Dr. Celia Sgroi has been an Associate Professor of Public Justice at SUNY Oswego for 30 years. She earned her Ph.D. in Germanic Languages from Ohio State University and her J.D from SUNY Buffalo Law School. Her areas of interest and expertise are Comparative Justice Studies; Courts and Court Administration; Criminal Law; Right to Die Law and Policy. She has taught a number of Public Justice Classes such as PBJ 201, PBJ 301, PBJ 365, PBJ 377, PBJ 397, and PBJ 401.

She worked as a Law Assistant in Oswego County Family Court from 1980-1982. At the same time she started teaching as an instructor for the Public Justice Department. Dr. Sgroi became an Assistant Professor in September of 1982. From 1983-1986, she served as the Assistant to the President. She was promoted to Associate Professor in 1986. Dr. Sgroi was the Department Chair for the Public Justice Department from 1987-2002.

Michele Fischetti has known Dr. Sgroi for over 20+ years. "She was the Chairperson of PBJ when I arrived here in 1995. Dr. Sgroi is charming, funny, and a great friend. She was the backbone of the Public Justice Department for many years often working nights and weekends. The Department is what it is today because of her work and dedication to PBJ."

When asked about Dr. Sgroi, Professor Ryniker said, "I was hired by Dr. Sgroi, I will always be grateful to her. In my early years, she was always available with sage advice and gentle support. For the last ten years, she has been the driving force behind the Public Justice online program. For many years, Dr. Sgroi was the Public Justice Department Chair. Because of her expert leadership, the Department has grown and flourished. With her wisdom and her administrative knowledge will be sorely missed. She is our friend and our mentor. Dr. Sgroi has enriched SUNY Oswego in so many ways."

Professor Brand stated, "After 32 years of distinguished service to the SUNY Oswego campus as a whole, and to the Public Justice Department and students in particular, Dr. Sgroi will be missed. The contributions that she made will long be remembered. I wish her the best in her retirement as she pursues her interests and activities."

Dr. Kurst-Swanger summed the situation up for the Department when she said, "Dr. Sgroi has been a wonderful mentor and colleague. She has been instrumental in my growth and development as a teacher and a scholar. I will miss her thoughtful advice, her warm personality and her quick wit! She deserves a wonderful retirement!"

Fall 2012 Registration—Katrina Pevsner

Registration for Fall 2012 is approaching quickly. April 9th is the beginning of registration; keep an eye out for your exact date. A link to the registration dates & times will be posted on the PBJ website [www.oswego.edu/publicjustice] look under News & Announcements on the right side of the page. You can also find this information in your myOswego account. Eligibility to register is determined by the number of credit hours you have completed. Meet with a peer advisor to help you prepare a tentative schedule before you meet with your advisor.

BEWARE: Students who have earned 57 to 71 credit hours must meet with their faculty advisor for a 2nd PIN number. Also if you are a second semester freshman or a 1st semester transfer, you need to meet with your advisor for a 2nd PIN as well. You cannot register without this number! If you have any questions or are unsure of who your faculty advisor is, you can find that information in your MyOswego account. If you need assistance, stop by the peer advisement office in 319 Mahar or contact Michele Fischetti in the Public Justice office, 446 Mahar.

Registering for classes at your appointed registration time is very important. DO NOT WAIT – register for your classes on your date and time. If you do not, you risk not getting the classes that you will need to graduate.

Special points of interest:
- PBJ 397 Applications due—April 1st
- Summer Session Registration is happening NOW!
- PBJ 397 Orientation Meeting for Summer Internships is April 9th at 1:45pm—Room 201 Mahar.
- Alpha Delta Omega responses due back to Michele by April 9th
- Sign up for advisement appointments with your Faculty Advisor NOW! Look for signup sheets outside each office.

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Walk A Mile In Her Shoes—Rebecca Harp

A new annual event is coming to the SUNY Oswego campus. The Greek organization Phi Sigma Sigma is holding the event Walk a Mile In Her Shoes on April 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Hewitt Union. This event helps support a variety of major social issues and promotes public awareness of sexual assault, gender violence, and rape.

The well known metaphor, “Walk A Mile In Her Shoes” is put to use in all of the many events. Put yourself into someone else’s shoes.” What is asked of participates is for the men and women to walk a mile in high heels. Phi Sigma Sigma believes that this event is something that can help the entire community of Oswego. Phi Sigma Sigma believes that this issue is something that affects everyone and this is not an issue for just one gender or the other as many may believe. Anyone can be a victim of or impacted by one of these crimes. It could be someone you know, a friend, a sibling, a parent or cousin. Phi Sigma Sigma wants to do whatever they can to help prevent someone from being hurt whether it is because they went through one of the three traumatic issues that ‘Walk A Mile In Her Shoes’ raises money to support or by some other horrible event.

Phi Sigma Sigma would like to invite all of you to come out and help support this cause. Donation boxes are located now in each of the residence halls for heel donations. If you would like to be a part of this philanthropic event please come to the event on April 14th in Hewitt Union between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you would like to become more involved or would like to know more, please feel free to contact any member of Phi Sigma Sigma.

How Am I Going to Find A Job? — Beck Carra

Don’t worry! Here are six simple things you can do to better your chances of finding a job:

Have an impressive and up to date resumé!
It is vital that all of your experience is included in your resumé.

Show how that experience highlights specific skills that you have.

Make sure you add any new skills you develop.

For help with resume or cover letter take a walk over to the Compass!

Attend Career Fairs!
Speak with representatives face-to-face instead of sending your resumé online.

Allows you the time to ask any questions you may have.

Network!
Talking with people in the field can be the best way to find out about new opportunities that might not be advertised.

Internships!
This will help you to hone your skills, boost your resumé and provide you with vital job experience.

Do not be afraid to be proactive and ask for more responsibility.

Get involved and volunteer!
Let your colors shine and show potential employers that you are responsible.

Pick volunteer opportunities that are interesting to you.

Considering Law School? Reconsider—Dan Shaw

Although job availability and growth appear steady in the upcoming decade for those seeking to practice law, the cost of acquiring the proper degree and certification remains well above that of most fields. The average amount of money borrowed last academic year by those attending law school at private universities was $106,249. If one is to eliminate this copious amount of debt, the first step is to gain quick employment upon graduation with an impressive starting salary. However, in today’s job market, many new lawyers are finding that without a degree from one of America’s top law schools, attaining a well-paying law-related job is increasingly difficult.

As law students attending universities outside of America’s top 35 law schools are finding out, employment in a law-related job has heightened in difficulty. Most affected by this shift in employment have been recent graduates who attended 3rd and 4th tier law schools. With 80% of law students relying on loans to pay for their education, undergraduates must contemplate whether or not the investment in law school will be worth it if they are not admitted to one of the more prestigious universities America has to offer.

The most important investment for those considering law school during this recession is a solid investment in LSAT preparation. While one’s GPA is very important, a high LSAT grade is vital in gaining admission to a reputable law school. While LSAT tutoring and prep can be very expensive, they will prove well worth the investment if the students are admitted to a 1st tier law school. Diligent preparation during undergraduate study is critical. One will not survive law school without proper study skills. But consider the costs carefully. The necessary financial sacrifices to study law may outweigh the potential benefits.

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