Rethinking Legal Services/ Rethinking Legal Careers

CUMBERLAND LODGE RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND
BIRKBECK COLLEGE SCHOOL OF LAW
FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER – SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2014
Rethinking Legal Services/ Rethinking Legal Careers

Friday 12th September
17:00 – 19:00 Arrivals
Bar before dinner
19:15 – 20:00 Dinner
20:15 – 20:30 Welcome by Dr Eddie Bruce-Jones
Introductory talk by Cumberland Lodge Staff
20:30 – 22:00 Session 1
Legal Services in/and the Academy
Prof. Patricia Tuitt and Prof. Adam Geary
22:00 – 00:00 Drinks at Bar

Saturday, 13th September
08:15 – 09:00 Breakfast
10:00 – 11:15 Session 2
Career Routes: Industry and Entrepreneurship
Jonathan Dunne (Counsel at Google; former counsel at Warner Bros.)
11:15 – 11:30 Coffee
11:30 – 12:45 Session 3
Career Routes: Governmental Agencies
Gaile Walters (Solicitor at National Crime Agency; former Solicitor for Food Standards Agency (UK) and National Water Council (Jamaica))
13:00 – 13:45 Lunch
13:45 – 16:15  Free Time
16:15 – 16:30  Tea
16:30 – 18:00  Session 4

**Career Routes: Direct Access & Human Rights**

**Omar Faruk** (Direct Access Barrister, Strand Chambers, formerly with Government Legal Services)

**Prof. Bill Bowring** (Professor at Birkbeck Law, Barrister at Field Court Chambers, Founder of European Human Rights Advocacy Centre and member of various NGOs and professional bodies)

18:30 – 19:15  Bar before dinner
19:15 – 20:00  Dinner
20:15 – 22:00  Session 5

**Career Routes: Non-Governmental Organisations**

**Paul Dillane** (Executive Director, UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group; formerly asylum expert at Amnesty International)

22:00 – 01:00  Bar

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**Sunday, 14th September**

09:00 – 09:45  Breakfast
10:00 – 11:30  Session 6

**Career Routes: A Career at the Bar**

**Ousseynou Ly** (Birkbeck LLB, 2011), Pupil Barrister, Doughty Chambers, London

**Tara Lynn Poole** (Birkbeck LLB, 2013), BPTC Student, 2015–16.

11:30 – 12:00  Tea and Coffee
12:00 – 13:00  Session 7

**Closing Reflections – Creating Networks of Support**

13:00 – 13:45  Lunch

Departure after lunch
The Speakers

Bill Bowring

Bill Bowring is Professor of Law at Birkbeck and a practising barrister at Field Court Chambers. He is Chair of the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre (EHRAC); is active in the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers and the Bar Human Rights Committee; and is a Trustee of the Redress Trust, and of Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights (LPHR). As a barrister, he has represented applicants before the ECHR in cases against Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Russia, and Turkey. Bill has acted as expert for the Council of Europe on human and minority rights issues, and works as a trainer and expert for the Council, the European Union, the UN, Amnesty International and others. He has over 90 publications on topics of international law, human rights, minority rights and Russian law. His latest book is *Law, Rights and Ideology in Russia: Landmarks in the Destiny of a Great Power* (Routledge 2013). Follow Bill on Twitter at @BillBowring.

Eddie Bruce-Jones

Eddie is Lecturer in Law at Birkbeck. He is the Director of the LLM Qualifying Law Degree Programme. From 2009–2012, he was Visiting Lecturer in Public International Law at King’s College London School of Law. From 2008–2009, he was an associate at the law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, LLP in London, where he practiced transactional law and handled asylum and public international law pro bono matters. He is a comparative law specialist for the Independent Commission on the Death of Oury Jalloh (on police brutality) in Germany as well as Sexuality & Gender Identity Resource Co-ordinator for The Fahamu Refugee Legal Aid Network based in Oxford. Eddie was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Institute for Race Relations. He has taught general education courses in prisons in Boston and New York. Follow Eddie on Twitter at @EddieBruceJones.

Paul Dillane

Paul Dillane is the Executive Director of the UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group. Founded in 1993, UKLGIG is the only national charity dedicated to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and intersex (LGBTI) people seeking asylum in the UK. UKLGIG provides unique assistance to more than 1,000 LGBTI asylum seekers every year, many of whom have experienced human rights abuses in their home countries. Paul has worked on refugee, human rights and LGBTI issues for more than 10 years. He began his career in South Wales as a legal practitioner and advocate specialising in asylum and immigration law. Prior to joining UKLGIG, and for six years, Paul was Amnesty International UK’s Refugee Researcher, where he regularly gave expert evidence in a wide range of asylum, human rights and extradition cases. If you use Twitter, follow @Paul_Dillane and @UKLGIG for more information.
Jonathan Dunne

Jonathan Dunne is currently Privacy Counsel at Google. He previously worked as Legal Director at Warner Bros. Entertainment where he advised on its digital direct-to-consumer initiatives and its marketing and advertising campaigns for new releases across Europe and the Middle East. Prior to that he worked in private practice working on digital media, privacy and technology projects.

Omar Faruk

Omar Faruk is a direct access barrister at Strand Chambers in London. He read law at the City University London and also has an MBA from Cranfield. He is trilingual, read Classical Arabic in France. He has practised at prominent chambers and advised Ministers and Government Departments for more than 15 years on corporate governance, commercial, procurement, information, intellectual property rights and contract law. He advised UK and EU delegations in Geneva at the World Health Organisation.

Adam Geary

Adam is Professor of Law at Birkbeck. In 2001-2002, he was a visiting professor in the Faculty of Law at Makerere University, Uganda; and in 2003 a visiting professor at the University of Pretoria. He is currently a visiting scholar at The Center for Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley and a visiting professor at the University of Peace, Costa Rica. His present project concerns political justice. Professor Gearey is also active in teaching the external law degree offered by the University of London. He teaches jurisprudence for the School of Professional and Continuing Education at the University of Hong Kong and contributes to the weekend revision schools organised by the University of London.

Ousseynou Ly

Ousseynou Ly commenced pupillage at Doughty Street Chambers in October 2013. He is looking forward to gaining experience in the areas of employment, human rights and international law. Ousseynou has a long background in the Trade Union movement after serving 11 years as a Unite the Union shop steward for all BA mainline ground staff. As the longest serving Chair of the Heathrow National sectional Panel sub-group, Ousseynou led negotiations paving the way to BA Heathrow ground operation’s move to Terminal 5 in March 2008. In addition, Ousseynou has served as member of Employment Policy Council with a task of ensuring that all BA corporate policies are compliant with legislation such as the Equality Act 2010. Ousseynou’s remit extended to bargaining for fair work-life balance agreements, especially for part-time working mothers. Multi-year negotiations brought about longstanding agreements on absence, the welfare of the staff and job security. Ousseynou was the first Student Director of the Manuel Bravo Immigration Pro Bono scheme which provides support for failed asylum-seekers.
Tara-Lynn Poole

Tara-Lynn Poole graduated from the part-time LLB Law from Birkbeck in 2013. She is due to start the BPTC in September 2015 at City Law School with the aim of becoming a Barrister. She has just completed her first year of applying for scholarships and pupillage. During her time at Birkbeck she competed in National, London-wide, intervarsity and Birkbeck internal mooting and mock trial competitions. She also worked for Riverhouse Law Clinic. Tara-Lynn currently debates for Middle Temple and works as a volunteer for the Free Representation Unit. She works part-time as a research intern in the Department of Public Health at Kings College London, carrying out qualitative data analysis into Alcohol misuse services in South East London, and the management and governance of the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and NICE from 1999-2011. In addition, Tara-Lynn has worked full-time at University College London Medical School as a Manager and Policy and Planning Officer since 2009. Follow Tara on Twitter at @Miss_Huffy.

Patricia Tuitt

Patricia Tuitt is Professor of Law and Executive Dean of the Law School at Birkbeck. She was previously a Lecturer in Law at the University of East London. She went on to take a leading role in the management of the department, rising through the ranks to Reader and then Professor, giving in 2011 an inaugural lecture entitled: *Used up and misused: the Nation State, the European Union and the Insistent Presence of the Colonial*. Patricia was instrumental in making the argument for the transition of the Law Department to a separate School (along with the other four major schools of Birkbeck) and led the way to effecting the transformation from Department to School. Patricia's principle areas of teaching were EU law and Tort and her research focused on international refugee law and critical race theory. Her two monographs are entitled *Race, Law, Resistance* (Glasshouse Press, 2004) and *False Images: Law's Construction of the Refugee* (Pluto Press, Law and Social Theory Series, 1996).

Gaile Walters

I am a Jamaican Londoner who earns her living in the practise of law. Dual qualified as a Jamaican advocate & a UK solicitor I would call myself a specialist generalist, i.e. able to shift into new areas of law with little displacement. I started my career as a prosecutor, worked with the equivalent of the CPS for 10 years, read a masters in energy and environmental law, then went in-house at a national daily paper as legal counsel before joining Jamaica's national water utility. I moved to the UK in 2009 and worked at the Food Standards Agency for five years. I am now at the National Crime Agency as a litigation lawyer in their civil recovery and tax team. I have seen the law from a number of angles and there is always something new to learn and interesting to explore. In life there is also much to explore, particularly my fusion Jamaican/Italian cooking idea which I am looking to turn into a business start-up by the end of 2014. Always ready for a new challenge. Follow Gaile at @GdubWorldwide.

Organisers: Sue Baines & Sophia Khalid
Travel Directions

By Road

From the M25

Leave the M25 at Junction 13, signposted A30 Staines. This is a very complicated junction! Follow signs for Windsor A308 and you will eventually find yourself beside the River Thames, having passed the Runnymede Hotel. Drive for more than one mile and then turn left at a mini roundabout signposted A328 Englefield Green – into Priest Hill. At the brow of the hill turn right into Castle Hill Road – signposted Great Park – and then right again at the T-junction into Bishospgate Road. This road leads directly to Bishop’s Gate and the entrance into the Great Park.

Drive up close to the gates and they should open automatically. At the crossroads beyond the gates, turn left. After half a mile there is a sign to Cumberland Lodge – turn half right into the road which leads directly to the Lodge.

Sat Nav

Please note that for Crown Estate legal reasons, GPS SatNav Systems do not work within the Great Park. However, they do work for Bishospgate Road, Englefield Green, TW20 0XU, which is just outside the Bishospgate entrance to the Park.

For drivers from Windsor and Ascot, SL4 2JA will take you to Ranger’s Gate.

By Rail

There are fast trains from London Waterloo to Egham (not Windsor). The journey time is approximately 37 minutes. From Reading and the west there is a direct service, Reading—Egham—Waterloo. Egham station is 3.5 miles or 10 mins from Cumberland Lodge.

By Air

Heathrow Airport is about 20 minutes by car – it is best to book a taxi from the list. From Gatwick there is the choice of train into London and then via Waterloo to Egham or the airport link coach to Heathrow and from there by taxi.

From the west via the M40 and M4

Leave the M40 at Junction 4, signposted A404 Marlow and Maidenhead, and continue along the A404 until it joins the M4, when you follow the London signs.

Leave the M4 at Junction 6 – signposted Windsor. Follow, first of all, signs for Windsor and then signs for A332 Ascot. Do not turn into Windsor Town Centre, but go to the large roundabout with traffic lights at the end of the dual carriageway. Take the second exit along Goslar Way and then straight on at the next two round-abouts. At the third, large, round-about take the third exit, still following Ascot signs. Look out for the large ‘Welcome to Windsor Great Park’ and 50mph speed limit signs. About one mile beyond take the turn to the left to a set of double white gates (Ranger’s Gate, immediately before a set of pedestrian traffic lights). They open automatically when you pause in front of them. After about half a mile take the second turning on the left, by two ponds, where there is a small signpost showing the way to Cumberland Lodge. Take care to slow down for the three ramps as you pass between the village and the sports field. Continue over the crossroads, down a hill and up again. A road joins on the right near the top of the hill and then immediately after Chaplain’s Lodge there are three roads on the right. Take the third one – the second of two parallel ones – to Cumberland Lodge.

Taxis

There is a taxi waiting area at Egham station and a taxi office near the traffic lights on Station Road, 250 yards from the station.

It is often best to book a taxi in advance to await your arrival at Egham Station or at an airport.

Windsor Cars Ltd (01753) 677677
Egham Cars Ltd (01784) 434484

Approximate fares:
£10 from Egham, £25 from Heathrow, and £65 from Gatwick.

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