



1L Immigration Law & Advocacy Clinic

Info Session for 1Ls

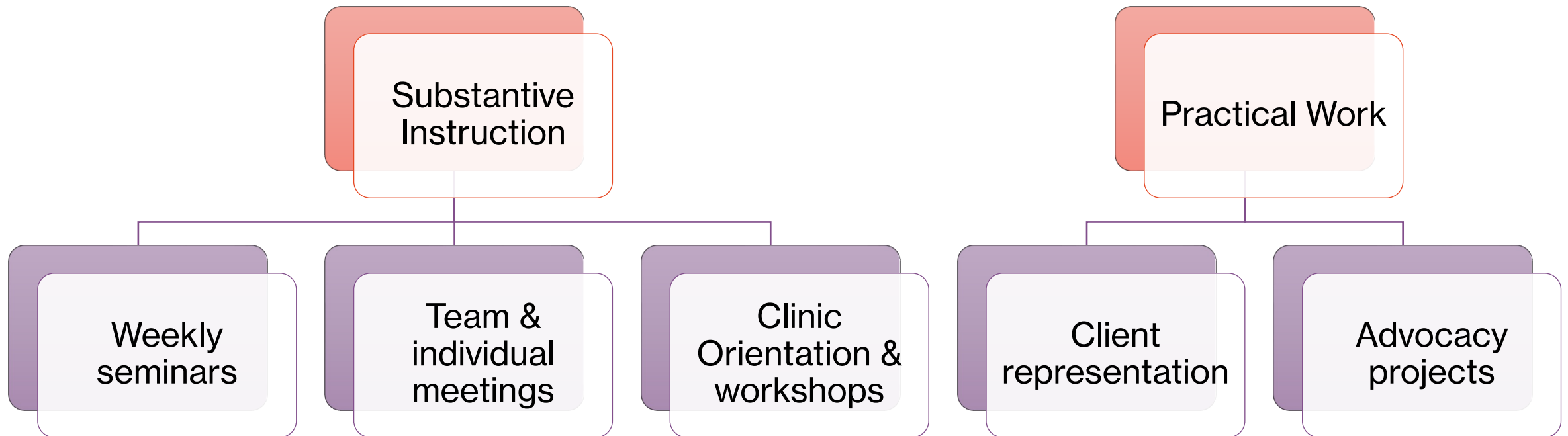
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Professor Alisa Whitfield

Students Mimi Goldberg, Oscar Ruiz,
and Debbie Morales

Clinic Structure



Seminar Sessions

- Weekly readings
- Substantive law
- Current events in immigration
- Case rounds
- Multi-clinic trainings or guest speakers



Case Work



Partners and/or teams

- You will meet regularly with your partner
- You will have regular supervision meetings with the teaching team

Case Types for Spring 2024

- DACA & Advance Parole
- Asylum applications
- Intakes: undocumented clients, detained people, others in vulnerable status

Clients

- Cornell staff, students, faculty
- Asylum seekers living in upstate NY
- Immigrant detainees in Louisiana or upstate NY

Advocacy Projects

- Immigrant Allyship
- Know Your Rights
- Community Education
 - In detention center in Batavia, NY
 - In collaboration with Southeast Dignity Not Detention Project in Louisiana
- Emerging Legal Issues



Advocacy Project: Legal Orientation at Batavia Federal Detention Facility

- The clinic team will travel Batavia, NY to work with attorneys from RFK Human Rights and Prisoners' Legal Services of NY
- In groups, we will provide legal orientation information to people in detention and conduct intakes
- Batavia is about 2 hours from Ithaca
- Trip likely to occur in early March; is optional for 1Ls
- Trip costs are covered by the clinic



Skills and Goals

- Facility in practical application of substantive immigration law
- Client interviewing and communication
- Public speaking
- Intercultural competency
- Understanding of current events in immigration law



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Louisiana
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Student Experiences

Clinic Policies

- Additional application materials are required for consideration
- I suggest you list the clinic as your first-choice elective
- You cannot add/drop the course after the first session
- Course is graded on a curve



Application Process

**Nov.
2023**

Pre-registration for clinics and 1L electives

Rank your electives, listing clinic first

Submit additional application
materials on portal by 11/27/23 at
noon

**Early
Jan.
2024**

Registrar posts all 1Ls' electives at
the same time

Contact me if you have changed your
mind or have questions!

Application Materials: submit as a single PDF

Basic info: name, section, etc.

Personal Statement

- Why do you want to take the clinic, particularly in your first year?
- What relevant personal or professional experiences do you have, if any?
- What are your career goals?

Resume/CV

- Please state level of language proficiency (can you converse without an interpreter?)
- No non-English language requirement

Student Selection

Professors select
pool of qualified
students



Use of randomized
selection
technology to
choose final group
of 8 students (plus
2 waitlist)



Q&A

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