

NALP International and Advanced Degree Advising and Recruiting Section Report

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From: Caroline Springer, Section Chair
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Please find below a summary of the Section's activities during the most recent quarter.

Schedule of Quarterly Section Calls (2017-2018)

We had our first Quarterly Section call on June 20, 2017. Approximately 15 Section Members attended the call.

- **Annual Conference RFPs (Mary Maher, Northwestern and Caroline Springer, Georgetown Law)**
We submitted the following five proposals for the 2018 Annual Conference:
 - All About Asia: Legal Careers in the Asia Market (Clara Solomon, Mary Schaus, Justin Flowers)
 - Nametags, Handshakes and Cocktails: Overcoming Cultural Barriers to Networking (Clara Solomon, Amy Kimmel, Natalie Bautista, Anya Grossman)
 - Part-time Law School and Full-Time Schedules: PD Coaching and Programming for Part-time and Distance Students (Sara Marshall, Leah Adams, Sarah Solomon)
 - The Evolving American Dream: Managing Expectations, encouraging global success and helping international students to achieve their goals (Mary Maher, Sara Marshall, Shannon Kahn)
 - Trust me, I'm an expert: advising law students who want to specialize at graduation (Mary Maher, Caroline Springer)
 - When Nobody at the Bar Knows Your Name: Helping Diverse Students Overcome Network Inequality (Desiree Jaeger-Fine, Shujun Tian, Amy Kimmel)

Our Section typically gets 1 or 2 proposals selected for the Conference. Over 220 proposals were submitted this year. We notified Section members that applicants will know on July 31st if their proposal has been accepted by NALP.

- **NALP Bulletin Articles Update (Mary Maher, Northwestern)**
 - We discussed that the deadline for submitting article ideas has passed, but that Janet Smith had given our Section a few extra days to get article proposals to her. We mentioned that authors can suggest which month they want to publish their article and that the deadline is the 2nd of the month before publication.
 - We mentioned that there are two types of articles: Periodic articles: 500 to 750 words and they are more "nuts and bolts" articles and Feature articles: 1200 words and they are published less frequently.
 - We noted that writing an article is a great way to collaborate with other counselors from other schools.
 - We have a number of members who are interested in writing an article and Mary is coordinating with the members to get their proposal to Janet by the end of the week.
 - We have been collecting ideas in a Google document that we have shared with the Section.
 - Some of the ideas include
 - Inclusion – making international students feel part of the larger law school community

- Best practices – law schools share what successful services they have offered their international students
 - Best practices for law schools that want to start an LL.M. program or just started one
 - New York Bar update
 - Cross-cultural competencies – training at schools and law firms to ensure staff and attorneys have cultural awareness
 - The “OPT” internship – what is it and how do students find it!
 - Nuts and Bolts of what to do in 9 months – setting expectations
 - Coaching tips for students who want to transfer to a JD program
 - Tips on how to turn a CV into a strong US resume
 - Checklist for advising JD students on whether to pursue a specialized LLM degree after graduation
 - Being resilient in the job search process
 - Advising international students: When good intentions go awry
- **Board Report (Julie Anna Alvarez)**
 - Julie Anna noted that the Board met in May and there was an orientation for new members.
 - During the May meeting, the Board discussed further exploring ways to experiment with technology for engaging students and employers. The next meeting will be in July.
 - Julie Anna noted that there are several new NALP publications that members should be aware of:
 - 2017 Associate Survey
 - 21st Century Legal Career Series (12 Volume set of “Hot Career” topics which can be purchased individually or in a bundle)
 - Also, Julie Anna noted that members can now prepay for the 2018 NALP Conference
 - Julie Anna announced the new position open at NALP (Director of Public Service Initiatives) which is posted in the Job Bank
 - After Julie Anna thanked the Section members who have contributed resumes and information for the Lawyer Qualification Directory which is nearing completion, Clara Solomon mentioned that Tibby Cail who is now working for the NALP Foundation on updating the Lawyer Qualification Directory is still looking for students from Russia and the Czech Republic. Members are encouraged to contact her if they have any students/alumni from these countries. The Directory will be finished in a few months.
 - A member asked about the Emerging Legal Careers Conference in October, but no one knew the specifics of what is scheduled for the one-day event taking place October 6, 2017. Members should check the NALP website for more information about this conference which is expected to focus on careers in compliance, legal ops, and data privacy as well as areas such as legal process outsourcing.
 - **Bar Exam Update (Shannon Kahn)**
 - No major updates were reported.
 - Clara Solomon noted that there was a recent article about a foreign student challenging the Bar exam requirements in Tennessee.
 - **Summer Projects and Open Discussion**

- Rebecca at BU noted that they are updating handouts, the website and alumni data. They are hoping to use a new CRM (didn't know the name) for alumni data and she will let the Section know how that goes at the next call. They currently use a spreadsheet to track alumni.
- USC is looking to develop a professional development course using a course management system. The school is trying to make the course interactive and it will be kept on a Canvas-type system. BU has discussed this idea, but did not find that this platform was very user friendly. Many schools are thinking of using course modules as a way to supplement workshops/programming.
- Some schools are going through their feedback from students that they collected in yearend surveys and planning fall programs.
- Various Section members reported that their LL.M. class size was going to be about the same this coming year. Several schools reported a large increase in Chinese students and they are seeing students with less experience.
- A Texas school reported that there has been an uptick in the number of LL.M. students taking the Texas bar.
- Next Section call will be in October. Caroline will send out an Agenda beforehand.