The International Law Society partners with different student organizations and faculty year round to provide an eclectic mix of events for students at Penn State Law and the School of International Affairs. Our goal is to provide insight and exposure to international opportunities while we are still in school. And, as we all know and look forward to are those hands on experiences that occur during the summer either through an internship or study abroad program. But, you may be asking yourself: “self, where do I start looking for international internships?” or “which study abroad program is right for me?” ILS recommends that you start your search NOW.

Here are a few internship deadlines coming up that might be of interest:

- **Overseas Private Investment Corporation** - Due February 28th, 2011
- **Organization of the American States** - Due March 15th, 2011
- **Inter-American Commission on Human Rights** - Due March 14, 2011
- **Office of the United States Trade Representative - Student Internship Program** - Due March 15th, 2011
- **U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe** - Due March 15th, 2011
- **U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of General Counsel - Summer Legal Internship Program** - Due March 15th, 2011
- **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom - Legal Research Intern** - Due April 1st, 2011

So are we!

On October 21-23, 2010, the American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) and the International Law Students Association (ILSA) hosted their annual International Law Weekend in New York City. Five members of the International Law Society (ILS) attended the events hosted at Fordham University School of Law in Manhattan. The event united practitioners, students, and academics to an event focused on panel discussions on a range of issues related to the practice of public and private international law. In addition to several dozen thematic panels, the event also included the first annual student career fair, which was a selection of topics such as “Pathways to Employment in International Law,” “Practicing International Law at NGOs and International Organizations,” and “International Litigation and Arbitration.” These panels included attorneys working at various non-governmental organizations, law firms, universities, and international organizations. Through the generosity of Professor Louis R. Del Duca, an advisor to the International Law Society, two of our members also had the opportunity to attend the Annual Luncheon of ABILA and hear a talk given by Professor David D. Caron, a noted expert in international law, who spoke on issues related to the environment and geo-engineering in a global context. The International Law Weekend was free to attend for all members of the International Law Students Association, of which the International Law Society is an active chapter. The ILS encourages all members to consider attending future events of this kind and will post new event notices as they become available.

—ILS President Jonathan Brandon, 2L
Wondering what it would be like to study abroad in law school? We’ve asked a few students to briefly share their experiences to get a flavor of the different programs at Penn State Law. Note: Penn State Law program grades will count towards your GPA. If you’re looking at doing a study abroad program through another school, you should check with the registrar to see if the grades/credits will transfer.

Which Penn State Law Study Abroad Program did you participate in?

Adnan Amiri (3L): Maastricht University
Laura Sarowitz (3L): Montreal
Ashante’ Kirby (3L): Florence/Rome/Siena
Jamie Augustinsky (2L): Florence/Rome/Siena
Duane Rohrbacher (2L): Capitals of Europe

What was your interest (goal) for choosing this program?

Amiri: To develop a better understanding of international and comparative law. I also wanted to travel around Europe.

Sarowitz: As an upcoming editor on the Yearbook of Arbitration and Mediation, I wanted to become more familiar and comfortable with the arbitration material, as well as network for future opportunities.

Kirby: I was interested in comparative law, I needed extra credits, and I had never been to Europe.

Augustinsky: Ever since college, I had wanted to study abroad in Italy. When I researched this program, I thought that it had the perfect combination of educational and cultural opportunities that would give me a great overall experience abroad.

Rohrbacher: To study under a Supreme Court Justice and to be exposed to the international courts/tribunals.

Did your experience meet your expectations?

Amiri: Yes. Although, I had to adjust to the school’s approach to teaching and testing (Professor’s assign heavy reading assignments and test questions are based mainly on identifying relevant laws rather than applying case law to a hypothetical fact pattern). The school offered various courses relevant to international law. Also, Maastricht is an hour train ride from Eindhoven Airport, where you can catch cheap flights with Ryan Air to most European countries for the weekend.

Sarowitz: Absolutely. I received a firm grasp of arbitration on a global scale and completely filled my business card holder with worldly contacts.

Kirby: My expectations were fulfilled to some extent, although I did not take into account my allergies/asthma so I became ill during the program. We covered a lot of material in four weeks, I wish that it was longer.

Augustinsky: Yes.

Rohrbacher: Yes.

What was your favorite class?

Amiri: International development law.

Sarowitz: Investment Arbitration. I was fascinated by the governments of developing nations’ use of arbitration to promote trade, commerce, and tourism within their economies.

Kirby: Comparative Family Law with Professor Rains, by far one of the best classes in Italy, and indeed my law career.

Augustinsky: Comparative Family Law.

Rohrbacher: Comparative Constitutional Law.

What was your favorite memory/experience?

Amiri: Tutorial sessions with Development law with Professor Kate Rose Senders, a great teacher and a great class. I recommend students take it.

Sarowitz: We spent an afternoon at the American Consulate’s Office, learning how to, and who can get short-term access into the U.S. I was fascinated by how much back-ground information our border control has.

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Kirby: My favorite experience was seeing the Tuscan area with my friends, and travelling to other parts of Europe with them.

Augustinsky: What I enjoyed the most about this program was that I had a chance to bond with other Penn State Law students, while also meeting some great people from other law schools. I formed some really strong friendships with people from law schools all over the country, and I would have never got-ten the opportunity to meet these people had it not been for the program.

Rohrbacher: Having a meet and greet with Supreme Court Justice Alito on the top floor of the school in Strasbourg.

What would you recommend to others thinking about doing this program?

Amiri: You are only allowed to take a maximum of 13 credits, which you’ll have to make up in other semesters. A few things about living in the Netherlands can be annoying, such as Dutch not being entirely warm to foreigners and having a difficult time opening a bank ac-count.

Sarowitz: Read on a Nutshell on arbitration before clas-ses begin. They are extensive. Also, for housing, check for subletters with the McGill dorms. They are adjacent to the law building.

Kirby: I believe it’s a great experience for others who are interested in comparative law, the courses focus on the entire EU—not just Italy.

Augustinsky: At first, I was unsure if I should do a sum-mer study abroad program because I thought it might take away from my summer work experience. But my summer employer was very accommodating and appreciated the fact that I wanted to take classes during my summer off. I was still able to work after the program and gain valuable work experience during the summer, and get six credits worth of classes out of the way to lighten my course load during my next four semesters at law school.

Rohrbacher: Budget your money wisely and try to experience as much culture as possible.

Best food/drink/tourist site you would recommend?

Amiri: Carnival weekend in March.

Sarowitz: A visit to Quebec City, preferably with an overnight stay and a hike up the waterfall. And, an evening at the International Beer Festival. Make sure to try a beer from the Dieu de Ciel Brewery. Eat a beavertail from the Old Port in Montreal, and a smoked meat sandwich from Schwartz’s.

Kirby: The amazing thing about the Tuscan region is that you can take a local bus or train to get anywhere. The food was great in all of Italy, but I had the best time in Pisa. In Florence, the area around Duomo is the center of all the action: Shopping, Food, Bars, Pub-shes, and Clubs, and typically you can go out every night of the week.

Augustinsky: I would definitely recommend hiking to San Miniato al Monte, a church at one of the highest points of the city. The hike is pretty long, but it takes you out of the main part of the city and allows you to experience the beauty of the Tuscan hillside. The church itself is beautiful, and the view from the church is absolutely amazing as you can see the whole city below you. I would recommend starting the hike a few hours before sunset so you could watch the sunset there. We found a nearby outdoor restaurant to eat dinner at and watched the sunset from the balcony.

Rohrbacher: Basically any restaurant that is authentic will have something delicious. Don’t forget the little kebab shops!

THANK YOU to the students who responded who submit-ted their responses to our questions!

Penn State Law Study Abroad information can be obtained at the following website:

http://law.psu.edu/academics/specialized_fields_of_study/international_and_transnational_law/education_abroad
SEARCHING FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

The American Bar Association’s Section of International Law hosts a website that facilitates legal internships for US law students hoping to intern abroad for law firms found in four continents who have practices in a range of fields. The program’s website [www.abanet.org/intlaw/intlinternship.html] includes a listing of firms that have agreed to host potential interns. The entries include a firm description, duration of the internship, responsibilities and application requirements. Making contact with these firms and any steps that might follow are between the student and the firm, and the ABA does not take a role in the internship.

Another option for international internships with American firms is browsing on Westlaw [www.lawschool.westlaw.com] by clicking on the Career Resources tab.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST SEMESTER, ILS hosted an international law faculty/student reception

On the evening of Wednesday, September 29th, the International Law Society hosted the annual International Law Faculty Reception. Esteemed faculty members from both the University Park and Carlisle campuses joined students to answer questions about the faculty members’ work in the international field. The event made use of the Penn State Dickinson School of Law’s excellent technological resources by teleconferencing with the students and faculty at the other campus in order to allow students to engage with faculty they might not otherwise have the opportunity to meet.

Following the question-and-answer portion of the evening each campus hosted an hor d’oeuvres reception. During this portion students had the opportunity to discuss current international legal issues and students and faculty were able to become more familiar with each other outside the classroom setting. In this way students and faculty were able to discuss topics as diverse as international business law to human rights to international sports contracts, providing students with a better understanding of the breadth and depth of the international legal field.

- ILS Member Meagan Jensen, 1L

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SPOTLIGHT

The School of International Affairs hosted a presentation on human trafficking on the evening of October 25th in the Greg Sutliff Auditorium, and was sponsored by the local United Nations Association. The event was open to the public and drew a large crowd from the community. This presentation, titled—Human Rights and Responsibility: The Issue of Modern Slavery, was presented by Dr. Mary C. Burke, the founder and executive director of the Project to End Human Trafficking. The presentation attempted to construct a definition of human trafficking, reviewed the international framework of the issue, over-viewed the availability of information regarding human trafficking, addressed underlying factors, discussed victims experiences, and identified efforts to combat slavery. Following the presentation, an informal question and answer period was conducted allowing the audience to raise their concerns and inquiries to be addressed by Dr. Burke. Human Trafficking is a problem worldwide and an issue of great importance in international law. The photographs are a few of the informational bulletins present at the event.

For more information or a copy of the Power-Point presentation: www.endhumantrafficking.org.

- ILS Member Sarah Hart, 2L
INTERNATIONAL EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS AND AT THE LAW SCHOOL:

International Coffee Hour
Where: Global Lounge, 410 Bouke Building
When: Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Traditional Chinese Tea Ceremony (GongFu Cha) Club
Where: 34 Ritenour Building
When: Wednesdays, 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Virtual Open House for L.L.M. Applicants
Where: Online
When January 19, 2011, 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Forum Speaker Series Lecture: “—Counterterrorism Overview” with Assistant Director of Counterterrorism James W. McJunkin
Where: Penn Stater
When February 25, 2011

Barbara Jordan Lecture with Victor Romero: “Decriminalizing Border Crossings”
Where: Nittany Lion Inn, Assembly Room
When: March 21, 2011, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The International Law Society is pleased to announce that it will be jointly hosting, along with the School of International Affairs, a program on government contracting that will present a diverse range of views on the issue. The specific topic has yet to be determined, but will involve defense/foreign aid contracting and will occur sometime in late February to early March. Look for updates concerning the setting and presenters of the event in the coming weeks. So stay tuned. It promises to be a very good program.

- ILS VP (Carlisle) Tamara Good, 2L

UPCOMING ILS EVENTS, dates TBD:
- ILS/SIA Round Table on government contracting abroad
- International Career Symposium
- Lunch and Learn Lectures
- Diversity Week
- ILS Mixer

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