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### A MESSAGE FROM PROF. ABRIEL

Dear Sydney Program Students,

I am delighted that you will be joining me this summer in Sydney. This is the first of probably two or three newsletters, which I hope will be helpful to you as you prepare for the summer.



### OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

You should have received a message from Monica Davis, inviting you to join the Facebook page for the Sydney program. The link is [https://www.facebook.com/groups/60568383350/?bookmark\\_t=group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/60568383350/?bookmark_t=group). This is a great way to contact other people on the program, for example, if you'd like to travel together or exchange housing information or tips on the best flights.

### CONTACTING THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR & STAFF

Sydney Program Director Evangeline Abriel – I am the Director of Legal Analysis, Research, and Writing at Santa Clara University School of Law and have also been the director of the Sydney program for the last four years. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Between now and May 28 (when I leave for Sydney), I can be reached by email at [eabriel@scu.edu](mailto:eabriel@scu.edu) or by telephone at (408) 554-5368 (office), 925-285-9883 (cell).

I will arrive in Sydney on the morning of Friday, May 30. One of my first tasks will be to update my Australian mobile number, and I'll send out an e-mail on the evening of May 30

giving the new number. I will be staying at the Meriton Serviced Apartments, 528 Kent Street (corner of Liverpool Street), Sydney 2000. The reception phone there is (dialing from the U.S.) 011-61-2-8263-5500. From Sydney, it would be just 8263-5500. In addition, you here is my U.S. cell phone number – while it might be expensive to call, texting is usually pretty reasonable – 925-285-9883.

Santa Clara University Law School's Center for Global Law and Policy Program Manager – Monica Davis is the Program Manager for the Center for Global Law and Policy at Santa Clara University Law School. She can be reached by email at [mdavis@scu.edu](mailto:mdavis@scu.edu) or by telephone at (408) 551-3000 extension 6445.

### PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP



Entry Requirements: In order to enter Australia, you will need a current passport valid for the duration of your stay and a valid Australian visa. It is the student's responsibility to apply for and obtain the appropriate visa. In general, if you are a U.S. citizen, our understanding is that the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) 601 for visitors is appropriate for both persons only taking the course and persons staying on to do volunteer placements. It will allow you to visit and to study for up to three months. You must apply for the ETA BEFORE entering Australia. You can apply for the ETA on-line for a small service fee at <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au>. You will receive a confirmation of your receipt of the ETA, which you should take with you to Australia. For more detailed entry requirements, please look at the U.S. Department of State website: [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_954.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_954.html).

Please let me know if you have any questions about the visa.

If you are not a United States citizen or are traveling on a non-U.S. passport, you must check entry requirements with the appropriate Australian embassy/consulate prior to departure.



Housing. Please take a look at our program website, <http://law.scu.edu/international/sydney.cfm>, which lists a number of housing options. The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) has obtained a special rate for the Meriton Serviced Apartments, reasonable if you share the apartment. Please let me know if I can be of assistance as you decide on housing.

Sydney has excellent public transportation in the form of buses and light rail, so you do not need to live within walking distance of the UTS (where our classes will be held). But if you would like to live in walking distance, or within a short commute by public transportation, UTS is located in the Ultimo neighborhood of Sydney, and the surrounding neighborhoods include Surry Hills, Glebe, Pyrmont, City Center, and Haymarket. Here is a link to a map showing the location of UTS Sydney, so that you can get an idea of the surrounding areas:  
<https://www.google.com/maps/place/University+of+Technology+Sydney/@-33.883898,151.201013,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x16e224b2bd8fa957>

Here is a link to Sydney's transport agency, which has a "plan your trip" feature:  
<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/explore/getting-around/public-transport>

Travel Arrangements: If you have not already booked your flight, you may want to check out the student discounts offered by STA Travel ([www.statravel.com](http://www.statravel.com)).



## **OUR HOST INSTITUTION**

Our classes will be held at the University of Technology Sydney School of Law, located at 15 Broadway, Ultimo (Sydney), NSW. The law school is centrally located within walking distance of Darling Harbour, the civil and criminal courts, and Sydney's historic buildings.

The Law School has ample room for study, a breakroom with microwave and vending machines for students, and a library. The Law School makes the library's physical and on-line facilities available to us.



## **ORIENTATION, COURSE SCHEDULE, TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS**

We will have an orientation meeting and dinner on Sunday, June 1. We'll meet at the UTS law school lobby at 4:00 p.m., have a short meeting, then walk to Darling Harbor and take the ferry to the Rocks and Circular Quay for dinner.

We'll have classes from Monday through Friday, usually from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, each of the three weeks of the course. We will also be taking a number of site visits, so may have to hold class in the afternoon on some days so that we can observe court proceedings in the mornings. On the third Friday, unfortunately, we'll have the final exam.

Our course materials will consist of our textbook ("Refugee Law: an International and Comparative Approach" AND some supplemental materials that I will post to ClaraNet (Santa Clara's course page system – instructions on accessing it below). I'll send out a notice when the syllabus and materials are posted. I should have our course syllabus up towards the end of April.

To access ClaraNet, go the SCU Law homepage and click on ClaraNet (in a cluster of links towards the bottom of the page). Then click on "Main Index to Course Materials and Departmental Information," then on "Course Reserves Pages by Instructor," then "select instructor" and click on "Abriel." Our course will be entitled "Refugee Law: Sydney 2014." (It's not up quite yet, but should be up shortly!)

Our textbook for the course is Musalo, Moore, and Boswell, *Refugee Law and Policy: a Comparative and International Approach*. The current edition is the fourth, issued a couple of years ago, so you may be able to find used copies very reasonably.

We will also put together some supplemental readings and hypotheticals, particularly including materials on Australian refugee law. You will be able to download these from my

ClaraNet site on the Santa Clara website. I recommend printing these materials out double-sided and bringing them with you, as it may be expensive to print them out in Australia.

The final examination in this course will be open book, so you will definitely need a textbook and the supplemental materials for the final.

### **INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS**

I will be sending information individually to students enrolled in internships following the class, advising them of their placements and introducing them to their supervisors.

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

Credit Cards: Visa and MasterCard are universally accepted in Australia; American Express and Diners' Club are less commonly accepted and Discovery cards even less so. If you know your PIN, you can withdraw cash advances from your debit and credit cards at banks or ATMs. (Australia has both Cirrus and PLUS automated teller machines).

Electrical Needs: Australian sockets take two or three flat, not rounded, prongs and the current is 240/250 volts AC, 50 hertz. You can buy a U.S.-Australian adaptor at travel stores in the United States, but they are also available in Australia. In 2011 and 2012, they were available for purchase at the airport upon arrival in Australia. Converters are not recommended, as they can damage foreign appliances. Your laptop should work fine with only an adaptor.

Electricity does not start automatically when you plug in an appliance. You must flick the switch beside the socket to the "on" position.

Money: As of this writing, the Australian dollar is worth USD .93. The Australian dollar is divided into 100 cents, and Australian currency is issued in denominations of AUD 1.00, 20.00, 50.00, and 100.00, and in coins worth 5, 10, 20, and 50 cents. It is sometimes a good idea to exchange at least some money before you leave home to avoid potentially long lines at the airport.



Traveler's Checks: Traveler's checks are becoming less frequently used and may be difficult to get cashed. There may also be a charge to cash traveler's checks in foreign currency in Australia.

Visa TravelMoney: Visa travel money is a disposable, prepaid debit card with a PIN which works in all ATMs that take Visa cards. You load up your account with funds before leaving home, and when your money runs out, you just throw the card away. You can get extra cards, which is a good idea in case your card gets lost or stolen.



Weather: June and July is early winter in Australia. The Australian winter is similar to winter in Northern California – chilly with some rain. High temperatures usually range from 55-65 degrees Fahrenheit, with evenings no colder than 40 degrees. Bring an umbrella.

Emergencies: Dial 000 anywhere in Australia for police, ambulance or the fire department. The call is free so you do not need any coins.

Medical care and insurance: The Park Medical Center, near town hall, is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and charges about \$35.00 for a 15 minute consultation. The address is Shop 4, 27 Park St., tel: 02-9264-4488. Your summer abroad fees include coverage under the ACE American Insurance Company's Travel Assistance Program. Please see the information on this program and its benefits at <http://law.scu.edu/international/file/ACE%20Travel%20Program%20Info.pdf>.



Public Transportation: Sydney has numerous means of public transportation, including buses, ferries, water taxis, trains, light rail and monorail. There are also a number of passes that are available to visitors who will be using public transportation frequently that are cheaper than buying individual tickets. To obtain bus, ferry and train timetable information, you can call Infoline (131500 from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.) or check the website for Sydney buses and ferries ([www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au)) or CityRail ([www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info)). Sydney Transport Maps are available at any bus, ferry or rail office. One caveat – do not use the Australian student discount tickets – these are available ONLY to Australian students.

Telephones: To call Sydney, Australia from the U.S. you dial 011 (the international access code), then 61 (the country code), then 2 (the city code) and then the eight digit number. To make calls from Sydney to the U.S., dial 0011 (the access code), then 1 (the country code), then the area code and seven digit number. For directory assistance dial 1223 or 12455 if you

are looking for a number in Australia or 1225 for numbers in other countries. To reach an operator, call 1234; to make a collect call dial 12550. 1800 numbers in Australia are toll-free, but calling a 1-800 number in the U.S. costs the same as any other overseas call.

In the past couple of years, students on our program have purchased inexpensive Australian mobile phones and minutes for use while they are in Australia.

Tipping: Tipping is not expected in Australia. It is usual, however, to round up to the nearest A\$10 for a substantial meal in a restaurant. Some people also round up to the nearest dollar in a cab or tip bellboys or porters.

Water: Drink it anywhere; it's fine.

### **STAY TUNED FOR:**

More information about program outings and field trips to legal institutions in Sydney. I'll put these in a later newsletter.

**Please contact me if I can be of any help! I look forward to seeing you down under!**