

# GOING PLACES

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## CAREER SERVICES NEWS

**Welcome back!** Welcome freshmen, GP's, and Annapolis transfers! Welcome back to everyone. If you're going to be graduating in the spring please come by and talk to us about your post-SJC plans. If you're interested in having an internship over the summer please come and see Keiko about your options, it's never too early. If you've got questions about going to med-school or applying for scholarships and fellowships please stop by and see Margaret. Our office is in the basement of Weigle and we're open 9-5pm, Monday-Friday. Please stop by and learn about all the great services we offer.

**Mandatory Work-Study Meetings:** There will be two **mandatory** work-study orientation meetings for all **freshmen** with work-study jobs and **any other students who have work-study jobs in Santa Fe for the first time.** The meetings will both be in the Junior Common Room from 4:30-5:30 pm, the first on Tuesday, September 23 and the second on Thursday, September 25. Attendance is required at only *one* of the meetings, choose whichever one fits your schedule.

### Want to be a writer?

**WHO:** Salvatore Scibona (SF'97), author of *The End* (Graywolf Press, 2008)

**WHERE:** Great Hall, Peterson Student Center

**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 9th, 7 p.m.

Mr. Scibona will also be in the coffee shop during the lunch hour on the 9<sup>th</sup> to talk with any students who are interested in becoming writers.

Salvatore Scibona's first novel is *The End* (Graywolf Press, 2008). Scibona earned a Master of Fine Arts from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, studied in Italy on a Fulbright Scholarship, held fellowships at artists' colonies at Yaddo and MacDowell, and taught writing at Iowa, Harvard Summer School, and Boston University. He won the Pushcart Prize for his short story "Prairie" in 2000, and since 2004 has been the writing coordinator at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, MA.

**Thought about Teaching?** The team of Laura Cooley (Meem Library) and Clare Davitt (Career Services) has reunited to bring you another exciting and useful workshop. This time we'll explore what your options for finding out if you want to teach. Join us from **3-4:30pm in the Senior Common Room on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** to learn about volunteer and paid tutoring positions, summer teaching internships, and more. Please contact the Career Services office with any questions.

**Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program:** On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-5pm in Peterson, two representatives from the Consulate-General of Japan in Denver will be at St. John's College to promote the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program. The

mission of the program is to help enhance internationalization in Japan by promoting mutual understanding between Japan and other nations. The program also aims to improve foreign language education in Japan and to encourage international exchange at the local level.

All employment positions offered are in various locations throughout Japan. The JET contract is a one-year contract, potentially renewable for a maximum of up to five years of employment. Applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree as of July 1, 2009.

JET Program participants in the Assistant Language Teacher (ALT) position are assigned to local boards of education, elementary, junior high and/ or senior high schools throughout Japan and assist in: English language education, preparation of teaching materials, participation in the classroom and participate in local international exchange activities. ALTs are *not* required to have Japanese language abilities or teaching certifications.

If you are the type of person who enjoys traveling, seeing the world through a different perspective and have an interest in Asia and specifically in Japan, please come talk to us! Speaking with us does nothing but open up a potential door to a very unique experience. It would be shame not to at least take a peak behind this door and see if you might be interested. Your very own Thomas McBee, Coordinator of College Events is also a JET Program alumnus and can tell you more about the program as well!

Feel free to visit the following website to get a better understanding of the JET Program and what your life as a JET Program participant could potentially be like:

[www.jetprogramme.org](http://www.jetprogramme.org)

Online applications will be available mid-September, 2008 at:

[http://www.us.emb-](http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JETProgram/homepage.html)

[japan.go.jp/JETProgram/homepage.html](http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JETProgram/homepage.html)

We hope many of you take the time to stop by the JET information table on the afternoon of September 17<sup>th</sup>!

**New electronic career resources from Meem Library:** The library has recently started a subscription to the Testing & Education Reference Center. TERC provides descriptions of graduate programs, practice graduate admissions exams, and a resume writing tool. TERC is available through the library's web page at <http://www.stjohnscollege.edu/admin/SF/library/online.shtml> and can be accessed remotely by entering your college ID number at the prompt. Please call the circulation desk (984-6042) for assistance.

The library also now has electronic access to *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (<http://chronicle.com>) and *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* (<http://philanthropy.com>). These are available only on college computers and do not require a password.

**New Books in Career Services Library:** In the basement of Weigle Hall across from the Assistant Dean's office lurks a lonely library. Did you know that you have another collection of books waiting to be poured over by eager readers? The Career Services library is open from 9-5pm, Monday-Friday and by request. We have two computers with internet access and a printer available for your use. All the books

are available to be checked out for three months. The Career Services library catalogue includes books on graduate school, career choices, international travel, and scholarship information as well as GRE, LSAT, and MCAT study guides. Over the summer we've acquired a plethora of new books, please stop by and check them out.

A generous Eastern Classics student, Erin Ingham just donated a variety of books to our library including *What They Don't Teach You in College: A Graduate's Guide to Life on Your Own* by James M. Kramon and *The Official Guide to Legal Specialties: An Insider's Guide to Every Major Practice Area* by Lisa L. Abrams, J.D.

Our other new books include: *Career, Aptitude & Selection Tests* by Jim Barrett which helps you match your IQ, personality and abilities to your ideal career. *Career Match* by Shoya Zichy helps you pair your interests with a career path.

*Fifty Legal Careers for Non-Lawyers* by Ursula Furi-Perry offers an inside look at a variety of legal careers for folks who are interested in law but not in being a lawyer.

*The Graduate School Companion* by Peter Diffley and the staff of the Princeton Review, takes you through applying to, paying for and succeeding in Master's and Doctoral programs. *Paying for College Without Going Broke*, also by the Princeton Review, offers tips, suggestions, and organizations to help you survive paying for tuition, housing, and all those great books.

**Are you interested in traveling abroad over winter break, thinking about graduate school, or wanting to find an internship?**

Stop by Career Services today and pick up a handy packet that will help you think about and research your options. We are here to help you do what you want to do in terms of jobs, careers and continuing your education; it's as simple as that. Come by and let us help you, it's in our job description.

## ◆ STUDENT ARTICLES

**A freshman perspective on Career Services:**

**This article was first published in the May '08 edition of *Going Places*. Natasha is now a sophomore and continues to work in the Career Services Office.**

Hello! My name is Natasha Barnes and I am a freshman, but not for much longer! The year is winding down and soon I will be able to call myself a sophomore. This past year I have worked in the Career Services Office. It's been a great experience and I'd like to tell you all about it.

Looking back on this year, the advice I offer to incoming freshman or to anyone who has perhaps missed doing this thus far is 'get to know the people who make up your school.' Take your tutors to lunch, talk about how you're doing in class or what your thoughts and feelings are about the discussions, or just talk. Go for a walk with the Dean and find out who she is as a person and how she represents your college and get to know the staff.

If I've learned one thing from working in Career Services, it's just how much the staff at St. John's has to offer students, from Admissions to Career Services to Financial Aid. There is a whole community of people here that is as much a part of the college as the tutors. A lot of

them have gone through the Program themselves, and I find they give great advice on almost anything. I love working at Career Services because I get to see how all these people that make up St. John's College fit in together and the intricate web of how things get done among staff, tutors, and students.

My work at Career Services includes all the basic duties of a general office assistant, but I also get to do research for anyone with a question in the form of a Research Request. If you don't yet know about these, they are requests you can fill out for information on anything from study abroad programs in South America to law schools in Pennsylvania. In addition, I get to watch how all the applications for graduate school are done, how to find a great summer internship and where the best study programs are in Europe.

It has amazed me just how much we have to do in preparation for leaving St. John's when it's a full time job just being here. There are so many opportunities that I never would have even considered or conceived of had I not come to work in Career Services. So please come downstairs and see us!

There are so many things that Margaret, Clare, and Keiko can do to help you explore your future. Because of the nature of the college, we all have many questions and decisions to make before graduating. This makes the Career Services Office just that much more important.

**The End of an Era: an article by Laura DuPuy, Student Aide (Laura graduated in May '08):**

At the age of five, inspired by a precocious moment of foresight, I realized that it was my destiny to become a farmer. To spend my days out on the sun-baked earth as Mother Nature's faithful menial, this was my calling. About a week later, I laid aside the noble pursuit of crop-growing for the more delicate art of professional finger painter. Ballet dancer, firefighter, lion-tamer, florist, president: all glorious careers zealously entertained and almost immediately discarded for the next thing that came to my mind. Sixteen years later and dangerously close to actually being an adult, I find myself in an indecisiveness similar to that of my younger self.

When people find out that I've worked in the Career Services Office for the last four years, they often marvel that I, of all people, haven't chosen a career path. When Clare Davitt asked me to write an article for "Going Places", I was dubious about my ability to write anything helpful to my fellow students. I know very little about careers. I have, however, become something of an expert on Career Services.

As far as I can tell, most people understand the different aids provided by the Career Services Office: Work-Study headquarters, research requests, Need Cash, internship information and ARIEL, help with and resources concerning applications, resumes, cover letters, letters of recommendation, etc—this support is fairly well publicized and common knowledge among my classmates. However, closer inspection has revealed to me something which seems to go generally unnoticed by the college community.

While all of the aforementioned services probably deserve more than a passing mention, I think the

greatest and most underappreciated aspect of the Career Services Office is the spirit behind it. It's easy enough to pass through the office, pick up a paycheck, fill out the odd form or survey, and not give a second thought to what a great resource just sits waiting to be utilized. Many students go through St. John's without ever needing to come to Career Services, and many more go through without gaining a sense of the essence of what this office provides. To my mind, what primarily unites Margaret Odell, Keiko Giacona, and Clare Davitt is a desire to help people find the job or school or field of interest which really speaks to them. Each has her own personal experience in and knowledge of secondary education, internships, and careers, but all share an interest in preparing other people for whatever they might like to pursue.

I wouldn't characterize any one person in the office as an expert on a particular field of interest, but we find your enthusiasm incredibly contagious. The most notable example of this excitement came last October, when we received a research request about green architecture. None of us knew the first thing about this particular field, but we began our internet research as usual. Over the course of a few days, we all started working on the request, emailing links back and forth and discussing the subject with one another. In the end, we were able to compile a great list of web-links for this student, and we'd all discovered a career which we'd never before given so much as a passing thought. Are any of us preparing for eco-friendly architecture school? Not really. Our satisfaction derives from being able to bring someone that much closer to the job that inspires him or her. If you want to know more about something, we'd love to

help you find out more. *That* is the spirit behind the Career Services Office.

This being said, I must make clear that enthusiasm stands a better chance of catching with prolonged contact. The only way we're going to know what information you need and which programs you like is if we know *you*. If you can't find what you're looking for, or the last research request we completed for you just didn't hit the mark, come in and talk to someone in the office. I have yet to meet someone whose interests didn't coincide with some program or career field out there. No matter how vague your inclinations may be at this point, come in and talk to someone. If we can't narrow down some field of interest, we can recommend resources to help you find a clearer focus on what will really excite you. If you remember one thing from this article I hope it's this directive: when it comes to Career Services, don't be a stranger.

I also need to stress that no matter what your situation may be, it's not too late to make use of what Career Services offers. You signed the book at Convocation. You are welcome to whatever help we can offer. Taking a year off? Withdrawing indefinitely? Graduating? Doesn't matter as far as we're concerned: once a Johnnie, always a Johnnie, right?

That is why I don't get my feathers ruffled when an acquaintance poorly hides that worried expression when I tell them I still don't know what I want to do when I grow up. I know of one group of people who will always be ready to explore with me the big wide world of whatever. And so do you.



## TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

**Mississippi Teacher Corps:** The Mississippi Teacher Corps is now accepting applications for 2009. **The application deadline is October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.** Next year's class will begin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

The Mississippi Teacher Corps is a two-year competitive teaching program. It is designed for non-education majors and offers benefits including teacher training and certification, a full scholarship for a master's degree in education, and job placement. For more information visit the website at <http://www.mtc corps.net> or contact Ben Guest at 662-915-5224.



## GRADUATE SCHOOL

**Are you thinking about taking the GRE's?** MyGRETutor.com is a site that was developed by current PhD students. The site offers online GRE practice tests, tutorials, hundreds of free practice questions and a vocabulary tutor. The site keeps track of students' progress and adjusts to their ability. Best of all, accounts are free and available to anyone. Check out <http://www.mygretutor.com/> for more information and to start studying today!

**Study Philosophy and Health Care in the UK:** The University of Essex in the United Kingdom has started two new Master of Arts programs dealing with Continental Philosophy and Health Care. An MA in Continental Philosophy and Health Care Ethics is available as is a MA in Continental Philosophy and Health Care Law. Both programs consider the question of "what is illness?" and look at how the biomedical model used for diagnosis

and treatment could account for the lived experience of illness.

For more information and to apply visit [www.essex.ac.uk/philosophy](http://www.essex.ac.uk/philosophy)

**University of Washington Graduate Program in Classical Studies:** Want more of the classics after you leave SJC? The University of Washington offers a full program of graduate work leading to master's and doctoral degrees in classical languages and literature. Supplementary work may be taken in ancient history, archaeology, art history, linguistics and philosophy.

Visit the department website for more information at:  
<http://depts.washington.edu/clasdept>



## MEDICAL SCHOOL

**The Dartmouth Institute:** The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice in New Hampshire offers a variety of graduate degrees in health and science.

The Master of Public Health is a one-year program that provides graduates with an understanding of how public health care practice and research. Students must complete a seminar series and an internship to earn their degree. The Master of Science degree in Health Policy and Clinical Practice is also a one-year program and both programs accept applicants from a wide range of academic backgrounds. The Dartmouth Institute also offers a joint MD/MPH program with Dartmouth Medical School and an MBA/MPH program with the Tuck School of Business.

GRE or MCAT scores are required for all applications. For more information about these programs

and more visit the school website at <http://tdi.dartmouth.edu>

**Are you interested in becoming a doctor?** AspiringDocs.org is a site you might want to check out. It is run by the Association of American Medical Colleges to increase diversity in medicine. The goal of the site is to provide information and tools to help support underrepresented populations in attending medical school. For more information visit the website at: <http://www.AspiringDocs.org>



### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Scholarship for Women:** Juniors are eligible to apply for Glamour's 2009 Top 10 College Women Competition. Any woman who is currently a full-time junior is eligible to enter. Entry requirements include a 500-700 word essay describing your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and future goals, two letters of recommendation, and an official college transcript. Entries may include slides, CDs, video or samples of your work. **The deadline for entries is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.** The winners receive \$3,000, recognition in a Glamour issue, and a trip to New York City. If you're interested in applying visit the web site at <http://www.glamour.com/magazine/sweeps/archive>



### CAREER/JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**Do you need a part-time job to afford your book or coffee habit? The following is a list of employers in Santa Fe that have hired Johnnies in the past and often have part-time employment available:**

#### Bookstores:

Big Star Books & Music: 329 Garfield, 820-7827

Borders: 500 Montezuma, 954-4707; 3513 Zafarano Dr., 474-9450

Collected Works: 208 W. San Francisco, 988-4226

Garcia Street Books: 376 Garcia St., 986-0151

#### Grocery Stores:

Montanita Co-op: 913 W. Alameda, 984-2852

Trader Joe's: 530 W. Cordova, 995-8145

Whole Foods: 753 Cerrillos Rd., 992-1700

#### Hotels:

La Posada: 330 E. Palace Ave., 986-0000

#### Museums:

Santa Fe Children's Museum: 1050 Old Pecos Trail, 989-8359

Museum of International Folk Art: 706 Camino Lejo, 476-1200

#### Non-Profit:

Girls, Inc.: 301 Hillside Dr., 982-2042

#### Newspapers:

The Santa Fe Reporter: 132 E. Marcy St., 988-5541

#### Research:

Spencer Stuart: [www.spencerstuart.com](http://www.spencerstuart.com)

#### Restaurants:

Celebrations: 1620 St. Michael's Drive, 989-8904

Chocolate Maven: 821 W. San Mateo Rd., 984-1980

Coyote Café: 132 W. Water St., 983-1615

International House of Pancakes: 3301 Cerrillos Rd., 438-3773

Kakawa Chocolate House: 1050 E. Paseo de Peralta, 982-0388

Mission Café & Sweet Shop: 239 E. De Vargas St., 983-3033

Ohuri's Coffee: 1098 ½ S. St. Francis Drive, 982-9692

Outback Steakhouse: 2574 Camino Entrada, 424-6800

Pink Adobe: 406 Old Santa Fe Trail, 983-7712

The Teahouse: 821 Canyon Rd., 992-0972

Upper Crust: 329 Old Santa Fe Trail, 982-0000

*Remember that you can always stop by/email/call the Career Services Office during the school year, the summer or after you graduate for help finding work locally or nationally.*

#### On-line Resources for Summer Jobs, Temporary Jobs, and Internships:

The following is a list of useful web resources.

<http://www.About.com>: National and international internship listings, intern programs, and study abroad opportunities. Multiple search criteria.

<http://www.BackDoorJobs.com>: Offers thousands of detailed listings for unique and alternative paid internships, volunteer opportunities, overseas and seasonal jobs, and other short-term experiences. Seems to have a focus on outdoor activities.

<http://www.Coolworks.com>: Find your dream summer job! Some listings include National and State Parks jobs, ranch jobs, ski resort jobs, and "jobs on water." Also has listings for internships and other opportunities.

<http://www.Idealist.com>. A directory of nonprofit and volunteering resources on the Web with information provided by 15,000 organizations in 130 countries.

<http://www.globalcrossroad.com>. Information about internships for U.S. students and recent graduates in Asia, Ecuador, Brazil, and other countries.

<http://www.studentjobs.gov>. Explore part-time, summer, and co-op jobs with the federal government. Includes a resume builder and advice on the federal hiring process

<http://www.USInterns.com>. A source for a wide variety of internships. The resume builder allows students to tailor resumes to fit certain postings before applying directly online.

<http://www.InternshipPrograms.com>. This site allows you to post your resume, search an extensive database of internships, read internship reviews, or create your own real-intern profile.

<http://www.iiepassport.org> A comprehensive search engine for study abroad opportunities in a variety of countries all over the world.

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**INTERNSHIPS**

**Drug Policy Alliance Overview.** This article was written by a Santa Fe High School student about her experience with the Drug Policy Alliance. The DPA has a position open for a work-study student and it also has an unpaid internship available. If you're interested in either of these positions please contact the Career Services Office:

The Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) is the nation's leading organization of people who believe the war on drugs is doing more harm than good. We believe that people should not be

punished simply for what they put into the bodies but only for harm done to others. We fight for drug policies based on science, compassion, health and human rights.

The people at DPANM are always working on a lot of different projects. Their work spans from working to get treatment instead of jail time for people arrested for drug possession, to their youth drug education program. One of the first projects I worked on was at the Teen Methamphetamine Prevention conference in October 2007.

This was my first real introduction to the work that DPA does and I realized how sensitive I was to these issues. I was much more affected than I thought I would be. This is a definite challenge for everyone that works at DPA. I realized, however, that when you have a lot of confusion, emotion, and even anger about a particular subject, you can transfer that into passion for making change. Working with legislators, for example, is one way to do this.

I also was given the opportunity to work with DPA during the 2008 legislative session. This was an incredible learning experience for me. I had no idea the complexities and enormous amount of work each session takes. Moreover, I learned that this small non-profit organization was passing bills that were essential to the health and well being of New Mexicans.

I quickly became aware that the reason that DPANM staff achieves so much success is not necessarily because legislators share the same beliefs on the drug war. Certainly not. It is because that they are willing to fight for a particular issue even if it takes years.

After the questionnaire was made, we had to get all of the addresses (sometimes multiple addresses) and phone numbers for each of the representatives, congressmen, and senators in each district. We did a mailing to over 230 individuals and began making follow-up calls to each one of them. This was my first real experience interacting with government officials. This was a challenge because a lot of the officials would hang up on me, or never answer their phone, or would just tell me flat out that they were not going to do the questionnaire.

I participated during the making of the methamphetamine youth video that our office produced. It was great to have the opportunity to watch the video, have a discussion with the rest of the office, and have my opinions be heard and taken into consideration. I feel like I made real contributions to the final product of the video because of the opportunities I was given to express my ideas.

DPANM is constantly working with other nonprofit organizations and developing relationships with community partners. The Family Justice Campaign is just an example of how DPA is working with nine other organizations to better the state. This is a great way to get involved with other nonprofits in the area. Learning about the other organizations makes volunteering at these places easy. For example, since DPA works closely with the NAACP, I volunteered to register voters in New Mexico through the Santa Fe NAACP's Political Action Committee.

The best thing about this experience was the individuals I worked with at DPA. The three women in the New Mexico office are so fervent about their work, they were always willing

to help me, and always cared about my opinions. The people that work at the Drug Policy Alliance work for an effective, caring approach to public health. It is a great organization and my experience there has ultimately helped me to realize that I want to pursue public health in the future.

*Allison Colbaugh graduated from Santa Fe Prep in May and is attending the University of Pittsburgh. Allison interned with Drug Policy Alliance from October 2007 to August 2008.*

**Online Resource for Johnnies:** Internships USA maintains up-to-date information on over 2,000 organizations offering internships. St. John's College has renewed its subscription with Career Education Institutes for access to the listings. Simply go to their website at <http://www.internships-usa.com/> and click on **"The Internship Series on line"** and enter the subscriber info when prompted (username: **intern08**; password: **work**). Each category lists hundreds of internship opportunities; categories include International

Affairs, Women's Rights, Media, Washington DC, Human Rights, Environment, Top Corporations, and more.

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