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Do you occasionally need assistance with the technology in the Law Library? Don’t despair! There are people to help you! Public Services Assistant Phyllis O’Neill can assist you with questions involving the PCs in the labs or with your laptop to the extent that she can determine whether the problem is with the software or the hardware. Her hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Computer Lab Assistants can also help you with software applications such as MS Office Program (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Word Perfect, LexisNexis, Westlaw, Internet, e-mail, and printing. They also assist with problems related to the library’s photocopiers, including instruction on use and clearing paper jams. Let them know if a printer or photocopier needs paper or a toner cartridge replacement! Problems with your laptop should generally be directed to your computer provider.

Currently working as Computer Lab Assistants are Jonathan Bochese, Bradford Boyd, Mark Foley, Cara Hall, Marcus Jones, Amaryah Ju, and Naldina Neves. To determine who is on duty, look for their photo displayed at the Circulation Desk. Here is some information about the Computer Lab Assistants in order to better acquaint you with them.

Third-year student Marcus Jones is from Macon, Georgia. Marcus has a B.A. in Sociology and Political Science from Mercer University located in Macon, Georgia. His ideal job after graduation would be to work for any federal agency.

Third-year student Naldina Neves is from Cape Verde and lives in Providence, RI. She is a graduate of University of Rhode Island where she majored in Political Science and Philosophy and minored in Portuguese. Naldina would like to practice tort, immigration and real estate law when she graduates from law school. She is also interested in working with people underserved by the legal profession due to barriers such as culture and language.

Second-year student Jonathan Bochese is from Bozrah, Connecticut. He has a B.S. in Criminal Justice and a B.A. in Psychology from Roger Williams University. He is taking graduate courses in pursuit of a Masters in Criminal Justice. He hopes to practice criminal law and then migrate into teaching Criminal Justice and Pre-law courses. When he is not hitting the books, he works as a bartender at the Bristol Yacht Club.

Second-year student Cara Hall is from West Haven, Connecticut. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Music Industry with a minor in Business from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Cara hopes to work for a record label, practice entertainment law at a firm, or become an agent.

Second-year student Bradford Boyd is from Buenos Aires, Argentina! He graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Alfred University located in Alfred, New York. Prior to attending law school, Bradford worked for a marine insurance company. Bradford intends to practice marine insurance law.

Third-year student Mark Foley is from Taunton, Massachusetts. He has a B.A. in Political Science from Roger Williams University. He would like to practice in real estate or labor and employment law.

Second-year student Amaryah Ju is a graduate of Vassar College located in Poughkeepsie, New York. She has a B.A. in Political Science. Amaryah hopes to focus on international law and perhaps to specialize in tort or criminal law.

**LexisNexis and Westlaw Support**

There are lots of people to help you use Westlaw and LexisNexis while you are a student enrolled at the law school. The reference librarians can
help you with selecting and researching databases and printing. The Westlaw Account Manager Mark Jackson and LexisNexis Account Representative Steve Albro not only train the first-year students to use their respective system but also offer a variety of classes during the academic year. Consult the websites lawschool.westlaw.com and www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool for details about classes. There are also the Westlaw and LexisNexis student reps to help you. LexisNexis student reps Pamela Elia and Danielle Steele have posted their hours on the LexisNexis printers located in Training Lab 1 and in the Main Computer Lab. Westlaw student rep Teresa Giusti has her hours posted on the bulletin boards in all three computer labs. Finally, there is a Westlaw and a LexisNexis customer support telephone in Training Lab 1. On the telephone, you can speak with a Westlaw Reference Attorney or a LexisNexis Customer Support attorney about selecting the appropriate database, formulating a search query, and printing. Both services also offer live chat help sessions. The reference librarians, Mark and Steve, the student reps, and the Westlaw and LexisNexis reference attorneys all understand how complex legal research can be and are willing and able to help you to become more proficient in using these services. To better acquaint you with the student reps, here is some information about them.

LexisNexis student rep Pamela Elia is a second-year student from Newton, New Hampshire. She received a B.A. in Political Science from American 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.

LexisNexis student rep Danielle Steele is a third-year student from Wellesley, Massachusetts and has been living in Adamsville, R.I. during the past six years. She graduated from Roger Williams University where she majored in Political Science and minored in English. Upon graduation from law school, she is planning on staying in the area and working for a small to mid-size firm. She is currently employed by Phillips and Garcia, P.C.

Westlaw student rep Teresa Giusti is a second-year student. She is a Rhode Island native. Teresa worked in the banking and travel industries prior to obtaining a B.A. in English from the University of Rhode Island. She would like to work in a mid-size to large-size law firm so as to gain experience practicing in several areas of law.

Westlaw student rep Collin Evans is a second-year student from the Wilkes Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania area. He is a graduate of King’s College located in Wilkes Barre where he majored in Environmental Science and in History. He generally always has had an interest in being a lawyer, even as a kid, and when college came to an end, he decided that attending law school was the path he should take. Being an environmental science major, he would like to work in the environmental law area. He also has an interest in agricultural law.

Library News

Baby Boys!

Ezekiel (Zeke) Gabriel Wolfskehl was born to Christina and “Trip” Wolfskehl on September 16, 2006. Chris is the Cataloging Assistant.

Filling the position while Chris is on maternity leave is Heather Simone. Heather is a graduate student at the University of Rhode Island where she is pursuing a Master of Library and Information Studies. She will graduate May, 2007. Heather has a B.S. in Communications from Eastern Connecticut State University. Prior employment includes managing events for the Rhode Island Convention Center and event planning and fund raising for the Rhode Island Zoological Society.

Cooper Dean Thomas was born to Jen and Charlie Thomas on September 27, 2006. Jen is the Acquisitions Librarian. Charlie is on the RWU Engineering Faculty.

Filling the position while Jen is on maternity leave is Cherine Whitney. Cherine has a B.A. in the Classics (ancient Greek and Latin) from Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. She received her M.L.I.S. from U.R.I. in May, 1998. Cherine has worked as a paraprofessional and as a professional at a variety of libraries (academic, special, and public) and in a number of departments: acquisitions, cataloging, instruction, reference, and youth services.