

NALP International and Advanced Degree Advising and Recruiting Section Report

To: Lois Casaleggi, Board Liaison
Cc: Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director
From: Sara Marshall, Section Chair
Date: March 24, 2016

Please find below a summary of the Section's activities during the most recent quarter.

Schedule of Quarterly Section Calls (2015-2016)

All times are 1:00-2:00 pm EST, Wednesday, October 7, 2015 (completed); Wednesday, January 20, 2016 (completed); Wednesday, March 23, 2016 (completed)
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I. Work groups:

- a. Annual Education Conference/Bulletin Article Planning (*Vice-chairs: Mary Maher, Northwestern; Caroline Springer, Georgetown*)

The Section will be presenting two programs at the 2016 Annual Education Conference:

| Title | Presenters |
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| The Weird and Wonderful World of International Organizations (joint proposal with Public Service Section) | David Glasgow (NYU), Miriam Ingber (NYU), Aican Nguyen (Chicago), Virginia Greiman (Boston U) |
| The New Big Firms on the Block: Accounting Firms and Their Recruitment of Law Graduates | Mary Maher (NW), Sara Marshall (Boston U), James Kossuth (Boston U) |

The Section published two articles this year and has one pending bulletin article:

| Title | Authors | Publication Date |
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| How to Advise Students on Sensitive Interview Topics | Sarah Solomon (Boston U) Tibby Cail (Boston U) | July 2016 |

On our recent conference call on March 23, Caroline Springer announced that Shujun Tian (Georgetown), Deirdre Hay (Cornell) and Jera Oliver (Ohio State) are working on an article proposal that revisits "International LLM Advising 101" for new LLM advisers. She will check in with the group on next steps.

Clara Solomon (NYU) also proposed a new article on the topic of "Networking Resources for International JD Students." International JD students often struggle with knowing how to navigate recruiting events and interview lunches/dinners. It can be difficult for them to make

“small talk” and relate to U.S. popular culture. Clara encouraged members on the call to reach out to her if they are interested in co-writing on this topic. We will also mention it to attendees at Annual Conference section meeting.

b. Bar Exam Issues (*Vice-chair: Clara Solomon, NYU*)

On our recent conference call, Clara highlighted a new posting on the NY Court of Appeals site of FAQs on New York’s Skills Competency and Professional Values bar admission requirement. The FAQs are available under the “Attorney Admissions” tab of the “Frequently Asked Questions” menu on the Court’s homepage (<http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ctapps/admattnyfaq.htm>).

The requirements do not apply to JD and LLM students until 2018 but it is helpful for LLM career advisers to be aware of this new requirement as bar exam questions often come up in advising meetings. Many LLM career advisers also handle bar exam and academic advising and our Section will continue to monitor any changes in U.S. bar exam requirements and share updates.

II. Annual Conference in Boston: Open House, Section Meeting and Happy Hour

- a. The Chair and Vice-chairs will staff a table for our Section during the Open House on Tuesday evening at the Annual Conference. We look forward to speaking with attendees about the work of our section and to encouraging new members to join.
- b. Our Section meeting will take place on **Thursday, 4/14 at 3:15 PM in Rm 303** at the Annual Conference.
- c. On our conference call, Section members expressed enthusiasm for meeting for happy hour/ dinner at a nearby restaurant immediately following our section meeting on Thursday afternoon. Sara Marshall will make a reservation at a restaurant near the Hynes Convention Center and announce the location and invitation on NALP Connect. This will be a great opportunity for members of our Section to mix and mingle.

III. New Section Chair for 2016-2017

Caroline Springer (Georgetown) will take over from Sara Marshall (Boston University) as Section Chair for the 2016-2017 year.

IV. Environmental Scanning

On our most recent section conference call on March 23rd, we discussed two main topics:

- a. Innovative Programming Ideas on International Markets: Once section member mentioned that she had follow up questions on programming ideas after the post-ISIP

conference all for LLM advisors. Specifically, there were questions about how to best support students from Africa and other emerging markets where there may not be employers from their region who participate in ISIP. There was a suggestion that African students should research opportunities in London and Paris, particularly in Project Finance. There are often 6 month internships available in these markets. For programming, a recorded conference call (podcast) with an alum or recruiter in a foreign market can be made available to students related to learning more about certain international markets.

- b. Stagiaires (Internships) in France: Law firms in France often require a *stagiaire* contract with a student's law school in order to complete 6 month internships following their LLM graduation. Schools shared their policies and practices with signing these contracts with French law firms to allow their LLM graduates to complete these internships. One school has a standard contract that they require French law firms to sign stating that the LLM student will have graduated before completing the internship and that the school bears no responsibility for the student during the internship. Also, the law school states that the internship is related to the student's area of study. When students have then come back to the school to inquire about pursuing an additional internship agreement with another law firm, the school has used the OPT (optional practical training) period as guidance to limit the number of stagere contracts for one student. They are allowed to request that the school enter an agreement for up to the same period as OPT (the idea being that a student on OPT is technically still sponsored by the law school during that time).

V. Planned agenda topics for Section Meeting at the Annual Conference:

- a. Section leadership for 2016-2017
- b. Brainstorm potential RFPs for the 2017 Annual Conference in San Francisco.
- c. Update on bulletin articles and potential webinars.
- d. Environmental scanning.