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public-service projects abroad, and faculty teaching and research opportunities with partner schools in Europe and Asia. Currently, two to three law faculty members annually teach in Utrecht as part of the Summer Institute for International Law & Policy, an intensive six-week program in international and comparative law for U.S. and foreign law students.

Drawing upon established relationships with four top law schools in Europe, in 2008 the law school launched the Transnational Law Program (TLP). The TLP is a unique dual-degree program whereby American and European students earn a first law degree from their home country and a master’s in law (LLM) abroad. The TLP partner institutions are the University of Trento in Italy, Utrecht University in the Netherlands, Catholic University of Portugal, and Queen’s University Belfast in the United Kingdom; faculty and students routinely visit and attend these schools. TLP students also receive a partial tuition stipend that is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education and the European Commission.

TLP alumni are an impressive group who have gained entry into highly coveted employment opportunities. Denise Yasinow, JD ’11, is working as an associate in the Pittsburgh office of K&L Gates LLP; Yasinow received her offer after clerking in the firm’s Paris office during her TLP studies. Matthew Friedman, JD ’12, will begin work this fall as a capital markets attorney with the London, England, office of Latham & Watkins LLP.

(top) The law school’s innovative Transnational Law Program (TLP) and expanding partnerships with universities abroad have opened new opportunities for global education and professional development, as well as increased employment opportunities. (above) TLP graduate Denise Yasinow, JD ’11, is now working for K&L Gates LLP in Pittsburgh after clerking for the firm’s Paris office as a law student.

(below) Clinical and experiential learning opportunities such as that offered through the New York City Regulatory & Business Externship provide students with both vital professional contacts and real-world legal work experience. In addition to the students’ on-site attorney-supervisors, Sasha Polonsky, JD ’06, far right, teaches in the program.
McCall Carter, JD ’10, who interned on two defense teams at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia as a TLP student, is presently working at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

“Shortly after graduating, I found myself on a plane headed to Arusha, Tanzania, to work as a pro bono legal researcher in the Chambers of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), where I now serve as an associate legal officer in the Registry,” Carter says. “In addition to assisting the ICTR perform its functions, I also have had the opportunity to become involved in preparing for the commencement of the various tribunals’ successor, the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals. The TLP opened doors for me to be involved in the important work to establish a new institution for international justice.”

**ALSO AS PART OF ITS INTERNATIONAL reach, the law school is deepening its relationships with several long-standing partners, while seeking new academic partnerships.** In 2011, the law school and T.C. Beirne School of Law at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, announced a dual-degree program whereby students would be able to earn law degrees in the United States and Australia. The first Australian students under this program started their U.S. studies in August 2012.

As the law school explores similar opportunities in France, other recent agreements include those with Bucerius Law School, Germany’s first and leading private law school, and Radzyner Law School at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya, Israel, one of Washington University’s McDonnell Academy partners and a leading law school in Israel. The law school also has growing faculty and student exchange partnerships with National University of Singapore, Hong Kong University, Fudan University in China, National Taiwan University, and Korea University.

“Our challenge is to provide meaningful opportunities for our students to prepare to join a legal profession that has become truly international and transnational,” says Michael Peil, associate dean for international programs, TLP executive director, and lecturer in law. “Our community, which includes a globally engaged faculty and an active corps of alumni all around the world, is rising to meet that challenge.”

**National Externship Programs**

**LAUNCHED IN FALL 2011,** the New York City Regulatory & Business Externship is another success story. The program places law students in various nonprofit, government, and in-house counsel offices for in-depth professional experiences. The semester-long externships with attorney-mentors range from those at Standard & Poor’s to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the New York Attorney General’s office, and Anheuser-Busch/InBev.

“To compete successfully in a tight job market, law graduates need demonstrable skills honed in hands-on work experience,” says Janet Laybold, associate dean for admissions, career services, and student services. “To that end, the school has ramped up its historically strong efforts to place students in externships, particularly in the concentrated markets in Washington, D.C., while adding programs in other key locations such as New York and Delaware.”

In the New York program, law students hone their skills in research, writing, legal analysis, client interviewing, negotiation, and advocacy. They also make valuable contacts in the financial industry and the New York legal community, including tapping the expertise of attorney Sasha Polonsky, JD ’06, who teaches in the program.

A required three-unit companion course on legal and business ethics, offered in conjunction with the Olin Business School, is also a key part of the program. The course builds on the expanding relationship with the business school, facilitated by Hillary Sale, the Walter D. Coles Professor of Law and professor of management. In addition to her work in New York, Sale helped establish the Corporate Judicial Externship program with the Delaware Supreme Court.