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### LAW SCHOOL EXTERNSHIP INCLUDES TOUR OF D.C. SITES

Liberty University School of Law students who participated in a summer externship program with Liberty Counsel toured Washington, D.C., including a trip to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The students visited the Supreme Court on June 30, the last day it was in session for the term. Students also received a private tour and a lecture by General William Suter, the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

“Visiting the United States Supreme Court is an awesome experience,” said Mat Staver, dean of Liberty University School of Law. “The Court’s chambers are spectacular. Liberty University School of Law has the only replica in the nation of the actual nine-member courtroom of the High Court, which we call The Supreme Courtroom. Those who have visited the law school immediately see the similarity between the two courtrooms.”

Following the Supreme Court tour, the students were led on a private tour of the Library of Congress by James Hutson, a distinguished scholar and historian who is chief of the Library’s Manuscript Division. The tour included the Reading Room, with a large, towering statue of Moses holding the Ten Commandments. Students also viewed many ancient manuscripts, including the original

## PROFESSOR TRAVELS TO OXFORD ROUND TABLE



Dr. Michelle Crawford Rickert, a professor at Liberty's Helms School of Government, travelled to Oxford University in England on July 15 for the Summer 2009 Oxford Round Table. The conference invites 25-40 distinguished scholars from around the world to present papers and discuss a designated topic; the summer session focused on human rights.

Rickert presented her paper, "Wilberforce's Work is Not Done: Dealing with Modern Day Slavery And Human Trafficking," and hosted a panel discussion. The paper focuses on U.S. policy and ties in the idea of what one man of faith can do.

Rickert is now considering turning her paper into a seminar class that Liberty students of any major could take. The class would raise awareness about trafficking and other forms of modern day slavery. "There's hardly any awareness in the United States at all," Rickert said. "It doesn't matter what you're involved in, it would still be good if you are well-versed in justice and law."

## LIBERTY EDUCATORS GET A LESSON IN ARMY LIFE



Two Liberty University administrators and one staff member traded classrooms and offices for camouflage and combat boots this summer as they took part in the Army ROTC Leader's Training Course (LTC) at Fort Knox, Ky.

LTC, a program aimed at motivating and qualifying college students for entry into the Senior ROTC program, hosts a five-day tour for college educators each summer. Liberty's participants were: Dr. George Buzzy, Dean of the Helms School of Government at Liberty University; Dr. Stephen Parke, Associate Dean for the Helms School and a retired lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Army; and Jose Mercado from LU's CASAS (Center for Academic Support and Advising Services). Conference leaders included LU Eagle Battalion cadre/professors of Military Science. The LTC's commanding officer, Col. Chester F. Dymek III, served as senior officer of the LU/UVA ROTC cadre until recently.

Participants observed the newly minted second lieutenants in action, who in turn trained the group of educators in rappelling, river crossing and the high ropes course.

The schedule also included a banquet and a combat platoon demonstration, where they were given the opportunity to fire blank rounds from a variety of weapons.