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# Museletter

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**Library Hours**

**Exams**

(12/7 to 12/20)

**Sunday**

10:00 a.m. to midnight

**Monday to Thursday**

7:30 a.m. to midnight

**Friday**

7:30 a.m. to midnight

**Saturday**

9:00 a.m. to midnight

**Holiday Break**

(12/21 to 1/12)

**12/21**

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**12/22 to 1/1**

Closed

**1/2 to 1/4**

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**1/5 and 1/6**

Closed

**1/7 to 1/11**

7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**1/12**

Closed

Regular hours resume  
Sunday, January 13, 2008.

## Who's Who Among the University of Richmond School of Law Student Associates, Part II

by Kim Wiseman

In the last edition of the Museletter, we introduced you to half of the student associates who work in the library. Now, here are the other superstars!

The Circulation Desk employs sixteen student assistants. They work a wide range of hours from 7:00 a.m. (opening the library) to closing the library at night. Their duties are as varied as their hours: checking out books, shelving books, securing the library, and much, much more.

**Trevor Reid** is originally from Ellensburg, WVA. As an undergrad at Gonzaga University, he contemplated going to law school, and working for his home state's attorney general while still in college sealed his plan. Because law school is so exciting, he has no idea what kind of law he wants to practice. Working at the Circulation Desk enables Trevor to build his work schedule around his class schedule, and not vice-versa.

Coming from a huge school like BYU to UR has been a transition for **Drew Mann**. He also traded West Coast living (Auburn, WA) to East Coast living. At 14, Drew worked with his uncle, a lawyer, and he really enjoyed it. So Drew decided early on to pursue law. His interest includes antitrust and internal competition law. Like Trevor, Drew enjoys the flexible hours working in the library offers.

**Brooks Kamszik** likes working at the library's Circulation Desk. One of the benefits of working in the library is having study time when not helping a patron. Brooks worked for Wake County Human Services after finishing his undergraduate degree at UNC. The experience provided him with the insight that law school would help him be more effective as an advocate for his clients, in hopes of empowering underrepresented populations. Not surprisingly, Brooks plans to work with criminal defense or legal aid once he graduates.

**Cory Carver** also spent time in Utah, growing up in West Valley City and going to undergrad at the University of Utah. Cory is a decisive man. In November 2005, about two months before applications were due, he decided to come to law school. He took the LSAT in December and started applying. He joined the USMC and wants to be a JAG officer. He's interested in international law (criminal), as well as criminal prosecution. He enjoys the study time working the Circulation Desk affords him, as well as having the library resources close at hand.

After working for a few years, **Alyssa Emery** was looking into developing her career and finding out what further education she needed to do so. She took an introduction to

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government contracts class taught by two attorneys, and that is all the inspiration she needed to come to law school. She grew up in Fairfax, VA, and attended West Virginia University. Not surprisingly, Alyssa's interest after law school includes rules and regulations.

Which one of our esteemed circulation student employees grew up in Taiwan, Egypt, San Diego, AND Boise, Idaho? That would be **Capri Miller**. After all that excitement, she found herself at Mount Holyoke as an undergraduate. Capri can't remember a time when she didn't want to go to law school. She is interested in criminal/trial work (and is getting a taste of that now, working part-time) and enjoys working in the library.

**Joe Laws** just can't seem to get enough of UR. Having grown up in Genoa, Ohio, Joe followed his brother's footsteps to Virginia and found himself finishing his undergraduate degree at UR. His brother also graduated from here, and Joe thought "Why not. I'll give it a shot." He would like to work in labor or employment law. Joe values the dedicated study time and working with nice people when he's scheduled at the Circulation Desk.

Before heading to Winona State University, **Lee Novotny** knew he wanted to go to law school. Having witnessed police corruption while in high school, he wanted to be in a position to do something about it in the future. So he left his hometown in Chatfield, MN, and is enjoying law school. When asked what kind of law he would like to practice, Lee responded "the kind that entails four day work weeks and six weeks of vacation each year." Sounds good!!

Even in the electronic age, there are still students who appreciate books. In fact, **John O'Herron** says one of the things he enjoys about working in the library is the free books. Growing up in Marshall, VA, John went to Christendom College and decided on law school his junior year. He is undecided on what type of law he wants to practice.

Believe it or not, not everyone who grows up in Blacksburg, VA, attends Virginia Tech. **Justin Paget** found his way out of town and went to UNC as an undergraduate. Coming to law school was an easy decision for Justin. Talking to his father one day, his dad said, "Son, I'll support anything you do except going to law school." What was a son to do? Although he hasn't decided on what kind of law he wants to practice, he does know what he doesn't want to do -- spend anytime inside the courtroom. Working in the library, Justin believes that it's the epitomical opportunity to fight for truth, justice and the American way.

**Daniel Payne** has made a short tour of Virginia. Growing up in Roanoke, he headed four hours east to the College of William and Mary as an undergraduate. He majored in philosophy and decided law school would be a natural progression after he graduated. He would like to practice in the First Amendment/religious freedom arena. Daniel enjoys the bright, shining faces that come in and out of the library - keep up that happy demeanor in the coming month!

**Vinicius Portugal** was exposed to international law as an undergrad, spending a year in Europe studying abroad. His hometown is Kissimmee, FL, and he spent his undergraduate years in Virginia attending George Washington University. Not surprisingly, Vinicius' career goals include practicing international law. He also has another perspective on the benefits of working in the library: he gets to keep up on all of what's happening in the law school. So, if you find yourself needing to know, Vinicius is IN the know.

**Miriam Sincell** decided a month before her senior year at Bucknell University that having a law degree would enhance her ability to contribute to the community. Not surprisingly, she wants to pursue a law career in public interest -- either legal aid or public defense, juvenile justice, and education. She says that everyone she works with is a joy. She enjoys helping people, and multitasking helps her to focus on her homework.

It's an interesting thing when you think you know what your career path is and something comes your way, like just one business law class, that changes your path. That is what happened to **Heather Walczak**. As a business major at the University of Maryland, business law was a required class. After taking that class, she decided she liked law better than business, and the rest is history. She's interested in IP, products liability, and litigation (thought I was



going to say corporate law, didn't you?). When asked why she liked working in the law library, Heather said, "what could be better than getting paid to study and help friends?" What better indeed, Heather.

Having grown up in Richmond, **Katie Wallmeyer** wanted to get out of town for undergrad and headed to the College of William and Mary. While there, she wrote a thesis on campaign finance law, which got her very interested in law school. So back to Richmond she came. Although she's not sure where her ultimate focus will be career wise, she does enjoy her studies. Katie enjoys watching everyone come and go from the library. It's a good place for people watching!

**Theresa Young** grew up in Stafford, VA, and went to Northeastern University in Boston. She decided to go to law school after working for the Governor's Judicial Nominating Commission in Massachusetts. She also has previous experience in law enforcement and working with U.S. attorneys and associated personnel. Consequently, she shifted her focus to the legal aspect of the criminal system. She's interested in public sector criminal law. Theresa also has a dream. She secretly is hoping to fulfill her fantasy of dancing through the aisles of books to "Don't You (Forget about Me)." Oops. It's not a secret anymore.

We also have a dedicated staff of UR undergraduate students who work behind the scenes to help the library in many ways. You may have seen these students walk through the library and wonder, "what year is he/she?"

**Lauren Fink** is from Morristown, NJ. Her future goals include pursuing a career in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She's a member of the Tri-Delta sorority and hopes to get more involved in organizations on campus. Working in the Law Library has allowed Lauren to meet and interact with new people around campus. It's also an easy, quick way to make spending money, and the hours are flexible when need be.

**Jaclyn Gundermann** is also majoring in business with a concentration in marketing. Being from Cold Spring Harbor, NY, Jaclyn's goal is to work at a firm in NYC, Boston or Washington, D.C. She completed her first 10K this past spring, and ran another local race this month. When it came time to decide on a part-time campus job, Jaclyn weighed her options and decided she liked the Law Library's atmosphere the best.

**Melissa Mitchell** is a business major as well. Although she likes being in Richmond, her puppies are home in West Grove, PA, and she does miss having them with her. She is on the road to recovery after her fourth shoulder surgery. She, like many of our law students, enjoys the library's relaxed environment and her colleagues.

And, finally, the library has one student who worked here as an undergraduate and now is working in the library as a law student. In one respect, **Paul Falabella** is the "oldest" student worker in the Law Library, having worked as the digitization student assistant for three years during his undergraduate career. Now, as digitization project coordinator, Paul is scanning Virginia Supreme Court briefs to be part of a huge database mounted on Hein Online on behalf of a consortium of Virginia academic and court law libraries. Paul came to the University of Richmond from Massachusetts. Here he studied sociology with concentrations in women's studies and Italian studies. He has already spent three summers, plus a semester, studying, living, working and traveling in Italy. Not a bad life! Paul doesn't yet know what type of law he wants to practice, but he's intrigued by public policy issues that are at play in every area of the law.

Well, there you have it. Our dedicated student associate staff. All of the full-time employees of the law library can't thank them enough, and I know the whole law school community appreciates their hard work and dedication.

## Welcome!

The Law Library welcomes two new employees. **Ms. Florence Pang** has recently joined the staff as a library associate in cataloging (technical services). She has recently relocated to the Richmond area from Hanover, New Hampshire. Ms. Pang received a B.A. in English from Soo Chow University, Taiwan, and a Master's in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh. **Ms. Vicky Moody** will begin as the Public Services Assistant on December 10. Ms. Moody is a graduate of the University of Richmond, having earned a degree in Liberal Arts. She also holds a Master's in Library & Information Studies from Florida State University.



## Protect Yourself From Computer/Data Loss

TUITION FOR LAW SCHOOL: \$30,010 per year  
BOOKS PER SEMESTER: \$600  
COST OF A LAPTOP FOR LAW SCHOOL: ~\$2,000  
LOSING ALL OF YOUR DATA: Priceless



Fortunately for the law school, we do not have many computers that get stolen from our building. Every year, however, we hear stories of students who have had their computers stolen from cars, apartments, even restaurants. Just as disheartening as it is to have your computer stolen, having an unrecoverable hardware malfunction can be just as traumatic – in each case, what is really lost is important data from your hard drive.

- Back up your computer regularly using Netfiles or saving data to a DVD or external hard drive.
- Protect yourself from a hardware failure by keeping your computer under warranty.
- Make sure your computer is covered under renters/homeowners/laptop insurance.
- Use good judgment! Do not leave your computer unattended, especially in a visible area.

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