



Update and Share Your Information

Updating your information has never been easier! Revising your information when needed ensures that you receive regular news from Shimer, including the [Symposium](#) and the [Alumni E-Newsletter](#).

If you're logging in for the first time, go to the [First Time Login](#) link. For this first time, you will need a Constituent ID number, which we have begun including on mailings and e-mails coming from Shimer. You can also [request your ID](#). As you log in for the first time, you will be prompted to create a personal profile.

If you already have a profile on the Shimer alumni website and need to update your information, all you have to do is log in and click the My Account tab at the top of the website. You can then use any of the white tabs to navigate to the appropriate section and change or add information. After you enter your information in a section, please make sure to click the Next button to save that section.



Don't forget to share your information with other alumni!

You can share as much information as you want, including your e-mail, phone number, or family information. It is your choice. To protect your privacy the website only displays your name, class year, home city, and state on your profile.

When you login for the first time and create your profile, you can choose to publicly share the information you are entering by

checking the box to the left of the entry.

If you already have a profile you can share your information by logging in and going to the My Profile tab at the top of the website. Click the Add Content link and a separate window will pop up. Navigate this window by using the categories in the left-hand column which contain the information you can add to your public profile. Click the box next to the items you want to share in each category, making sure to select save before moving on to the next category.

For further help on this or other topics, check out the alumni website's new Help tab. Also, please feel free to e-mail alumni@shimer.edu.

Upcoming Events

The Chicago Diary **7/16/2009 6:30 PM**

A class on the elements of journal writing with author Charles Blackstone. See listing for exact dates. *Space is limited. Register today!*

Shakespeare in Film **8/6/2009 6:00 PM**

A Comparative look at Gus Van Sant's film *My Own Private Idaho* and Shakespeare's play *Henry IV Part I*. A film screening on Tuesday, 8/4, followed by a discussion of the film and play on Thursday, 8/6.

News from Shimer

Shimer Donates Greenhouse to "Green" School

Shimer College donates greenhouse to St. Monica Academy, the only "green" primary school in the city of Chicago.

Shimer Student Writes 100 Pages in 30 Days

Shimer Student Sara Hall ('12) writes 100 pages in 30 days for Script Frenzy.

Updated Members

These alumni have created or updated their profiles recently.

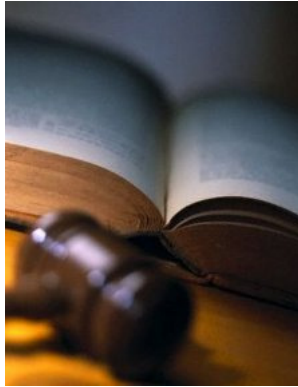
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Alumni Spotlight

Sarah Wellings ('99)

Sarah D. Wellings ('99) is an associate in the Tax Department of the Boston office of Sullivan & Worcester LLP. During the summer after graduating from Shimer, Chicago's blistering hot weather inspired Sarah and her husband to move to Cape Cod, where it would be cooler. Sarah decided to attend law school at Boston College and graduated magna cum laude in 2006. In 2008, she received *Super Lawyers* magazine's "Rising Star" award. Sarah is also a board member and co-vice president of Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, Inc., a Boston based non-profit dedicated to serving the underserved, and whose recent projects have included studying the relationship between the use of so-called "Zero Tolerance" policies to exclude children from class and juvenile delinquency, and passing legislation to make it easier for nonparental guardians to register children for school.

The education that Sarah received at Shimer was useful to her in law school. In her Civil Procedure class, her fellow students were impressed to see that she not only answered the Professor's questions without expressing her personal opinion of what the law should be but also quoted directly from the case in her answers. The student body of the class was large -- a situation in which many students would feel intimidated speaking -- but Sarah says she felt confident, thanks her training in Shimer's interactive learning environment. Sarah also quickly took to reading case law, especially old English case law, which she says is a lot like reading Hegel. In law school, one reads a variety of texts, but Shimer gave Sarah the "flexibility of mind" to meet the challenge.



Sarah feels that working in tax law is an area in which, as a Shimer alumni, she feels comfortable. "In tax law, we are always saying, 'What does the statute say?' and 'What does the IRS say about what the code says? Is that a reasonable interpretation of the law?'" Sarah's firm, it seems, is no stranger to the dialectic. "My firm even has a weekly 'tax lunch' where we all sit around a table with our 'code' (a book containing all of the US tax statutes) and talk about various tax problems and what the right result is under the law -- all have equal footing, from the head of the department to the newest associate - a Shimer student would feel very much at home." Most of all, tax law appeals to Sarah because it combines abstract ideas with reality. Sarah is able to apply the critical thinking skills she refined at Shimer in ways that affect people today.

Sarah lives in Amesbury, Massachusetts, with her husband, Rob, her dog, Asa, and her 19-year-old cat, Caliban -- the same Caliban who accompanied her at Shimer. She will complete her LLM at Boston University in May of 2010.

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