

Memorandum

To: Jennifer Zwagerman, NALP Board Liaison, Public Service Section

Cc: Fred Thrasher, NALP Deputy Director; Samuel Halpert, NALP Director of Public Service Initiatives

From: Rashida T. West, NALP Chair, Public Service Section (2018-2019)

Re: NALP Public Service Section First Quarter Board Report

Date: June 21, 2018

This report contains updates on the activities of the NALP Public Service Section and its Work Groups for the first quarter. The 2018-2019 Public Service Section Work Groups and Vice-Chairs are:

LRAP/CCRAA Work Group:

Susan J. Curry, Director of Public Interest Law and Policy, The University of Chicago | The Law School

Susan Feathers, Assistant Dean for Pro Bono and Public Interest, Rutgers Law School

Mini-Conference Planning Work Group:

Kathryn Shelton, Associate Director, Public Interest Center, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Lauren E. Seffel, Senior Law Career Counselor, Public Interest Advising and Programs, The George Washington University Law School

NALP Conference RFP Work Group:

Elizabeth R. Boe, Assistant Director of Public Interest Law, DePaul University College of Law

Lillian E. Evans, Deputy Director of Legal Recruiting and Deputy EEO Officer, New York City Law Department

Pro Bono Work Group:

Laura Burstein, Director of Public Service and Academic Success, Faculty Supervisor, Government and Public Interest Externship Program, SMU Dedman School of Law

Jennifer Mencarini, Director of Career Development, Elon University School of Law

PSJD Resources Website Work Group:

Michael Bergmann, Executive Director, Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI)

Matt Orlins, Senior Law Career Counselor, The George Washington University Law School

Publications Work Group:

Elizabeth Dunn, Director of Career and Professional Development, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Alison Lintal, Director of Career Services & Internship Programs, Dickinson Law, The Pennsylvania State University

The first Public Service Section Quarterly Call was held on June 12th at 3pm Eastern.

According to NALP Connect, the Public Service Section membership is currently at 294. Section members use NALP Connect to share job openings, information about upcoming conferences and updates on resources. Each week, the Section receives a notification of the “PSJD Public Interest News Digest” posted every Friday by Sam Halpert, which has invaluable updates on hiring trends and other news. The NALP Connect platform continues to be used robustly, and the Section is engaged and supportive on it.

WORK GROUP UPDATES

LRAP Work Group

Vice-chairs Susan Curry, Director of Public Interest Law and Policy, The University of Chicago | The Law School and Susan Feathers, Assistant Dean for Pro Bono and Public Interest, Rutgers Law School

The LRAP / CCRAA Work Group met in early June and called on its nine members to:

- 1) Revise their current [Work Group roster](#) which stands at eight law school representatives and Isaac Bowers from EJW.
- 2) Set a tentative list of quarterly Work Group calls.
 - **August 28, 2018 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern/ 2:00 p.m. Central/ 12:00 p.m. Pacific**
 - **December 4, 2018 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern/ 2:00 p.m. Central/ 12:00 p.m. Pacific**
 - **March 12, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern/ 2:00 p.m. Central/ 12:00 p.m. Pacific**
 - **June 4, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. Eastern/ 2:00 p.m. Central/ 12:00 p.m. Pacific**
- 3) Review and edit the 2017-2018 [Law School and State LRAP Overview](#)

At their August 2018 meeting, they will be setting the program agenda for 2018-2019, which will culminate in a spring NALP webinar.

Mini-Conference Planning Work Group

Vice-chairs Kathryn Shelton, Associate Director, Public Interest Center, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and Lauren E. Seffel, Senior Law Career Counselor, Public Interest Advising and Programs, The George Washington University Law School

The Mini Conference Work Group is exploring session topics (4 needed for 2 breakout sessions) and keynote speakers, while keeping in mind networking interests and making the conference attractive for employers. They plan to distribute a survey to the entire public service section in late June/early July to gauge interest in topics for mini-conference sessions and keynote speakers. After they have that information, they will gather volunteers to plan each session.

Dates: Public Interest Advising 101, Wednesday October 24 – Late afternoon/evening

Mini-Conference: Thursday, October 25th - All day

Location: University of California's Washington, DC Center

NALP Conference RFP Work Group

Vice-chairs: Elizabeth Boe, Assistant Director, Law Career Services, DePaul University College of Law and Lillian E. Evans, Deputy Director of Legal Recruiting and Deputy EEO Officer, New York City Law Department

During the public service section meeting at the 2018 Annual Education Conference time was spent discussing possible RFP topics for the 2018 Annual Education Conference. Following NALP Annual, the RFP Work Group convened a section-wide call to discuss topics and collaborations. The Vice Chairs also reached out via NALP Connect to solicit proposals and topics. Work Group Vice Chairs then reviewed all public interest section RFP proposal drafts and provided feedback. Fifteen total proposals (up from a total of 7 submitted last year) on behalf of the public interest section were submitted for consideration, listed below.

1. Easing the Student Debt Crisis: Financial Management Tools to Empower the New Generation
2. Progressive Prosecutors and their Commitment to Criminal Justice Reform
3. The Trump Effect – Empowering and Advising the Next Generation of Social Justice Attorneys
4. New Trends in Affordable Legal Services: Access to Justice Careers in the US and Canada
5. Who’s the Expert Here? Hitting the Reset Button on Peer Counseling
6. Public Sector Interviewing With Confidence
7. Thinking Outside the Box... Maximizing Efforts to Ensure a Diverse Applicant Pool
8. Helping The Helpers: Addressing Secondary Trauma to Support Sustainable Service
9. Law Students & Bars and Your Dean of Students Doesn’t Have to get Involved.
10. Equal Justice Works Decoded – The Fellowship Process & Beyond
11. Judicial Clerkships: A Strategic Stop on the Public Interest Career Path
12. Movement and Community Lawyering
13. Civil Right to Counsel: How fighting eviction is creating new opportunities for attorneys.
14. First Generation Student Advising – Public Interest Edition
15. Now You’ve Built It, Getting Them to Come: Collaborating with Your Marketing/Web Team to Promote Professional Development & Public Interest Programs

Pro Bono Work Group

Vice-chairs: Laura Burstein, Director of Public Service and Academic Success, SMU Dedman School of Law, and Jennifer Mencarini, Director of Career Development, Elon University School of Law

The Pro Bono Work Group will be working on the following projects this year:

1. Prepare a NALP Bulletin article about how law schools without a full-time pro bono coordinator provide meaningful, plentiful pro bono opportunities for students;
2. Conduct research with law schools in order to prepare a “best practices” resource about developing pro bono opportunities for students;
3. Collaborate with the AALS pro bono section;
4. Monitor developments with state bars considering adopting pre-admission or licensure maintenance pro bono requirements.

They have scheduled their workgroup conference calls as follows:

Thursday, June 21	3 p.m. EDT
Thursday, September 20	3 p.m. EDT
Thursday, January 17	3 p.m. EST
Thursday, April 18	3 p.m. EDT

PSJD Resources Work Group

Vice-chairs: Michael Bergmann, Executive Director, Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) and Matt Orlins, Senior Law Career Counselor, The George Washington University Law School

The projects they are planning to work on this year:

1. **Practice Guides:** The PSJD Working Group helped to standardize the format and structure of the Practice Guides found in the Resource Center. There are several potential areas for which they might develop new guides.
2. **Student Interviews with Public Interest Practitioners:** An idea to coordinate and then post online interviews with public interest practitioners on PSJD, which would include insights and experiences from the field, including how to land that kind of job, tips for ongoing career development, and details of practice in a particular area of the law.
3. **Government jobs and salaries:** They already have some resources on PSJD in this area that should be reviewed to determine if updates are needed and/or exist. There are also many publicly available databases of government salaries on both the federal and state level. An idea that it could be valuable for PSJD to create a catalog of these resources and how to use them to investigate attorney pay.

Publications Work Group

Vice-chairs: Elizabeth Dunn, Director of Career and Professional Development, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law and Alison Lintal, Director of Career Services & Internship Programs, Dickinson Law, The Pennsylvania State University

The Publications Work Group has been speaking with potential authors and securing authors for publication. They have forwarded a proposed slate to NALP who is cross-checking internally for any duplication with other sections. They will plan to follow up individually with authors to finalize topics, deadlines and publication dates once they hear back from Allison Beard at NALP. They plan to secure 1-2 additional authors as part of the NALP mini-conference in October. Below is their proposed article list below:

Proposed Publication Date	Tentative Topic	Author	Email
July	Keeping ourselves going in difficult times	Susan Schechter	sschechter@law.berkeley.edu
August	How Well are Career Services Offices Preparing Students for Federal Employment	Elisha Garvey	egarvey4@gmu.edu
September	Making the Most of the EJW Conference	Liz Dunn	eed45@gmail.com
October	Teaching Law Students to Lead and Serve – Highlighting the Leading Law Students Program	Lauren Hartley Martin	leh203@psu.edu
November	TBD	Kaycee Crisp	kcrisp@law.utexas.edu
December	Leading on D&I Issues When Not a Minority (with Courtney Carter)	Nicole Netkin-Collins	Nicole.NetkinCollins@Colorado.EDU
January	Creating Pro Bono Opportunities when you lack resources or a dedicated role	Jennifer Gibert Mencarini	jmencarini2@elon.edu
February	Conservation Law Foundation: Returning to Public Interest Practice	Toni Hicks	thicks@clf.org
March	Leveraging local DA and PD offices from pre-law school to post-grad	Mary Beth S. Moore	marybeth.moore@case.edu
April	Preparing Students to be Mental Health Advocates	Teresa Schmiedeler	tschmiedeler@law.umaryland.edu

May

Using Mindfulness to
Foster Reflection in
Internships

June

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