Greetings Segal Network! We are pleased to officially introduce the 2009 Segal Fellows who have successfully completed their summer internships. We have another great group of students this year who are excited to participate and contribute to Eli's vision of citizen leadership, engagement, and service in pursuit of the common good.

This summer Brandeis Segal Fellows worked in Boston and Washington, DC. We are also pleased to introduce the new AmeriCorps and City Year Segal Fellows based in Los Angeles and Providence, RI.

Meet the 2009 Brandeis University Segal Fellows

Audrey Etlinger, MPP ’10, is focusing on health policy. Her health policy interests include state health policy, cost-effectiveness, and reproductive/sexual health policy. This summer Audrey interned at Senator Edward Kennedy’s Office in Washington, DC and her coach was Mike McCurry.

Anicia Fernandes, Brandeis Class ’10, is a sociology and anthropology major, with a minor in African American Studies. She is a member of the Women of Color Alliance and the Brandeis African Club. This summer Anicia interned at the Center for Progressive Leadership in Washington, DC and her Segal Fellow Coach was Laurie Kohn.

Jason Gray, Brandeis ’10, is majoring in both politics and economics. He has been president of the Student Union (student government at Brandeis), where he served as the lead student advocate to Brandeis University’s Administration and managed all Student Union initiatives. Jason has worked on campaigns from the mayoral level to the state congressional level. This summer Jason interned at Share Our Strength in DC, and his Segal Fellow Coach was Jeff Lemberg.

Nathaniel Rosenblum, Brandeis ’10, is pursuing a major in politics with a minor in business and economics. He recently returned from studying abroad in Scotland where he took classes and interned at The Scottish Parliament. This summer Nate worked at Campus Compact in Boston. His Segal Fellow Coach was Laura Gassner Otting.

Jerry Saunders II, Brandeis ’11, is pursuing his Bachelor’s of Science degree. He is interested in the fields of science, research, and medicine. While at Brandeis, Jerry is Treasurer of the Brandeis Black Student Organization and volunteered to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society and the AIDS Walk. Jerry interned at CityYear in Boston, with support from his Segal Fellow Coach Alicia Kersten.

Brian Schon, Heller MPP ’10, is focusing on Health Policy. His experience working in health care IT consulting and at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy led him to the Heller School. Prior to his Segal Fellowship appointment, Brian interned at the MA State House and volunteered for the John Kerry Presidential campaign. This summer Brian interned at Health Care for All in Boston with support from his Segal Fellow Coach Nick Ross.
2009 AmeriCorps and City Year Fellows

We are also very pleased to announce newly selected Segal Fellows, Shawn Rubin, of Providence, RI who received the AmeriCorps Alum Eli J. Segal Entrepreneurship Award and James Duong, of Los Angeles, who received the City Year Bridgebuilder Award.

Shawn Rubin is the co-founder and President of Longitude (glongitude.org). He started Longitude, an international nonprofit, after an 18-month sabbatical volunteering with schools and small NGOs across the world. After receiving his Masters in Elementary Education from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass, Shawn helped found the Highlander Charter School, in Providence, RI, in 2000, where he currently works as a kindergarten teacher. He was a member of the AmeriCorps Campus Compact program from '02-'03 where he learned valuable skills around bringing service learning into his classroom. Shawn lives in Providence, with his wife and two year old son Asher, where he manages Longitude’s growing staff and volunteer network around the world.

Jimmy Duong dedicated two years of national service through AmeriCorps by joining City Year Los Angeles. During his years of service, Jimmy led a team at Hollenbeck Middle School in Boyle Heights. While at Hollenbeck, Jimmy’s team improved student achievement, ran programs, and organized college fairs, newsletters, and a yearbook. Beginning in September Jimmy will be working for Coro Southern California, as a Fellow in public affairs. He wants to learn more about the public policy arena and aims for graduate school in the near future.

2009 Calendar of Events

Fall Fellows Recap
Monday, September 14th, 2-5pm
Brandeis University, Lurias Conference Room, Hassenfeld Building

Boston Networking Event
Monday, September 14th, 6-8pm
The Home of Founders Fran and Charles Rodgers

Fall Network Meeting
Monday, October 26th, 9-4pm
Brandeis University

2009 Summer fellowship site City Year in Boston.

Thank You!

The Segal Team would like to thank Segal Founder Michael Schaffer, Brandeis ’66, for helping document the 2009 Fellows’ summer experiences. Michael provided the wonderful pictures presented in this newsletter by visiting three Fellows located in Boston. Thank You Michael for all of your help!

We would also like to thank the Advisory Board, coaches and site supervisors for supporting the Segal Fellows and the development of the Segal Program.

Segal Program Team Update

The Segal Program Team is growing! The Program Staff of the Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program is delighted to welcome Segal Program Manager, Toni Schwarzenbach.

In this newly created position, Toni is performing duties as Program Manager alongside the other Brandeis Segal Program Staff. Her responsibilities include day-to-day management of the Segal Program and support to the growing Segal Network of Fellows, Founders, Fellow Coaches and mentors, and internship site contacts.

Toni’s professional experience includes a policy fellowship with the Southern Partners Fund in Atlanta and a youth development program internship with the Hyams Foundation in Boston. A recent graduate of the Master’s in Public Policy Degree Program at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Toni is committed to creating positive outcomes for families and communities.

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