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HONORS PROGRAM

The University Honors Program Presents:

*The Second Annual
Honors Networking
Event*



*Faculty Center, Kerr Hall
March 30th, 2006
6:00pm-8:00pm*

Honors Networking Event

6:00 Welcome and Introductions

6:30 Networking

7:00 Tables

Tables:

Targeting Resumes

Job Interviewing and Negotiating Salaries

Marketing a Humanities Degree

Techie jobs for Non-Techies

Engineering Degree Options

Applying to Graduate Schools

Strategies for Law School Applications

Post Undergraduate Fellowships

Ph.D Career Tracks

Honors Program

Maureen Kelleher, Director

Faith Crisley, Associate Director

Lauren Pouchak, Assistant Director

Carol DiCecca, Staff Assistant

Career Services

Sabrina Woods, Associate Director

Alumni Participants:

Ari Bessendorf, BS '01

Music Industry

Ari Bessendorf is an associate at McCauley Lyman LLC, a general commercial practice with an emphasis on the energy industry, including renewable energy development and asset restructuring. Ari has specialized in energy development and environmental policy since the start of law school. He has previous internship stints at the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy, and at Cape Wind Associates.

Ari is a graduate of Suffolk University Law School (2005, J.D., *cum laude*). During law school, he served as Note Editor on the Suffolk Transnational Law Review, and published his Note on global energy policy, Games in the Hothouse: Theoretical Dimensions in Climate Change. Ari has also published articles on retail and wholesale electricity market regulation, transmission policy, distributed generation, public transportation, federal tax policy, and the First Amendment. He has recently co-authored a book chapter on Renewable Portfolio Standards for the American Bar Association Renewable Energy section. Ari is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and New York.

Rindge Leaphart, BS '91

Finance/International Business

A native of neighboring Roxbury, Rindge is currently the General Manager for a \$45MM division of Avery Dennison, based in Buffalo, NY. He previously worked at B/E Aerospace in various roles: VP Sales & Marketing, VP of Operations, Director of Operations and Marketing Director. He has also worked at Siemens as Product Planning Manager, Arthur Andersen as Senior Consultant, and Bull Information Systems as a Cost accountant and Financial Planning Analyst. He is a 1997 graduate of Harvard Business School.

Alyssa Meritt, BA '98

English

Highlights of Alyssa's career include a stint at The Hay Group, a management consultancy, writing a travel column for a local paper, leading the marketing and PR efforts for a travel dotcom. She has also worked with major corporations such as Orbitz, Travelocity, Virgin Atlantic and MTV on marketing initiatives. Alyssa now works at Northeastern as Associate Director of Interactive Marketing. She's leading a University wide website redesign and the implementation of a content management system. For fun, Alyssa likes to drag race her MINI Cooper S on the back streets of Boston.

Paulina Mirenkova, BS '01

Finance and Insurance

A Northeastern graduate, Paulina holds a dual degree in Finance & Insurance and Actuarial Mathematics. Originally from Russia, she lived and studied in Japan for several years before coming to Boston. After graduation Paulina started working for one of the co-op employers as a quantitative analyst, designing databases and analyzing stock portfolios. Currently she is pursuing a Master's degree in international relations at the Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Tim O'Rourke, BS '90

Psychology

Dr. Tim O'Rourke is a Senior Methodologist at Ziment, a full service market research and consulting firm to the health care industry. He is responsible for the design and execution of advanced analytic methods. Tim is an experimental psychologist who has worked in the private sector since 1995. He graduated from Northeastern in 1990 and completed his Ph.D. at Tufts in 1999.

George Proakis, BS '95

Civil Engineering

George Proakis is the Chief Planner for the City of Lowell Massachusetts, an innovative historic mill city. George has focused his work in Lowell on addressing redevelopment in Lowell's traditional neighborhoods and downtown. He has been working in the City's Division of Planning and Development since 2002, participating in completing the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, rewriting the city's zoning code to encourage appropriate neighborhood development projects and pursuing the redevelopment of a 15-acre transit-oriented development site called the "Hamilton Canal District". George has six years of experience working on strategies for economic development in agricultural communities in Upstate New York.

George has served in a number of volunteer roles assisting with community development and planning efforts. He served as a representative to the Fenway Planning Task Force, participating in creating development guidelines for Boston's Fenway neighborhood. He has also served as an active member of Fenway Civic Association, the Fenway Community Development Corporation, and Save Fenway Park. George is currently the Clerk for the Board of Directors for the New England Chapter of the Congress of the New Urbanism.

George has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University, a Master of Public Administration Degree from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, and a Master of City Planning Degree from MIT.

Leslie Sutro, BS '96**Psychology**

Leslie Sutro graduated Northeastern University in 1996 with a BS in Psychology. She then moved to New Orleans where she attended Tulane University, pursuing her Ph.D. in School Psychology. During her studies, she began providing 1:1 therapy for a young child with Autism and working in a school for children with developmental disabilities. She moved back to Boston to complete her pre-doctoral internship at the May Institute, a non-for profit Behavioral Healthcare organization. She has been employed at the May Institute for 3 1/2 years, and is currently working as the Clinical Director for Home-Based Services. She is responsible for supervising therapists, providing training to school staff and parents, and consulting to various classrooms and school districts to ensure appropriate services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Doug Tillberg, BS '00**Political Science**

Doug Tillberg is a 2000 NU graduate, majoring in Political Science, and a 2004 graduate of Boston College Law School. At NU, Doug co-oped at several private law firms. In law school, Doug worked as a law clerk for the General Counsel of the UMass system. Presently, Doug is clerking with the state Appeals Court, and plans to begin a clerkship with the SJC in September. Doug is now law clerk for Honorable Judith A. Cowin on the Supreme Judicial Court.

Sabrina Woods, BA '93**Marketing**

Sabrina has a B.A. in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing from Northeastern University and a M.A. in Holistic Counseling from Salve Regina University. In her current role, Sabrina works with freshmen through alumni, assisting individuals with choosing a major, finding internships, after graduation job search and career transition. Her background includes work as a marketing manager and small business consultant in addition to her work with career counseling and facilitating programs and trainings. Sabrina can be reached at 617-373-4238 or s.woods@neu.edu for questions or career counseling appointments.

Special Undergraduate Guest:**Rachel Gordon, '06**

Rachel is a senior business student with concentrations in international business, accounting and marketing. Her first co-op was with General Electric in their Commercial Lighting Division as a sales trainee where she interacted with clients to provide ways of improving their current lighting systems. During her middler year she worked with Deloitte & Touche, LLP as an audit intern during busy season. Her final co-op was at Six Flags America where Rachel worked as a sales/event coordinator responsible for organizing all of the catered outings that were booked at the park.