

RESIDENCY EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN PUBLIC POLICY

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January 2017 newsletter

SPRING 2017 REP-PP KICKS OFF IN TWO CITIES STUDENTS HEAD TO WASHINGTON, D.C. & AUSTIN, TEXAS



The Texas A&M School of Law saw eight of its students take off for Washington, D.C. and Austin, Texas, this month as part of its Residency Externship in Public Policy Program (REP-PP). These Aggie law students will spend the semester working throughout the federal and Texas governments.

BRITT BRANDON, Texas Railroad Commission
TIE SHE` CHAVIS, U.S. Senate Committee on
Homeland Security & Government Affairs
STUART CAMPBELL, Texas Health Services
Authority

SEAN GROVE, Office of Governor Greg Abbott
JESSICA LESNAU, U.S. Department of Justice,
Office of Immigration Litigation

KOURTNEE MCINTURF,
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association

HENRIK STRAND, Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality

LOLA WILSON, Senate Committee on State Affairs,
Texas Legislature

In addition to experiencing policymaking first hand, REP-PP students are engaged in

a three credit substantive seminar

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STUDENTS HEAD TO AUSTIN & DC

led by two expert adjuncts, who happen to be alumni of the law school - **Stephen Vina** in Washington, D.C., and **John Medlock** in Austin, Texas. Medlock and Vina lead the students through weekly in-depth discussions of ethics, processes, demands, and expectations that public sector lawyers routinely face.

This program will help me integrate into the “working world” before I graduate law school. I know it will give me the opportunity to further develop my professional interpersonal skills and improve my legal writing and analysis.

-Lola Wilson, 2L

The seminar also provides REP-PP students a chance to build their Aggie Network. The seminar courses are held in the Federal and State Relations Offices of the Texas A&M System so students get to meet Aggie leaders like **Scott Sudduth** and **Valerie Offutt** in Washington, D.C. and **Sarah Hicks** and **Michael O’Quinn** in Austin, Texas.

They also partake in the REP-PP Speaker Series that provides students the opportunity to discuss careers, advice, and substantive policy issues with key policymakers at the federal and state level. (See **Upcoming Events** for a list of scheduled speakers.)

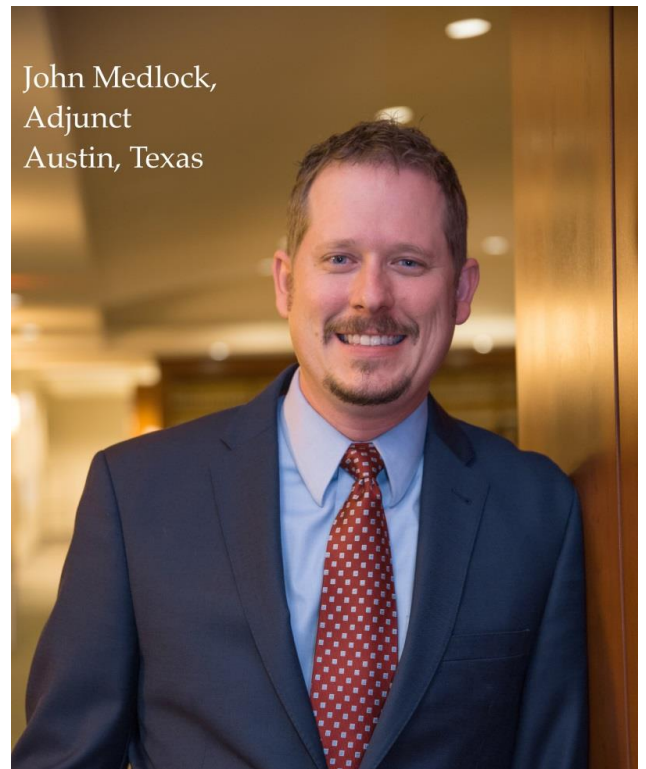
Stephen Vina, Adjunct
Washington, D.C.



The seminar readings come from a variety of sources to replicate the materials used in the policymaking process. They are designed to get students to reflect deeply on what it means to be an attorney involved in policymaking.

-Lisa A. Rich, Program Director

John Medlock,
Adjunct
Austin, Texas



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Office of Immigration Litigation
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Kourtnee McInturf, 3L
Texas Hotel & Lodging Association



Henrik Strand, 2L
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Lola Wilson, 2L
Senate Committee on State Affairs
Texas Legislature

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUSTIN

- JANUARY 19, 2017 - SEAN OPPERMAN, Committee Director, Senate Committee
on State Affairs, Texas Legislature
- JANUARY 23, 2017 - JONATHAN SMABY, Executive Director, Texas Center for Legal Ethics
- JANUARY 30, 2017 - STEVEN, SCHAR, Policy Advisor,
Office of Texas Governor Greg Abbott
- FEBRUARY 6, 2017 - GEORGE GOOCH, CEO, Texas Health Services Authority
- FEBRUARY 15, 2017 - ORANGE & MAROON DAY
- MARCH 9, 2017 - SHANNA IGO, Deputy Director for Legislative Services,
Texas Municipal League
- MARCH 13-17, 2017 - SPRING BREAK

UPCOMING EVENTS - D.C.

- JANUARY 26, 2017 - SAM RAMER, General Counsel & Vice President, Symplicity
- FEBRUARY 9, 2017 - TODD GEE, Assistant United States Attorney, Washington, D.C.
- FEBRUARY 13, 2017 - ALAN DORHOFFER, Deputy General Counsel &
KENNETH COHEN, Staff Director, U.S. Sentencing Commission
- MARCH 13-17, 2017 - SPRING BREAK
- APRIL 6, 2017 - SUSAN DUDLEY, GW Regulatory Studies Center & Distinguished Professor
of Practice Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration

UPCOMING EVENTS - FORT WORTH

NOTE: NEW FILING DEADLINES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- MARCH 23, 2017 - OPEN HOUSE FOR RESIDENCY EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN PUBLIC POLICY
Come By Professor Rich's Office, Room 108, to Learn More About the Program
- MARCH 29, 2017 - LAST DAY TO ENROLL IN FALL 2017 DRAFTING FOR PUBLIC POLICY
CLASS (REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN **SPRING 2018** PROGRAM)
- APRIL 14, 2017 - APPLICATIONS FOR **SPRING 2018** RESIDENCY EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN
PUBLIC POLICY DUE
- APRIL 20-21, 2017 - STUDENT INTERVIEWS (IF REQUIRED)
- APRIL 24, 2017 - STUDENTS NOTIFIED OF ACCEPTANCE
- APRIL 28, 2017 - MANDATORY MEETING FOR STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO PROGRAM

For more information and to follow
the 2017 REP-PP Class, visit
law.tamu.edu/rep-pp

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