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Vermont Law School Students Participate in Cheryl Hanna Legal Rights of Women Internship at Vermont Commission on Women

The Vermont Commission on Women will welcome two Vermont Law School students as interns to assist with updating its handbook, “The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont,” during a summer internship program in the late Professor Cheryl Hanna’s memory.

As part of the internship, VLS students Maeve Callaghan ’16 and Arden Florian ’16 will write, research state and federal statutes, and work with experts in the field to update the handbook with recently passed laws.

[Hanna](#), who passed away in July 2014, worked with VLS students to update the publication in 2011. The Commission on Women named the internship after her in tribute.

“Cheryl was a role model to many on the VLS campus and beyond, and we are pleased to see her legacy continue in the work of our [mission](#)-driven students,” said [Marc Mihaly](#), president and dean of Vermont Law School. “‘The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont’ is an important resource for Vermonters seeking information on a variety of issues affecting women and their families. I am proud of Maeve and Arden for contributing to the publication, thereby making the legal system more accessible to our Vermont neighbors.”

Since 1977, the Vermont Commission on Women’s “[The Legal Rights of Women in Vermont](#)” handbook has been a source of information for Vermont women, their families, and professionals who serve them. Written in plain and simple language, the handbook, although developed for women, covers issues affecting all Vermonters, such as marriage and divorce, adoption, wills and probate, health, employment and education, housing and public accommodations, violence, public assistance and government benefits, insurance, as well as many others. Find the online version [here](#).

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The Latest on Vermont’s Early Learning Challenge – Race to the Top Grant

[Vermont’s Early Learning Challenge – Race to the Top grant](#) (ELC) is a \$36.9 million, federally funded, four-year grant to help build a high-quality and accessible early childhood system in the state so that all young children will be ready to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

Read the latest update [here](#), organized by the four main grant strategies: Improving Quality and Access; Investing in People; Empowering Communities; and Ensuring We Are Making a Difference. Updates are also organized by project number, project name, and project lead

person to help readers gain familiarity with the twenty-four projects of the grant. Goals of the ELC grant are, to:

- Improve quality and access of early learning and development opportunities
- Invest in a highly skilled workforce through professional development
- Empower communities to support young children and families
- Strengthen our capacity to ensure we are making a difference

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Cyber Security Workshops, presented by Vermont Small Business Development Centers

In Williston - Thursday, June 4th, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

In [Springfield](#) - Thursday, June 11th, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Today's businesses are online with websites, email and all kinds of electronic storage. What data in your organization is considered sensitive? Do you have Intellectual Property (industrial design rights, trade secrets, patents, etc.), or customer information (name, address, phone, image, social security, credit card transactions, etc.) and is it at risk for security breaches? Would such a breach be devastating to your business? Learn where you may be at risk and how to enhance your technology readiness and business resiliency through implementation of best practices to avoid intrusion and how to protect your information from the threat of internal employee carelessness as well as what to do if a breach occurs. John Burton from NPI, a Vermont Technology Management company, will lead the workshop along with Kerin Stockpole, Employment attorney from Paul Frank and Collins. Workshops will include a presentation, a group discussion and participants will be provided with a binder filled with useful material. [Register for Williston event here.](#)

[Register for Springfield event here](#)

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“Incarceration in America” conference at Bennington College

Learn more about the recent “Incarceration in America” conference at Bennington College, which explored, among other issues, the fact that over six times as many women in jails are have mental illnesses as do men; and that between 1955 and 1994 the number of people with severe mental illnesses in hospitals dropped from 560,000 to 70,000, while the numbers of incarcerated mentally ill people skyrocketed. Read by Bennington Banner’s coverage:

[Bennington College conference looks at mental health in jails](#)

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United Health Foundation's America's Health Rankings® Senior Report 2015

Vermont ranks 1st in the nation in [this report](#) measuring 43 indicators of senior's health.

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[Vermont Reads](#) Salman Rushdie's Haroun and the Sea of Stories

[Vermont Reads](#) is the Vermont Humanities Council's annual one-book community reading program. Discover with others the power of reading, and of reflecting on the importance of stories and imagination. Learn more at the [Vermont reads website](#).

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2015 Vermont Suicide Prevention Symposium

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23-25th

Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee

This statewide cross-agency event brings together professionals across all sectors and national experts on critical topics and skills in suicide prevention. Pre-conference workshop for survivors is titled, "Grief After Suicide: Finding Hope and Healing". Post Conference Training is titled, "Principles of Grief Therapy with Suicide Loss Survivors." Find more information and register [here](#).

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Who serves on the Vermont Commission on Women? Find out [here](#).

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For arts events near you, bookmark the Vermont Arts Council's [event calendar](#)

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The Clothes Exchange 2015 - to benefit the Vermont Foodbank

Friday June 12th from 6pm-9pm through Saturday June 13th from 10am-6pm

First Floor of the Burlington Town Center - 101 Cherry Street (in former Coldwater Creek store)

Buy new or gently used women's, mens', and children's clothing and accessories from well-known local and national retailers and the [Vermont Foodbank](#) benefits. Learn more [here](#).

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Report: Affordable Rental Housing in Vermont: for Some, It's Out of Reach

The National Low Income Housing Coalition's newly released report on affordable rental housing, [Out of Reach 2015](#), ranks Vermont 13th most expensive state.

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[League of Women Voters of Vermont's 54th Convention](#)

Saturday, June 13th 9:30 – 3

NECI's Wine Room, 118 Main Street, Montpelier

This day includes a workshop on Asset Maps, a keynote address by Attorney General William Sorrell, and opportunities to learn more about the work of the League (recent policy priorities have included instant runoff voting,

civics education, renewable energy, and universal access to health care) at business meetings in the morning and afternoon. Registration deadline is June 8th. Cost is \$15.00. Lunch via NECI menu is at participant's cost. For more information or to register, please [email the League](#).

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What organizations are on the Vermont Commission on Women's Advisory Council? Find out [here](#).

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Summer Camps for Girls Ages 10-16

[Common Roots](#), in collaboration with the South Burlington Recreation and Parks Department

Wheeler Nature Park, South Burlington

Camp Connect! (ages 10-16): an innovative land-based program at Wheeler Nature Park that inspires girls to: explore the natural world; learn new skill; connect with their community; have some awesome summer fun!

Girls Lead! (ages 14-16): focuses on leadership development and offers participants a unique summer internship opportunity.

Girls Land! (ages 10-13) connects campers to nature while cultivating curiosity, confidence, and community in a non-competitive environment. Full and partial scholarships are available. More info: [Lizzie Bogosian](#) / (315) 480-5071 register [here](#).

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Webinar: “Freedom of Expression”: Legal Protections for Nursing Mothers at Work

Tuesday, June 9th 2:00 - 3:00 PM ET

Co-hosted by CDC Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity and the United States Breastfeeding Committee

Hear how the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) works to protect the rights of breastfeeding at work, and how the “right to pump” laws can be enforced in the workplace. Learn about strategies and resources to support nursing mothers returning to work. This presentation will address:

1. Understanding the basic legal protections for nursing mothers in the workplace
2. Learning strategies and resources to support nursing mothers in advocating for workplace accommodations from employers.
3. Understanding options for recourse if negotiations with the employer are not successful

Details and session materials as well as archives of past sessions can be found at www.usbreastfeeding.org/coalitions-webinars.

Employers and employees: find out more about the needs and rights of moms returning to work! Read Vermont Commission on Women’s [Nursing Moms](#) flyer! (PDF file, 1202 KB)

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Status of Women in the States: Vermont

Women in Vermont have made considerable advances in recent years but still face inequities that often prevent them from reaching their full potential. Since the 2004 Status of Women in the States report was published, the gender wage gap in Vermont has narrowed, a higher percentage of women have bachelor’s degrees, and women are more likely to work in managerial or professional occupations. Yet, as in all other states, women in Vermont are less likely than men to be in the labor force and more likely to live in poverty. Women also continue to be underrepresented in the state legislature. Learn more, read the Institute for Women’s Policy Research report, Status of Women in the States: Vermont [here](#).

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