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Spotlight on Library Student Assistants - Part II

In this issue of *Law Library Briefs* are the bios of Library Student Assistants who were hired this semester.

First-year student **Stephanie Beitler** is from Allentown, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where she majored in psychology and minored in Spanish. Stephanie has always been interested in the law and is contemplating practicing family law after she graduates from law school. She is a member of the Association for Public Interest Law, the Contemplative Mind Society, and the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association. This semester, she is participating in the Street Law Program. Stephanie works at the Circulation Desk on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Second-year student **Christine Biscotti** is from Glastonbury, Connecticut. She has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts. Upon graduation from law school, Christine plans on working in the area of intellectual property law or in environmental law with a focus on air quality issues. She serves as Chair of the Latin American Law Student Association, secretary of the Environmental Law Society, and treasurer of the Women's Law Society. Christine and Sharon Atkinson were the winning team in

this year's Esther Clark Moot Court Competition. Her shift at the Circulation Desk is Tuesdays from noon to 3:00 p.m.

First-year student **Pamela Elia** is from Newton, New Hampshire. She received a B.A. in Political Science from America University in Washington, D.C. For three years prior to coming to law school, Pamela worked for a Washington, D.C. public relations/lobbying firm representing Hellenic interests. Her areas of interest are international law and immigration law. She is in the Honors Program. Pamela staffs the Circulation Desk on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Second-year student **Puja Khanna** is from the Washington, D.C. area. She has a B.S. in Finance from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Her areas of interest are housing law and immigration law. She is a member of the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association and Phi Alpha Delta. Puja works at the Circulation Desk on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

Second-year student **Tenee McKinley** is from New York City. She graduated from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in NYC with a B.A. in Criminology. She also studied psychology and deviant behavior while attending college. For several

years prior to coming to law school, Tenee worked as an investigator for New York City during which time she investigated incidences of police misconduct. Tenee's area of interest is criminal law. She is a member of the Association for Public Interest Law and the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association. Tenee staffs the Circulation Desk on Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to midnight.

First-year student **Justin McCarthy** is from Springfield, Massachusetts. He is a graduate of Western New England College in Springfield, Massachusetts where he majored in criminal justice. He came to law school for a good education and better career options. His area of interest is criminal law and he would like to work for the government. Justin enjoys playing golf and intramural hockey. He works at the Circulation Desk from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sundays.

First-year student **Kareem Morgan** is from Boston, Massachusetts. He graduated with a B.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts Boston. His areas of interest are real estate law and business litigation. Kareem would like to teach pre-law courses in the future. He spent a year managing a bar and three hotels prior to coming to law school. He is involved in the mentorship program. Kareem's shifts

at the Circulation Desk are Thursdays from 10:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and Sundays from 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

First-year student **Kristin Pawlowski** is from Sterling, Virginia. She is a graduate of Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and has a B.A. in Environmental Science and a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies. She chose Roger Williams University School of Law because of the Marine Affairs Institute. An area of interest is international trade. She plays intramural volleyball. Kristin works at the Circulation Desk on Mondays from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Second-year student **Rebecca Robinson** is from Fitchburg, Massachusetts. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Justice Studies from the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire. Her areas of interest are family law and sports/entertainment law. She serves as Secretary of the Women's Law Society and is a member of Phi Alpha Delta. Rebecca staffs the Circulation Desk on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

Second-year student **Beth Silberman** is a Rhode Island native from Warwick. She majored in English and in American Studies at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Upon graduation from law school, Beth hopes to practice employment/labor law or domestic relations law. Currently, she is a volunteer for a domestic violence hotline. Beth works at the Circulation Desk on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Library News

Welcome Jennifer Thomas!

Jennifer Thomas has recently joined the law library staff as Acquisitions Librarian. Jennifer received her masters in Library Science from Simmons College. She is a native of New Hampshire and received her B.A. from Bates College in Maine and her M.A. in Musicology from Tufts University. Jennifer and her husband are new to the area; he is teaching at the University's School of Engineering. Jennifer worked as a library assistant in the Mary Baker Eddy Library in Boston, MIT's library in Cambridge, and the Boston Conservatory of Music Library. She was also an Instructional Services Librarian at Phillips Andover Academy in Andover, Mass.

Law Librarians of New England Fall 2005 Meeting

The Law Library staff hosted the Law Librarians of New England Fall 2005 Meeting on Friday, November 4 at the Bristol Harbor Inn located in downtown Bristol, Rhode Island. The Law Librarians of New England (LLNE) is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. LLNE has over 400 members representing more than 100 libraries in the six New England states. Members come from all segments of the legal community, including academic libraries, federal and state courts and agencies, county and public law libraries, corporate legal departments, publishers, vendors, bar associations, and private law firms.

A panel discussion about LNG (Liquified Natural Gas) and LNG terminals proposed for Providence and Fall River started the morning. Panelists were Christopher D'Ovidio, Rhode Island Assistant Attorney Gen-

eral Paul Roberti, and Gordon Shearer. Mr. D'Ovidio is staff attorney for the Conservation Law Foundation's Rhode Island Advocacy Center. Mr. Roberti is Chief of the Public Utilities Regulatory Unit at the Department of the Attorney General. Mr. Shearer is President and CEO of Hess LNG and CEO of Weaver's Cove Energy (the company seeking to build an LNG receiving terminal in Fall River).

Other speakers included R.W.U. School of Law Professor Jane Rindsberg and Kristen Fletcher, Director of the Marine Affairs Institute and the Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program at the law school. Professor Rindsberg talked about her experiences as Assistant General Counsel for the Columbus-America Discovery Group whose members located and salvaged the shipwreck of the *S.S. Central America*. She represented the group in the litigation against several insurance companies' claims to nearly three tons of nineteenth century gold.

Ms. Fletcher talked about initiatives to conserve marine habitats through the leasing and ownership of submerged lands. You can learn about these initiatives by reading the Nature Conservancy's policy report, "Towards Conservation of Submerged Lands: The Law and Policy of Conservation Leasing and Ownership." The report is available at http://nature.org/initiatives/marine/files/tncrwu_leasing_policy_report.pdf. Kristen is a co-editor of the report.



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