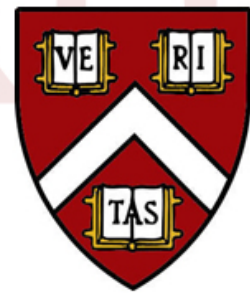


Center for Public Interest Careers at Harvard College

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Dr. Felton Earls and Dr. Mary Carlson of Harvard Medical School (pictured left) discuss children's rights with the CPIC-Heckscher Fund for Service Internship (FSI) Interns. The FSI Interns learn about issues impacting children and youth before heading off to their summer internship placements in New York City.

Students Examine Children's Rights Through CPIC-Heckscher FSI Program

25 FSI Interns prepare to work on behalf of children and youth in New York City

By Carlton Forbes '09

In preparation for their summer internships, the CPIC-Heckscher FSI Interns participated in three seminars addressing issues impacting children and youth this spring.

As a part of this seminar program, Dr. Felton Earls of the Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School (HMS) and Dr. Mary Carlson of HMS agreed to talk to students about their experiences in dealing with children's rights. They are well-known for starting an organization in Tanzania called the Child Health and Social Ecology (CHASE) Program, which focuses on reducing the stigma of HIV/AIDS in local communities.

Before the seminar, FSI Interns read case studies by Dr. Earls and Dr. Carlson and took the opportunity to

ask them questions about children's rights. When asked about the implementation of international human rights standards, Dr. Earls and Dr. Carlson emphasized the importance of teaching people about the rights they have as individuals – a concept that many, especially children, do not at first acknowledge.

In response to a student's question about children and voting rights, Dr. Carlson pointed out that "voting is important, but it's the last step in citizenship." Dr. Carlson said there are four rights crucial to childhood development: the right to be a citizen, the right to have an opinion, the right to be taken seriously, and the right to associate with others. In the case of HIV/AIDS, that means knowing

about the virus and knowing about testing and treatment.

Dr. Earls and Dr. Carlson also provided advice for FSI Interns as they prepare to work this summer at organizations in New York that work on behalf of children. Dr. Earls said that it is highly important to keep parents involved when it comes to a program for children, such as the CHASE program. He also suggested that it was helpful to engage representatives from local government. While in Tanzania, local representatives in the community would accompany Dr. Earls and Dr. Carlson on any projects or events that they planned with children. Their involvement proved important to the project's ultimate success.

FSI Interns found the seminar to

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CPIC 2009 Statistics

250+ students applied to the CPIC Fellowship and Internship Program and the CPIC-Heckscher FSI program in 2009. We are still accepting Fellowship applications from students and identifying new Host Organization placements.

80+ nonprofit and public interest organizations posted Fellowship and Internship opportunities through the CPIC Fellowship and Internship Program in 2009.

97 students have been placed through the CPIC Fellowship and Internship and FSI Programs this year. That total includes 34 Fellows, 38 Interns, and 25 FSI Interns.

37 Harvard Clubs Summer Community Service Fellows will be working at nonprofit organizations across North America. Eighteen Harvard Clubs and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) sponsored student internships in the arts, public interest law, public health, environmental issues, education, and several other fields.

Letter From The Center

Dear Friends,

Despite a challenging economic climate, CPIC had a record year for program placements, with 97 students placed in Fellowships and Internships across the country through the CPIC Fellowship and Internship program. Our previous high for Fellowship and Internship placements was 76 (set last year). Student excitement about public interest careers continues to be very strong, and we would really like to acknowledge our alumni/ae volunteers for all of their hard work this past year. Many of these placements would not have been possible without them.

We are continuing to explore new ways to expand our community presence, on campus and beyond, and we recently launched a page on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/harvardcpic>), where we advertise new job postings for students and CPIC alumni/ae. CPIC programs primarily focus on internships and entry-level job opportunities, but Twitter gives us the flexibility to post senior-level positions from our nonprofit partners. From time to time, we will also use the site to share updates about CPIC.

Collaboration is essential to our work, and this past spring, we advertised open office hours for students to learn more about our internship programs. Students met with our staff as well as representatives from the Institute of Politics (IOP), the Office of Career Services (OCS), and Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA) during the open office hours. Over 100 students took advantage of the opportunity to meet one-on-one with our staff and have their questions answered about applying to various internship programs.

This fall, we will be partnering with the Office of Career Services and the Institute of Politics for Career Week events and the annual Careers in Public Service Dinner. We are also planning several seminars in the fall for CPIC Fellows in conjunction with our friends at Princeton Project 55.

We hope you have a great summer and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our programs. We are always looking for volunteers and welcome your ideas and suggestions as we move forward.

Sincerely,

*Travis Lovett
Assistant Coordinator, CPIC*

Volunteering with CPIC

We are always looking for new alumni/ae volunteers to organize events and serve as mentors for students. Most CPIC-sponsored seminars are open to alumni/ae, and serve as a great way to learn more about CPIC. To find out about scheduled events in your area, please contact Diana Wan at dianawan@fas.harvard.edu. We are currently looking for volunteers to be summer or yearlong mentors for our Boston CPIC Interns and Fellows.

Liman Fellows Visit Yale

By Jessica Cheng '11

For undergraduates who are eager to explore public interest law, the Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Fellowship Program provides an excellent way to earn a stipend and learn more about the nonprofit legal field. This year's five Liman Fellows are Aaron Frazier '10, Jessica Frisina '10, Tamar Holoshitz '10, Michael Qian '11, and Irina Vaynerman '10.

In early March, the Fellows visited New Haven to attend the 12th annual Liman Colloquium at Yale Law School. The focus of the Colloquium was clinical education. Aaron said, "I have to confess that prior to the conference, clinical education was not something I thought about. I thought it was a no-brainer in professions like law and medicine because they're professions that are so client-centered. I think in order to produce good lawyers, good doctors, good teachers, it is extremely important to gain practical experience with the people that they will be working with throughout the careers."

In addition to exploring the theme of clinical education through large panels, several other discussions took place over the course of the two days. These discussions ranged from criminal justice to environmental law and immigration rights. The smaller size of roundtable discussion groups allowed Fellows to interact closely with recent graduates and lawyers. Fellows learned about the wide spectrum of public interest law and the spirit of practicing law as well.

In spite of the jam-packed schedule, the Liman Fellows had plenty of time to mingle with lawyers and graduate students. Michael said, "One of the things that troubled me before the Colloquium was the thought that law students just do this [public service] for two to three years during law school and then never go back to public interest law ever again. But it was clear that there were lawyers who do public service for a living. This delivered a powerful message that people devote their lives to this field and served to strengthen my interest in the field."



New York alums learn about CPIC at the summer Crimson Impact event at the Harvard Club of New York (pictured above).

CPIC seminars in Boston will be held in July at Jumpstart and Boston Health Care for the Homeless. A third seminar on public interest law is also being planned.

2009 FSI Interns

Christopher Allison, Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center Jasmine Alvarado, The Legal Aid Society; Kathryn A. McDonald Education Advocacy Project Madeleine Ballard, The Children's Aid Society; Health Care Access Program Alli Chandra, Global Kids Crystalee Forbes, The Children's Aid Society; Next Generation Center Joseph Gaspard, Association to Benefit Children Gabrielle Gould, Agenda for Children Tomorrow Crystal Huang, Children's Rights Alexis Ixtlahuac, Children's Law Center: Brooklyn Allison La Fave, CitySquash Jade Le, Free Arts NYC Cleo Long, Children's Defense Fund New York Cessna Mac, New Alternatives for Children Amrapali Maitra, Project HEALTH New York Alex McLeese, Henry Street Settlement Kreg Moccia, Publicolor Lam Pham, Legal Outreach Kelly Quinlan, Association to Benefit Children Samuel Roosz, Children's Law Center: Bronx Sharon Song, Teach for America Upasana Unni, Advocates for Children Katherine Walecka, Children for Children Alexandra Wilcox, Jewish Child Care Association Yonghuan (Joyce) Yang, Food Bank for New York City Jia Li (Lily) Zhu, The Urban Assembly

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CPIC Vision

Harvard College provides every student the opportunity to find a place for public interest in his or her life choices.

CPIC Mission

The Center for Public Interest Careers (CPIC) engages and supports Harvard undergraduates and recent graduates in expanding awareness of and exploring public interest careers. Working closely with university, alumni/ae, and community partners, CPIC develops public interest fellowships, internships, networks, and opportunities for personal and professional development.

Seminars Prepare FSI Interns for Challenging Summer Experiences

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be a highly valuable experience. "There were many interesting points raised, and it helped me have a better understanding of the role of children's rights in effecting community change," noted one participant. In addition to Dr. Earls and Dr. Carlson, FSI Interns also heard from Dr. Jal Mehta of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education and Dr. Julie Boatright Wilson of the Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government as part of the CPIC-Heckscher FSI Program Spring Seminar Series.

FSI Interns are participating in seminars led by staff members of nine of our partnering host organizations. Summer programming also includes weekly reflection sessions facilitated by an on-site part-time CPIC staff person, Xiaojun Chen, the CPIC-Heckscher FSI Program Resident Advisor. Xiaojun is supporting and facilitating additional programming, including volunteer opportunities, group outings, and a mentor/mentee social event.

CPIC-Supported Internships Expand in 2009

By Diana Wan '08

Through the generosity of the Ackert and Kislak families, CPIC awarded funding for 12 internships this summer at a wide variety of nonprofit organizations, many of which have missions that focus on the arts, civic engagement, and education. The following organizations are sponsoring CPIC Interns this summer: Asian American LEAD, Breakthrough Collaborative, Campaign for Youth Justice, Citizen Schools, Freedom Now, I Have Dream Foundation, Legal Aid Society, Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center, National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, New York Youth Symphony, Street Squash, WLIW (PBS Channel 13). Additionally, there may be a funded internship at the L.A. Leadership Academy later this summer. CPIC Interns, in addition to receiving funding for their work this summer, will be matched with alumni/ae mentors and take part in CPIC seminars and events organized by Area Committees in their respective cities.