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The Session Internship Class of 2007 was comprised of students representing thirty-one different courses of study and forty-three different colleges.

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**A Comprehensive
Academic Program**

“Here in the Assembly, we believe that education is first and foremost about the ability to defend the liberties and the democracy we cherish and work to enhance.”

— Sheldon Silver, Speaker

If the Assembly Chamber belongs to all New Yorkers, then the Assembly’s Session Internship belongs to all qualified undergraduates.

“Speaking for the Members of this house, on both sides of the aisle, let me say how fortunate we are to have had such an extraordinary and talented group of Interns assisting us in this legislative session.”

— Sheldon Silver, Speaker

The 2007 Internship class included students from Asia, Africa and Europe. In addition, the Assembly Intern Committee welcomed its seventh Thomas M. Whalen Internship class from the University College Cork, Ireland/College of Saint Rose.

“This program is an excellent opportunity for ambitious individuals to learn and experience the legislative process first hand. As interns, you can make a substantial impact and all of us gain from the important contribution made by the students during the legislative session.”

— Assemblymember Ron Canestrari



Speaker Sheldon Silver (center) with Student Interns at Issue Forum



Speaker Sheldon Silver (center), Assemblymember John McEneny (far right), Assemblymember Margaret Markey (left of Speaker) and Assemblymember Michael Cusick (far left) with the Thomas M. Whalen Interns from the University College Cork, Ireland/College of Saint Rose



Assemblymember Ron Canestrari, Majority Leader, Chair, Intern Committee, with 2007 Mock Session Award Winners

Assembly Intern Committee Professors-in-Residence:

Dr. Helen R. Desfosses is Associate Professor of Public Administration and Policy, and Africana Studies, at the University at Albany, State University of New York, where she also served as Interim Dean of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. Dr. Desfosses has authored several books and articles on international policy issues, including *Designs for Democratic Stability*. She served two terms as President of the City of Albany Common Council. A legislative expert, she has consulted in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America for parliamentary strengthening projects funded by the United States Agency for International Development. Dr. Desfosses earned a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College, an M.A. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in political science from Boston University.

Dr. Dennis C. Smith, a political scientist with a Ph.D. from Indiana University and his B.A. from the University of New Mexico. A former Associate Dean, he is now an Associate Professor of Public Administration at New York University’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. He has written extensively on urban policing and public sector performance management. He is the author of a chapter on the police management reform *CompStat*, written with Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton in *Cheaper Better Quicker? Managing Performance in American Government*. He has been a consultant to numerous New York City and State agencies including NYPD and the Department of Homeless Services, HRA, OTADA, and to many non-profit organizations. A current project is a book on effectiveness and integrity in the public sector.

The Assembly’s Session program is the only legislative internship in Albany with a structured academic requirement. No other internship has independent faculty-in-residence teaching its classroom component. It is the only internship that submits to an independent evaluation process conducted by the State Board of Regents’ National Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (National PONSI). A copy of the 2007 National PONSI credit recommendation is available upon request to the Assembly Intern Office.



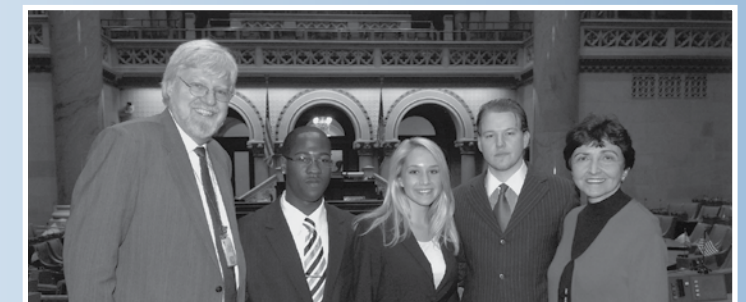
Assemblymember Helene Weinstein (right) with Student Interns



Assemblymember Michele Titus (center) with Student Interns



Assemblymember Herman D. Farrell, Jr. (left), Chair, Ways and Means Committee with Student Interns



Dr. Helen R. Desfosses (far right) and Dr. Dennis C. Smith (far left) with Student Interns