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Re: Adams Summer Legal Scholars Program

Dear Grace,

This letter is to confirm our recent correspondence in which we discussed our mutual interest in having you serve as a research assistant to me in connection with the John Adams Summer Program in Socio-legal Studies. Please consider this your formal invitation to serve in that capacity upon your acceptance by the program's selection committee.

As we discussed, Prof. Ivonne Garcia and I will be team-teaching the Senior Seminar in Legal Studies during the spring semester 2015. The tentative title and theme of the seminar is "Law and Narrative." This interdisciplinary endeavor represents both a new course offering and the first expansion of Kenyon's Law and Society Program into the Humanities Division of the College in several years. In designing and preparing this new course, we agreed that it would be extremely beneficial for us and the concentration to seek the services of a research assistant to identify potential materials to be used in the course as well as give both input and feedback on assignments.

I would anticipate that your primary responsibilities as research assistant would be to prepare an annotated bibliography of resources for teaching this Law and Narrative course, locate and collect syllabi from faculty around the country who have taught law and literature courses, and to work with us to design and implement writing assignments. There has been some interest among Summer Legal Scholars in prior years in starting an undergraduate legal studies journal. As director of both the concentration and the summer scholars program, I would like to explore in more detail what student production of such a journal would entail and would seek your assistance in this endeavor. I would also imagine that there could be other research tasks associated with the administration of the programs, including the design of a summer socio-legal institute for students from the Five Colleges of Ohio (College of Wooster, Denison University, Kenyon College, Oberlin College, and Ohio Wesleyan University), perhaps to be joined by Oxford University students, that would be hosted at Kenyon each summer.

As an English major and Law & Society concentrator, you seem ideally qualified to assist me in these endeavors. Your background in English literature and pursuit of legal studies strikes me as the ideal background for the Law & Narrative assignment. Your current experience studying at Exeter would also be a plus since the summer institute that I hope to design is modeled after a similar institute in which Kenyon's Summer Legal Scholars participated at

Oxford University's Center for Socio-legal Studies for several summers. The faculty with whom you have studied agree as they have enthusiastically encouraged me to offer you this opportunity. For these reasons, I am delighted to invite you to join me for the Summer of 2014 as a research assistant. I hope you will accept this invitation and make application to the Summer Legal Scholars Program to become a candidate for a fellowship through the Research Assistant track. Your timely application will constitute your formal acceptance of my invitation. You should also convey your acceptance by way of email to me. Please be reminded that your application is due no later than 12:00pm on Monday February 3rd. The selection committee expects to make its decision by February 28th.

I hope that your application will be favorably received by the selection committee and that we will have the opportunity to work together this summer. Enjoy the remainder of your semester in Exeter.

Sincerely,

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