

TO: NALP Board of Directors
FROM: Jessica Kitson, Chair, NALP Public Service Section
DATE: June 27, 2011
RE: First Quarterly Report

MEETINGS

The Public Service Section held its annual meeting at the NALP Conference in Palm Springs, CA on Thursday, April 28, 2011. The first quarterly conference call was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2011, and the notes from that call will soon be distributed to the email discussion list and posted to the NALP website. Additional quarterly calls have been scheduled for and advertised to the Section for the following dates: September 21, 2011, December 6, 2011 and February 15, 2012. An additional in-person meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011, during the NALP/PSLawNet Mini-Conference.

WORK GROUP REPORTS

There are ten Work Groups for the Public Service Section. The first Vice Chairs Conference Call was held on Monday, June 13, 2011. Additional calls with the Vice Chairs will be scheduled in advance of each Section quarterly call. Below, please find the quarterly report of each section's work:

Annual Education Conference Program Proposals

Vice Chair: Cybele Smith (Ohio State)

Members: Jessica Kitson (Rutgers-Newark), Steve Grumm (NALP)

The Public Service Section submitted a total of sixteen conference proposals for the 2012 NALP Conference. Our members submitted proposals on a wide-variety of topics and collaborated with several other sections, including Judicial Clerkship, Solo & Small CSO and Employer Outreach. The following is a list of the proposals submitted:

1. Beyond the Basics: Leveraging Employer, School, State and Federal Loan Repayment Assistance Funds;
2. Children's Rights, Parental Rights, and Juvenile Justice, Oh My! How Knowing the Nuances Can Get Your Students Jobs
3. Hypothetically Speaking: Preparing Students for Prosecutor and Public Defender Interviews
4. Keys to the City: Legal Careers in City Government
5. Launching an Immigration Law Career at the Courthouse
6. Law School Bridge Fellowship Programs – A Wide Variety of Models and Options
7. Landing a Job with the United Nations
8. Maximizing Resources to Increase Student Marketability for the Public Sector and Beyond
9. Media and Social Justice
10. Not All Employer Outreach is Equal! Navigating Public Service Employer Outreach
11. Public Interest Hot Topics – Updates & Discussion of Major Issues!
12. Running a Successful Field Placement Program: An A to Z Primer on the Academic and Practical Grounding for Career Services Professionals
13. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act: Taking Full Advantage of the Most Powerful Federal Loan Forgiveness Program in a Generation
14. The Ins and Outs of Public Interest Advising When It's Just You (Or Feels That Way)
15. The New Landscape in Workers' Rights: What Law Students Need to Know about Careers In Labor and Employment Law
16. Using Judicial Clerkships to Launch and Accelerate a Public Interest or Government Career

Publications

Vice Chair: Carol Viszjer, (Washington University)

Members: Nicole Ayala (Connecticut), Meta Copeland (Mississippi), Donna Davis (Texas Southern, Samantha Kasmarek (Syracuse)

The Work Group had conference calls on June 8, 2011 and June 24, 2011 and are in the process for scheduling one for the week of July 4, 2011. The group submitted the following pieces for the NALP Bulletin, which were subsequently approved for publication:

August 2011 Issue (Feature Article)

Title: "Call to Action: Gender Diversity in the Public Interest"

Author: Tamesha Keel, University of Miami School of Law, (305) 284-2668, tkeel@law.miami.edu

Summary: This piece will follow up on the piece written by Katie Dilks in June 2010 for the PSLawNet blog, continuing the discourse and providing ideas and suggestions for improving gender diversity within the public interest.

September 2011 Issue (SideBar – very short!)

Possible Topic: TBD

Author: Samantha Kasmarek, Syracuse University School of Law, (315) 443-1941, kasmarek@law.syr.edu

Summary: Because we know Steve Grumm and Deb Ellis are working on a public interest article for this issue, we propose a very short piece we're describing as a "SideBar".

October 2011 Issue (Feature Article)

Tentative Title: Careers in Workers' Rights

Author: Dovie Yoana King, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, tking@tjssl.edu (619) 297-9700, ext. 1494

Summary: In light of recent events in Wisconsin and other states and timed to coincide with the Peggy Browning Conference, this article will discuss careers in workers' rights.

November 2011 Issue (Sidebar – very short!)

Possible Topic: TBD

Author: Samantha Kasmarek, Syracuse University School of Law, (315) 443-1941, kasmarek@law.syr.edu

December 2011 Issue (SideBar – very short!)

Tentative Topic: TBD

Author: Samantha Kasmarek, Syracuse University School of Law, (315) 443-1941, kasmarek@law.syr.edu

Summary: We know Steve is on deck for a substantial staff-generated piece, so we're not taking up additional space!

January 2012 Issue (Column Length)

Tentative Title: TBD

Author: Leor Neta, Golden Gate University Law, (415) 369-5391, lneta@ggu.edu

Summary: This article will discuss, from a personal perspective, a non-traditional path to public service advising.

February 2012 Issue (Column Length)

Tentative Title: Hot Topics: Technology in the Public Interest Job Search

Author: Alisa Rosales, DePaul University Law, (312) 362-8387, arosale3@depaul.edu

Summary: This article will address uses of technology in the public interest job search from GoogleReader on. We hope it will fall at a time in the year when students have finally completed some of the basics and are ready to expand the sophistication of the job search.

March 2012 (SideBar – very short!)

Possible Title: TBD

Author: Samantha Kasmarek, Syracuse University, (315) 443-1941, kasmarek@law.syr.edu

Summary: Steve is up again this month, so we're paring it down!

April 2012 (Column Length)

Working Title: Counseling burned-out students

Author: Nicole Ayala ((860) 570-5324; nicole.ayala@law.uconn.edu)

Summary: Advice for counselors encountering students who have completed a dream public interest internship and are struggling with whether it's work they can or still want to do.

May 2012 Issue – (Column Length)

Tentative Title: The Online Classroom: Ideal for Clinical Placements

Author: Lizzette Herrera, University of San Diego Law, (619) 260-2342, lizzette.herrera@sandiego.edu

Summary: Lizzette has just put everything online, and her students love it. She's prepared to share.

June 2012 Issue (Feature article)

Tentative Title: Personality testing in career counseling and experiential learning.

Author: Meta Copeland

Summary: Meta's already drafting, so there's a chance that in a pinch, we could move her up in the line-up.

Another goal of the Publications Work Group for the upcoming year is to generate content and commentary on the PSLawNet Blog. Additionally, the group is working to identify opportunities for Section members to publish in non-NALP publications.

NALP/PSLawNet Mini-Conference Planning

Vice Chair: Nicole Vikan (Georgetown)

Members: Nicole Ayala (Connecticut), Kimberly Ann Bart, (Duke), Heather Creed (Baylor), Ginna Galbraith (South Texas), Sam Kasmarek (Syracuse), Dovie King (Thomas Jefferson), Lorri Olan, (Washington & Lee), Rachel Kronick Rothbart (USC), Cindy Wilson (Northwestern)

The Work Group had conference calls on June 9, 2011 and June 20, 2011. This year's Mini-Conference will once again take place at the offices of Arnold & Porter, and will be held on Thursday, October 20th, preceded by the Public Interest Advising 101 program in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 19th (along with a round-robin dinner on Wednesday). The Work Group is considering some exciting new changes for this year's Mini-Conference, including a productive icebreaker to begin the day, and a change in the structure of plenary, through which we'll spend the 75-minute session spending about 15 minutes on 5 hot topics. Finally, at the close the Mini-Conference, the Work Group intends to invite federal legal recruiters for a reception/happy hour.

Law School Guide to Public Interest Careers – Update

Vice Chair: Alisa Rosales (DePaul)

Members: MariLee Allred (BYU), Dena Bauman (UDC), Laura Cohen (Southwestern), Daisy Hung (U. of San Francisco), Lorri Olan (Washington & Lee), Cybele Smith (Ohio State), Teresa Schmiedeler (Maryland), Ramona Sein (William & Mary), Leslie Thrope (Cardozo), Cindy Wilson (Northwestern)

The Work Group will have its first conference call on June 30, 2011. In preparation for that, Alisa Rosales has emailed out an old version of the Guide for the work group to review. The forthcoming conference

call will largely consist of brainstorming about content, with a plan of then reaching out to the entire section for feedback before moving forward.

Diversity

Chair: *Andrew Chapin (Fordham)*

Members: *Millie Bond (NALP), Christina Jackson (American), Tom Maligno (Touro), Lorri Olan (Washington & Lee)*

The Work Group's goal for this year will be to collaborate with the Diversity Section in gathering info about diversity among public service employers. As a first step, the Work Group will look at what data actually exists, based on information already collected by employers and funders. The Work Group is considering, as a first step, asking that NALP's 2012 Public Interest Attorney Salary Survey include a question about whether respondents already collect/report diversity data.

Government Legal Career Resources

Chair: *Danielle Sorken (Brooklyn)*

Members: *MariLee Allred (BYU), Heather Creed (Baylor), Denyse Demel (Texas), Matt Gewolb, (Columbia), Jessica Hedrick (New York Law), Laura Scott (Michigan)*

The Work Group's primary task will be assisting with updates/revisions to the Federal Legal Employment Guide this summer/fall. Additionally, Danielle will coordinate with Paula Nailon to see if the Work Group members can provide any assistance on the Federal Work Study Guide that is due out later this year.

ABA Accreditation Revision Process

Chair: *Keeley Mitchell (Pittsburgh)*

Members: *Tara Casey (Richmond), Deb Ellis (NYU), Diane Fears (Wayne State), Christina Jackson (American), Tom Maligno (Touro), Brad Morgan (Tennessee), Pam Robinson (South Carolina)*

The Work Group's first conference call is scheduled for July 8, 2011. The group's primary goal will be to monitor how accreditation developments may impact public service/pro bono programs at schools. The Work Group will work to collect information about the process and will identify other groups and individuals who might be monitoring public interest developments in the revision process. Keeley will get in touch with the new staff contact at the ABA Center for Pro Bono (replacing Melanie Kushnir), and will appoint one Work Group member to serve as liaison with the ABA.

Recession's Impact

Chair: *Leor Neta (Golden Gate)*

Members: *Robyn Acampora (Yale), Kimberly Ann Bart (Duke), Mark Goldfarb (Iowa), Melissa V. McViney (Catholic), Alexa Shabecoff (Harvard), Nicole Simmons (Texas), Carol Vizzier (Washington University)*

The Work Group will continue to work on gathering information and report back to NALP membership on the impact of the current economic downturn on public interest employment. NALP will launch the public service employment market snapshot survey after Labor Day, report preliminary data at the Mini-Conference, and issue a complete report shortly after the Mini-Conference report at Mini-Conference. Leor will coordinate with Carol Vizzier (Chair, Publications Work Group) about other opportunities to publicize the report.

LRAP

Chair: Jarrod Shirk (*American*)

Members: Tara Casey (*Richmond*), Kirsten Hill (*UC Davis*), Michelle Stevens (*Emory*), Cindy Wilson (*Northwestern*)

The Work Group is focusing on monitoring developments and providing analysis about best practices as law schools, employer organizations, and others explore the possibility of maximizing their LRAP programs' benefits by dovetailing them with the CCRAA's LRAP provisions.

Track Programming

Chair: TBD

Members: Vanassa Douglas (*Loyola New Orleans*), Hillary Exter (*Fordham*), Jennifer Hall Turney (*Florida Coastal*)

The Work Group will collaborate with the CSO Employer Outreach Section and the Law Student Professional Development Section to identify and compile resources that are designed to help new members interested in nontraditional legal career advising.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Jessica Kitson
Associate Director, Office of Career Services and
Co-Director, Eric Neisser Public Interest Program
Rutgers School of Law – Newark
973.353.3079
jkitson@kinoy.rutgers.edu