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JD STUDENT EXPLORES LAW IN CHINA



Brian Seyfried interned in Beijing, China this summer and had a great experience. He worked with Gary Chodorow and the knowledgeable staff of Frederick W. Hong Law Offices where he learned effective legal research and writing methods within the area of U.S. immigration law. Brian reported "My summer internship was made that much better since I had the chance to live in such a vibrant city like Beijing while gaining such valuable experience. Beijing is such a rapidly developing city that holds so much history. It was great to see how the old and the new harmonized to create a truly contemporary yet unique culture. I really enjoyed my summer working as an intern in Beijing and I look forward to returning to Beijing as soon as I have an opportunity." For more information about interning in China, contact Dean Lydia Lazar.

Welcome LL.M. students from China, Denmark, France, Germany, Macedonia, Mexico, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Norway, Uzbekistan, Poland, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, Uganda, and New Zealand.

WORKING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN AFRICA

Katherine Jahnke, second year Chicago-Kent student, spent the 2009 summer interning in Cape Town, South Africa at the Women's Legal Centre. Established in 1999 by a group of women attorneys, the Women's Legal Centre is a nonprofit organization that provides free legal advice to women, does impact litigation, and advocates for the advancement of women's rights in South Africa. As an intern, Katherine worked directly under the attorneys



performing research on potential cases and advocacy issues. The specific areas of law she dealt with include gender-based violence, liability for forced sterilizations, customary law, and divorce law.

WHAT DID WE DO LAST SUMMER...?

June 15, the law school hosted a panel discussion of the recently released report: *Preventing Genocide: A Blueprint for U.S. Policymakers*. This report, published by the Genocide Prevention Task Force, outlined concrete recommendations to enhance the U.S. government's capacity to prevent and respond to emerging threats of genocide and mass atrocities.

Task Force members John Heffernan, Director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Genocide Prevention Initiative, and Lawrence Woocher, Senior Program Officer at the U.S. Institute of Peace, discussed the report's recommendations. Bartram S. Brown, Professor of Law at Chicago-Kent College of Law, introduced the issue and speakers, while the discussion was moderated by former Ambassador David Scheffer, now a professor at Northwestern University School of Law. This event was one of a series of public briefings being held around the country to educate the public about the Task Force and its recommendations.

July 14, there was a showing of the film *The Reckoning: The Battle for the International Criminal Court* in honor of International Justice Day and in commemoration of the adoption of the Rome Statute. After the film there was a panel discussion featuring Chicago-Kent College of Law Professor Bart Brown, and Daniel Rothenberg, the Managing Director of International Projects for the DePaul University International Human Rights Law Institute. Attorney Dan Thomann served as moderator for the panel and Q&A.

July 22, over 100 members of the Chicago legal and environmental communities gathered at Chicago-Kent for a sustainability conference entitled "Moving the Midwest Forward: The Benefits of Building a Low-Carbon Economy." The afternoon program brought together entrepreneurs, policymakers, environmentalists and scholars to examine such topics as "The Impact of the Economy on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plans," "New Energy Paradigms for the Midwestern Economy" and "New Technology Infrastructure and the Investment Landscape." Peter Fox-Penner, principal and chairman emeritus of The Brattle Group, delivered the keynote address.

A networking reception followed the program, which was co-sponsored by the Chicago law firm of Foley & Lardner LLP, IIT's Jules F. Knapp Entrepreneurship Center and WISER (IIT's Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research).

2009-2010 Leadership for International Student Organizations

International Law Students Association

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CHICAGO-KENT OVERSEAS LEGAL TRAINING PROGRAMS

China University of Political Science and Law

Beijing

During Spring 2009, Chicago-Kent sent four professors to teach at CUPL, the Chinese University of Political Science and Law: Professor Tracie Porter taught Introduction to Legal Writing and Research, Adjunct Professor Gary Chodorow taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Richard Warner taught Contracts, and Professor Jon Decatorsmith taught Business Organizations. 14 students were admitted to the LL.M. program and are currently taking classes here at Chicago-Kent.



Shanghai Bar Association

China

Chicago-Kent has partnered with The Shanghai Bar Association (SBA) to further enhance this mission. Five Chicago-Kent professors taught at SBA in 2009. Professors Edward Harris and Mary Rose Strubbe taught separate sections of Introduction to Legal Writing and Research, Adjunct Professor Carson Block taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Felice Batlan taught Business Organizations, and Professor Bernadette Atuahene taught International Business Transactions. A total of 21 students were admitted to the LL.M. program and decided to continue their studies in Chicago.



Beijing Lawyers Association

China

For Beijing attorneys, Chicago-Kent's partnership with the Beijing Municipal Lawyers Association (BLA) and Peking University allows attorneys to begin their studies close to home.



Professor Edward Harris taught Introduction to Legal Writing and Research, Adjunct Professor Gary Chodorow taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Richard Warner taught Business Contracts, and Professor Bartram Brown taught Comparative Law. A total of 13 students were admitted to the LL.M. program and decided to continue their studies at Chicago-Kent.

Bangkok, Thailand

Chicago-Kent offered training in Spring 2009 through its partnership with the Office of the Judiciary in Bangkok. Professor Susan Adams taught Introduction to Legal Writing and Research, Professor Julie Burger taught Introduction to the American Legal System, Professor Phil Hablutzel taught International Commercial Arbitration, and Professor Edward Harris taught Business Contracts. Two students elected to continue their studies in Chicago during the Fall 2009 semester.



WELCOME TO THE LL.M. CLASS OF 2010

Chicago-Kent welcomes the LL.M. class of 2010—the largest LL.M. class in the law school's history. Over 100 students are on-campus this term in one of Chicago-Kent's LL.M. programs in International and Comparative Law, International Intellectual Property Law, or Financial Services Law. In addition to the students enrolled in the LL.M. programs, we are pleased to welcome a diverse group of international exchange students to the Downtown Campus this year.

Countries of origin include China, Denmark, France, Germany, Macedonia, Mexico, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Norway, Uzbekistan, Poland, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, Uganda, and New Zealand.

The Office of International Law and Policy Development coordinates partnerships with over two dozen international educational institutions. These partnerships provide Chicago-Kent students with a variety of study-abroad options as well as encourage international legal scholars to study at Chicago-Kent. This year's exchange visitors represent countries such as France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Poland, China, and New Zealand.

We are pleased to welcome this year's exchange students, LL.M. students and international visiting scholars. Their presence on campus enhances the law school's commitment to building a global community of legal scholars.



"The best laws cannot make a constitution work in spite of morals; morals can turn the worst laws to advantage. That is a commonplace truth, but one to which my studies are always bringing me back. It is the central point in my conception. I see it at the end of all my reflections."

Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1889) French social philosopher.

SUMMER PROGRAM 2009



In July and August 2009, a group of twenty-one students and one chaperone from Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL) came to Chicago-Kent for a four-week summer program centered on increasing their knowledge about the American legal system.

During the program, they took an intensive course titled Introduction to the American Legal System, taught by Professor Jerold Lavin. To supplement their in-class learning, there were several law related excursions, including trips to the Daley Center and a local law firm. Additionally, they visited cultural sites all over the city including the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Mexican Fine Arts Museum and the Shedd Aquarium. They even had time for some fun

side-trips to Six Flags Great America and a White Sox game!

FALL 2009 VISITORS AT THE LAW SCHOOL



Fritz Horsch — Mr. Horsch arrived in Chicago in April, 2009 from Germany where he works as a doctoral research assistant with Professor Fezer at the University of Konstanz in Germany. He currently is writing his doctoral dissertation on the issue of trademark use including a comparative assessment on the law in Europe and the U.S. Having completed the Second State Exam (German bar exam) in Hamburg and an LL.M. in IP Law at Queen Mary, University of London, Mr. Horsch spent the summer working on his dissertation at Chicago-Kent.

Maud Righetti — Ms. Righetti joined us in June 2009 from Nancy, France where she is pursuing doctoral studies at Nancy University. Maud was awarded funding through the French Ministry of Education to conduct research at Chicago-Kent for the summer. Her dissertation topic is “French Copyright: A Major Obstacle to the Valorization of Social Science Research.”

Massimiliano Vatiere — Dr. Vatiere arrived in Chicago in February, 2009 from Italy. He recently completed his post-doctorate in Economics from the University of Siena. He also holds a Ph.D. in Law and Economics from the University of Siena. Dr. Vatiere spent the spring and summer conducting research on his paper titled: “An Ordo-Institutional Investigation Around the Notion of Power”.

Walter Virga — Dr. Virga arrived in Chicago during the summer to complete research on conflicting interests between investors and financial intermediaries. He is currently a contract professor of Copyright with the University of Palermo’s Faculty of Law. He will conduct research on a paper titled “Conflict of Interests in Investment Services and the Market for Financial Instruments: from the Civil Code to the Special Legislation.”

Manuel T. Kleinemenke — Mr. Kleinemenke arrived in Chicago in August 2009. He is a postgraduate visiting scholar from Germany. He will carry out research on the US Copyright’s Fair Use doctrine at Chicago-Kent College of Law. He studied law in Germany at the Universities of Freiburg and Bonn, and received his law degree in 2008. After briefly working for the law firm Clifford Chance, LLP, he is currently writing a doctoral thesis on a copyright-related question at the University of Bonn under the supervision of Professor Dr. Matthias Leistner, LL.M. (Cambridge).

“I said there was a society of men among us, bred up from their youth in the art of proving by words multiplied for the purpose, that white is black, and black is white, according as they are paid. To this society all the rest of the people are as slaves.”

Jonathan Swift
(1667-1745)
Irish-born
English satirist.

FALL EVENTS AT CHICAGO-KENT

September 24th: *Recent Issues in Space Law*. Professor Matt Schaefer, Director of the Space and Telecommunications Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will speak in room 305 from 12 -1 pm on Thursday September 24, 2009 on Recent Issues in Space Law. Pizza and Soda will be served. At the end of the talk, Professor Schaefer will distribute informational materials describing the University of Nebraska's Space and Telecom LL.M. program. Professor Schaefer graduated magna cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School. He teaches international law at the University of Nebraska College of Law and has 12 years of teaching and research experience in international law, foreign affairs, national security and international trade areas. Professor Schaefer has also served in the National Security Council (White House) as a director in the International Economic Affairs Office and has worked as a consultant for state governors on foreign affairs matters.

September 30th: *Program on Impunity in Columbia: One Woman's Story*. Yessika Hoyos Morales, is the founder of Sons and Daughters Against Impunity and for the Memory of the Fallen, an organization of children of victims of torture, disappearance and murder in Argentina, Colombia, Chile and other Latin American countries. She is a lawyer and human rights activist from Colombia. Her father, Jorge Dario was president and adviser to some of the largest trade unions in Columbia. In 2001, he was murdered by two members of the United Self-Defense Forces of Columbia, hired by a lieutenant in the Colombia National Police.

Ms. Hoyos Morales testified earlier this year at hearings of the House of Representatives Committee on Education & Labor on, "Examining Workers Rights and Violence against Labor Union Leaders in Colombia." Last week, she received the AFL-CIO's George Meaney-Lane Kirkland Human Rights Award. She will speak on Wednesday September 30 at 3:00 in the Auditorium.

November 23rd: *Panel to Discuss Need for Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Rwanda, Congo and the Great Lakes Region in Africa*. Reception and panel discussion about Rwanda, the Congo and the Great Lakes Region of Africa with Filip Reyntjens, and Paul Rusesabagina, the President of the Hotel Rwanda Rusesabagina Foundation. Mr. Reyntjens will address the causes, outcomes, and extraordinary human toll of the successive wars in the Great Lakes Region of Africa since the early 1990s. Mr. Rusesabagina will talk about why Rwanda and the Great Lakes Region need a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to create a sustainable peace in the region.

There will be a brief reception from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in the law school lobby and then the panel discussion in the auditorium from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m with Q&A afterward.

**"Autumn is a second
spring when every leaf is
a flower."**

- Albert Camus

