Welcome

PSPA has a rich curriculum and allied activities to provide a well-rounded education for its students, preparing them to be critical thinkers, productive citizens, and leaders in a wide range of careers: government and public service, the professorate, jurisprudence, as well as an array of managerial options in the private sector.
Welcome from the Department Head

Welcome back to a new semester. As you can see from the events covered in this edition, PSPA is a busy place! Its students, faculty and staff are deeply engaged in the academic enterprise and in exploring a range of extra-curricular and service activities. All told, these reflect the growing reputation and visibility of those who makeup the PSPA community. Of course, we have always had good representation of students in internships in Washington, and the past year has been no exception. This edition focuses on some of our distinguished undergraduates and the splendid experiences they had in agencies and congressional offices in the U. S. Capital. The excellent placements of some of our recent doctoral students gives some sense of how well we are doing in locating them in public policy positions in major programs around the country and at MSU. We also feature some of the activities of faculty in their service responsibilities to the campus and the state. As a unit focused in part on public policy and processes of government, faculty participation in related policy service roles is an important part of what we do by routine. Yet, it is a particular point of pride to have two of our faculty providing the leadership for the most important faculty organizations on campus: Dr. Jerry Emison is President of the MSU Robert Holland Faculty Council, while Dr. Dragan Stanisevski is President of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Council. Moreover, our alumni donors continue to provide ideas, financial support, and institutional leadership that expand the horizons of our students. We are delighted to feature activities in support of PSPA of two of these distinguished alumni: Attorney Lamar Conerly and Journalist Sid Salter. As always, we are happy to share just a small snippet of the good things happening at PSPA, and the way in which we are helping to change the lives of our students.
**Former Secretary of State visits MSU**

This past spring, Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice spoke to more than 4,000 Faculty, Staff, and Students at MSU’s Humphrey Coliseum. The University hosted Rice as part of its Global Lecture Series.

During her visit, Rice spoke of current world events, saying the United States and the world are in contentious times, but spoke of great optimism and the opportunities that persist: “Whenever I visit a place like this, a great university where our best and brightest are studying, I am indeed optimistic.”

During her visit, she also took part in a forum with first-generation college students, student veterans and honors students as well as a reception with university alumni.

Rice served as the nation’s 66th secretary of state from January 2005-2009. She was the second woman and first African American woman to hold the post. She also served as President George W. Bush’s assistant to the president for national security affairs (national security advisor) from January 2001-2005, the first woman to hold the position.

Rice currently is the Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy at the Graduate School of Business at Stanford University; the Thomas and Barbara Stephenson Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the university’s Hoover Institution and a professor of political science. Rice a founding partner of RiceHadleyGates, LLC.

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**Department alumnus named new MSU public affairs leader**

Department alumnus Sidney L. “Sid” Salter was named last fall as MSU’s new director of the Office of University Relations. Recently, his duties were expanded and he assumed the title of chief communication officer and director of Mississippi State’s newly designated Office of Public Affairs.

Salter brings more than 37 years of experience in journalism and media management to the task, in addition to significant experience in marketing, public affairs and corporate governance. He had served as MSU’s journalist-in-residence at the MSU Libraries since March 2011.

Salter serves as Mississippi State’s chief spokesperson. “I am the administrator of the university’s communications and strategic marketing operations, which include a photography studio, graphic design studio, news bureau, university Web sites, social media sites, the campus radio station, and the University Television Center,” he explained, adding that the office also provides media services for the entire campus.

A 1988 Political Science graduate, Salter fondly recalls time spent as a student in the department: “I was very fortunate to have been taught by Drs. Tip Allen, Howard Ball, Kris Bhansali, Doug Feig, Bill Giles, Steve Shaffer, and Tom Handy. My closest friends were Marty Wiseman and Mark McIntosh.”

Salter said he is very excited about his new duties and looks forward to further serving the campus community. “I count it a great honor to be able to serve my alma mater in this position by telling MSU’s story across multiple media platforms,” he said. “I think my background covering state government issues has been a great help to me and I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve MSU.”
**Doctoral student completes prestigious program**

PSPA doctoral candidate Yolanda Jackson Cook recently graduated from the Preparing Future Faculty program. PFF is a collaboration among Mississippi State’s Graduate School, College of Business and Mitchell Memorial Library to prepare graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to assume the varied roles and responsibilities expected of new faculty.

Cook currently is working on her dissertation under Dr. Eddie French. She also works as a graduate research assistant in the Department of Leadership and Foundations in the College of Education. Her research interests are in the nonprofit sector: motivation, nonprofit government collaborations, and capacity building. She has presented her research at several local conferences, as well as for the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations in November.

A Mississippi University for Women business administration/management graduate, she also completed an MBA at Delta State University before beginning work as the assistant director of an area non-profit organization focused on empowering women to become entrepreneurs. She completed the MPPA degree at MSU during this time.

In addition to professional memberships in the American Society for Public Administration and Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations, Cook is part of several university-wide initiatives including the President’s Commission on the Status of Women and Financial Education Partnership Committee.

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**New PSPA Instructor hired**

Edward Hearn was recently hired as an Instructor in PSPA, and had just completed a doctorate in political science at Florida State University. His primary research interests are international political economy, international trade, and Japanese politics. Recently he had an article published that examines foreign policy attitude formation in the journal Foreign Policy Analysis. He studied the Japanese language at Okinawa University and spent several years living and working in that country. At MSU Hearn teaches international relations and comparative politics, as well as classes on international political economy and East Asian politics. He expressed his passion for his research interest: “As the world’s population and wealth continue to shift, East Asia is a vital and exciting region to study.” He also views the position in PSPA as a way to further his research interests: “As a result of trade and investment, Mississippi and Japan are becoming increasingly interconnected. I look forward to the opportunity to help further advance the relationship between MSU and East Asia.”

Although Hearn has lived in several places, he earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and considers himself a native Mississippian. “I am very excited to have the opportunity to come home and teach at MSU,” he exclaimed. He is joined by his wife Kyoko Shoji, and daughter Rie Sofia.
Mississippi prepares for **historic museum**

The state of Mississippi has two major museum projects in progress—the nation’s first state-sponsored civil rights museum, the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum (CRM), and the Museum of Mississippi History (MMH). Dr. KC Morrison, professor and Head of PSPA, is serving as the MSU representative on the Advisory Board of the CRM and the National Board of Scholars for the MMH. Both projects have made significant strides toward implementation. Indeed this fall officials will break ground on the companion museums, which will be located on a plot adjacent to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) in downtown Jackson. The expectation is that both museums will be completed in time for the celebration of Mississippi’s bicentennial in 2017. Dr. Morrison has been an integral part of the planning process for these twin projects, alongside some of Mississippi’s most respected legends of the Civil Rights Movement, scholars, architects, designers, and MDAH archivists. The planners hope provide museum experiences that acquaint visitors with an understanding of the great sweep of Mississippi history. The MMH will seek to cover the first civilizations in the state through Mississippi becoming a territory, then a state, following the journey and people through enslavement, the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Great Depression, World War II and through social change since. For example, its interactive maps will focus on Mississippi musicians like Muddy Waters, Elvis Presley, Jimmie Rodgers, Leontyne Price, BB King, and others. The CRM will focus specifically on the social change movement that began in the 1950s in opposition to the discriminatory racial system that followed the postwar Reconstruction. It will tell the stories of the state’s heroes and ordinary citizens who fought for racial integration and reconciliation. It will feature eight exhibition galleries, including a gallery titled “This Little Light of Mine,” encircled by the other exhibits. The CRM will also feature interactive maps for those interested in civil rights history while music lovers will have the opportunity to read about and hear.
Senior PSPA major making great strides toward journalism career

Many MSU students often find it difficult to discover their true sense of passion and translate it into a career. However, senior Political Science major Kaitlyn Byrne has spent the last three years doing just that. A Senatobia resident, Byrne has spent her entire undergraduate years working in two fields she enjoys—political science and journalism. In addition to currently serving as the editor-in-chief of The Reflector, she is president of Lambda Pi Eta national communication honor society, finance director for the MSU Foundation Ambassadors and a member of the Shackouls Honors College, among other affiliations.

This past spring, Byrne received the Bill Hunsberger Scholarship, a rotating honor given to outstanding female students at MSU and several other state universities. The award recognizes those who have excelled academically and are active in media-related roles while in college. Since coming to MSU, Byrne has been actively involved with The Reflector. At the same time, she has worked at MSU’s Office of Agricultural Communications, writing articles and news releases.

Byrne said she is deeply appreciative of the political science department. “The Department of Political Science has been so incredible with helping me find scholarship opportunities to help fund my education,” she said. “Like many students in today’s economy, I am solely responsible for all of my college expenses, so scholarships have been a huge blessing as I work toward completing my bachelor’s degree.”

Following graduation, Byrne plans to pursue graduate study in journalism, then relocate to a large media market and work as a daily newspaper reporter. “I plan to make the most of my years as an entry-level reporter by covering as many topics as I can,” she said.

Dr. Dragan Stanisevski, Associate Professor of PSPA, has been elected by members of the Arts & Sciences faculty senate to serve as President. He has enjoyed a year-long term, ending in December 2013. As part of his role, Dr. Stanisevski’s primary responsibility is to advise the Dean on matters of importance to faculty members and departments. He also organizes and runs the monthly meetings of the Arts & Sciences faculty and facilitates any activities that are held. Dr. Stanisevski has enjoyed a term full of policy proposals with the faculty senate. For example, He was able to lead the ad hoc committee’s efforts in establishing a diversity taskforce which will be responsible for addressing issues of diversity and fostering a culture of inclusiveness within the college. When asked about his proudest moment as President, he simply replied, “I am simply thankful for the opportunity to serve the department and the university.” Outside of his work within the classroom and the A&S faculty senate, he has authored several journal articles in Administration & Society, Administrative Theory & Praxis, Critical Policy Studies and International Journal of Organization. He was also recently appointed as the incoming Forum Editor for Administrative Theory & Praxis.
Mississippi and nation commemorate the life of Medgar Evers

This past June marked the 50th anniversary of the assassination of African American political leader Medgar Evers. The state of Mississippi and the federal government observed this anniversary by focusing on Evers’ dedication to accomplishing social change in segregated Mississippi, organizing voter registration drives, boycotts, and other protests to challenge racial exclusion.

Evers, the first field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was killed in the driveway of his home in Jackson on June 12, 1963 during what is now recognized as one of the most contentious times in the state and nation’s history of race relations. After service in the military he returned home to raise a family and to assume leadership of the burgeoning civil rights movement in the state.

The week of commemoration was filled with local and national events to remember the life of Evers and his devotion to social justice. National events included a memorial service held at Evers’ gravesite in Arlington National Cemetery attended by Mrs. Myrlie Evers, Congressman Bennie Thompson, and Governor Phil Bryant, and other state officials; a symposium at the Newseum in the nation’s capital. A discussion there featured civil rights legend Julian Bond and award-winning investigative journalist Jerry Mitchell participated in a discussion of Evers life moderated by national public broadcasting’s Gwen Ifill, senior correspondent on “PBS NewsHour.” Local events included the opening of a Medgar and Myrlie Evers civil rights art exhibit at the Department of Archives and History, and the dedication of a bust of Evers at Alcorn State University, his alma mater. Tougaloo College organized a symposium that featured MSU professors Michael Williams (History) and KC Morrison (PSPA), and the Museum of Art unveiled portraits of Evers and his wife.

Other commemorative events in Jackson during the week included tours of the Evers home (now a museum operated by Tougaloo College), historic civil-rights sites, and the screening of civil rights-themed movies. The week culminated with a black-tie tribute gala held at Jackson’s convention complex celebrating the life and legacy of Medgar Evers and also recognizing other Mississippi Civil Rights legends. This event featured Mississippi Blues Musician, B.B. King and famed Gospel singer Tamela Mann.
Mr. Woolley goes to Washington

Political Science Senior Zachary Woolley is charting paths throughout the university. Woolley, a senior from Birmingham, Alabama spent twelve weeks in Washington, D.C. working in congressional offices, federal agencies, and non-profit organizations.

Woolley landed an internship with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation. This internship was sponsored by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), an association that helps promote advocacy for the disabled community. Zach was also the first awardee of the Tip Allen Scholarship that supports undergraduate internships.

Woolley had the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge in working with a federal agency: “I had the opportunity to work on a project which involved personal care attendants being placed with individuals in the work environment in office of the federal government.... Currently there is no such program in place. We worked with other individuals that have disabilities within the federal government some of whom were career civil service employees and some were White House appointees. Our task was to interview them, research options, and compile a document with the information.”

After interning with the federal agency, Woolley also met with Senator Thad Cochran while lobbying for the Convention of Rights of People with Disabilities. Woolley enthusiastically recalled his experience: “Meeting with Senator Cochran lit a fire in my gut. I knew that we needed Senator Cochran’s vote to ratify a treaty that the U.S. had failed to accomplish this past December. With the help of Professor Waide and President Keenum, I was able to meet with him and discuss the treaty point by point. He was very receptive.” Woolley is hopeful that following the good results of his meeting the results of the votes on the treaty next time will be positive.

Woolley is thankful for the members of the PSPA department and how they have assisted him throughout his matriculation in the University: “All of my teachers are incredible. I ask questions all the time and they take the time to answer and discuss them. They recognize me as an individual and do not see the chair I sit in.” After graduation, Woolley hopes to attend law school.
PSPA Professor elected Holland Faculty Senate leader

Dr. Jerry Emison, Professor of PSPA, has recently been elected by members of the Robert Holland Faculty Senate to serve as President. Faculty Senators, elected by peers from their respected colleges, selected Emison to serve the 2013-2014 term. It is an organization that Emison has long served—this marks his sixth year in the Faculty Senate. In the new role he represents the faculty on matters of academic concerns and governance, and is the principal spokesperson for all MSU faculty members. As such Dr. Emison is often called to brief MSU President Dr. Mark Keenum on a wide range of matters regarding faculty interests and issues. As president, Dr. Emison sits on a host of university-wide committees including: the Master Plan Development Advisory Committee, the Diversity Council, the Information Technology Committee, the Game Day Committee and the Executive Enrollment Management Committee.

This year has already proven to be a relatively busy year for the Faculty Senate. Throughout the academic year, several major issues will be addressed: a proposal to more precisely spell out how research and extension faculty are evaluated and promoted; and, salary compression—how to close the gap between MSU faculty salaries and those of other SEC schools. Typically, professors at MSU earn twenty percent (20%) less than their peers at other schools in the Southeast. Another issue is expected to be how to improve the University Honor Code.

When asked how his new position fits into what he does in PSPA, Dr. Emison exclaimed, “Oh very nicely.” He suggested that for over thirty years his interest and professional practice have involved the executive management of public institutions, the main foci of his research and teaching. Now in his role in the Senate he is able to bring this focus to help MSU.

Conerly Forum seeks to introduce students to public discourse

As a result of a gift to PSPA by PSPA alumnus Lamar Conerly and his wife Tracy of Destin, Florida, department officials are instituting a public affairs forum to introduce our students to cutting edge ideas and topical issues of national and international concern. The forum will create an environment where students may have continuing opportunities to interact with men and women of preeminent character and accomplishment. The Forum is expected to have its inaugural event in the 2013-2014 academic year.

The forum format will involve a continuing series that addresses contemporary issues in governance, legal affairs, and public policy. Some of the topical areas of interest to be explored are: American politics, international relations and comparative politics, and political theory on the theoretical and conceptual fields in political science. Through the Conerly endowment, PSPA will be able to support costs for honoraria, lodging, travel and social events for speakers to assist with public lecture, small group discussions and visits with classes.

Lamar Conerly, a 1971 accounting/pre-law graduate, is a practicing attorney and President/Owner of the law office of Lamar A. Conerly, P. A. Having been long active in university affairs, he served as national MSU Alumni Association President in 1999 and was named an Alumni Fellow of the College of Business and Industry in 2004.
Ph. D. graduate accepts position at Valdosta State

Luke Fowler, who received his Ph.D. from PSPA, has recently accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Department of Political Science at Valdosta State University. Fowler will be responsible for teaching in both the undergraduate and graduate political science programs. Prior to accepting the position, Fowler obtained significant teaching experience in PSPA. He looks forward to being able to continue to work with students and to merge his passion for education with an equal passion for research. When asked why he chose a career in research, Fowler said, “I like the independence in academia. This is a sector where you can set your own agenda, and do what you want for the most part.”

Given the breadth of Fowler’s research interests, he will continue to have his hands full of research projects while working at Valdosta. His areas of research interest include: policy implementation, environmental and energy policy, organizational theory, public budgeting and finance. When asked about what he would miss most in PSPA, Fowler said, “I think I’ll miss sitting in Dr. French’s office and just shooting the breeze the most.” A quote he will always remember from Dr. French is, “I’ve been rejected by more women, journals and jobs than anyone else in PA, and that’s why I’m great at my job.” Fowler looks forward to moving forward in his academic career and moving to the next level in time.

He received his BA in Political Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Both his MPPA and Ph.D. were awarded from PSPA.

PSPA student takes part in prestigious internship

This past summer, as part of an intensive introduction to federal public policy, PSPA student Matthew Campbell was chosen to participate in the William A. Demmer scholars program and internship. As part of the program, Matthew worked in the Federal Forest Resource Coalition (FFRC), a non-profit trade association dedicated to improving the management of Federal Forests. Some of his many responsibilities included drafting memos and the publication of a newsletter, which were forwarded to members of the policy committee and board members. He attended various House and Senate hearings where members discussed eliminating catastrophic wildfires and legislation that has ultimately resulted in a reduction of federal timber harvests. Mark Rey, Michigan State fisheries and wildlife department’s executive-in-residence, leads the program. Rey served as Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Agriculture in President George W. Bush’s administration.

During his time in D.C., Matthew grew not only professionally but used the time to develop personally as well: “In the past, I often found myself in a dilemma because I was too prideful or ashamed to ask a question about something I did not know. However, I believe that this internship allowed me to grow past that stage and I am very proud of it.”

Matthew expressed sincere gratitude to PSPA for all of the support he has received during his time here at MSU: “I believe our department puts an emphasis on developing students, helping students, and knowing students by name. I feel like an individual in our department, and I know my interests as a student come first.” He also believes that the collegiality found within PSPA is second to none.

Outside of PSPA, Matthew spends his time in several organizations including serving as President of College Democrats, Co-Director of the environmental affairs commitment, and members of MSU’s Student Association and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. After graduation, Matthew plans to attend law school with aspirations to work in civil rights litigation.
PSPA Ph.D. student accepts position at University of Louisville

Aaron Rollins, a December PSPA doctoral graduate, recently accepted an assistant professorship in public and urban affairs at the University of Louisville. He has been serving as an instructor in the MSU African American Studies Program. Rollins said he was not always so certain about pursuing a career in academia. “I originally thought a PhD in Public Policy and Administration would better prepare me to be an excellent public servant and I planned to use it as a unique stepping-stone to a career in politics.” After experiencing the rigors of the program, he quickly changed his mind. “I fell in love with academia largely because of my belief in research, teaching and service as a way to make a difference in the lives of others,” he said.

Rollins’ research focuses on the effectiveness of the new public management techniques’ impact on public education policy development, implementation and assessment. He currently is working on manuscripts that examine organizational effectiveness, human resources, education policy, impacts of public policy on historically marginalized populations, and the politics of race.

Asked about what he will miss most about the PSPA department, Aaron said, “I will miss the camaraderie within the department and the leadership of Dr. Morrison. Although I have never taken a class with him, I’ve carefully watched him and fully intend to mimic his work ethic, leadership style and pleasant personality.”

Rollins received both his bachelor’s degree in political science and master’s in Southern Studies from the University of Mississippi.

Undergraduate student lands Department of Interior Internship

This summer, PSPA sophomore Halie Peacher was selected to intern in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of the Interior. While in Washington, D.C., she worked on project management and website design. “I was able to help with employee development and coordinate projects that my supervisors needed done while they were busy with their daily activities,” she said.

In addition to drafting briefs for agency officials, Peacher said she gained invaluable knowledge about key characteristics of federal agency culture. “Making the best impression possible is the key to making it in D.C.,” she explained. “It was important for me to go to every event and learn as much as possible while there. I tried to take advantage of every opportunity.”

In addition to focusing on professional development, Peacher devoted time to giving back to the Washington community. She volunteered at the Ethiopian Community Center where she helped teach English once a week. She also worked on immigrant rights issues and spent time learning how she could be a better advocate for them.

Peacher said she appreciated the many opportunities given her by the PSPA department. “PSPA is full of opportunities both educational and professional,” she added.

After graduation, she plans to seek employment with the U.S. Department of State in hopes of earning a diplomatic posting to Russia. She also has plans to seek a graduate degree in international affairs.
Doctoral graduate named MSU Honor Code director

Dr. James Orr, a 2012 graduate of the PSPA’s Doctoral program, has recently been named Director of the MSU Student Honor Code Office, within the division of Student Affairs. As Director Orr reports to the Vice President of Student Affairs and an Associate Provost. He serves as the key point of contact for all issues and concerns related to student academic misconduct. He has already developed major initiatives for the unit by developing processes and procedures for addressing breaches of the Honor Code. As a part of this process Dr. Orr created MSU’s first Academic Integrity week. This is an institution-wide effort to promote integrity through preventive programming, such as remediation steps to deter future breaches of academic integrity by students.

Dr. Orr views this position as complementary to his doctoral work in Public Policy and Administration: “The program taught me what it truly means to be an effective scholar and educator.” He is currently engaged in several research projects that examine how to best implement honor code policies at institutions of higher education. He fondly recalls the time he spent in the department: “The Faculty members in PSPA truly cares about seeing students succeed. They will go above and beyond to assist students in being successful. They provided me with sound guidance and advice.”

In his career, Dr. Orr can often be heard quoting Dr. Jerry Emison’s famed quote, “Assertion without evidence is unconvincing.”

Dr. Orr received the BA in Economics from the University of Tennessee at Martin and the MPPA and PhD from PSPA at MSU. He was recently selected as a Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Finalist. PMF is a program designed to prepare the next generation of leaders in the federal government. Orr was the only graduate from an institution in Mississippi selected for the program this year.

MPPA alum making mark in the non-profit sector

Tiesha Douglas, a graduate of MPPA program, is serving as resource development director with Habitat for Humanity. She is responsible for planning and implementing the overall resource development strategy, including individual and corporate giving, donor relations, church partnerships, special events, grants, publicity marketing, and donations of land.

Originally from Columbia, TN, Douglas is a Western Kentucky University graduate who received the PSPA master’s degree in 2010. As a graduate student in the department, she completed an internship with Habitat for Humanity.
Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote “Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.” Undergraduate student Iesha Thomas spent this past summer fulfilling Emerson’s call. Thomas, a senior from McComb, Mississippi, initially decided to study abroad as part of a requirement for a degree in international business. Although she was initially filled with apprehension since this was her first international trip (and airplane ride), she nevertheless decided to go through with the opportunity. However, quickly after arriving in Spain, she learned that the experience would be far more useful than simply fulfilling a class credit: “It was very challenging, overwhelming at times and mind blowing, but I am glad that I was able to be given this once in a lifetime opportunity.”

During her visit, she was enrolled in classes at the University of Granada for two months—completing a 12-credit hour course. She also basked in the wonder and mystique of Spain while visiting cities like Madrid, Cadiz, Seville, San Jose and Toledo. She received a joint scholarship for this study abroad opportunity through the Study Abroad Office and the College of Business. Looking back on her experience in Spain, Thomas encouraged other students to look into studying abroad because of the great benefits it offers.

While reflecting on her time spent at the University, Thomas credits all of her professors as being instrumental to her success at MSU. However, one has affected her the most: “Professor Whit Waide has motivated me throughout my years here to stay focused on academics, and to persist to achieve my goals.”

After graduating in May, Thomas looks forward to working towards admission to the University of Chicago School of Law, and eventually work in corporate law for a multinational corporation.
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