SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
CENTER FOR GLOBAL LAW & POLICY

SYDNEY SUMMER PROGRAM
NEWSLETTER 1
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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 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 or Zsea Beaumonis of SCU’s Center for Global Law and Policy, inviting you to join the Facebook page for the Sydney program. The link is 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 a clinical professor at Santa Clara University School of Law and have also been the director of the Sydney program for the last five 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 or by telephone at (408) 554-5368 (office), 925-285-9883 (cell).

I will arrive in Sydney on the morning of Wednesday, May 27. 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 27 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 have my
U.S. cell phone number – while it might be expensive to call, texting is usually pretty reasonable

Santa Clara University Law School’s Center for Global Law and Policy Program
Manager – Zsea Beaumonis is the Interim Program Manager for the Center for Global Law and
Policy at Santa Clara University Law School. He can be reached by email at CGLP@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 passport and 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. Once granted, the ETA will be linked to your passport number.
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

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. 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 (close to Haymarket) neighborhood of Sydney, and the surrounding neighborhoods include City Centre, Pyrmont, Surry Hills, and Glebe. 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).

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 Wednesday, May 27. We’ll meet at the UTS law school lobby at 4:00 p.m., have a short tour, then walk to Darling Harbor and take the ferry to the Rocks and Circular Quay for dinner (on Santa Clara).

We’ll have classes from Monday through Friday. Classes will generally be from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, but we may have to hold class in the afternoons some days to accommodate morning site visits. 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 provide to you.

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 in 2011, so you should be able to find used copies very reasonably.

As I mentioned above, there will also be some supplemental readings and hypotheticals, particularly including materials on Australian refugee law. I will send out a further message with instructions on how to access and download those materials. I recommend printing them out double-sided and bringing them with you, as it may be expensive to print them out in Australia.

I will send out a message when the course syllabus and materials are posted.

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 calling those of you who signed up for an internship to talk about your goals and see which placement would be the best fit. I will also be sending you an e-mail intro message, advising you of your placement and introducing you to your supervisor.

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 past years, they were available for purchase at the airport upon arrival in Australia. Converters are not recommended, as they can damage your 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 .76. 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 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 a warm jacket or coat, clothing to layer, and 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) or CityRail (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!