



John W. Adams Summer Scholars Program in Socio-Legal Studies
Law and Society
Undergraduate Summer Seminar
June 5 – 10, 2017
Immigration, Refugees, and the Rule of Law

Kenyon College's Adams Summer Legal Scholars Program announces the 2017 Law and Society Summer Seminar, a week long, intensive mini-conference in undergraduate legal studies. Modeled after the legal studies seminars sponsored by the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society at Oxford University's Centre for Socio-legal Studies, the Adams Program strives to replicate the spirit and format of the Oxford program in which Kenyon's Summer Legal Scholars participated. The Seminar is designed to bring together a select group of students from across the Five Colleges of Ohio to examine a current topic or theme in law through a number of presentations offered and discussions led by faculty in multiple disciplines at the consortium's colleges as well as from participating Ohio law schools.

The chosen topic for the 2017 summer seminar is ***Immigration, Refugees, and the Rule of Law***. The faculty presentations and readings are expected to range from the legal impact of mass deportations to immigrants' right to counsel. In light of the recent national and world events over the past 18 months, participants will discuss the particularly vexing problems facing poor immigrants and refugees at a time when funding for social services is shrinking and while ICE raids are thought to be taking on greater importance within the current administration.

Students wishing to participate should submit letters of interest to the Office of the Provost or Dean on their respective campuses by **March 24th**. Participation will be limited to two (2) students from each of the four visiting campuses. Applicants seeking to join Kenyon's summer scholars must be available to attend the full seminar on Kenyon's campus during the week of **June 5 – June 10, 2017**. Overnight accommodations will be provided in College housing, with registration fees covered and meals provided. Faculty from the College of Wooster, Denison University, Oberlin College, and Ohio Wesleyan University, in addition to the host institution, Kenyon College, will be invited to be session presenters and discussion leaders. A few of the sessions will be led by law faculty from one or more of Ohio's nine (9) colleges of law.

In addition to enhancing our students' understanding and appreciation for the complexity of these socio-legal issues, the Adams Summer Legal Scholars program looks to inspire and promote increased undergraduate research about the operation and meaning of law in society. As numerous scholars over the years have intimated, "Law is much too important to be left to lawyers alone." There may be no more worthy a subject for study than law as college students endeavor to understand the multiplicity of factors that impact their opportunities in life as well as their responsibilities to ensure a just society.