



Summer Interns

We are pleased to introduce you to the new interns who will be working on our projects this summer. Featured from left to right, our summer interns are Cedric James, Candidate for MS in Justice, Law, & Criminology; Maddie Ridgway, Candidate for MS in Terrorism & Homeland Security Policy; Jason Zubata, Candidate for BA in Justice & Law and Psychology; Matt Cummings, Candidate

for BA in Political Science; and Loralys McDaniel, Candidate for MS in Justice, Law, & Criminology (not pictured). Click [here](#) to read more about their interests and experiences. They have been making tremendous contributions in their first month at JPO and we appreciate all their hard work and innovative ideas!

Brown Bag Lunches with OSF and JPO

On Tuesday, June 20, students at JPO had lunch with James deRousselle and Alex Johnson, two representatives from Open Society Foundation (OSF). As the first of a series of monthly lunchtime discussions, the students were introduced to OSF's mission and learned about James' and Alex's paths from college to their current positions at OSF. The lunch gave students a chance to discuss their academic interests and learn about the variety of careers that their criminal justice interests can lead them to. The OSF representatives shared helpful advice, including taking advantage of the incredible networking opportunities and events Washington, DC has to offer for those interested in criminal justice. They also advised students that being open-minded about professional opportunities is important as they figure out their career goals. The lunch exposed students to a variety of resources available to help them learn more about criminal justice issues and provided a platform to talk about current events. Please join us for the next lunch with OSF! For details, please email Genevieve Citrin Ray at citrin@american.edu.

Right to Counsel National Consortium Second Annual Meeting Highlights

We're excited to share our highlights video from last year's Right to Counsel (R2C) National Consortium Second Annual Meeting, featuring bipartisan, multidisciplinary champions of the right to counsel! To watch the highlights from the day, please [visit our YouTube channel](#). Save the date for our third annual meeting on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Stay tuned for more information!

Updates on the JDTC Initiative

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice hosted their annual conference on June 14-17, 2017 in Washington, D.C. Zoë Root, JPO Senior Policy Counsel & Project Director of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court (JDTC) Initiative, presented with Jennifer Tyson from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Their session, entitled "An Evidence-Based, Treatment Oriented, and Developmental Approach for Youth with Substance Use Disorders in the Justice System," focused on how to apply the research behind OJJDP's Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines. In this interactive and well attended session, they emphasized the importance of screening, assessment, evidence-based treatment, court practices, and equity of access.

The JDTC interactive listserv is up and running! If your JDTC is struggling to address an issue, chances are another court has dealt with it, too. This listserv provides courts with an opportunity to connect to the nationwide JDTC community, ask questions of others in the field, problem-solve, and share resources on issues unique to the JDTC field. **To sign up, send an e-mail to jdtc@american.edu** with "Subscribe to listserv" in the subject line.

For more information on the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Initiative at the Justice Programs Office at American University, go to www.au-jdte.org.

See Team JPO This Summer!

This month, Project Director Preeti Menon and JPO staff is scheduled to host sessions at the [National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual Training Conference](#) at the National Harbor in Maryland, July 9-12. These sessions include "Making the Most of the National Drug Court Resource Center" and "VJO Specialists - A Key Component to Veteran Treatment Courts." Look for our resource table for the National Drug Court Resource Center.

Project Director Genevieve Citrin Ray and JPO staff will be attending the [National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer's 16th Annual State Criminal Justice Network Conference](#) in San Francisco, July 26-27 and the 2017 [National Forum on Criminal Justice](#) in Long Beach July 30-August 1. Look for us and come say hi, and follow us on Twitter [@AU_JPO](#) to keep up with our work at these conferences.

The Justice Programs Office (JPO), under the School of Public Affairs at American University, is pleased to present its monthly newsletter. Our current initiatives include the National Drug Court Resource, Policy, and Evidence-Based Practice Center, the Right to Counsel (R2C) National Campaign, the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Training and Technical Assistance Initiative, and Training and Technical Assistance for State Administering Agencies. Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues and partners in the field. If you have been forwarded this email but would like to receive it directly, email justice@american.edu.

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