

Spring 2010
Volume 9, Issue 3

Building a Career with Experience Internship Newsletter

Inside this Issue:

Meet:

Steven Boyle '10
Summer '09 Intern
Site: Microsoft

Monica Freedland '10
Fall '09 TWC Intern
Site: US Dept. of the
Interior, Office of Surface
Mining, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Aviva Twersky Glasner
Faculty Internship
Supervisor, Department
of Criminal Justice

Career Services

Campus Center
Room 008
(508) 531-1328
Internship Office
Room 009-A
debra.london@bridgew.edu

WHERE TO START

- If you are seeking academic credit, meet with the faculty internship coordinator in your department.
- Research internship leads through your department, the internship database and other resources in Career Services.
- Make an appointment with Debra London, (508) 531-1328.
- Prepare a cover letter and resume; have it critiqued at Career Services

How to Work the Job Fair for Internship Leads

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Campus Center Ballroom

On Wednesday, April 7, 2010, Bridgewater State College will host its Annual Job Fair. While most graduating seniors will be attending, sophomores and juniors are strongly encouraged to attend as well. The Job Fair provides an excellent opportunity to engage in one-on-one conversations with representatives, get professional perspectives on the field and advice, and develop potential leads for summer and fall 2010 internships. To make the most of your experience, here are a few tips:

Have a great resume and bring it with you.

Dress for success.

Research the employers prior to the fair.

Thank employers for their time and ask for their business card.

Send a Thank You to the employers after the fair.

Career Services is proud to partner with BSC's Center for Sustainability in an effort to make our fairs and expos more sustainable. This year's Job Fair includes 11 organizations that have self-identified as being "green."

Job Fair 2010 organizations include:

Absolutely Fit Personal Training | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island | Buckeye International, Inc. | Celldex Therapeutics, Inc. | Child and Family Services | Clarke, Snow and Riley, LLP | Combined Insurance Company | Commonwealth of MA | Community Care Services | Corcoran Management Company | Dunkin' Brands | Enterprise Rent-A-Car | F.L. Chamberlain School | Fellowship Health Resources, Inc. | First Investors Corporation | Internal Revenue Service | John Hancock | Key Program | Liberty Mutual Insurance Group | MAPFRE U.S.A. Corp (The Commerce MEGA Insurance Company) | Marine Corps Officer Programs | The May Institute | MEDITECH | Nestle Waters North America | New York Life | Northwestern Mutual Financial Network | Ocean State Job Lot | Pyramid Management Group, Inc. | Riverside Community Care | Road to Responsibility, Inc. | Salem Radio Group Boston | Seven Hills Foundation | Shaw's Supermarkets | SmartPak Equine | South Bay Mental Health Center | South End Community Health Center | South Shore Mental Health | State Street Corporation | TEKSYSTEMS | The Home for Little Wanderers | The Sherwin-Williams Company | The Vitamin Shoppe | The Whitney Academy, Inc. | The Travelers Companies, Inc. | TruGreen | U.S. Department of Health & Human Services | United States Navy | W.B. Mason Company, Inc. and Wells Fargo Financial.



Meet Steven Boyle '10
Major: Computer Science
Internship Placement: Microsoft, Redmond, WA – Summer 2009

Summer Internship Leads to Full-Time Job Offer



During the summer of 2009 I interned at Microsoft at their headquarters in Redmond, WA as a Software Development Engineer in Test (or SDET). Specifically, I worked on the then unannounced Microsoft SharePoint 2010, a server software product used in corporate document, data, and workflow collaboration. Microsoft interns are treated and rewarded just like full time employees and are expected to do the same work. My project was extremely challenging yet satisfying.

As an SDET, one of my tasks was to constantly test the SharePoint 2010 software which had a new daily build. I would find, report, and regression test bugs found, as well as be a consumer advocate to my fellow Software Development Engineer (SDE) and Program Manager (PM) employees. Another duty was to design test plans for the particular SharePoint 2010 features I was working on. There was no roadmap; the tests I would be designing were for software which hadn't previously existed until now! I was given the freedom to craft these tests however I saw fit. This was demanding, but exciting as well. During this process my feature crew would meet to refine my plans until they were ready to implement the product itself. My other responsibility was to write software and tools that would be used to further test SharePoint 2010 and check for problems in future builds of the product.

The work environment for an intern is amazing. I worked side-by-side with a mentor and had a manager and team just like the other employees. Everyone on my team was ready and willing to help out when I had a question or needed advice. I was also given my own office with lots of new development hardware. There are no set hours at Microsoft; as long as you complete your commitments by the end of your internship and have a good relationship with your team, you can set your own schedule.

The Redmond campus itself is huge and there are lots of work and leisure resources available. There are classes, lectures, and events going on and interns are encouraged to visit other divisions inside the company to see, for example, technology demonstrations. There are a lot of purely fun events to attend as well. This year the interns were taken on trips to hike Mount Rainer, a police escorted dinner and movie in Seattle where we were all given Xbox 360 consoles, a question and answer session with Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, and an annual day of volunteer work across many different organizations in the Seattle area.

At the end of my internship I completed my projects and was offered a full time job after graduation at Microsoft with the SharePoint team. In these troubling economic times it was a relief to know that my job was set in stone a year before graduation. My internship was an amazing experience, and I can't wait to get back to work on the next version of SharePoint.

FACULTY PROFILE



Dr. Aviva Twersky Glasner, Ph.D., Internship Coordinator for the Criminal Justice Department. She has an M.A. in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York.

"The internship I completed as part of my M.A. studies was thrilling and eye opening to the real world application of theories taught in the classroom. I interned in the Forensic Psychiatric unit at the famed Bellevue Hospital in New York City. I took from that experience, not only practical knowledge but a keen appreciation of the utility of interning in a real world environment. It is that kind of appreciation and learning experience I seek to impart to my internship students."

Sample list of spring 2010 internship placements for Criminal Justice students include:

- Boston Municipal Court-Probation
- Plymouth County Correctional Facility-Intake and Assessment
- Bridgewater State College Campus Police
- MA Department of Youth Services
- Portsmouth Police Department
- Middlesex County Superior Court Probation Service
- Brockton District Court Juvenile Probation Service
- Quincy Police Department



By: Monica Freedland '10
Major: Political Science
Placement: U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining
Fall 2009

Rather than spending a semester in a different country, my ideal college experience vision included spending a semester in our nation's capital, Washington, DC. When I was accepted at The Washington Center's Service, Advocacy, and Arts Program for fall 2009, I was delighted!

Even though I am a political science major, I decided not to spend my time in DC interning on the Hill. Instead I wanted to intern for organizations, agencies, or advocacy groups that work to create and implement policies and programs that create positive social change. After a couple of weeks of phone interviews with organizations like the Corporation for National and Community Service, Rock the Vote, and Coalition for Human Needs, I accepted an internship with the U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Surface Mining (OSM). After doing some research and talking with my future supervisor, Dr. Allan Comp, I knew that accepting an intern position with OSM would provide the optimal learning experience and a chance to work for someone doing work that embodies grassroots leadership.

Dr. Comp is the leader of the innovative collaboration between the Office of Surface Mining and AmeriCorps VISTA that works to confront environmental degradation and community impoverishment in areas of the country marked with challenges from a legacy of unregulated coal mining. To address the unique challenges of these regions of the United States, Dr. Comp has created the Western Hard Rock Watershed Team and The Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team, both of which are made up of VISTAs. These two teams "arm community organizations and watershed-based projects with training tools, and volunteer support necessary to help local citizens become effective environmental stewards, community leaders, and accelerators of change in places that have been forgotten."

During my time at OSM, I worked in tandem with a fellow intern to collect data about states in the Appalachia region, Colorado and New Mexico; conducted research on civic engagement in impoverished regions of Appalachia, as well as provided support to VISTAs. The internship exceeded my expectations. Before my internship with OSM I was unaware of the travesties of environmental degradation, and I was unaware of the grassroots efforts in these regions to revitalize communities and the environment. Besides giving me a new avenue to explore after I graduate, my internship at OSM helped reiterate my desire to be a public servant.

My internship was only one part of my whole DC experience. The class I took while there and the lecture series and activities provided by The Washington Center program gave me a unique and once in a lifetime opportunity to explore and learn in our nation's capital. Spending a semester in DC has helped prepare me to move into the professional world after I graduate in May.

[BSC's Application Deadlines](#)

Fall 2010: May 12, 2010

Spring 2011: Early 5/24/10, Competitive 9/27/10, Regular 11/12/10

Contact Dr. George Serra, Faculty Liaison to The Washington Center
 Department of Political Science, for additional information



The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars offers internships for **all majors**. Since 1998, more than 60 BSC students have participated in the program. Placement sites have included:

- America's Most Wanted
- Children's Defense Fund
- Department of Defense/Air Force
- Department of Energy
- Global Aids Alliance
- National Public Radio (NPR)
- Talk Radio News Service
- The World Sindhi Institute
- U.S. Capital Historical Society
- U.S. Department of Justice

The Washington Center has scholarship money available for Students with Disabilities

Visit www.twc.edu for scholarship and application information

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Be an Intern

It's time to start thinking about your summer and/or fall '10 internship options. Make an appointment with a Career Counselor today by calling (508) 531-1328.

Try FOCUS

Undecided about choosing a major? Consider using FOCUS an online based career system that allows you to learn about which occupation best suits your interests. Contact Career Services for more details.

Drop-In Hours

Get your resume critiqued at Career Services Drop-In Hours are Monday – Thursday between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SYMPOSIA
 Sponsored by Academic Affairs and Student Affairs

COME SUPPORT BSC STUDENTS
APRIL 21, 2010 • 9 AM - 12 PM
MOAKLEY CENTER

WWW.BRIDGEW.EDU/CAREERSERVICES/SYMPOSIAFORM.CFM
OPEN TO THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND GENERAL PUBLIC

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Steven Boyle '10, Monica Freedland '11 and Dr. Aviva Twersky Glasner for their contributions to this issue of the Internship Newsletter.

We look forward to working with all new employers who recently listed their internship openings with us.

We Are On The Road Making Connections!



Debra London, Internship Adviser, with MAGIC 106.7 radio personality Gay Vernon during a recent Open House at Greater Media Boston. Internship opportunities with the Greater Media Boston Group are posted in Career Link.



Career Services staff members Debra London, John Paganelli and Laurent Troland with Professor Greg Bongiorno, Manager of Aviation Affairs, during a site visit to BSC's Flight Training Center in New Bedford.



InRoads representatives, Jamoul Celey and Carolyn Vermont met with Career Services staff, last month, to discuss possible partnering efforts regarding summer internship opportunities.