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It has been another great year at the Marine Affairs Institute. On Tuesday, April 15, our partners at Rhode Island Sea Grant hosted the 4th Annual Rhode Island Sea Grant Law Fellow Colloquium. The Colloquium showcased the work of our Rhode Island Sea Grant Law Fellows this past year. Law Fellows are second and third year law students who work with outside organizations that have questions of marine law or policy. The Law Fellow Program is another example of RWU Law's commitment to experiential learning. This past year twelve students worked on twenty-three different projects - ranging from climate change impacts on coastal communities in Rhode Island, to rights of public access in the state. Several Law Fellows presented their work at the Colloquium, including Kaitlyn Cox, Garrett Borrosh, Sarah Gatti, and Melissa Slaughter.



Left to Right: Susan Farady, RWU Marine Affairs; Alan Desbonnet, RI Sea Grant; Julia Wyman, RWU Marine Affairs; Alyse White, RWU Law '15; Garrett Borrosh, RWU Law '15; Melissa Slaughter, RWU Law '15; Dean David Logan, RWU Law; Kaitlyn Cox, RWU Law '14; Sarah Gatti, RWU Law '14; Dennis Nixon, RI Sea Grant

The Marine Affairs Institute hosted a faculty dinner on April 16. Professor Jonathan Gutoff presented his latest work on jurisdiction issues in maritime cases. At the reception, the Marine Affairs Institute

recognized two graduating third year students who have distinguished themselves as outstanding scholars. The Marine Affairs Achievement Award, instituted in 2006 and awarded annually to a graduating student who has been exemplary in the study and advancement of marine policy and law, was awarded to Kaitlyn Cox. Kaitlyn is a joint degree student who expects to get her Masters in Marine Affairs this fall from the University of Rhode Island. The second award, the William J. Coffey Excellence in Maritime Writing Prize, is given in memory of William J. Coffey, a nationally renowned maritime law expert and adjunct professor of the School of Law, as well as former Interim Director of the Institute and Vice Chair of the Institute's Advisory Board. The prize is awarded annually to recognize an exceptional law student's writing on a topic in admiralty and maritime law. This year's award was given to Marc Fialkoff for his submission on "Shipping lanes and power lines: the Port of Davisville and the dynamic role of infrastructure." Congratulations, Kaitlyn and Marc! For more information on the Marine Affairs Institute, including past Law Fellow projects: <http://law.rwu.edu/marine-affairs-institute>.