). Several chapters are devoted to ethical issues and the development of lawyering skills. There is also a chapter on judicial clerkships.



Library News

Staff Changes

Heather Simone has been promoted to fill the position of Acquisitions Librarian. She previously held the position of Cataloging Assistant. Heather recently completed her Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Rhode Island.

Rebecca Lucca is the new Cataloging Assistant. Rebecca previously worked in the Career Development Center and the Library at Rhode Island College. She has also worked as a copy editor and proofreader for Sage Publications. She earned her B.A. in English from the University of Rhode Island and is currently enrolled in URI's master's program for library and information science.

New Student Lab Monitor

Second-year student Jeff George was recently hired to work as a student lab monitor. Jeff is from Prospect, Connecticut. He attended the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C. and has a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Jeff's areas of interest are environmental law and criminal law.

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