

2009 Summer Funded Internships

The Helene and Grant Wilson Center for Social Entrepreneurship launched the Summer Funded Internship Program in 2009 with a total of eight funded interns. That year, our hosts and interns included:

Lisha Bodden, BA

Political Science, 2010

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Host Organization: [Safe Horizons](#)

Job Title: Corporate Partnerships/Marketing Fundraising Intern

Lisha Bodden is an undergraduate student at Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace University. Lisha is majoring in Political Science and expects to graduate in May 2010. Lisha has worked for various organizations such as RuffaloCody as Student Recruiter, Pace University Office of Financial Aid as an office assistant, team Leader for Jumpstart, and with Pace University Office of Housing and Residential Life as a receptionist and resident advisor.

As a Corporate Partnerships/Marketing Fundraising Intern at Safe Horizon, Lisha performed many different tasks. Along with supervisors, colleagues, and outside resources, she has participated in the implementation, execution and development of a national Public Awareness Campaign; drafted website copy and other communication materials, tracked and archived media outreach pertaining to events, initiatives and partnerships, and developed a digital archive of press clips.

Maryellen Lajara, BA

Applied Psychology, 2009

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Host Organization: [Vera Institute of Justice](#)

Job Title: Adolescent Portable Therapy Program Intern

Maryellen Lajara is an undergraduate student at Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace University. Maryellen majors in Applied Psychology/Human Relations and she plans to graduate in December 2009. Maryellen has worked as a teacher's assistant in 2005, environmental canvasser in summer 2007, a health educator intern in summer 2008, an intern at Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in February 2009, and a student assistant at Pace University Ombudsman Department in September 2009. In addition to these working experiences, Maryellen also gets involved in many leadership and community activities such as Alternative Spring Break – Hunger and Homelessness in NYC, Criminal Justice Society, and Organization of Latin American Students. Maryellen speaks Spanish fluently.

As Adolescent Portable Therapy (APT) Program Interns at Vera Institute of Justice, Maryellen collaborated with the team of therapists to identify recreational and educational opportunities for youth based on their interests, and performed research that related to substance use and mental health treatment for adolescents involved with the New York City juvenile and child welfare systems. Maryellen also assisted program staff with troubleshooting and development of new

program initiatives that aim to reduce substance use and recidivism among people that participate in APT Program.

Sarah LeClerc, BA

Psychology, 2011

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Host Organization: [Vera Institute of Justice](#)

Job Title: Adolescent Portable Therapy Program Intern

Sarah Leclerc is an undergraduate student in the Pforzheimer Honors College, Pace University. Her major is Psychology and she expects to graduate in May 2011. Sarah has varied work experience including acting as Insurance Qualification Assistant at Motor Vehicle Accident Indemnification Corporation and as a Student Aid at Pace University English Department. Sarah also participates in volunteer work including time as a Physical Therapy Assistant at Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and a Friendly Visitor at Operation F.U.N. Sarah speaks Creole fluently and French conversationally.

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Rupert Ommerborn, BBA

Finance/Political Science, 2010

Lubin School of Business

Host Organization: [Project Rebirth](#)

Job Title: Social Media Development Intern

Rupert Maximilian Ommerborn is an undergraduate student at Lubin School of Business, Pace University. Rupert majors in Finance and Political Science, and he expects to graduate in June 2010. Rupert worked at Brooks Brothers as sales assistant and interned at Smith Barney and Fox News. Rupert also actively participates in different organizations at Pace including the Finance Society and Model United Nations. Rupert can speak German fluently.

As a Project Rebirth Social Media Development Intern, Rupert performed various tasks including learning Rebirth's existing web tools and presence to devise plans to expand Rebirth's online community and fan-base, consulting with Rebirth's social networking consultants and Board Members to develop Rebirth's phase II social networking strategy, tactics and operational priorities, and assisting in the implementation of Rebirth's web 2.0 phase II plan.

Sakura Suzuki, MPA

Public Administration, 2009

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Host Organization: [Common Ground](#)

Job Title: Research and Evaluation Intern

Sakura Suzuki is a graduate student at Dyson College of Art and Sciences, Pace University. Sakura expects to finish her Master of Public Administration in September 2009. Sakura has various working experiences not only in Japan but also in the United States. She worked as Sales Staff, Web Content Editor, and Administrator in Japan; and Public Relations and Marketing Intern, Graduate Assistant, PR intern, Nonprofit Management Consultant in New York. Sakura speaks Japanese fluently.

As a research and evaluation intern at Common Ground, Sakura worked with information gathered over the past several years to assess potential ways to reduce the number of individuals dying both on the streets and in supportive housing. Sakura also collaborated with other team members and a review committee to conduct a literature review of available material, establish a tracking system to house the data, review and code qualitative reports, enter information in the tracking systems, and produce a preliminary report on findings.

Amber Sylvester, BSc

Criminal Justice, 2010

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Host Organization: [Legal Aid Society](#)

Job Title: The Legal Aid Society Investigator Intern

Amber Sylvester is an undergraduate student at Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace University. Amber's major is Criminal Justice and she expects to graduate in 2010. Amber has worked at Salon Doriano as a receptionist and at Ruby Tuesday as a server. Amber also actively participates in the Criminal Justice Society and Sigma Tau Delta at Pace University; volunteered at soup kitchens and raked leaves for the elderly.

As intern investigator, Amber assisted lawyers in investigating the facts of their cases and preparing for trial. Amber also worked in teams of two to locate witnesses, conduct interviews, obtain written statements, perform criminal background checks, review crime scenes, serve subpoenas, prepare trial exhibits, and testify in court. At the end of Amber's internship she submitted a "Response to Internship" paper which provides feedback about her experience as an investigator intern for legal aid. Here is an excerpt from Amber's paper: "My experience as an investigator intern steered my attention toward injustices many turn away from. When I began, my aspirations were to step my feet into the legal field and gain valuable experience that would verify or deter my goal of becoming an attorney. In actuality, I felt myself repulsed by aspects of a criminal justice system I once thought to be flawless. I learned that the law on books and the law in action differ in an endless amount of ways. Further, I now find myself feeling responsible for working on behalf of the indigent, acting as their voice in a system filled with socioeconomic biases.

Ethan Taylor, BA

Political Science, 2012

Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Host Organization: [Sanctuary for Families](#)

Job Title: Program Evaluation and Data Systems Management Intern

Ethan Taylor is an undergraduate student at Pforzheimer Honors College, Pace University. Ethan expects to receive his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in June 2012. Ethan has an excellent academic record with a current cumulated GPA at Pace University is 4.0. Ethan is involved in many extracurricular activities on campus as he is a member of Society of Dyson Fellows and Lambda Sigma. Ethan is a recipient of the Pace Grant and the Pforzheimer Honors College Scholarship. As an intern with Program Evaluation and Data Systems Management, Ethan was responsible for sending out the information collected from clients to be sent to consultants for data analysis. Ethan dealt also with a major funder of Sanctuary, the New York Department of Youth and Community Development, collecting evaluation surveys as requested. Moreover, Ethan was charged with updating the Legal Service Tracking System and generating all necessary interdepartmental program data which is utilized by the agency management and board.

Penny You, MSc

Human Resources Management, 2009

Lubin School of Business

Host Organization: [Robin Hood Foundation](#)

Job Title: Human Resources Intern

Penny Xiao You is a graduate student at Lubin School of Business, Pace University. Penny expects to receive her Master of Science in Human Resource Management in December 2009. Penny was a Founder and CEO of “E-Color” Studio in Hangzhou China. She established the e-commerce website which was ranked the number one online shop in Zhejiang University City College. Penny also worked as recruiting intern for Leverage Group and Pencom systems and as a HR Coordinator for Pursue Your Dream Foundation in New York City. Penny speaks fluent Mandarin and basic French.

As a Human Resource Intern at Robin Hood Foundation, Penny was responsible for preparing interview materials and room scheduling, managing and maintaining all recruitment related statistics, exploring and identifying new potential recruitment sources, supporting the Human Resource Director in managing the Intern Program, coordinating the Benefit Renewals process, sourcing and posting vacancies at appropriate mediums to attract high quality candidates.