

Law & Society

College of Humanities and Sciences

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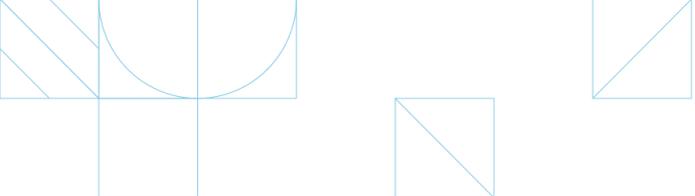


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CREATE WHAT'S NEXT

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- M.A., American History, Rutgers University (2007) - J.D. Rutgers Law School (1981)
 - Publications
 - Co-Author with Raju Parakkal, National Security, Personal Insecurity, and Political Conspiracies: The Persistence of Americans' Beliefs in 9/11 Conspiracy Theories, Co- Guest Editor's Introduction—Symposium: Capitalism, Antitrust, and Democracy: Perfect Partners or Strange Bedfellows?
 - Book: Nixon and the Dragon Lady: In 1968, Did Richard Nixon Conspire with Anna Chennault to Destroy Peace in Vietnam? The book analyzes whether Richard Nixon purposely sabotaged a realistic opportunity for peace in Vietnam during the fall of 1968 to facilitate his election as President of the United States.
 - Co-creator and co-writer of the Arlen Specter Center's SINGLE BULLET exhibition, museum script, program and guidebook. This museum exhibition is an analysis of Sen. Specter's single bullet theory, which he reached while a member of the Warren Commission investigating the assassination of Pres. Kennedy. After a long run at its primary location at the Gutman Library, the Exhibition was requested and shown by the Battleship New Jersey American History Museum.
 - Awards
 - 2018 President's Award for Teaching Excellence
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Law & Society is part of the Arlen Specter Center

The mission of the Arlen Specter Center for Public Service at Jefferson is to facilitate and promote public service and civic education in a cross-disciplinary, nonpartisan setting. The work of the Center includes programming inspired by Senator Specter's long-term interests and accomplishments.

The Specter Center hosts a variety of events including: Roxboro House Roundtables; the Knowledge Exchange; and special events. Some of these events, of which many are created, organized, written and hosted by students include,

[Nurses on the inside; A memoir of the aids epidemic in New York City](#)
[Traumatic Brain Injuries and the Ethics of Being a Sports Fan](#)
[Dare to Care, Student and Suicide Prevention](#)



Year 1

Introduction to Law and Society

Crime and Justice

American Government

Pathways Seminar

Writing Seminar I: Written Communication

Debating U.S. Issues

Science I

Mathematics

[3] Free Electives

Year 2

Comparative Legal Systems

Constitutional Law/Supreme Court

Conspiracy Theories

Science II

Ethics

Writing Seminar II: Multimedia

Communication

Global Diversity

Law Electives:

Forensics Law

Law & The Workplace

Free Elective

Note: Courses in bold are part of the Law & Society Core Curriculum.

Year 3

International Law

Legal Research, Writing and Moot Court

Law and Ethics

Law, Media and Society

[2] Minor Courses

American Diversity

Global Citizenship

Debating Global Issues

Integrative Seminar

Law Elective:

Health, Medicine and the Law

Year 4

First Amendment: Senior Seminar

Senior Capstone: Public Policy Advocacy

[2] Minor Courses

Hallmarks Capstone Folio Workshop

Law Electives:

Women and Gender

Law Enforcement

[3] Free Elective

Write for the [Digital Voice](#)



Moot Court Competition



Roundtables



Political Events



Award-Winning Exhibitions

**SINGLE
BULLET**

ARLEN SPECTER & THE WARREN COMMISSION
INVESTIGATION OF THE JFK ASSASSINATION

OCTOBER 15TH, 2013-APRIL 14TH, 2014



Employment Opportunities

Armed with superior writing and argument skills, our students...

- are successful lawyers having graduated from top tier law schools
- serve as law enforcement officers on the local, state and federal levels
- work as paralegals
- earn MBAs and work in industry and non-profit organizations
- run national and local political campaigns
- are entrepreneurs
- serve as legislative aides to the US Congress and Senate
- earn degrees in psychology and counseling
- become college administrators and teachers



Sean DeBlasio

CLASS OF 2018

Job: During the summer of 2017, I worked for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Institute, and Senator Dianne Feinstein's Washington, D.C. Office.

Duties: My responsibilities in the Senator's office circumvented foreign policy legislation and narcotics control legislation. I worked with the International Narcotics Control Caucus, which focused on the addressing the opioid epidemic and drug trafficking domestically and internationally. In addition, I was tasked with reporting to the Legislative Correspondent whose policy range covered the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Best Part: My time on Capitol Hill helped me recognize my passion for public service, and I am excited to return to Washington, D.C. after graduation. I was able to assist the great constituents from California, and help create policy that assists all Americans. My time in DC allowed me to have a seat at one of the most influential tables in America, and I hope to continue working to bring positive change and improvement to America.

[Watch our video!](#)





Alexi Faust-Trahan

CLASS OF 2015

Job: As an undergraduate at the Pennsylvania Innocence Project, initially I was not tasked with reviewing and investigating an inmate's case; one of the many steps of an innocent's journey to exoneration. This tremendous responsibility is only for law students and lawyers. However, after interning for 4 months, I proved myself worthy of legal intern material.

Duties: I was no longer simply summarizing briefs or investigative reports, or drafting document logs; I was writing them. I was paired with a Villanova Law School intern, and for a semester, I investigated a case of wrongful conviction. I analyzed trial transcripts, reviewed police discovery and offered new evidence; all to evaluate an inmate's claim of innocence. While presenting to the Case Review Committee, I realized that the law, although not always as clear, could be used to disseminate justice.

Best Part: I realized that with passion and hard work, I too could be a key player in the redemption of justice. This internship has not only given me great opportunity but also a real chance to effect someone's life for the better by righting an injustice.

Alexi is now a Federal Prosecutor having graduated McGill Law School



Laura Morson

CLASS OF 2016

I started out as a rather shy and quiet freshman in the Graphic Design program. I stumbled into Law Society by accident when at the time my roommate, Marissa, was actually an L & S student. Every day after class I would ask her to tell me what she had learned in Crime and Justice that day. After changing my major to Law and Society, I gained a self-confidence I never had before and for the first time ever, I started raising my hand and speaking in class. Finally, I found myself interested in the lessons being taught and I realized I had voice and opinions I never acknowledged before. Issues and topics that were discussed in daily meetings were unlike those in my previous program; the talking points were often difficult, uncomfortable and controversial. The conversations between the students and professors that transpired daily was my favorite part of L & S and without a doubt the biggest influence in making me who I am today. Hearing different perspectives and feeling brave enough to argue mine gave me a confidence and willingness to fight for the principles I believe in and more importantly it showed me a courage I never knew I had in me, something I will always be grateful for.

Laura Morson (NOTE: LAURA JUST GRADUATED LAW SCHOOL!)
Paralegal

OUR STUDENTS



A discussion at the Arlen Specter Center
(L & S hangs out there)



Real students in class-not actors!



Mitch gets Moot Court Practice
Critique

Listen to our student made videos- pix are Hyperlinked



Sierra Reddi, Class of 2021



The Law & Society program at Jefferson University has provided me with an exceptional education and many opportunities outside of the classroom as well. The program curriculum has allowed me to develop and fine tune my critical thinking, legal writing, and rhetorical strategies. In the real world, the program has provided me with the connections to political development programs (like New Leadership PA) as well as a paid research fellowship with the Arlen Specter Center. Anyone with an interest in philosophy, economics, public policy, sociology, and a myriad of other humanities topics should look into this program that focuses on personal and career development. Furthermore, the L & S program at Jefferson is tight-knit community. Our small class sizes ensure that you are engaged and getting the most out of your education.

Meredith Stitt, Class of 2023



The greatest tool that I have gained from the Law and Society program is the ability to form educated opinions and then be able to voice those opinions with confidence. Throughout high school, I was one of the quietest people in the class, however, the Law and Society program pushed me to speak up even when I wasn't 100% certain about my response. The large amount of discussion-based classes helps you formulate your opinions while examining your classmates' viewpoints. By the end of the first semester of my Freshman year, I was no longer nervous to share my opinions but instead needed to them. A class where I didn't contribute felt unfulfilling. And, I know that this skill will be extremely beneficial in whatever career path I choose.



Phylicia McFaddin, J.D.

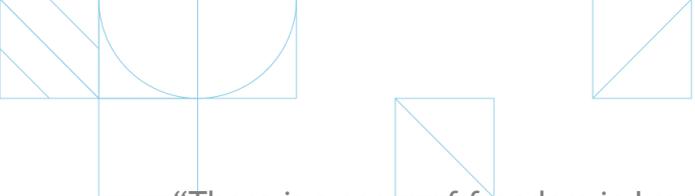
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J.D. FROM WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Phylicia McFaddin is an attorney with a profound passion for healthcare law and public interest advocacy. She graduated from Widener University School of Law with pro bono distinction and certification in healthcare law.

Her experience includes public interest litigation, hospital, health insurance, and clinical trial compliance, and drafting and negotiating business process outsourcing and technology agreements for healthcare clients.

She regularly provides pro bono legal services to the Philadelphia community through Philadelphia VIP and volunteers as a certified arbitrator for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Her hobbies include singing in Singing City Choir, one of Philadelphia's oldest community choirs, and hiking the Philadelphia trails.



STUDENT COMMENTS

“There is a sense of freedom in Law and Society classes. We always have an opportunity to add our personal opinions and thoughts. I have never experienced such a class in college. Everyone is an individual, and shares their ideas, and it makes the class more interesting; no one is forced or persuaded to conform - you just have to be able to defend your opinions logically.”

– Law and Society Student

“The professors really get all the students involved. I like how they take a step back when the class gets a good debate going so we can discuss amongst ourselves. They help us see all angles of a topic by throwing in some questions or contrasting opinions, so we can really search ourselves for what we think is right.”

– Law and Society Student

“The program’s method of interactive learning helps much more than any lecture I’ve ever been in. Being involved as a class helps us relate to the topic and gives us a much better understanding of complex material.”

– Law and Society Student

“I thoroughly enjoy the course, especially the teaching style. We have many different readings, and get to break them down and evaluate them in class. This is informative and understandable, and creates a comfortable learning environment.”

– Law and Society Student



“Once again, thank you for everything.. I’m so appreciative of the reading and writing assignments we had - They are seriously paying off in law school.”

– Law and Society Alum



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