



**SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**  
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Hello, everyone –

I hope exams are going well and that you are getting excited about our upcoming Australian adventure! I have some updates for you and a couple of requests.

1. Our schedule.

We will have class Monday through Friday, June 2 – 6, and Monday through Thursday, June 9 – 12. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and generally last until noon, although we'll have a couple of afternoon classes as well.

We will have site visits to Australian legal institutions one morning and several afternoons. I am really looking forward to the site visits. If you look at the syllabus, you'll see that we have some great ones lined up.

The final will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, and we'll have an optional review session Thursday afternoon, June 12.

2. Course syllabus and materials.

I have posted a preliminary syllabus to our ClaraNet page. To get to ClaraNet, go to 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."

Our course materials will consist of our textbook ("Refugee Law: an International and Comparative Approach" – see newsletter # 1 for fuller information on the textbook) AND additional materials posted to ClaraNet. I will also post the supplemental additional materials to ClaraNet, under the "Supplemental Materials" folder.

I will be posting one other set of additional materials – a series of simulated cases that we will use during class.

3. Deciding whether to print out or download the supplemental materials. I like to print out the supplemental materials, two-sided, put them into a three-hole punch binder, and bring them with me to Australia. But this is up to you. Here are some considerations: you will have internet access in the UTS Law School, but you might not have it in your living accommodations, or you might have to pay for it there. So I would at least download the materials onto a flashdrive or onto your computer before leaving the United States, so that you will have easy access. The final assignment will be open book, open notes, and you will be able to use materials stored on your computer, but will not be able to go on-line during the final. If you work better with hard copies of the materials, then consider printing them out and bringing them with you. If you work just as well reading the materials on your computer, it might not be so essential to print them out. But do download them

4. Welcome meeting/orientation/dinner on Sunday, June 1.

We will meet on Sunday, June 1, at 3:00 p.m. on the ground floor of the UTS law school (the Law Faculty, Haymarket Campus of UTS). The UTS pre-departure kit (posted to our Australia program webpage) has instructions on how to get to the Law Faculty. Our plan is to walk to Darling Harbour, take the ferry to Circular Quay to see the spectacular Sydney Harbour, and get dinner at Circular Quay. (On Santa Clara.)

5. Events the first week (other than class and site visits).

At some point on the first day, UTS staff will give us a tour of the campus and help us get registered for internet and library use.

We will also have either or both of the following (depending on what other events transpire): Movie Night to watch the Australian documentary *Go Back to Where You Came From* (in which ordinary Australians followed in reverse the journeys refugees take to get to Australia) and a wine and cheese open house (nothing elegant) at my apartment.

If people are interested, I can arrange a bus tour to the Blue Mountains on Saturday, June 7. I'll ask you at the first class.

6. Events the second week (week of June 11)

This week, we'll have an optional dinner together. On Friday night, June 13, we'll have a farewell dinner (on Santa Clara).

7. Resources folder for students doing volunteer placements.

I've placed a folder on our course ClaraNet page with some resources on the Australian legal system and doing research in Australian law.

8. Please send me contact information.

Please provide me with your preferred e-mail address, and please check your e-mail frequently between now and the first day of class (June 2). If you get a phone in Sydney, please send the number to me.

I will arrive in Sydney on May 30, and the first thing I'll do will be to get a new Aussie phone number and send it out to you by e-mail. I'll also be checking my e-mail frequently before and after that date. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance or if you would just like company. E-mail: [eabriel@scu.edu](mailto:eabriel@scu.edu); U.S. cell phone 925.285.9883 (you can text). You can also contact Monica Davis, at [mdavis@scu.edu](mailto:mdavis@scu.edu), 408-551-3000 ext. 6445.

9. Insurance information.

You are covered by the ACE Travel Assistant Program insurance. The policy and information is posted to the Australia program webpage. Please print this out and bring it with you in your hand luggage.

10. Interns – contact your placements.

All of our volunteer placements are confirmed. Once we are in Sydney, I will also try to set up pre-placement meetings with each intern, the placement supervisor, and me.

11. Getting to Sydney center from the airport: <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g255060-cl19393/Sydney:Australia:Sydney.Airport.Transport.html>

12. A little Aussie music to get you in the mood:

“I am Australian” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD3SkTyXzcE&feature=related>

Waltzing Matilda: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INdjRCNcZj0&feature=related>

The Australian national anthem – “Advance Australia Fair”  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iGNhgMd6uM>

See you soon!

Prof. Abriel

