

Another fall semester at the LLC



For the past 9 years the fall season brings with it a new semester at the LLC. Enthusiastic new students arrive carrying with them the hopes of personal growth and great experiences. This semester is no different from the others as the Booth Mansion welcomed 15 classmates.

Although a smaller class size, this crop of students fills the mansion with their liveliness. This spirit is enhanced by the LLC's youngest ever

resident. Eight month old Audrey Long and her parents enjoy the students' desire to spend time with her. From playing on the floor, to watching the chaos in the kitchen to going grocery shopping with students, Audrey has been a constant part of the community.

Along with spending time with a baby this class reinstated the class trip to Montreal where many stuffed themselves with poutine and marveled at the beauty of old town. Accompanied by a positive start to the community life, students have had a great start to their classes and internships. This semester there are five new internship locations which include MP Parm Gill's office, the Czech Embassy, the Christian Embassy, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development.

Student Profile: Tara Teng

Every new semester at the LLC brings a diverse, talented group of undergraduate students. One of this semester's students is Tara Teng, who also happens to be Miss Canada 2011. Tara explains that pageants such as Miss Universe are for "supermodel types", whereas the Miss Canada pageant is for role models. This would explain why Tara, whose pageant experience is limited to her Miss BC and Miss Canada titles, opted to participate in what she calls "an exercise" in not backing down because of fear.

Tara spent this summer on a cross-country tour promoting the fight against human trafficking. She settled in Ottawa for her four-month LLC stint, and is excited to be working with one of her heroes, MP Joy Smith. Through

her internship, Tara is able to continue working on what she is passionate about. In addition to her title as Miss Canada 2011, Tara has recently been listed as one of Chatelaine magazine's "Hot 20 Under 30", in the company of Olympic athletes, entrepreneurs, and other young Canadian female leaders.



Alumni News



Danielle Kooy Temple (FA 06) married Sebastian Temple on August 19. She recently completed her MA in Interdisciplinary Humanities at TWU in Langley, BC.

Todd Foley (FA 08) began working in September as an associate editor at Focus on the Family Canada in Langley, BC.

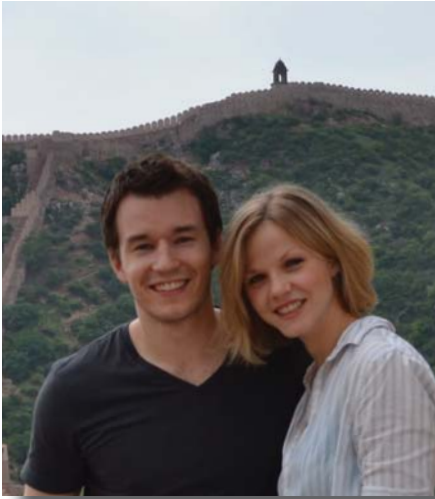
Kendall Grant (FA 08) is enrolled in the Norman Patterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Erin (Haarsma) Vanderveer (SP 09), **Amelia Cline** (FA 09), and **Tanya Myge** (FA10) are all enrolled in first year Law at the University of Ottawa.



Melissa (Booker) Ley (FA 09) married Chris on June 11. Melissa is working for a non-profit organization that focuses on youth with special needs in lower mainland BC.

Mark and Lauren Witten in Mumbai



We are stuck in a traffic jam, horns blaring and engines sputtering. Even at ten o'clock, the sweltering streets are crippled by gridlock. Two tiny children, catching a glimpse of white skin, flank our rickshaw and clamor for attention, begging. This is Mumbai, a crowded city of 20 million that never sleeps. Every inch of every street seems to function as someone's bed, yet somehow the city faithfully absorbs 10,000 new people every day. It is a place of contradictions, with rich culture and deep community, yet incredible darkness. And for three months, while serving as legal interns with International Justice Mission (IJM), it was home.

IJM is a human-rights agency dedicated to fighting against violent oppression of the poor and vulnerable around the world. In Mumbai, casework is focused on liberating young girls from brothels, prosecuting their abusers, and walking the girls down a long road to restoration and freedom.

It was challenging to envision how two Canadians, who were unfamiliar with the language, culture and legal system, could actually contribute to IJM's work or make any difference in the fight against human trafficking. With newly minted law degrees, we had a sum total of 12 months of practical legal experience between us. The reality of our contribution was both humbling and encouraging. Despite the many practical challenges of doing legal work in the developing world, and our limited experience, we were able to make a tangible contribution to the work. We provided legal research support for the national lawyers' case-work, and also had the opportunity to help train the more junior national lawyers, strengthening their advocacy and analytical skills.

During our time we came face to face with hopelessness, but were somehow left with reason to hope. We witnessed inexplicable acquittals in water-tight cases, but also saw the beginnings of change in landmark convictions that demonstrated that abusers could not operate with impunity. We worked alongside heroic individuals who risked their lives for these girls, but also saw rescue operations foiled by corruption that denied trafficked girls their one chance at freedom. Though it sounds cliché, the experience was life changing. It transformed our perspective on the importance of the rule of law, the integrity of our own legal system, and the ability to make an impact in the face of overwhelming darkness.

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Alumni News

Soon it will be time for another LLC program review. Expect to see an online survey in your inbox in the next couple of months!



Alex (Chandler) Young (SP 10) Married Matt on July 30. They live now in Ottawa where Alex is working as Special Assistant to Senator Don Plett. **Spencer Andres** (FA 10) was accepted and began a Master of Arts in Planning at the University of Waterloo. Spencer hopes to use degree to begin a career in urban planning. **Thomas Hunt** (FA 10) is now in China teaching English. He will be there until December and then will be moving to Africa to volunteer with a Christian charity from February to August of 2012.



Evan Menzies (FA 10) married Sarah (Adan) Menzies on August 20. They live in Edmonton, AB where Evan works as the Communications Assistant to the Wildrose Caucus. **Melodi Alopaeus** (SP 11) is the intern at Citizens for Public Justice.