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### A MESSAGE FROM PROF. ABRIEL

Dear Sydney Program Students,

I am delighted that you will be joining me this summer in Sydney. This is the first of probably two newsletters, which I hope will be helpful to you as you prepare for the summer.



### OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

You will be receiving a message from Carly Koebel of SCU's Center for Global Law and Policy, inviting you to join the Facebook page for the Sydney program. The link is [https://www.facebook.com/groups/60568383350/?bookmark\\_t=group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/60568383350/?bookmark_t=group). This is a great way to contact other people on the program, for example, if you'd like to travel together or exchange housing information or tips on the best flights.

## CONTACTING THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR & PROGRAM MANAGER

Sydney Program Director Evangeline Abriel – I am a clinical professor at Santa Clara University School of Law and have also been the director of the Sydney program for the last six years. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Between now and May 17 (when I leave for Sydney), I can be reached by email at [fabriel@scu.edu](mailto:fabriel@scu.edu) or by telephone at (408) 554-5368 (office), 925-285-9883 (cell).

I will arrive in Sydney on the morning of Friday, May 19. One of my first tasks will be to update my Australian mobile number, and I'll send out an e-mail on the evening of May 21 giving the new number. I will be staying at the Meriton Serviced Apartments, 528 Kent Street (corner of Liverpool Street), Sydney 2000. The reception phone there is (dialing from the U.S.) 011-61-2-8263-5500. From Sydney, it would be just 8263-5500. In addition, you can call my U.S. cell phone number listed above. It might be expensive to call, but texting is usually pretty reasonable.

Santa Clara University Law School's Center for Global Law and Policy Program Manager, Carly Koebel, can be reached by email at [CGLP@scu.edu](mailto:CGLP@scu.edu) or by telephone at (408) 551-1955.

## PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP



Entry Requirements (passport and visa): In order to enter Australia, U.S. citizens need a current passport valid for the duration of your stay and a valid Australian visa. It is the student's responsibility to apply for and obtain the passport and the appropriate visa, since we are not authorized to advise you on Australian immigration. However, here is information given to me by the Australian Visa Information Service (Phone: 1 613 238 1040). In general, the sort of visa you will need depends on whether you will be taking the course only or staying on to do a volunteer placement (internship).

According to the Australian Visa Information Service, if you are only taking the course and are a U.S. citizen, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) 601 for visitors is the appropriate visa. It will allow you to visit and to study for up to three months. You must apply for the ETA BEFORE entering Australia. You can apply for the ETA on-line for a modest fee of about AUD 20, at <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au>. Once granted, the ETA will be linked to your passport number. You will receive an email confirmation of your receipt of the ETA, which you should print out and take with you to Australia. It generally takes less than a day to receive an ETA-601, but we recommend applying at least three weeks in advance.

If you are staying on after the course to do a volunteer placement, the Australian Visa Information Service advised me that you will need a work and holiday visa (subclass 462). This is available for U.S. citizens who are above age 18 and are not yet 31. It allows you to visit and study in Australia for a year and to work there for six months. As with the ETA 601, you may apply for the work and holiday visa on-line, at <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/462-> The work and holiday visa is a little pricey – AUD 440, or about USD 338. We can factor this cost into the estimate of financial aid you will need. The application is also a little more complicated than the ETA 601 and requires additional evidence. While the Australian Immigration website says that processing times for the work and holiday visa is between 6 and 14 days, we recommend applying at least eight weeks before your departure for Australia.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the visa, and I will try to direct you to the needed information.

If you are not a United States citizen or are traveling on a non-U.S. passport, you must check entry requirements with the Australian Visa Information Service (phone number above) or the appropriate Australian embassy/consulate prior to departure. One note on this: the Australian understanding of “internship” seems to refer to longer and more structured positions than our five- or six-week volunteer positions, so the term “volunteer placement” is a more accurate description of our placements in Australia.



Housing. Please take a look at our program website, <http://law.scu.edu/international/sydney.cfm>, which lists a number of housing options. Please let me know if I can be of assistance as you decide on housing.

Sydney has excellent public transportation in the form of buses and light rail, so you do not need to live within walking distance of the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) (where our classes will be held). But if you would like to live in walking distance, or within a short commute by public transportation, UTS is located in the Ultimo (close to Haymarket) neighborhood of Sydney, and the surrounding neighborhoods include City Centre, Pyrmont, Surry Hills, and Glebe. Here is a link to a map showing the location of UTS Sydney, so that you can get an idea of the surrounding areas:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/University+of+Technology+Sydney/@-33.883898,151.201013,17z/data=!3m1!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x16e224b2bd8fa957>

I have also attached a map of the Ultimo and surrounding sections of Sydney (the blue balloon shows UTS Law).

Here is a link to Sydney's transport agency, which has a "plan your trip" feature:  
<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/explore/getting-around/public-transport>



## **OUR HOST INSTITUTION**

Our classes will be held at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Faculty of Law, in Building 5, Block B of the Haymarket campus at 1 – 59 Quay St (pronounced 'key street'), in the Ultimo section of Sydney. It is directly across the street from Paddy's Market, a tourist landmark. The law school is centrally located within walking distance of Darling Harbour, the civil and criminal courts, and Sydney's historic buildings.

The Law School has ample room for study, a breakroom with microwave and vending machines for students, and a library. The Law School makes the library's physical and on-line facilities available to us and provides us with internet access.

## **ORIENTATION, COURSE SCHEDULE, TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS**

We will have an orientation meeting and dinner on Sunday, May 21. We'll meet at the UTS law school lobby at 4:00 p.m., have a short tour, then walk to Darling Harbor and take the ferry to the Rocks and Circular Quay for dinner (on Santa Clara).

We'll have classes from Monday through Friday. Classes will generally be from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, but we may have to hold class in the afternoons some days to accommodate morning site visits. On the third Friday (sorry!), we'll have the final exam.

I have posted our course syllabus to our program portal page. This reflects my best estimate; we will need to modify the syllabus a little as we go along to accommodate site visits. I'll also be updating the syllabus to show reading assignments.

We will not have an assigned textbook; instead, we will post materials that you can download. I recommend printing out the materials, double-sided, and bringing them with you to Australia, as it may be more expensive to print them out in Australia. I'll send a message when the materials are posted.

The final examination in this course will be open materials.

### **VOLUNTEER PLACEMENTS (INTERNSHIPS)**

I will be contacting those of you who will be doing an internship (we call them volunteer placements in Australia). Here is the process for placement: once I know the type of internship you would like, I will forward your resume and personal statement to the placement for approval. Once the placement approves, I will "introduce" you to the placement by email so that you can be in direct contact. When you receive this "intro" email, please take a few minutes to write the supervisor and express your enthusiasm about the placement. When we are in Sydney, I'll arrange a date and time for us to go to the placement and meet your supervisor in person.



### **VERY IMPORTANT: SOME INITIAL SAFETY INFORMATION**

As you are travelling around Sydney, please remember that the traffic goes in the opposite direction (people drive on the left-hand side of the road). Thus, be very careful to look both ways when you cross any streets.

### **MEDICAL CARE AND INSURANCE**

Sydney has a number of good walk-in clinics. The Park Medical Center, near town hall, is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and charges about \$35.00 for a 15 minute consultation. The address is Shop 4, 27 Park St., tel: 02-9264-4488.



You summer abroad fees include coverage by the ACE Travel Assistance Program. The policy and information is posted to the online portal ([international.scu.edu](http://international.scu.edu)). Please print this out and bring it with you in your hand luggage.



## WHAT TO PACK

We will be in Sydney during the Australian early winter. Winter in Sydney is mild, with an average daytime temperature of 65 and evening of 50 F, although the temperature can dip into the 40s. There is also usually rain. Bring a warm jacket or coat, clothing to layer, and an umbrella (although Australia has some very nice clothes shopping!) We will have an optional trip to the Blue Mountains, and you will need a little warmer clothing for that. Melbourne is also cooler, so for students doing internships there, you will want warmer clothes. If you are traveling to Cairns or the Great Barrier Reef, however, summer clothes will be appropriate. Bring comfortable walking shoes.

For classes you may wear what you would normally wear to class in the States. For our visits to Australian courts and legal institutions, however, you will want to bring at least one set of clothes that you might wear to court in the United States. This would be a suit for men. For women, a suit with pants, skirt, or dress, or pants, skirt, or dress with a smart sweater will work.

For interns, what Australians call “smart casual” (we’d probably call this business casual) is appropriate, with one set of professional clothes for your first day at the placement and for court visits.

Electrical appliances. I don’t recommend bringing any electrical appliances other than your laptop computer and cell phone. For charging those items, you will need an adaptor, which you can purchase from a travel store before you leave the United States or at the airport or travel stores in Sydney.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Credit Cards: Visa and MasterCard are universally accepted in Australia; American Express and Diners’ Club are less commonly accepted and Discovery cards even less so. If you know your PIN, you can withdraw cash advances from your debit and credit cards at banks or ATMs. (Australia has both Cirrus and PLUS automated teller machines).

Electrical Needs: Australian sockets take two or three flat, not rounded, prongs and the current is 240/250 volts AC, 50 hertz. You can buy a U.S.-Australian adaptor at travel stores in the United States, but they are also available in Australia. In past years, they were available for

purchase at the airport upon arrival in Australia. Converters are not recommended, as they can damage your appliances. Your laptop should work fine with only an adaptor.

Electricity does not start automatically when you plug in an appliance. You must flick the switch beside the socket to the “on” position.

Money: As of this writing, USD 1.00 is AUD 1.30. The Australian dollar is divided into 100 cents, and Australian currency is issued in denominations of AUD 1.00, 20.00, 50.00, and 100.00, and in coins worth 5, 10, 20, and 50 cents. It is a good idea to exchange at least some money before you leave home to avoid potentially long lines at the airport.



Traveler’s Checks: Traveler’s checks are no longer frequently used and may be difficult to get cashed. There may also be a charge to cash traveler’s checks in foreign currency in Australia.

Visa TravelMoney; Visa travel money is a disposable, prepaid debit card with a PIN which works in all ATMs that take Visa cards. You load up your account with funds before leaving home, and when your money runs out, you just throw the card away. You can get extra cards, which is a good idea in case your card gets lost or stolen.

Emergencies: Dial 000 anywhere in Australia for police, ambulance or the fire department. The call is free so you do not need any coins.



Telephones: To call Sydney, Australia from the U.S. you dial 011 (the international access code), then 61 (the country code), then 2 (the city code) and then the eight digit number. To make calls from Sydney to the U.S., dial 0011 (the access code), then 1 (the country code), then the area code and seven digit number. For directory assistance dial 1223 or 12455 if you are looking for a number in Australia or 1225 for numbers in other countries. To reach an



operator, call 1234; to make a collect call dial 12550. 1800 numbers in Australia are toll-free, but calling a 1-800 number in the U.S. costs the same as any other overseas call.

In the past couple of years, students on our program have purchased inexpensive Australian mobile phones and minutes for use while they are in Australia.

Tipping: Tipping is not expected in Australia. It is usual, however, to round up to the nearest A\$10 for a substantial meal in a restaurant. Some people also round up to the nearest dollar in a cab or tip bellboys or porters.

Water: Drink it anywhere; it's fine.

## **GETTING TO SYDNEY FROM THE AIRPORT**

See <http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g255060-c119393/Sydney:Australia:Sydney.Airport.Transport.html> There is a train station at the international airport. The cost of the train is almost the same as a taxi. There are shuttle services to different parts of the city (see <http://kst.com.au/airport.php>). See the Transport section for more information about trains and buses in Sydney. Further information about the airport is available from [www.sydneyairport.com](http://www.sydneyairport.com).

## **GETTING AROUND SYDNEY**

Sydney has great public transportation in the form of light rail, trains, buses, and ferries. Be aware that, as foreign students, you do not qualify for student concessions (discounts) on Sydney trains, buses and ferries. Sydney police fine visitors heavily for travelling on student concession rates when they are not eligible for those rates.

### **Trains**

Central Station is less than a ten minute walk to UTS Law and is the closest train stop. Sydney has an extensive rail network. Weekly, fortnightly and monthly passes are available. Visit [www.cityrail.info](http://www.cityrail.info) for fares and routes.



## Buses

Numerous bus routes pass within one – two blocks of the UTS Law campus. The closest bus stops are at Railway Square (next to Central Station) on Broadway St or at the corner of George St and Hay St. Bus passes (weekly, fortnightly and Travel Ten) can be bought from many newsagents, convenience stores and even train stations. Visit [www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sydneybuses.nsw.gov.au) for more information. To view bus routes that service UTS, visit <http://www.sydneybuses.info/uploads/file/pdfs/university-maps/uts-busservices.pdf>.

## Light Rail

Sydney operates a light rail from Central Station to the Inner West suburbs. There is a light rail stop half a block from the Law Faculty. The light rail is a convenient form of travel if your accommodation is in an Inner West neighborhood (e.g. Annandale, Glebe, Leichardt) or if you wish to travel to certain tourist sites such as the Sydney Fish Market.



## Ferries

Catch a ferry from Circular Quay (the train station for the Opera House) to tourist destinations such as the beachside community of Manly and the Taronga Zoo. The Sydney harbor is stunning and a ferry ride is a less expensive alternative to harbor cruises.

## Taxis

Taxis in Sydney are abundant but expensive. You are charged by time, not distance. There are extra charges for travelling from the airport or across the Harbour Bridge. All cabs accept credit card payments. Tipping is welcome but not expected.

## **FITNESS FACILITIES**

UTS has a fitness center located in Building 4, a few blocks from the Law Faculty. See [www.utsunion.uts.edu.au/fitness](http://www.utsunion.uts.edu.au/fitness). It is not free to us, but UTS has arranged for us to pay the same fees as regular UTS students. See <http://www.activatefit.com.au/membership>. The Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre is a YMCA with an Olympic pool and complete gym located a few blocks from campus that also offers casual visits.

## A LITTLE AUSSIE MUSIC TO GET YOU IN THE MOOD

“I am Australian” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD3SkTyXzcE&feature=related>

Waltzing Matilda: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CwvazMc5EfE>

The Australian national anthem – “Advance Australia Fair”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8tswkr25A>



### **STAY TUNED FOR:**

More information about program outings and site visits to legal institutions in Sydney. I'll put these in a later newsletter.

**Please contact me if I can be of any help.**

**Prof. Abriel**

