



Liberty Brief

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New international students on the LLB Law programme

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A very warm welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. To all the new students in the School, undergraduate, postgraduate and visiting, I offer a very warm welcome from all in the School. To returning students, welcome back: I very much hope you had a good summer and are refreshed and ready for the new academic year.



Alastair Mullis

The few months since the last newsletter have been immensely busy but also I believe good for the School. I am delighted to be able to tell you that the School is now ranked 11th in the UK (and 9th in England and Wales) in the Times University League tables. This is a proper reflection, I believe, of our national and international standing. The significant improvement from last year reflects our excellent performance in the recent national research assessment exercise (REF 2014) in which we finished ahead of several of this country's leading law schools (including Oxford, Bristol and Warwick). It also reflects our steady improvement in the National Student Survey, in which we were 6th out of the Russell Group Universities, and our excellent employability statistics. I want to thank my colleagues, both administrative and academic, for all that they have done to get us into this position but I also want to thank the graduating students for supporting our School in their responses to the NSS.

While it is gratifying to be ranked among the best law schools in the UK, we cannot afford any complacency. We aspire to do better than we have done this year and that will require more hard work from my colleagues and you. Yes, we did well in the National Student Survey, and that is good, but we can and should be doing better. Our employability statistics are good but we want to see them improve. We want to support you in your employment aspirations and I encourage you to seek advice from your tutors, Marika in the support office and the University's Careers Centre. Planning on your part is essential. If we are to challenge the law schools above us, and there is no reason why we can't, we are going to have to continue the improvements that we have started: standing still is not an option.

As part of our efforts to establish ourselves as one of the very top law schools in the world, we have been working hard to attract outstanding scholars to the School. We have been very successful in this regard and during this year you will meet, and be taught by, some of the new academic colleagues who have joined us. It is a real pleasure to welcome Graham Farrell, Dave Wall, David Churchill, Jose Pina-Sanchez, Beverley Clough, Amanda Keeling,

Conor O'Reilly, Mitch Travis, Katie Cruz, Mihail Danov, Carly Lightowlers, and Konstantinos Stylianou. Luke Clements, Duncan Sheehan, Hilary Somerlad, Andrew Francis, Joanne Hawkins, Elies van Sliedrecht and Rita de la Feria will be joining us next semester. Many of these are already world leaders in their fields and all deepen and broaden the School's internationally renowned research strengths. As well as being first rate scholars, they are all excellent teachers and will strengthen immensely teaching in the School. The arrival of so many new academic colleagues has brought a new energy and enthusiasm to the School (not that it was not already full of energy and enthusiasm!). The fact that we could attract such outstanding talents to the School says a lot about the School's standing and our growing reputation for being the place to work and study.

Finally, as always, I want to encourage you to 'engage'. Engage in your studies, your extra-curricular activities and your social lives. I think this is a very fine time to be in this School. We already have, thanks to you and my colleagues, a reputation as one of the best law schools in the UK. But most importantly we have momentum. There are lots of good things happening here already but there is lots more that we can do if you engage fully in what is happening. We need to get out there and let everybody know how good UoL Law is. As I have said before, and will no doubt say again, you are the School's best ambassadors. Together we are creating a fantastic story – let's make sure people hear it.

Alastair Mullis
Head of School

Induction Week: 2015

From 21 – 25 September 2015 over 400 new students, across several degree programmes were welcomed through the doors of the Liberty Building and into the School of Law's thriving community.

Hundreds of talented and enthusiastic students from across the UK and around the world were greeted this year with a packed schedule of induction events. As well as being guided through an official programme of introductory events that included welcome meetings, volunteering talks and module fairs, they were also invited to a number of social get-togethers including afternoon tea in the atrium and various society outings. We also saw the very first Matriculation Ceremony being held for students entering taught postgraduate study.

Welcome, and best wishes to you all.



LLB Law students eagerly awaited the start of proceedings at their official welcome meeting on Monday 21 September. Key speakers included Head of School Alastair Mullis, Associate Professor and Admissions Tutor Chloe Wallace and Associate Professor and Director of Student Education Nick Taylor.



Professor Graham Dutfield, pictured here with a group of taught postgraduate Law students on their first day was one of many module leaders and academic staff who attended the PGT module fair on Wednesday 23 September.



Laura Marver
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Where I'm from:
Edmonton, North London.

Why I chose Leeds:
I chose Leeds because I was attracted to the lively city. I knew that Leeds University had an excellent reputation and my chosen course really stood out.

What I'm most looking forward to:
The prospect of choosing discovery modules in years 2 and 3 and the study abroad opportunities, as well as the social life of course.



Diya Teeluck
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Where I'm from:
Leicester.

Why I chose Leeds:
I chose the University of Leeds because of the high standard of education it provides for its students. Everyone is friendly including the staff which appealed to me as a new student.

What I'm most looking forward to:
I am looking forward to doing well in my first year with the help of the staff and I'd also like to go and study abroad.



Olivia Exon-Trickett
Criminology and Criminal Justice

Where I'm from:
Manchester

Why I chose Leeds:
I chose Leeds due to the vibrant city, modern Law School building and the devotion of the teachers to their studies.

What I'm most looking forward to:
I am looking forward to the doors this course will open for me, especially with the option to study abroad.



Zaib Shazad
LLB Law

Where I'm from:
Skipton, North Yorkshire.

What I'm most looking forward to:
I am looking forward to joining LawSoc and participating in their events as well as the volunteering opportunities and generally contributing to the Law School.



Paidamwoyo Gambe
LLB Law

Where I'm from:
Harare, Zimbabwe.

What I'm most looking forward to:
Getting involved in some of the societies.



Alex Edwards
MSc Law and Finance

Where I'm from:
Liverpool.

What I'm most looking forward to:
The opportunities to study different modules that aren't offered anywhere else. I am also looking forward to experiencing a new University environment as I previously studied in Sheffield.

New Student Profiles

New Director of Student Education

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking ahead to a successful academic term.

I would like to pass my thanks to the outgoing Director of Student Education, Emma Wincup. Emma has done sterling work over the past three years and has made my task in taking the baton that much easier. Emma will still play a major and no doubt very effective role in the School as Director of Student Support.

The Director of Student Education is a role I have held before, so there are no excuses about settling in to the job – it's straight down to business. My priority is to try to ensure that you have the best quality educational experience possible at Leeds. That includes lectures, seminars, support and the wider context. If you enjoy being in and around the School of Law, it makes the experience of learning that much better. So, I'm listening! If you have ideas on how to make the experience at Leeds more enjoyable then do let me know. I want you to graduate with a fantastic degree from a fantastic place and I want you to have the confidence to put yourselves forward. This is not a time for hiding our talents!



Good luck with the new academic year.

Nick Taylor
Director of Student Education



Pathways to Law

Almost 90 visitors came to celebrate the successes of the Pathways to Law programme earlier this summer.

Pathways students, recent alumni, parents, carers and teachers, The Sutton Trust, law firms and of course University representatives, including The Head of School (Professor Alastair Mullis) and the University of Leeds Vice-Chancellor (Sir Alan Langlands) all attended to celebrate the achievements of Pathways students, past and present. The Vice-Chancellor officiated the ceremony and awarded the graduation certificates and commented on the University's endorsement of the Pathways programme: "Professional groups in the UK should be diverse and reflect the communities they serve. We therefore have a responsibility to provide clear and accessible gateways for able young people – no matter their means – to enter the professions. Spotting talent early and boosting the aspirations, attainment and achievement of young people – whatever their circumstances – is a key priority for the University."

Pathways alumni were present to talk of their experiences post Pathways and demonstrated the impact of the programme. Bernard, Pathways to Law Cohort 1 alumnus attended the graduation ceremony and spoke about his journey from war torn Ghana. He attended school in Wortley where he fast tracked his GCSE's, attended University here and in the States and is currently working for a law firm in Manhattan and studying for the New York Bar Exam. Qasim, Pathways to Law Cohort 4 student (2010-2012) is currently in his final year of a Law degree at the University of Leeds. He spent last academic year studying abroad in Belgium. Qasim fought off stiff competition in order to secure a placement abroad. Eligibility criteria for the study abroad scheme includes the achievement of a 2:1 average in the first-year of study. Both are brilliant ambassadors for the programme!!

Histories of Policing, Regulation and Security

Conference fosters focused dialogue between historians and criminologists

On 08 – 09 July the School of Law welcomed leading historians and criminologists for a two-day conference entitled the 'Histories of Policing, Regulation and Security'. The conference was organised to unite criminologists with criminal justice historians to discuss the topics from a historical perspective.

Speakers presented on diverse aspects of contemporary crime control through an historical perspective, from the formation of classical crowd psychology and risk-based policing, to the origins of international criminal 'blacklists' and the regulation of financial crime. Several members of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS) presented their research, including Dr David Churchill, Professor Adam Crawford, Stuart Lister, Dr Clifford Stott and Dr Henry Yeomans.

The event was organised by Criminal Justice Lecturer Dr David Churchill, who has an academic background as a historian. He commented:

"This event brought historians and criminologists together in really fruitful dialogue around the possibilities of 'historical criminology' as an intellectual endeavour, in what promises to be the first step towards more sustained development of interdisciplinary enquiry in this field. The conference showcased the strength of historical research in the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, the professionalism of the School's support staff, and the excellent facilities provided by The Liberty Building."

Over two days in the Moot Court Room academics participated in panel sessions, discussions and a plenary lecture on law, police and history delivered by Professor Markus Dubber from the University of Toronto. He commented: "I was delighted to have a chance to participate in this wonderfully interdisciplinary gathering that introduced me not only to a vibrant community of scholars engaged in the very sort of ambitious and creative collaborative thinking and doing that makes academic events of this sort both enjoyable and productive but also to the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit that animates the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies."

If you are interested in learning more about historical criminology at Leeds, please contact Dr David Churchill, or review some of our current projects by looking at the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies Research Page.





Success for School in national league tables

In addition to the widely publicised research ranking, in which the School of Law was placed 8th nationally, more good news has followed.

The recently released National Student Survey 2015 places the School 6th in the Russell Group with an overall student satisfaction rating of 91%. These two excellent results have seen the School rise to 11th in The Times league table of Law Schools in the UK. This is an excellent achievement and students and staff alike deserve many congratulations. The School sits comfortably and confidently as one of the country's top law schools, and this is something we ought not to be shy about. A reputation for success and achievement benefits us all.

The aim now is not merely to consolidate but become even better. Our three research centres continue to build upon existing areas of strength and expertise whilst the formation of and investment in the new Centre for Legal and Criminological Education will help to build upon and disseminate world class teaching. We are planning for more success.



A Tale of Three Cities: International relations in China

In June 2015 Adam Crawford, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice and now Director of the Leeds Social Sciences Institute, visited three Universities in China to develop international relations with Schools of Law and Criminal Justice.

In particular he was seeking to establish new alliances in the fields of criminal justice and criminology. Whilst there, he delivered a number of presentations to staff and students and discussed possible research collaborations, as well as student and staff exchanges with the criminal justice researchers.

First stop on Professor Crawford's trip was the East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) in Shanghai on 17th June. Here, Professor Crawford met with, Professor Xia Fei, the Dean of International Exchange and Professor in the Criminal Justice School and Professor Su, Caixia the Vice Dean. He also gave a lecture to post graduate students on the new campus and met Wang Xu who is currently studying on the Criminal Justice Masters programme here at the University of Leeds.

Professor Crawford's second visit was to the Law School at Nanjing University on the 18 and 19th June, where he met with: Professor Zheng, Mingy the Dean of School of Law; Prof Zhang, Miao the Associate Dean of Criminal Justice and a number of their colleagues. He gave a lecture to undergraduate students on 18th June at the new campus and another lecture to staff and postgraduate students on 19th June at the 'old' campus in the heart of Nanjing.

The third and final city visited was Wuhan where the Zhongnan University of Economics and Law (ZUEL) is located (Tuesday 23rd June).

Here Professor Crawford met with Prof Hu Xiangyang the new Dean of the Criminal Justice School; Prof Xia, Yong (Dean for International Affairs); Zhou, Ling (Associate Professor who visited Leeds) and various colleagues.

Reflecting on his visit, Professor Crawford said: "The welcome I received at all three institutions was truly exceptional. Staff and students alike were genuinely interested in the research we are doing – notably within the CCJS and the field of policing – and all were very keen to develop closer collaborations. I am hopeful that my visit can help formalise and advance enhanced relations with our Chinese partner universities notably in criminal justice."



Volunteering and community projects

*Go MAD in 2015/16
Make A Difference!*

The School of Law has a wealth of volunteering and community project opportunities that are available to students across all degree programmes throughout each academic year. Volunteering is a great way to develop skills, work with people beyond the University and in some cases make a real difference to the lives of other people. Here are a few ways you can get involved.

Ambassadors for the Pathways to Law programme: help supervise events aimed at raising awareness and aspirations of young people with little or no history of Higher Education in their family or community.

E-Mentors for the Pathways to Law programme: become a virtual mentor, giving advice and assistance electronically, through a secure platform and benefit from the provision of external training.

Literacy volunteers: provide reading support at a local primary school. External training is provided here too.

Fund raising: help put on an event to support a local charity.

National Pro Bono Week: get involved in this national initiative.

Street Law: develop and enhance your presentation, research and team building skills. Topics for research include 'Knife Crime', 'Drugs and the Law', 'Immigration and Asylum Seeking' and many more. If you have any topics you would like to research and present to a group of young people from Year 10 upwards then let us know.

The University of Leeds Justice Project: applications for the Project will open again in March 2016. The Project aims to research cases with a view to submitting an appeal to the Criminal Cases Review Committee.

There are also lots of new projects currently being finely tuned so keep an eye on the VLE:

- VLE>Organisations>law>Widening Participation>ambassadors (for e-mentors)
- VLE>Organisations>law>Pro Bono>School of Law opportunities (for all other opportunities).

All projects are very popular and selection is through an application process. Application forms for each project can be downloaded from the VLE.

If you have any queries relating to any of the above please check out the VLE first and contact Herabans Kaur (h.kaur@leeds.ac.uk). Room G.03 The Liberty Building.



Competition Law Conference Lord Currie delivers keynote address

The School of Law hosted a global mix of competition lawyers for its recent conference 'Contemporary Challenges in Competition Law'.

Earlier this summer, the School of Law hosted a conference dedicated to the analysis of the most difficult contemporary challenges in competition law. The conference examined some of the cutting-edge, most difficult topics of competition law and its enforcement. These are issues that competition law and economics, as they stand, struggle to resolve. The contemporary challenges were grouped around four themes: the enforcement of competition law; issues particularly relevant to the practice of competition law and economics; substantive issues in competition law; and the interplay between competition law and regulation.

The keynote speech was delivered by Lord David Currie, Chairman of the Competition and Markets Authority. Lord Currie's speech was followed by presentations from leading academics and practitioners from Europe and the United States. These presentations were grouped into four (90 minute) panel sessions, with each panel reflecting on one of the four above-mentioned themes.

The conference was organised by Dr Pinar Akman and Dr Peter Whelan (under the auspices of the Centre for Business Law and Practice) with generous funding from both the School of Law and the Leeds University Business School.

The Race Relations Act @50

50 years on from the introduction of the Race Relations Act in 1965, a panel of speakers from across the political spectrum discuss its impact and their vision for the future.

The Race Relations Act @ 50, a conference organised by Dr Iyiola Solanke, Senior Lecturer at the School of Law took place on 09 – 10 July, 2015 to great success. The event was held at the British Academy in conjunction with the Inner Temple.

Race relations in Britain have come a very long way since cases like the Scala Ballroom and the Smethwick by-election of 1964. There is much room for celebration – Britain is arguably the EU member state to have made the greatest strides towards racial equality in many professions – from the police to politics. Yet there is also plenty upon which to reflect: the last 50 years have included the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence. Police are 28 times more likely to stop and search black men: yet less than 3% of stops lead to an arrest. Employment agencies no

longer accept 'discriminatory vacancies' but unemployment levels for Black Britons are much higher than their white peers – in 2011, 39.1% of black women aged 16-24 were unemployed.

2015 offers a unique moment to reflect upon legal action to prevent and remedy racial discrimination, as well as think forward and consider what may need to be done to continue this work successfully until 2065.

Following the success of the conference, the themes will now be revisited in the form of a legal panel event organised by the Houses of Parliament. The panel will be presented as part of the Parliament in the Making series in partnership with the School of Law and will take place on 08 December 2015 in the Liberty Building here at the University of Leeds.



Commitment to student support

A new academic leadership post has been introduced at the School of Law.

Dr Emma Wincup has recently taken up post as Director of Student Support following a successful term as Director of Student Education throughout 2012-15 (now held by Associate Professor Nick Taylor). The new post will take up half her time. She will spend the remainder of her time teaching on the BA Criminal Justice and Criminology programme and conducting her own research.

Dr Wincup looks forward to working with her colleagues within the school and university to develop a student support strategy that recognises the individual needs of our diverse community of students and ensures students and staff make the best use of the excellent resources at the University of Leeds. In the short-term, Dr Wincup will be working on projects to develop both personal tutoring and the support provided to final year students completing their dissertation.

"I am delighted to be taking on this new role and continuing the work I started as Director of Student Education to enhance the support we provide to students. I'm particularly looking forward to talking to students about their ideas for creating an even more supportive environment for our students and working with my colleagues in the new Centre for Legal and Criminological Education."

Emma Wincup

Director of Student Support



Career Mentoring Scheme Calling all second year undergraduate students

In 2014 the School of Law launched a new initiative to help students forge valuable relationships with industry professionals and key organisations in the legal and criminal justice sectors.

The Career Mentoring Scheme is available to all second year undergraduate students and aims to provide an insight into working life as well as aiding the development of relevant employability skills.

We have over 100 mentors signed up to participate in the scheme this year and they are all keen to share their knowledge and experience. Whether you are hoping to develop your interview or presentation skills, need support building professional relationships or require some general help with CV's and application forms, working with a mentor can be a great way to access specific professional development in line with your own career aspirations.

If you are a second year student and would like to take part in the scheme, please register your interest by completing a mentee registration form (<http://bit.ly/10UmcFM>) and send it to Marika Hildebrandová your Education Service Officer before Tuesday 20 October 2015.

If you have any questions in the meantime please also contact Marika (M.Hildebrandova@leeds.ac.uk), or alternatively the co-ordinator of the scheme, Judith Dahlgreen (J.M.Dahlgreen@leeds.ac.uk).

The School of Law's Liberty Lectures

The School of Law is developing a flagship annual series of lectures and events designed to engage with the most pressing issues of our time.

This is an opportunity to welcome to the School scholars, policy makers and activists who are setting the agenda in terms of how we debate global challenges. The Liberty Lectures aim to promote our academic achievements and ambitions, generate debate amongst staff and students, and have a positive benefit for existing and planned research activities. The initiative is supported by a generous alumni bequest and we aim to host one event each semester.

Michael Thomson

Director of Research and Innovation

We look forward to welcoming speakers who are offering new solutions to emerging and entrenched problems and whose work may be challenging current orthodoxies. The School recognises our shared obligation to address these difficult issues and engage in meaningful debate and dialogue.

Amongst other objectives the Liberty Lectures will help the School of Law foster a world class, dynamic and stimulating intellectual environment for our student body.

Staff News

Promotions and Appointments

There have been a number of promotions and role changes within the School of Law this summer. Pinar Akman has been promoted to Professor of Law; Chloe Wallace and Lydia Bleasdale-Hill have both been promoted to Associate Professor; Andrea Hucklesby has taken over the reins as Pro Dean for Research and Innovation: Michael Thomson is now the School's Director for Research and Innovation; Emma Wincup has taken up a new role as Director of Student Support; and Nick Taylor has returned to the post of Director of Student Education. Congratulations to all of you.

Professor Michael Thomson

Nuffield Council Working Party

Professor Michael Thomson has been appointed to a Nuffield Council on Bioethics Working Party on Cosmetic procedures. The Council has established a new Working Party to examine ethical issues around the professional practice and regulation of invasive non-reconstructive cosmetic procedures which aim to enhance or normalise appearance.

Professor Adam Crawford

Policing Knowledge Fund

Professor Adam Crawford (working with Prof Joanna Shapland at the University of Sheffield) has been awarded almost £337,000 from the Police Knowledge Fund for a project on restorative policing.

Dr Beverley Clough

Wellcome Trust

Dr Beverley Clough recently presented her work at the Wellcome Trust funded conference, 'The Mental Capacity Act: 10 Years On'. This was a conference bringing together lawyers, academics, medical professionals, social care professionals and the public to reflect on the MCA and future reform. I was presenting on 'Vulnerability and Capacity to Consent to Sex'.

Gerry McCormack and Andrew Keay

European Commission Funding

Professor Gerry McCormack and Professor Andrew Keay, have been part of a project that has been awarded substantial European Commission funding for a project entitled 'EU - Study on substantive insolvency law' (£201k). The study will enhance the knowledge base of the European Commission and potentially inform future legal change in the field of insolvency, both corporate and personal, and over-indebtedness.

Kate Hall

Education

Education Service Officer Kate Hall received her Foundation Degree in Business and Management this summer (done whilst working full time with us!). She passed with the highest overall average grade in her year.

Professor David Wall

Radio and Workshops

Professor David Wall spoke about the rights and wrongs of vigilantism on BBC Radio Essex on 09 September 2015. You can find a recording of the discussion here <http://goo.gl/914IGQ>

Professor Wall also gave a Keynote speech on 'The Effect of Technology on Policing' to the 1st European Union Law Enforcement Leadership Workshop' for Police Chiefs, CEPOL Headquarters, Budapest, on 15 Sept 2015

He also gave two workshops on: 'The Changing Cyber-threat Landscape and the Challenge of Policing Cybercrimes' To the Swedish Crime Prevention Council in Stockholm, Sweden on 17 - 18 September, 2015.

Professor Graham Dufield

Conferences

Professor Graham Dufield delivered papers at the following conferences and institutions:

146th EAAE Seminar on Technology Transfer as a Driver of Innovative Entrepreneurship in Agriculture and the Agri-food Industry (organised by Agricultural University of Athens);

Nanhu Forum: 'Building a Powerful IPR Country', Nanjing, China; Von Hügel Institute, University of Cambridge & Terrence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law and Public Policy, University of St Thomas conference on Patents on Life: Through the Lens of Law, Religious Faith and Social Justice (held at University of Cambridge); and Symposium on Healthcare Innovation: Regulation & Society, University of Sheffield. He also presented at the Université de Thiès (Senegal).

Dr Henry Yeomans

External Examiner for Northampton

Dr Henry Yeomans, Lecturer in Criminology and Criminal Justice has recently been appointed as external examiner for the Criminology BA at the University of Northampton.

Dr Peter Whelan

Competition Law in Japan

On 22 May in Tokyo, Dr Peter Whelan presented his recent article entitled 'Section 47 of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013: A Flawed Reform of the UK Cartel Offence' at the 10th Annual Conference of the Academic Society for Competition Law ('ASCOLA').

Dr Whelan's presentation examined in detail the recent legislative reforms of the UK's criminal Cartel Offence and argued that, although considerable improvement has been made, the UK authorities currently have at their disposal a criminal offence that is fundamentally flawed and unworkable in practice.

Professor Emeritus Clive Walker

ESC in Porto

Professor Emeritus Clive Walker organised and chaired a panel at the European Society of Criminology annual meeting in Porto, 03 September 2015. The panel was entitled 'The boundaries and strategies of national counter-terrorism laws: Complex unity or chronic conflict?' It reflected the fact that the boundaries and strategies relevant to counter-terrorism have become more explicit and yet more complex over the past decade or so.

You can read more about the papers presented on the School of Law website <http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/news/>

New Staff News



Ruth Binns
Project Co-ordinator

My role involves...

coordinating the administration of the European Commission Funded Study in Substantive Insolvency Law headed up by Professors Gerry McCormack and Andrew Keay. I arrange progress meetings and liaise with Insolvency Law experts in each of the 28 EU countries as well as Norway and the USA to make sure the project is running on time and efficiently.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

travelling in Europe and Asia, which has helped in my work with the EU member countries.

The best part of my job is...

the kindness and helpfulness of my colleagues and supervisors.

My favourite thing about Leeds (the city) is...

the bustling music scene, you'll often find me at the nearest indie concert or heading to a music festival.



Dr Carly Lightowlers
University Academic Fellow, Crime and Policing Data Analytics

My role involves...

supporting the Policing Data Analytics strand of the N8 Policing Research Partnership Project.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

a senior lecturer in Criminal Justice at Liverpool John Moores University.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

securing a fellowship would allow me to further pursue my research in the field of quantitative criminology.

The best part of my job is...

the autonomy to develop projects and work with interesting people.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

on my yoga mat (or eating chocolate!).



Dr Jose Pina-Sanchez
Lecturer in Quantitative Criminology

My role involves...

teaching research methods (I am the current course leader of "Researching Crime and Criminal Justice"). In addition, I am truly passionate about the application of quantitative methods to explore challenging research questions, so please come to see me if you feel that you are stuck with problems of this nature.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

an LSE Fellow at the Department of Statistics, where I got the chance to obtain the certificate as an Associate Fellow with the UK Higher Education Academy.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

trying to catch some sleep, playing basketball around campus, or visiting baby-friendly museums in the city centre.



Dr Beverley Clough
Lecturer in Law and Social Justice

My role involves...

primarily undergraduate teaching. I will be teaching Introduction to the Law of Obligations, Tort Law and Health Care Law. I am also involved in research primarily around disability, medical law and mental capacity law.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

of the fantastic reputation in law and social justice. I am looking forward to developing my research here, and using this to inform my teaching. There is a great atmosphere and energy in the Law School that I am really excited to be a part of. I also look forward to exploring the city more.



Dr Konstantinos Stylianou
Lecturer in Law

My role involves...

researching and teaching on competition law, telecommunications law and policy, regulation and EU Law. Also, helping some students find meaning in studying law.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

a Research Fellow at FGV Law School in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where I was involved in policy work on the Brazilian Internet Bill of Rights. I was also finishing my doctorate at Penn in the United States.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

of the tremendously good impression the School left me with when I first visited. And now that I'm back here I know why.

The best part of my job is...

that I get paid to speak and write my thoughts. Who would have thought.

The part of my role I am most looking forward to is...

Teaching! Research is a great but solitary activity.



Dr Mitchel Travis
Lecturer in Law and Social Justice

My role involves...

a combination of research and teaching. This year I will be contributing to Law and Society, Jurisprudence, EU Law and Constitutional and Administrative Law. My research considers legal personhood from a range of perspectives including feminist theory, popular culture and theories of embodiment.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

a Lecturer at the University of Exeter for four years.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

of the Centre for Law and Social Justice. It promises to be a really exciting place to be over the coming years and I wanted to help make this happen.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

in a dingy bar watching an experimental noise-rock band.



Amanda Keeling
University Academic
Fellow, Disability Law

My role involves...

both teaching and research. I am teaching on several modules this year, including the inaugural year of the undergraduate second year module Law and Society, which I'm really excited about. I am a School Academic Fellow, and so I have plans to develop an empirical project exploring the law and practice on safeguarding in England and Scotland.

Before working in the School of Law, I was...

at the University of Nottingham, where I was a PhD researcher and a tutor in Tort Law.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

of the fantastic reputation it has in disability studies, and the exciting developments that are taking place with regards to the Centre for Law and Social Justice. This feels like a great time to be part of this department, there is a lot of energy!

When I'm not working you'll find me...

dancing!



Lauren Gale
Project Administration
and Events Assistant,
N8 Policing research
partnership

My role involves...

lots! Which I really love. I'm working on the N8 Policing Research Partnership as the project administrator and events assistant (snappy title). My work involves liaising with our 12 policing partners and 7 partner institutes, building relationships and supporting the project as well as general admin tasks. The bulk of my time is dedicated to the events planning, including major conferences, workshops and meetings.

The best part of my job is...

the variety and pace. Although based in Leeds I work with another 7 universities and 12 policing partners, there is always something new to tackle and this diverse role is an opportunity for me to build upon my strengths and gain new skills.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

learning Spanish. Trying to get fit! Growing veg. Out and about in the Yorkshire Dales



Steph Abrahams
Project Manager
N8 Policing research
partnership

My role involves...

managing the N8 PRP project in the School of Law including planning and implementing the project's governance arrangements steering group, advisory board and N8 institution meetings. Coordinating and delivering the financial reporting as required by HEFCE and facilitating the dissemination and impact activities of the project.

Before working in the School of Law, I...

managed a number of other projects for the University since I began employment in November 2007. Before that I worked for BAE Systems INSYTE in Business Development for new business and in FMCG for Future Electronics in Montreal, Canada.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

swimming, cooking and managing the Otley Zebra's under 9's rugby team.



Dr Conor O'Reilly
Associate Professor
in Criminal Law

My role involves...

a wide-range of responsibilities. I am currently engaged in research projects that focus on policing and security in locations as diverse as Cape Verde, Brazil and Mexico, as well as the murkier research terrain of private intelligence firms. My teaching spans a range of modules, most notably: Policing; Globalization and Crime; and, Criminal Law.

Before working in the School of Law...

I was a Research Fellow in Transnational Policing and Security at Durham University.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

it has such a dynamic research environment. It is energizing to work alongside colleagues from such varied disciplinary backgrounds, all bringing something unique and opening up new research possibilities.

When I'm not working you'll find me...

enjoying life with my wife and our young twins... or by GPS tracking!



Dr Katie Cruz
Lecturer in Law
and Social Justice

My role involves...

teaching undergraduate modules in Contract Law, Employment Law, Law and Society, and Jurisprudence. I also co-ordinate the Law and Social Justice staff and postgraduate reading group. In addition to teaching, my role involves conducting research about how sex worker rights activism interacts with both the law and social theory.

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

it is a great university for both teaching and research! It is really exciting to be part of the new Law and Social Justice research centre.

The best part of my job is...

working with such interesting colleagues, students, and visiting scholars. The part of my role I am most looking forward to is discussing my research interests with students, in modules such as Employment Law and Law & Its; Law & Society

When I'm not working you'll find me...

at the cinema, visiting friends, and going for long walks.



**Professor
Graham Farrell**
Professor of
International and
Comparative
Criminology

My role involves...

teaching at undergraduate and graduate levels. I am also interested in working with top-notch PhD students, particularly those interested in situational crime prevention and the role of security in the 'crime drop'. Much of my recent research has focused on why crime has been declining in most developed countries.

Before working at the School of Law, I was...

professor at Simon Fraser University (Vancouver), professor at Loughborough University, and associate professor at University of Cincinnati, deputy research director at the Police Foundation (Washington DC), assistant professor at Rutgers University (USA), international expert at the United Nations (Vienna).

I wanted to work at Leeds because...

of the excellent reputation of the university, the School of Law, and the Centre for Criminal Justice studies, the skilled leadership and enthusiasm of colleagues therein. The splendid law school building is a bonus.

Partnership Awards

Dr Chloe Wallace nominated for Innovation

Leeds University Union bestows a number of partnership awards each year to celebrate the exceptional students and staff at the University. The awards showcase exceptional teaching, representation and support throughout the University and awards include Extra Mile, Innovation, Inspirational Teaching, Support, and the Partnership Award.

This year Dr Chloe Wallace, Admissions Tutor for the School of Law and Programme Leader for Law and French was shortlisted for the Innovation Award. Congratulations Chloe!

Making Impact



Dr Clifford Stott receives Vice-Chancellor's Impact Award for his work 'promoting evidence-based public order and public safety policing'

Winners of the inaugural Vice-Chancellor's Impact Awards have now

been announced, celebrating the tremendous contribution that the University makes to life outside the academic world.

Dr Clifford Stott has studied how conflict develops in crowds and how some forms of policing can escalate the disorder that they are meant to curb. His work has had a major influence on policing at public events and protests.

Public protest policing in the UK was reviewed after the death of Ian Tomlinson during the G20 summit demonstrations in London in 2009. Several recommendations made as a result of this review were based on Dr Stott's research findings: dialogue and negotiation should now be the primary tools used by police at crowd events. The research evidence which supports this new policy is covered as part of the National Public Order training given to all public order police commanders.

Police Liaison Teams (PLTs), which lead the way in putting the policy into practice, have now been established by two-thirds of UK police forces, and Dr Stott has played a key part in developing their expertise through workshops with senior officers, a national PLT conference, and further collaborative fieldwork. These reforms in policy and practice have been successful in maximising public safety and reducing the likelihood of disorder at public events, safeguarding human rights, and making policing operations cheaper.

The Impact Award prize money will be used to expand the network of police forces involved in fieldwork research, agree with them a methodology for further research and provide research training to each force.



Dr Paul Wragg appointed to press regulatory role

Dr Paul Wragg, Associate Professor of Law, has been appointed to the code committee of the Impress project. Impress was established in the wake of Lord Justice Leveson's inquiry into the state of British newspaper ethics and culture.

Amongst other things, Leveson concluded that the press should be regulated by an organisation demonstrably independent of the press and capable of imposing fines, etc, when the press breach agreed industry standards of behaviour, exemplified in a code of conduct. Impress, backed by influential figures such as Sir Harold Evans and JK Rowling, seeks recognition as a Leveson-compliant regulator. If successful, it plans to compete with the incumbent press regulator, IPSO, (formerly the PCC), to oversee the activities of British newspapers.

In his position on the code committee, Dr Wragg has drawn upon his expertise in privacy law and press regulation, as well as his recent contribution to the Australian Law Reform Commission's inquiry into serious breaches of privacy. This has allowed him to advise the Impress board on the drafting of the code. He has also played a key role in drafting an accompanying guidance that will be available to members of the public contemplating a complaint about poor press behaviour. Speaking about his appointment and his work, Dr Wragg said 'I am delighted to be involved with the Impress campaign to establish a scheme of independent self-regulation of the press in the UK. The code of conduct by which the press must abide is a vital piece of the process. Impress represents the best chance of realising Leveson's vision of an accountable press'.

Dr Peter Whelan presents research in Budapest

On 3 June 2015, Dr Whelan presented a paper on procedural fairness at the conference 'The Procedural Aspects of the Application of Competition Law: European Frameworks – Central European Perspectives', which was held at the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary.

Dr Whelan presented a paper entitled 'Procedural Fairness and the Co-Existence of Administrative and Criminal Liability for EU Cartel Activity'. This paper analysed (a) the potential for co-existence of criminal and administrative cartel sanctioning regimes within the EU and (b) the potential problems with procedural fairness that such co-existence may engender.

The two-day conference forms part of a wider research project which focuses on the analysis of procedural aspects to the application of competition law, with a focus on the central European states. The project is funded by the Visegrad Fund and involves collaboration with research institutions across four Member States of the European Union: Comenius University (Slovakia); Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland); Hungarian

Academy of Science (Hungary); and Palacký University Olomouc (Czech Republic). The papers from the conference, including that written by Dr Whelan, will be published in due course in an edited collection.

Dr Whelan has recently published a monograph with Oxford University Press entitled *The Criminalization of European Cartel Enforcement: Theoretical, Legal, and Practical Challenges*.





Professor Subedi on High School Curriculum across America

Leeds University Law Professor Surya P. Subedi was one of the handful top international lawyers chosen for video interview by the American Society of International Law to discuss the role of the United Nations and international law and the place of human rights in our society for distribution to High Schools across America.

The American society has released Professor Subedi's interview to high school pupils as part of its online resources on international law, the United Nations and human rights. In his video interview Professor Subedi tells American students the why human rights are important, what he did to promote human rights in Cambodia as the UN human rights

envoy for the country and how he got interested in and involved in asserting and defending human rights in his youth in his native country, Nepal. The objective of this education material was to educate and inspire the young about international law and human rights. His interview is available at: <http://asil.org/education/high-school-curriculum>.



Disability rights at Hong Kong University

Professor Anna Lawson and two of her PhD researchers Huang Yi (Wendy) and Alex Pearl presented at a disability and equality rights conference at The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

The 'Summer Institute of Disability Rights and Equality' was a highly interactive 10-day interdisciplinary conference which brought together researchers, students, disabled people's organisations and others from Hong Kong, mainland China and Taiwan.

In addition representatives from disabled people and civil society organisations working in the region provided fascinating accounts of their activism, achievements and ongoing challenges.

Anna led sessions on Reasonable Accommodation in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), focusing on a range of different substantive issues (including education, healthcare, transport, banking and the justice system).

Alex gave a presentation on Article 12 of the CRPD, legal capacity and the problems of guardianship for disabled people; whilst Wendy's session focused on recent developments concerning the implementation of the CRPD in China.

Other notable academic speakers included Professor Michael Perlin from New York Law School; Professor Michael Stein and Dr Fengming Cui from the Harvard Law School Project on Disability; Professor Michael Waterstone from Loyola Law School and Professor Heng-hao Chang from the National Taipei University in Taiwan.

The conference generated lively debates and a powerful appetite for similar events in the future. The University of Leeds Centre for Disability Studies hopes to be able to host researchers from HKU and members of Chinese disabled people's organisations for a seminar later in 2015. Efforts are already underway to find the funding that will enable this HKU Summer Institute on Disability Rights to become an annual event.

Wendy, Alex and Anna enjoyed the chance to work as a team and are all committed to building on their collaborations with colleagues in Hong Kong, China and Taiwan.



Bitten by the 'Bake-Off' bug!

On 10 September 2015 the second floor of the Liberty Building became the infamous 'Bake-Off Tent' as keen members of staff and PGR students dusted off their aprons, filled their piping bags and presented their show stopper creations to a hungry room of guests.

The panel of judges included Judith Dahlgreen (Lecturer in Business Law), Rechelle Franklin and Kate Hall (both Education Service Officers).

The competition brought a range of sweet baked treats to the table and not a soggy bottom was in sight! Michael Randall's (PGR) realisation of Pink Floyd's 'Dark Side of the Moon' cake was particularly impressive but it was N8 Administrator Lauren Gale's layered chocolate mint cake that took first prize. Luke Fairbotham and Anthony Butcher from the Management Support Office took second and third place respectively.

It wasn't long before all the cake had been eaten, money had been donated and charity became the ultimate winner. All proceeds from this event, as well as funds generated by 'Cake Mondays' throughout September went to the UN Refugee Effort charity.

Student Rep Awards ESSL Best Faculty

The student reps from the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law won the overall award for 'Best Faculty' at Leeds University Union's School Rep awards in June 2015. An excellent achievement for the faculty and for the reps who committed a significant amount of time and effort throughout their time in post. Alex Blease is now the new School rep for Law. All the best Alex!



Freshfields Placement

From 07 – 18 September 2015 six LLB Law students spent a week on placement with Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London. Melissa Atkinson, Joshua Battat (pictured), Ben Palmer, Arjun Patel, Jennifer Sparrow and Melissa Wint were those selected and all found their time with the company incredibly beneficial.

Talking about his experience Joshua Battat commented:

I feel privileged to have been accepted onto the work experience programme at Magic Circle law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. The week provided an invaluable insight into commercial law and enabled all of the Leeds students on the scheme to network with some of the most esteemed and innovative lawyers in the profession. I was placed in the Dispute Resolution department with a particular focus on regulatory work surrounding financial institutions."

Arjun Patel said:

"My one week placement at Freshfields was an incredible insight into life as a trainee. Over the course of one week we attended various talks within the firm ranging from Sports Arbitration through to Social Media management. These talks were incredible useful in understanding the different departments of the firm as you come to realise there is more to a law firm than lawyers. Freshfields London office is comprised of over 2,000 personnel with half of them being lawyers and the other half comprising of support staff."

Jenny Sparrow also reflected on her time at Freshfields:

"The placement was a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into a commercial firm and how they operate day to day. I am so grateful for the experience that I had at Freshfields and I would love to return there in the future."

Melissa Atkinson said:

"We also visited the Royal Courts of Justice and the Inns of Court at the end of the week which allowed us to understand why Freshfields was placed where it is. It was also an opportunity for those who had been considering becoming barristers to have an insight into where they could have potentially been working and how they may have worked with a firm such as Freshfields."

I would definitely recommend students apply for work experience at Freshfields, not only are the staff extremely supportive, the week was highly valuable in numerous ways."

Agricultural Law Colloquium in Pisa

Thanks to the encouragement of Professor Michael Cardwell, supervisor of our respective PhD's, we each decided to attend the First Agricultural Law Colloquium on Current Issues of Agricultural Law in a Global Perspective. This prestigious international conference was held at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa, Italy on 17 -18 September 2015, under the auspices of the World Union of Academic Agrarians. The courtesy of the Colloquium Organisers was commendable and their prior organisation extremely helpful. The scholarly contributions were impressive and demonstrated the commitment of each participant to what is an extremely important and growing interdisciplinary area of scholarship.

This event provided a rare opportunity to meet with a relatively small, yet incredibly varied, group of academics and practitioners. It proved to be an extremely worthwhile collaborative venture facilitative of a very collegial and supportive environment for exchanging ideas, comments, criticism and praise, which unsurprisingly led to many interesting debates and conversations. Simply put, the event was a top notch academic endeavour, which succeeded in bringing together what is otherwise a very scattered group of agricultural lawyers and giving us a sense of community that will outlive our few days in Pisa. We are convinced that all the participants left with a real sense of satisfaction with regards to both the quality of papers and the interconnectedness of our research.

The colloquium provided an excellent opportunity to share our respective research with scholars working on a variety of legal issues relating to agriculture. We have each benefited from the many fruitful discussions and lively comments, and have been greatly intrigued and impressed by the work of others. In addition to providing much welcome inspiration for future research, the colloquium will also result in a peer reviewed book publication allowing us to further disseminate our research.

Training Contract Offers

Michael Welsh, third year LLB law student has recently found out that he has been offered a training contract with Irwin Mitchell.

Lolan Sagoe-Moses (2yr LLB graduate) has been offered a training contract with Norton Rose Fulbright.

Sinead Kearns (Law/French graduate) has also secured a training contract, this time with Weightmans.

On behalf of the School of Law, we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.



Award in Education

Shortlisted for a Leeds for Life Award in Education – Brendan McCarthy and Harvey Pare

Harvey Pare (recent alumnus) and Brendan McCarthy (now President of LawSoc) were shortlisted for a prestigious Leeds for Life Award earlier this year in the category of Education. They were invited to attend a University wide event in The Great Hall in honour of their achievements.

Professor Vivien Jones, Pro Vic Chancellor for Student Education officiated the Awards. In her opening speech she discussed how the University's students partake in over 3000 volunteering activities every year. So, for our students to be shortlisted for their efforts is remarkable. Mark Burns-Williamson (Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire) announced the nominees for the Education category.

Harvey and Bren's hard work, commitment and passion for debating and negotiating and their ability to widen its appeal by providing workshops for school/college students was highlighted and commended. Not only did they lead and deliver the workshops but they also produced the literature, hand outs and accompanying materials. They also recruited fellow student volunteers to support the events and to help the school students develop and present their arguments in the debate and/or negotiation. They have worked with over 140 young people from under represented backgrounds and helped break down misconceptions associated with universities and student life, helping to raise awareness and aspirations.

Herabans Kaur commented: I nominated them because of the unerring commitment to volunteering and community projects. They delivered interactive, thought provoking and extremely well received sessions to 149 visitors over the course of the three days in November 2014 as part of National Pro Bono Week.

Leeds students moot against international teams in Competition Law Moot

Leeds School of Law students John Gannon and Noorjahan Goffar were one of twelve teams to reach the quarter finals of the Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot.

After a successful written round they qualified for the oral rounds held at The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London.

Over weekend starting the 12 June John and Noorjahan tested the advocacy skills against fellow Competition Law mooters from across the world. In their first round they were pitted against the University of Amsterdam.

Out of the 12 teams they then become one of the 8 teams to reach the quarter finals, but just missed out to a tight victory for the National University of Singapore.

At the end of the competition the University of Leeds was overall fifth in the competition, beating Nottingham and Leicester Universities and just behind Amsterdam.

John Gannon, who is studying an LLM International Trade Law, commented:

"The competition was thoroughly enjoyable and the standard was very high. The judges were from the highest levels of academia and practice in this area and, as such, it was an honour and a pleasure to moot in front of them and to meet them.

"Partly because of this competition, I'm starting my PhD at Leeds in the coming academic year researching on competition law."

Noorjahan Goffar, who is studying an LLM International Banking and Finance Law

"The weekend was very exciting with a lot of impressive panels of judges (so we were quite anxious!). We met many students from Europe and Asia which was great. Although we only got through to the quarterfinals, we lost to the team that went on to win the competition and the judges said our legal knowledge was amazing.



LLB student to start yearlong 'dream job' with Warner Brothers

Exciting news from LLB second year student Patrick Keane – he has earned a place on a yearlong paid internship with Warner Bros. In July 2015 he started working at Warner Bros Pictures International in London as a UK Film Sales Intern.

Patrick is settling in well and has met all of his team, including his fellow interns from across the UK.

He said: "I've found what sounds like the dream job! I'm hugely looking forward to gaining experience in the corporate world. It'll be a massive change for me and will no doubt be an incredibly useful and interesting experience."

Patrick will develop his business and commercial understanding through monitoring the successes of films throughout the UK, as well as collaborating with European and U.S. areas of industry.

He also commented: "I'm hoping this year will really help me when I return to University for my final year at Leeds. Being able to transfer the skills I acquire to my degree should be really helpful. I'm hoping that through this opportunity I can explore other career options that our versatile course provides."



Hogan Lovells

Bursary Winners Ben Palmer and Aaron Escreet

Earlier this summer international law firm Hogan Lovells kindly agreed to award £1,000 to the School of Law in what will become an annual bursary scheme.

This is the first year in which the bursary has been open to applications, and in July it was awarded to two first year students who received £500 each. Ben Palmer and Aaron Escreet who study LLB Law were the fortunate beneficiaries and were awarded the bursary on academic merit and their interest in commercial law.

Ben Palmer says "I was very pleased when I found out I had been awarded the Hogan Lovells Bursary as it will be a great help in providing financial assistance to me in my second year. I am thankful for the bursary and I appreciate the time and effort Hogan Lovells dedicates to supporting those with potential. The firm has already been in touch and they have made it clear they are keen to help me succeed. I believe more firms should take an approach like this and encourage access to the legal profession for those who are clearly capable but may be disadvantaged in other ways."

The next bursary will be available for applications to first year LLB Law students towards the end of the academic year 2015/16.



Summer Scholarships

Shortly after the summer exam period of 2015 drew to a close nine students from the School of Law embarked on a summer of work placements and internships, thanks to a number of generous scholarships and awards.

Access to Justice Scholarships

The Access to Justice Scholarships were awarded to Jennifer Fish (Top Left) and Cheven Ilangaratne (Top Mid) who jetted off to Budapest for an eight week placement at the Mental Disability Advocacy Centre, an international human rights organisation.

Jennifer told us: "The experience was an opportunity of a life time which allowed me to develop professionally and personally, meet incredible people and work hard for an amazing cause in a beautiful city."

Keith Lee Undergraduate Research and Leadership Scholarship

First Year Student Amelia Carr (Top Right) was awarded funding to work on an extensive research project, which also continues for another six weeks in summer 2016.

The project will involve conducting an 'oral history' of the School of Law, University of Leeds, investigating how learning and teaching has evolved in its history. This will entail interviewing the many staff and former students throughout the School of Law's history. It is ideal experience for a future career in research and academia.

The research scholarship has been made possible through the very generous support of Mr Keith Lee, an alumnus of the School of Law.

Pamela Walsh Peaker Memorial Awards

These scholarships were awarded to Jodie Buck, Elizabeth Gaskell, Rebecca Tramaseur, (Middle Row) Jade Ferguson, Paige Armitage (Bottom Row) and Chloe Payne (not pictured, currently studying abroad). All were funded for eight weeks of relevant work experience in various areas of the legal sector.

Rebecca Tramaseur reflected on her experience: "During my placement, I was mainly based in the Public Law and Civil Liberties Department at Ison Harrison Solicitors. Throughout my placement, I was given a high number of varied responsibilities; a main role of mine was to assess new enquires for their merit. This was extremely interesting work as it allowed me to apply my research skills to new areas of law, most commonly immigration and asylum. I was then subsequently responsible for contacting the new enquiry to obtain financial information to set up Legal Aid and appointments, I was then lucky enough to attend with my supervising solicitor. In addition to work on judicial review cases, I also worked with the Clinical Negligence department assessing cases for merit and trying to find new lines of causation in complex cases. I found this work enjoyable and beneficial as it is an area of law that particularly interests me."

Jodie Buck said: "I completed my placement at Irwin Mitchell and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute. It was an invaluable experience to be able to see the day to day workings of a solicitor, and to gain many skills that I would not have if it were not for this scholarship."

Jade said: "I competed a placement at Simpson Millar Solicitors. The experience was very incredibly valuable as the 8 weeks I spent working with them meant I got a true insight into the workings of a law firm, more so than on any normal week long work placement.

The training I received from Simpson Millar and the quality of work I was exposed to was fantastic."

The award scheme was endowed by Mr Antony Peaker in the name of his late wife Pamela Mary Walsh Peaker MA, Solicitor. The programme supports students in undertaking work experience in the area of private law, understood as the practice of law (including litigation and negotiation) for the advancement of individual legal rights and interests.

Each of these scholarships provided an incredibly valuable opportunity for each of the recipients, and could really help those applying for training contracts in the future.



LawSoc welcome

The LawSoc Committee have been hard at work all summer organising and preparing for the year ahead and we are very much looking forward to delivering, what is shaping up to be one of the busiest years yet for LawSoc!

We are delighted to be welcoming so many new faces into our society this year and wish them all the best for their time here at the University of Leeds. My advice to anyone joining us is 'put yourself out there and keep pushing the boundaries of your comfort zone.' Our diverse social calendar provides you with the perfect opportunity to meet new people, not only in your own year but from across the society.

Law's Got Talent, organised by LawSoc and School of Law staff was a great success last year and will be reappearing on our calendar later in the semester. We will be inviting our members, as well as students and staff throughout the School, to take part and show off their talents so keep an eye out for more details.

We have recently confirmed that Dublin will be the destination for our mid-semester city break trip and are delighted to be working with Invasion Travel, founded by our very own, Lee McAteer, a previous President of Leeds Law Soc. The trip provides our members with a well-earned escape from what can be a very demanding degree and refreshes them for the rest of the semester.

The career prospects and development of our members is at the top of our priorities. We are well connected and offer our member's face to face contact with some of the world's leading law firms through an abundance of presentations, workshops and networking opportunities. Our Annual Careers Dinner taking place on Wednesday 25th November is the pinnacle of the careers calendar as it is an opportunity to wine and dine with representatives from our sponsors, creating a very exclusive experience.

If anyone has any feedback or suggestions on how we can continue to improve please do not hesitate to get in contact!

Thank you, **Bren McCarthy**
President, University of Leeds Law Society



CrimSoc update

My name is Charlotte Hutchinson and I am the President of the CrimSoc society. This is OUR society and CrimSoc strives to create and encourage strong relations between students on the BA Criminal Justice and Criminology course. We organise both social and academic events such as guest speakers and volunteering opportunities as well as bar crawls and nights out!

We have a very exciting year lined up for you and our committee are working hard to bring in the best people. So far we have the likes of West Yorkshire Probation coming in to give a seminar, Police officers coming to talk on their experience and answer your questions, professional psychiatrists and psychologists from mental health departments, restorative justice experts and links to the prison services.

I would highly encourage you to join CrimSoc as soon as you get your ISS login from the Uni. You can do this on the Leeds University Union website by simply searching 'CrimSoc'. You'll also find lots more information on what we offer exclusively to our members there – this includes discount cards for bars and discounted prices for upcoming CrimSoc events. MEMBERSHIP is just £25 for three years. You can also request to join our official Facebook page by searching 'Leeds Crimsoc – The Criminal Justice Society' or follow us on Twitter @LeedsCrimSoc and Instagram – CrimsocLeeds.

We have already organised a trip to Manchester's Policing Museum on October 9th. Tickets are £9 for members and £10 for non-members – this includes all travel and admission. Tickets are available to buy from any member of the committee or email me: lw13c2h@leeds.ac.uk. Anyone is welcome, whether they are a member or not.

Our social secretaries have gone all out to find you the best sponsors for our society so we get the best deals in Leeds. They will also be encouraging you to take part in Law's Got Talent in December.

No Curfew events run Monday to Saturday with different clubs hosting different club nights catering for any taste! Nights include Mint Mondays, Little Miss at Tiger Tiger on Tuesdays and Chaos at Space on Fridays. Joining CrimSoc will guarantee your free No Curfew card getting you discounted entree into these nights!

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Dates for the Diary

On Liberty:

In conversation with Shami Chakrabarti

15 October 2015 | 17:30 – 19:00 | Western Lecture Theatre | Public lecture

Shami Chakrabarti, Director of Liberty, the British civil liberties advocacy organisation, will be joining the School of Law for a conversation about human rights in the 21st century. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

The Post-LASPO Landscape: Challenges for Family Law

16 October 2015 | 9:30 – 17:00 | Location TBC | Workshop

This workshop will consider how austerity and cuts to legal aid provision in the civil jurisdiction has impacted on access to family justice. This event is brought to you by the Centre for Law and Social Justice. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

Surviving The Bar

19 October 2015 | 17:30 | LG.06, Liberty Building | Seminar

This event will provide an opportunity to discuss retention of women in the legal profession, and the impact that this has on gender diversity at high levels of the judiciary. This event is brought to you by the Centre for Law and Social Justice. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

Centre for Business Law and Practice PGR Conference

21 October 2015 | 13:00 – 17:00 | Room 1.13, Liberty Building | Conference

The Centre for Business Law and Practice's annual postgraduate researcher conference is an opportunity for PGRs within the research centre to gain experience of presenting their research in front of a friendly and informal audience whilst allowing others to garner a greater understanding of the research projects currently taking place within the School of Law. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

Financing Fiasco – Fortune or Folly?

28 October 2015 | 17:00 – 18:00 | Room G.33, Liberty Building | Seminar

This seminar from the Centre for Business Law and Practice is based on empirical research projects discusses the receivables finance industry and how it affects SME's.

The Law Fair

4 November 2015 | 11:00 – 14:30 | Parkinson Court | Fair

Restorative Practices & Justice: Leeds – Towards a Restorative City

6 November 2015 | 9:30 – 16:00 | Great Hall, University of Leeds | Conference

This conference, brought to you by the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies will bring together key stakeholders from policy, practice and research to explore the role and implementation of restorative practices across a diverse range of policy domains and areas of service delivery. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

The Political Foundations of Shareholder Power

9 November 2015 | 14:00 – 18:00 | School of Law, Liberty Building | Seminar

Public lecture and half day workshop from the Centre for Business Law and Practice on shareholder power: Professor Bruner will give key note lecture and Professors Keay and Loughrey will give papers commenting on central issues raised. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

Are Children Human?

11 November 2015 | 18:00 – 19:30 | Moot Court, Liberty Building | Lecture

This major public lecture from the Centre for Law and Social Justice is part of the Hamlyn Lectures 2015, presented by Professor Michael Freeman. It will ask why children have been marginalised and trace the path to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the UN in 1989. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

CBLP Research Seminar (title TBC)

25 November 2015 | 17:00 – 18:00 | Room G.33, Liberty Building | Seminar

This event is brought to you by the Centre for Business Law and Practice

Law's Got Talent

3 December 2015 | Time and Location TBC Social

Following the success of the launch of Law's Got Talent in 2014 we are very excited to be repeating the competition this year. Keep your eyes peeled for further information.

The Race Relations Act @ 50 Legal Panel 1965 – 2065

8 December 2015 | 18:30-20:00 | Moot Court, Liberty Building | Panel Debate

This event from the Centre for Law and Social Justice will feature 5 speakers from across the political spectrum and will focus on the impact of the Race Relations Act over the last 50 years and the next 50 years. Book your place online: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

Social Contribution Injustice

9 December 2015 | 16:00-17:00 | Room TBC | Seminar

This seminar is brought to you by the Centre for Law and Social Justice will be presented by Kimberley Brownlee (Law, Warwick).

Events Summary

For more information, including full programmes and how to register for these events, please visit: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events

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