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To: Valerie Sakimura <valerie.sakimura@gmail.com>
Date: 5/8/2013 11:09:48 AM
Subject: RE: Harvard Dukakis Fellow

Thanks – I hope finals went (are going?) well. Do you want to set up a call in the next couple of days for us to catch-up again?

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From: Valerie Sakimura [mailto:valerie.sakimura@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2013 12:55 PM
To: Soura, Christian
Subject: Re: Harvard Dukakis Fellow

Hi Christian,

Thanks for passing along the readings. I'll spend some time looking at them, and please feel free to send over anything else that's helpful as it comes up!

May 27th works well and, since the Dukakis is a 10-week fellowship, that means I would wrap up on August 2nd. I'll look into the USC summer sublets; that's probably a good option.

Please let me know if there's anything else I need to do before I get there. I'll plan to check in again once it's a bit closer to my start date.

Thanks,
Valerie

On Fri, Apr 5, 2013 at 11:17 AM, Soura, Christian <ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov> wrote:
Great – glad to hear it. We're glad to have you onboard.

May 27th probably makes a little more sense, since you'd get to catch the tail-end of the legislative session. It's worth seeing a bit of that, but on the other hand, there's no reason to see too much of it, because in those frantic waning days, there's not a whole lot of time left for "real work."

I'll ask some of the local/younger folks about neighborhoods. I've only been here 2 years, and I've got a mortgage out in the suburbs, so I don't know the territory that much. If you started May 27th, when would you wrap-up? It's a college town, in a sense, so there are likely a number of summer sublets available, among other options.

Things to read...I'll probably have more as we approach the end of next month, but two things spring immediately to mind. First, here's the roll-out for the FY 2013-14 Executive Budget proposal:

<http://www.governor.sc.gov/ExecutiveOffice/ExecutiveBudget/Pages/default.aspx>

The budget book itself is something like 300+ pages...probably worth skimming the cover letter and the issue/agenda summaries up-front. No real need to worry about much of the detail behind it for now (the agency presentations).

Second item would be her 2013 State of the State speech:

<http://www.thestate.com/2013/01/16/2592664/full-text-sc-gov-nikki-haley-state.html>

It's another overview of her major areas of attention this year (fair amount of overlap with the budget presentation, naturally).

Anyway, thanks again for signing-on. We're looking forward to having you here this summer. Feel free to call or email whenever.

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To: Soura, Christian
Subject: Re: Harvard Dukakis Fellow

Hi Christian,

I wanted to let you know that I accepted the Dukakis Fellowship and am really excited to come work with you in South Carolina this summer! It was great to hear about all the work that there is to be done and was really excited to hear about the culture in Governor Haley's office.

I was hoping we could discuss start date. I can start the week of May 20th or later, so I was thinking either May 20th or May 27th. However, please let me know what would work best for your schedule and timing. In addition, if there's anything I should be reading or researching in the interim so I can hit the ground running, please let me know!

I was also hoping you could give me some recommendations on good neighborhoods to live in for the summer. Since I'm not familiar with the area, I'd love any suggestions you have.

Looking forward to working with you!

Best,
Valerie

On Mon, Apr 1, 2013 at 4:01 PM, Valerie Sakimura <valerie.sakimura@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Christian,
That sounds great. I will call you at 4pm tomorrow.
Best,
Valerie

On Mon, Apr 1, 2013 at 7:43 AM, Soura, Christian <ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Not a problem – I saw that Wednesday was your decision deadline, so wanted to be sure you had enough time. Why don't you call me on the number below at 4 tomorrow? Thanks again – look forward to talking.

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From: Valerie Sakimura [mailto:valerie.sakimura@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 31, 2013 7:28 PM
To: Soura, Christian
Subject: Re: Harvard Dukakis Fellow

Hi Christian,

Great to virtually meet you! Unfortunately my schedule tomorrow is a little tight. Could we do a call Tuesday instead? I'm free Tuesday before 11:30am and after 3:30pm. Please let me know if there's a time that is most convenient for you.

I'm also attaching my resume here for your reference.

Looking forward to speaking with you.

Best,
Valerie

On Fri, Mar 29, 2013 at 5:48 PM, Soura, Christian <ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Thanks - glad to hear the news. Yes, it makes the most sense for me to do the call then, and a resume would be helpful in the meantime.

Valerie - if you send me some times on Monday when you're open, we can set up the call. Thanks again.

Christian

From: Koczera, Paula [mailto:Paula_Koczera@hks.harvard.edu]
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Hi Christian,
We have selected a Dukakis Fellow for South Carolina this year!

She has some questions and would like to have a brief conversation before accepting the fellowship (most students do). Her name is Valerie Sakimura.

Could you please let us know if it's you she should have this conversation with, or someone else? Ideally the conversation would be with the person to whom she would be reporting.

I have CC'd her on this email so she can get in touch with you or whoever you recommend ASAP (she has until Wednesday to accept this fellowship.). She is happy to provide her resume in advance of this conversation.

Thank you!

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