

# EHPP NEWSLETTER

## *EHPP Major Lands Prestigious Summer Internship with the U.S. Supreme Court.*



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I spent my summer interning in Washington, D.C. at the Supreme Court. Contrary to popular belief, I learned that it's actually not the highest court in the land; that would be the basketball court two floors above the courtroom. The Court's bureaucracy puts a pretty tight lid on the information that the interns are

allowed to share, but I think I'm safe telling you the following: I played basketball with law clerks and federal judges, met seven of nine Supreme Court Justices, saw the Court hand down its most contentious decisions of the term, saw Justice Stevens' last day on the bench, worked a couple of weekends, read lots of Supreme Court decisions, and met Lawrence Fishbourne. I think you will also be glad to know that after almost every day of work, I would get a text from my mom asking, "did you have a supreme day?" So, in a nutshell, I'd say I had a supreme summer.

*--Andrew Robb*

### GET INVOLVED

Our major has a Student Advisory Committee (SAC), which is freely open to anyone in the major.

We meet about once a month, plan events for the major, and generally are inspired by a dynamic and driven group of students.

Email Tracy London, one of our two talented advisors, at [tlondon@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:tlondon@andrew.cmu.edu) to get on the d-list. It has light traffick, so don't worry about an overloaded inbox.

Come on by!

### *Update from Prof. Jay Aronson*

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a professor at Carnegie Mellon is that I get to work with truly phenomenal students both as a teacher and an advisor. But what else do I do? At the risk of boring you, Jessica suggested I let you know how I am exploring the use of science in highly contested legal and social contexts this semester:

DNA Identification in the American Legal System. Since my first book, *Genetic Witness: Science, Law, and Controversy in the Making of DNA Profiling*, was published in 2007 I have written a series of articles and book chapters on the impact of recent scientific advances (particularly DNA identification and brain imaging) on notions of responsibility, finality, and justice in criminal jurisprudence.

Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster DNA Identification. Generously funded by NIH's Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Human Genomic Research (ELSI) Program, I am examining the ethical, social, and political dimensions of DNA profiling to identify missing people in post-conflict (think Bosnia, Rwanda, Iraq) and post-disaster (think 9/11, 2004 Tsunami, Haiti earthquake) situations.

Civilian Casualty Recording and Estimation in Times of Armed Conflict. I have gotten involved in improving methods for recording and estimating civilian casualties in times of conflict. The lack of agreement on methods and standards had lead to major public disagreements over the validity and accuracy of casualty counts around the world (most notably in Iraq, but also in Congo, Central African Republic, and Afghanistan).

I hope that gives you a decent idea about what I do outside the classroom. If you have an interest in any of the projects I just described, feel free to come talk to me as there may be research opportunities in one of these areas for you as well. Even if you don't, now know something about what I do!

*--Jay*

*EHPP majors are a diverse and distinguished group. This edition of our fall newsletter includes profiles of four EHPPers who did exciting things this past summer. From St Louis to Paris and DC!*

#### EMILY KENNEDY'S INTERNSHIP WITH THE PROTECTION PROJECT

I worked at a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. this summer called The Protection Project which is based out of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), funded by a generous Friedman Fellowship Grant.

**I researched international laws** and international affairs related to human trafficking. In addition, I got to take part in publishing a review of the annual Trafficking in Persons Report published by the U.S. State Department.

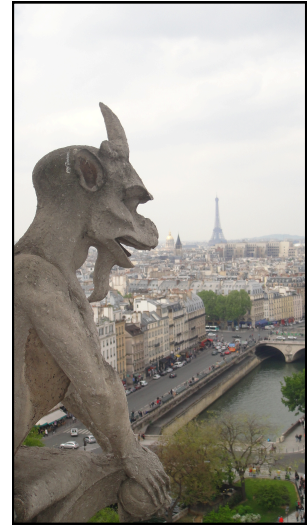
It was a great experience and I met some wonderful people this summer!



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#### MENA ASSAD'S SUMMER IN PARIS

Being on a leave of absence for a year allowed me to explore many opportunities and do many activities I can't do while in school. A major part of my year off was traveling and if I was to talk about one place of all the places I have been to then **I would choose Paris**. I spent about seven weeks roaming the streets of Paris and engaging in its rich historical and artistic culture. The city has this aesthetic feeling that still haunts me and therefore I am applying to go back for a semester abroad next semester. From the high bell garrets of the Notre Dame to the Parisian architecture in the 7th arrondissement all the way to Avenue des Champs-Élysées the city's energy is one unparalleled experience that I advise everyone to pursue. After all, as Victor Hugo puts it, "*Ce n'est rien de mourir; c'est affreux de ne pas vivre*" (It is nothing to die; it is horrible not to live).



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#### JESSICA DICKINSON GOODMAN'S FELLOWSHIP WITH POLARIS PROJECT



This past summer I was the new media fellow for the Polaris Project, the nation's largest anti-human trafficking organization **combating all forms of modern-day slavery**. I taught victims of human trafficking to write resumes, created a Tweet-A-Thon touching 100,000 people, and developed a social media tool for counting victims of human trafficking on Craigslist with the help of my volunteer/fiancee.

Modern-day slavery touches at least 27 million people worldwide, including 100,000 to 300,000 children in the U.S. a year in commercial sex. While I am not sure I can deal with the trauma-level of anti-trafficking work, I know it is a cause I will remain connected with for the rest of my life.

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## INTERNSHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOP

*Want to fight modern-day slavery? Explore the legal system from the inside-out? Represent the U.S. government abroad?*

You can through a summer internship. The EHPP SAC and Pre-Law Society are sponsoring an internship workshop on October 25. We'll start with 3 esteemed speakers for the first half-hour, covering:

1. How to write the right resume, and resume your life.
2. What an application reviewer looks for.
3. What it takes to get a nationally competitive summer position.

Then, our trained volunteers will staff 3 stations where you can get help finding a summer position, crafting your resume and cover letter, and getting the entire package reviewed. The goal of the event is for every person there to get 1 application out by the end of the night. There'll be food. Interested?

*Internship Application Workshop  
October 25, 4:30-9pm  
H&SS Gingers, the black couches near Advising.  
Bring a laptop if you have one!*

## 25 PUBLIC INTEREST SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN 5 CITIES

### Chicago

1. Great Lakes Region Intern, Waterkeeper Alliance
2. Chicago Access Network (CAN) TV Internship, CAN TV.
3. Chicago Sports marketing, Orphans International America / Better Future International.
4. Design Intern, AIDS Foundation of Chicago.
5. Mercy For Animals Internship, Mercy for Animals.

### San Francisco

1. Memoir Writing Internship, Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute.
2. Healthline Internship Reproductive Health, Rights, & Justice, ACCESS/Women's Health Rights Coalition.
3. Middle East Program Intern, Interfaith PeaceBuilders.
4. Intern to the National Organizing Director, Food & Water Watch.
5. Artist Resources Intern, Intersection for the Arts.



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### New York

1. Social Justice Summer Internship, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest.
2. Social Media and Database Intern, The Council for American Students in International Negotiations.
3. Haiti Program Intern, Digital Democracy.
4. Corporate Department Internship, Council on Foreign Relations.
5. Special Events Intern, Make the Road New York.

### Washington, DC

1. Research Assistant, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.
2. Programs Assistant, Latino Student Fund (LSF).
3. Win Without War Program Intern, Center for International Policy.
4. Marketing and Graphic Design Intern, KIPP DC.
5. Refugee Protection Program Internship, Human Rights First.

### Houston

1. NonProfit Management Internship, Bering Omega Community Services.
2. Prospect Development Intern, U.S. Fund for UNICEF Southwest Regional Office.
3. Public Relations Intern, Sewa International Houston.
4. Crisis Intervention Internship, Crisis Intervention of Houston.
5. Development Fellowship, Children At Risk.



## CHRISTINE PETER'S INTERNSHIP WITH THE MISSOURI HISTORY MUSEUM

This past summer I worked under a museum curator as an exhibits and research intern at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis. My research focused primarily on the historical context of regional environmental issues. Aside from the expected rewards of a unique internship experience, **I became familiar with the unknown territory of the museum industry** and adopted new approaches to research. The larger portion of a museum's functions is not open to the public eye and the opportunity to have access to enormous store rooms of museum collections, daily conversations with curators, and a large archive at my fingertips was both overwhelming and exciting.



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## 9 TIPS FOR USING SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE JOB SEARCH

*Sometimes applying for a job requires more than a solid resume, a good suit, and an insight into the hiring organization. A solid web-presence can be nothing but an asset--here are some quick tips to getting started.*

### Google

1. Google yourself, including image, news, and blog search.
2. Your resume should be linked to by one of the first 3 search results.
3. If it is not, make a website with your name, perhaps using a free service like Wordpress.

### LinkedIn

1. Upload a resume, and it will fill in the basics for you.
2. Connect only with people who know you well.
3. Provide recommendations for them if you can; they will likely reciprocate.

### Facebook

1. Set to private; this way you can chat with friends and look professional.
2. *Like* organizations for whom you'd like to work explore them through Facebook.
3. Burn no bridges.

--by JDG

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*With emails so we can all communicate!*

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