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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2006: By now, all students will have been able to pre-register for spring 2006 classes. From this point on, students may add/drop classes up through the first week of classes (January 9 – 13, 2006). **Spaces being held for part-times students in evening classes will open up on December 2, 2005 at 9.00 a.m.**

Spaces in closed classes being held for graduating students will open up to everyone on December 16, 2005.

CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MAKE-UP CLASSES

Make-up classes for classes missed due to holidays are as follows:

Monday, November 28 – Monday classes meet

Tuesday, November 29 – Thursday classes meet

Wednesday, November 30 – Thursday classes meet

Thursday, December 1 - Friday classes meet

The last day of classes is December 1, 2005. The reading period is December 2 -4. Exams begin on Monday, December 5 and end on Saturday, December 17.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 – Classes cancelled and office closed.

To make arrangements or schedule appointments outside regular office hours, please call 202-274-4080.

EXAM SOFTWARE FOR FALL 2005 EXAMS:

All students will soon be receiving an email regarding the use of exam software for the fall 2005 exam period. Some instructors will use the software for their exams and students in these classes must follow the instructions for the use of this software. Further information will be posted in the next several Dockets and emails will also be sent..

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

EXAMINATION PERIOD – DECEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 17

Monday, Dec. 5 – Wednesday, Dec. 7	8.30 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 8 and Friday, Dec. 9	8.30 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.**
Saturday, Dec. 10	9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.**
Sunday, Dec. 11	10.00 – 11.00 a.m. and 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. (2 HOURS ONLY)
Monday, Dec. 12 – Wednesday, Dec. 14	9.00 a.m. – 7.00 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15 and Friday, Dec. 16	9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.**
Saturday, Dec. 17	9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

****Please note closing times and plan your pick up and return of take-home exams/papers accordingly.**

IMPORTANT TAKE-HOME/FINAL EXAMINATIONS INFORMATION:

- Examinations and papers **may not** be submitted by **fax**. Hard copies of either **must** be submitted in person. Examination questions must be returned along with the exam.
- Any materials submitted after the close of business hours will be considered as having been submitted at the time the office opens on the following business day.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are now available on my.american.edu under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). Students may also find previous semesters' grading numbers here. To obtain your grading number: go to my.american.edu, click on Academics on the right hand side, then under the second column – Personal Links – click on WCL Anonymous Grading Number, near the bottom.

EXAMINATION DEFERRAL REQUESTS: Copies of the examination schedule are available on-line and in the Registrar's office. Forms for requesting deferral of examinations are also available. Deferral requests are due in the office by November 19, 2004. The Faculty Policy for examination deferral is included on the form and is printed in the WCL Catalog.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, Dec. 19 – Thursday, Dec. 22	9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday Dec. 26	CLOSED
Tuesday, Dec. 27 – Thursday, Dec. 29	9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2	CLOSED

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the spring semester. The position involves 10 hours per week of legal research and writing, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Interested second or third year law students should submit a cover letter

and resume to Room 365 in the Dean's Suite or via e-mail to jdelarentiis@wcl.american.edu by Friday, December 2.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Writing Competition:

The Maryland State Bar Association's Section of Criminal Law and Practice announces the first annual Honorable Joseph F. Murphy, Jr. Legal Writing Competition open to all law students. *Please direct all inquiries to rmkamins@bennettbair.com*
Entries must be submitted by email to rmkamins@bennettbair.com no later than **Wednesday, November 23, 2005.**

The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers is sponsoring the Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition. Deadline: June 30 2006. Awards: \$1,000 - \$3,000.

<http://www.ascap.com/burkan/index.html>

ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability and Long & Levit, LLP are sponsoring The Bert W. Levit Essay Contest. Deadline: February 17, 2006. Award: 5,000.

<http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit.html>

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) is sponsoring a legal writing competition. Deadline: April 28, 2006. Award: \$750 & \$1,250.00.

<http://www.pva.org/newsroom/PR2005/pr05012.htm>

Business Cards Available

WCL students interested in purchasing business cards with the WCL indicia may use the web address below. Cost will be determined by the number of orders but should not be more than \$39.

<http://tray.onet.net/cgi-bin/upgrade/common/login.cgi?userName=WCLSTUDENT&password=WCLSTUDENT>

Please direct any questions to Matt Bishop, Tray Business Systems, Inc. 866.872.9249 x1713 Direct line: 410.689.0713 email: mbishop@TrayBusiness.com

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

Sherry Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – sweaver@wcl.american.edu

Hours: 9:00 am-5:00pm--MTuWF Noon -8:00pm: Th

If I'm not in my office, please leave a message in the basket next to my door. saw

LEGAL ANALYSIS STUDY GROUP

SESSIONS:

THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19—1:00-3:00 PM

Bring your open memo and your exam questions.

Old EJP Library: make a left after the legal rhetoric mailboxes.

ALL ARE WELCOME .

EVENT

DDC Member Video Screening – Midwin Charles ('WCL '99), an associate with Fried Frank of NY, is also a frequent commentator on Court TV. She's lent us a DVD of some of her work, which DS will screen at noon on Tuesday, November 29. Watch the DS bulletin board and the *Docket* for the room number.

STUFF ON THE TABLE

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Job Fairs: Nashville and Delaware

Shulman Rogers, et al Summer Clerk Program

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Latham-Watkins Diversity Program

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Dean's Fellows – End of Employment

The last day of work for the fall term is the last day of classes, December 1.

Spring Course Load

If you are in the full-time program but plan to take a reduced course load spring term, please notify the office. For financial aid purposes enrollment in fewer than 12 credit hours constitutes part-time study and requires that aid in excess of the part-time allotment be reduced. (*Full-time cost of attendance = \$25,246 per semester; part-time = \$20,143.*)

NOTE: FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED FOR NEED-BASED GRANT ELIGIBILITY.

Loan Adjustments

Contact the financial aid office to change your loan awards. Do **not** contact Citibank directly for loan adjustments. Doing so will result in inconsistencies in award information which will delay disbursement and result in misreporting of loan information to the Department of Education. Let us know right away if you are considering changes for the spring.

Computer Purchases

If you have not done so, you must submit confirmation of purchase to the office immediately to avoid cancellation of aid awarded for equipment.

Special Notice - Spring Disbursements

Spring term aid will be released as early as permitted by established disbursement rules.

Funds are scheduled for release as follows:

Private loan checks – January 9, 2006

Federal loans and institutional aid; need-based and Mussey-Gillett grant awards - **January 9, 2006.**

Requests for early release of funds cannot be considered.

Aid will be disbursed if:

§ you are officially registered in a minimum of six credit hours.

§ you have submitted all required documents (including computer purchase receipts, if applicable).

Special Notice to summer school students.

§ If you attended summer classes and have been awarded the maximum allowed in federal loans for spring, you may not have private loan aid for this period.

Check your spring awards on **my.american.edu**.

§ Disbursement of one semester only federal loans (new loans beginning with spring up to the maximum \$18,500) are made in two payments; the first at the beginning of the term and the balance at mid semester. If your award falls into this category, notify Student Accounts that your loans will be paid in two disbursements.

§ If you use the full allotment of \$18,500 in federal loans for spring and are planning to enroll in summer classes, be advised that you will **NOT** have federal eligibility remaining for summer. Notify us right away if you wish to split your spring award to reserve a portion for summer.

2006-2007 Financial Aid

Make sure that your FAFSA contact information is current with the Department of Education. Your e-mail address and other information can be updated via the Student Access segment of www.fafsa.ed.gov. Application processing begins *after* January 1.

Outside Scholarships

Information regarding the following outside scholarship opportunities has been received.

•**Roscoe Pound Institute Awards**

Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest- Intent to Enter

Deadline: January 31, 2006

Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women in Health Care Law –

Nominations due February 13, 2006

•**Iranian American Bar Association Scholarship – Deadline: February 1,**

2006

•**Latham Diversity Scholars Program for third year students - Deadline:**

December 1, 2005

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 515 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: publicinterest@wcl.american.edu

Office of Public Interest Seeks 3L Dean's Fellow for Spring 2006

The Office of Public Interest is seeking a 3L/4L dean's fellow to work 10 hours/week during the spring semester 2006. The Dean's Fellow will work on public interest initiatives as well as coordinating the admissions and selection process for the Public Interest/Public Service Scholarship. If you are looking for a low-stress job in a relaxed and fun atmosphere, this is the position for you! Excellent organizational and writing skills are a must. To apply submit a cover letter and resume to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu.

Interested in Public Service Work Abroad? Stop by the Office of Career Services and pick up a copy of *Finding and Funding International Public Service Opportunities*. On the public interest resource shelf.

Upcoming Events

Need Summer Funding for Public Interest Work? EJF Needs You!

In order to apply for Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) funding for your summer public interest work, you must volunteer a minimum of 10 hours with EJF. The EJF On-Campus Committee has a number of opportunities through the next 3 months for students to earn the minimum 10 hours required to apply for an EJF scholarship. Please email the person listed in order to sign up to work.

1. January 26th Bingo and Faculty and Staff Talent Show

From 7-9pm We need a number of students as listed below to work for this new on-campus EJF event. More details on this event to come... Please email Matt at matthewhill@gmail.com if you want to sit in the lobby on Jan. 24th and 25th to sell tickets to the event (7-8 students needed in 2 hour blocks), set up for the event from 6-7pm (3-4 students needed), work the actual event itself selling bingo cards and general coordination (3-4 students needed), or recruit faculty and staff to be in the talent show-- EVERYONE can get their peers and professors to sign up and get hours credit for doing so.

2. Other Events on the agenda:

Following up with Professors on auction donations in late January, roses and bake sale on Feb. 14th, and Bar Review at the End of February.

Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program

WCL's volunteer pro bono program encourages students to complete 75 hours of pro bono and community service work at organizations assisting underprivileged and underrepresented populations. While at least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours in non-legal community service work, enabling first-year law students to begin participating in the program immediately. Students who have successfully completed the program are honored at graduation and during the Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner held each spring.

Participating students should report Pro Bono Pledge Hours at the end of each semester by turning in the Student Time Log to the Office of Public Interest in Suite 515.

The Office of Public Interest maintains a list of over 100 suggested Pro Bono Placements in the DC Metro area. In addition, pro bono hours may be accrued through a variety of on-campus activities, including but not limited to:

- Street Law Teaching
- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan
- Students United
- Election Protection
- Participating in UNCAT with Dean Grossman, and
- Clinical Program Translators.

Announcements

“Human Rights Begin With Breakfast”

The Office of Public Interest is selling mugs on behalf of Action for Human Rights. Mugs are \$5.00 each. Stop by the office and pick up a mug today!

DON'T MISS OUT ON OPPORTUNITIES! JOIN THE PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS LISTSERV

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to listserv@listserv.american.edu. Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type “subscribe pi_wcl” without the quotes.

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

2006 Human Rights Award Competition Now Open!

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is pleased to announce a Call for Papers for the *2006 Human Rights Award*. Candidates for the Award include those with a law degree who have demonstrated experience or interest in international human rights law. In order to participate in the Award competition, applicants must submit an unpublished legal article/paper written in English or Spanish solely by the candidate. The Academy will grant two Awards, one for the best article in English and the other for the best article in Spanish. The Award in each case will consist of:

1. A scholarship* to participate in the 2006 Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Certificate of Attendance only)
 2. Travel expenses* to attend the Academy in Washington, D.C.
 3. Living expenses* for the three weeks of the Academy
- (*Subject to restrictions)

For the year 2006, candidates must choose a subject pertaining to “*Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Legal approaches and the contributions of case law.*” The articles must be 25-35 pages in length, including footnotes, double spaced, and using 12-point Times New Roman font. Articles may be sent via email to hracademy@wcl.american.edu in Microsoft Word format. Articles sent via fax will not be accepted. Articles must be received by February 10, 2006 at 6:00 pm EST.

The Honor Jury deciding the Award is comprised of professionals with a recognized expertise in international human rights law. The decision of the jury will be announced via the Academy's website on March 24, 2006.

Those interested in participating in the Award should consult the rules on the website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Meredith Fox, Program Coordinator, at 202-274-4070 or hracademy@wcl.american.edu.

Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

The Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is the only intensive, three-week program in the world to offer human rights courses in both English and Spanish. Every year the Academy hosts over 25 visiting world-renowned scholars and activists who teach courses on topics including regional human rights approaches; the United Nations; international criminal tribunal; economic, social and cultural rights; women's rights; terrorism and human rights; and international humanitarian law. As a Graduate Certificate Program, the program is open to lawyers, professionals in the human rights field and law students, who can earn up to seven credits toward their degree. For more information about the Academy, please visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/>.

Research Cutting-Edge Legal Issues with the Inter-American HR Moot Court Competition!

The Competition is looking for students to help the hypothetical author, Ariel Dulitzky, research the Bench Memorandum. Ariel Dulitzky is a Principal Human Rights Specialist at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the former Program Director for Latin America at the International Human Rights Law Group. He is looking for 3-5 interested students to help him research the legal questions involved in this year's hypothetical case. Interested students should send a cover letter and résumé to Shazia Anwar, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu with the words BENCH MEMO VOLUNTEER in the subject line. We will forward your résumé to Mr. Dulitzky and organize a group meeting with him as soon as possible. For more information about the Competition, please visit our website at wcl.american.edu/humright/mcourt/.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOWS FOR SPRING 2006!!!

The most fun you will ever have as a Dean's Fellow!

The Center for Human Rights is hiring Dean's Fellows for Spring Semester 2006. We are a fast-paced office, and we always have fun! Please see below for instructions on how to apply. A 20 hour/week commitment is preferred, but not required.

Note: 1Ls are not eligible for Dean's Fellowships—but 1Ls should keep your eyes open later in the year for great summer opportunities at the Center!

The Center is looking for enthusiasm and individuals willing to take on a high level of responsibility for the Center's programming. Dean's Fellows will provide support to our many events and interesting projects, and will assist with marketing Center events, managing the Center's listserv, and helping to create innovative new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Center's programs such as the Human Rights Defenders Speakers series, conferences on Social and Economic rights, Human Rights at Home and more. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. **To Apply:** send your résumé to Anca Pusca at apusca@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate that you are applying for the Center's Dean's Fellow position in the subject line of the email.

**WANT TO JOIN THE CENTER STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD?
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN EARLY JANUARY**

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of highly qualified and committed students interested in human rights and humanitarian law who work closely with the Center over the course of a year. The SAB focuses on assisting the Center in developing programming that reflects student interests and priorities. SAB members meet with the executive director weekly and commit to at least 15 hours of work with the Center per month. SAB members are selected in January and are active through the Spring, Summer and subsequent Fall semesters.

In exchange for the time and energy that the SAB provides, the Center organizes monthly skills development workshops for SAB members. This year's skills workshops have included public speaking, op-ed writing, and grant writing. SAB members also receive special invitations to many outside events, including awards dinners and meetings with human rights advocates.

Applications for the 2006 Student Advisory Board will be available on January 9, 2006, and will be due on January 20, 2006 at 3pm. Current Student Advisory Board members will be at the Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour on Wednesday November 16th to talk about their experiences with students who are interested in applying for next year.

**GET UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CENTER AND AROUND
TOWN: JOIN THE CENTER'S LISTSERV!**

For those of you who have not yet signed up for the Center's group email list, send an email to chrhlupdate-request@wcl.american.edu. Please leave the subject line BLANK and in the body of the message write SUBSCRIBE. Next week's list serve announcement will be the last for the semester. The list serve will resume the week prior to the start of classes spring semester.

**SAVE THE DATE!
ARYEH NEIER TO DEBATE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
ON THURSDAY JANUARY 19TH 12pm, ROOM 603**

Next semester will kick off with a debate about the existence of economic, social and cultural rights featuring Aryeh Neier, President of the Open Society Institute and WCL Professors Herman Schwartz and Rick Wilson. Mr. Neier, former Executive Director of Human Rights Watch and of the ACLU, will argue that there is economic, social and cultural rights are not legal entitlements. Profs Schwartz and Wilson will offer a critique. This event will continue the Center's year-long focus on differing perspectives on economic, social and cultural rights.

The Center would like to wish you a nice, food-filled and happy Thanksgiving!!!

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200 www.wcl.american.edu/externship
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:30pm; Friday 9:00am-3:00pm
externship@wcl.american.edu

SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too late to sign up for a spring externship. Interested employers are currently responding to an email inquiry as to their spring interest. Lists will be available next week.

SPRING EXTERNSHIP SEMINARS

Course descriptions are available on the course information pages, as well as outside of the Externship Office. Students are also welcome to review syllabi from past semesters to get an idea of the seminar structure & requirements.

INDIVIDUAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING

Avis Sanders, Director of the Externship Program, is available for one-on-one counseling. Email externship@wcl.american.edu or call (202) 274-4200 for an appointment.

SAVE THE DATE: 2006 EXTERNSHIP FAIR

On **Wednesday, January 25, 2006**, the Externship Program will hold its annual Externship Fair from **4:00-6:00pm** in the 6th floor Dining & Lobby Area. The Fair provides an opportunity for students to meet with a wide variety of employers offering externships, for information-gathering, networking, and informal interviewing for Summer & Fall 2006 positions. Last year, more than 110 employers and 400 students participated; do not miss this event! For more details, see the online events calendar.

INTERESTED IN EXTERNING ABROAD?

If you are interested in externing abroad during the summer 2006 semester, complete an International Questionnaire (available on the wall-rack outside of Room 413) and submit it along with a resume so that we can schedule information sessions.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

WCL Announces Participation in ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition January 14 - 16, 2006 Paris, France

American University Washington College of Law will select 3 students to participate as a team as part of a pilot project developed by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Commercial Mediation Competition.

Interested students (first-years are eligible) should submit a current resume with a cover letter and writing sample. Preparation for the intra-school competition will not involve extensive preparation. Students will be required to attend either the mediation competition on December 3 or December 17. Mediation role play scenarios will be distributed to the selected participants before Thanksgiving.

The international Competition will take place at ICC headquarters in Paris from January 14 - 16, 2006; the official language of the competition is English.

Travel and accommodation expenses have been budgeted for selected participants.

If you are interested in competing, please send your resume, cover letter and writing sample to arbitration@wcl.american.edu by 5 p.m. on November 17, 2005. For more specific information, visit our website at:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration/mediation.cfm>

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC

International Human Rights Law Clinic invites you to attend:

Training on Working with Survivors of Torture and Trauma Thurs. Nov. 17th, 12 noon to 1:30 pm Room 602, Washington College of Law

Interested in working with refugees and asylum seekers? With battered women or other victims of violence? Looking for hands-on, concrete skills for working with survivors of torture or trauma? Then this training is not to be missed... Mental health experts will provide students with concrete tools for working with torture and trauma survivors and dealing with secondary or vicarious trauma issues. Lunch will be provided. ALL students are welcome to attend.

Speakers: Dr. Judy Okawa, Ph.D., Founder, The Center for Traumatic Stress Studies, PLLC, Washington, D.C. and Dr. Karen Hanscom, Ph.D., Executive Director, Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma, Baltimore, MD

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

<http://library.wcl.american.edu>

Monday – Thursday	8:00 am – 12:00 am*
Friday	8:00 am – 10:00 pm*
Saturday	9:00 am – 10:00 pm*
Sunday	9:00 am - 12:00 am*

The library is open two additional hours beyond the posted closing times for registered WCL students with law school IDs. Only security personnel are available in the library and there are no library services during extended hours. Registered WCL students with IDs may also use the library beginning at 6:00 am, but must first register with the Facilities Office in Room 383, 202-274-4008.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 23 8 am - 8 pm**

Thanksgiving Day, November 24 CLOSED**

Friday, November 25 9 am – 10 pm**

Saturday, November 26 9 am – 10 pm (Regular hours w/extended hours)

**** The library will not be open extended hours on these dates**

Note: Reading Period and Exam Hours will begin on December 2, when the library will be open 24/7 to all AU students, faculty and staff.

Please be a good library citizen and keep your personal conversations in the library to a minimum and do not use your cell phone in the library. Your fellow students are studying! Use one of our group study rooms for collaborative learning and conversations; you can sign up for one at the Circulation Desk. **Do not leave your laptop or any valuable personal item unattended on a library table or carrel for any period of time.**

Important Reminder about our Circulation Policies Materials in our Reserve collection (books, laptops, power cords and some other material) can be checked out for 2 hours at a time. After 2 hours, fines for overdue reserve materials are **\$1 per hour**. Materials in Reserve are in high demand by WCL students and it is each student's responsibility to insure that they either renew the material they have borrowed or return it on time. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar at apostar@wcl.american.edu .

HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!

WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM

CORRUPTION AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN NIGERIA with Esther Onwuzuruike

Tuesday, November 29
12-1:20pm
Room TBA

Corruption remains a serious problem in Nigeria. While the destabilizing effects of corruption are widely recognized, corruption poses specific threats to women's rights. Join us for a discussion with Esther Onwuzuruike of Nigeria, who will discuss how the impact of corruption on women's advancement in Nigeria. Ms. Onwuzuruike has worked extensively in women's rights and law reform for the advancement of women in Africa, and is currently an LL.M. student in the International Legal Studies Program. For more information, contact April Fehling at afehling@wcl.american.edu.

SPRING SEMESTER DEAN'S FELLOW NEEDED!

The Women and International Law Program needs a Dean's Fellow for Spring semester to help promote WCL's LL.M. Specialization in Gender and the Law around the world and to assist in organizing international projects in India and Latin America, events at WCL, and other programming. Students with a background in international and/or gender issues are especially encouraged to apply. We are seeking someone willing to make a 20 hour/week commitment, but fewer hours may be possible. Please have attention to detail, organizational skills, excellent English skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs. To apply, please send a cover letter, résumé and short English-language writing sample (**no more than 10 pages**) to April Fehling at

afehling@wcl.american.edu. A writing sample that represents your non-legal writing skills will be particularly helpful—an article, promotional writing, a report, etc. Please put “Dean’s Fellow Application” in the subject line.

**FIND OUT WHAT STUDENT GROUPS ARE DOING...WHAT CONFERENCES
ARE COMING UP... SPECIAL EVENTS.....
SIGN UP FOR THE WILP LISTSERVE!!**

Interested in keeping up on events, professional development opportunities, calls for papers, conferences and scholarships related to gender? Sign up for WILP’s weekly listserv for students interested in the study and practice of gender and the law here and around the world. The listserv is useful for both JD and LLM Students. It comes out only once each week, so we won’t be flooding your inbox.

You can also look at past listserves. They are archived on the WILP website, at <http://wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/listserv.cfm>

To subscribe, send an email to: wilpannounce-request@wcl.american.edu
Leave the subject line BLANK. In the body of the message write SUBSCRIBE.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Last SBA Senate Meeting for the Semester

The last meeting of the SBA Senate for fall semester will be Tuesday, November 29, at 10:10pm in Room 101. This meeting will provide an opportunity for any group to appeal their Spring 2006 Budget allocation from the Finance Committee. Any student or student group that wishes to be put on the agenda should contact Senate President Pro Tempore, Lucy Wiggins at lucy.wiggins@american.edu. Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Any student group wanting to make a funding request for this semester must also attend the **Finance Committee meeting at 9 pm on the same day in the SBA Lounge**. Please address all funding related questions to the Finance Committee Chair, Lydia Edwards, at sbafinance@wcl.american.edu.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION/LAW STUDENT DIVISION (ABA/LSD)

Writing Competitions

The ABA/LSD has a host of writing competitions available to law students (with monetary awards!) who are members of the ABA. For information on these competitions please visit the ABA/LSD writing competition website at <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/competitions/writing-contests/home.html>. Deadlines for these contests range from December 2005-July 2006 and participation is open to all law students who are members of the ABA/LSD.

Not a member? Joint the ABA/LSD!

Besides being a member of the largest voluntary professional association in the world (including over 50,000 law student members), students receive many benefits from the ABA/LSD, including:

- Annual membership to the *Student Lawyer Magazine* (published monthly)

- Discounts on bar review courses
- Scholarship opportunities
- Awards through competitions and writing contests
- Access to the MBNA Student Reward American Express card
- Networking and career opportunities through ABA events

To join the ABA, or for more information, please visit the ABA/LSD website at www.abanet.org/lsd, or email Katie Smith, ABA Liaison at Katie.Smith@abanet.org.

Black Law Students Association*

* BLSA, Asian/Pacific American Law Students Association and the Health Law and Justice Project present “Eliminating Health Disparities: Congress Discusses the Minority Health Bill”,

Tuesday November 22, 5pm in the 6th floor Student Lounge Reception to Follow
Featuring: Aranthan S. Jones II, Senior Advisor on Healthcare, House Committee on Ways & Means; Emily S. Ihara, H. Jack Geiger Congressional Fellow, Office of Congressman Mike Honda

Britt Weinstock, Senior Legislative Assistant, Congressional Black Caucus (invited) Members of the "Tri-Caucus" (comprised of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)) joined the House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi to introduce the "Healthcare Equality and Accountability Act," ground-breaking legislation that addresses persistent healthcare disparities by providing access to quality medical treatment for minority patients across the country. The bill targets issues – such as lack of insurance and language barriers – that often prevent minority patients from receiving timely and effective healthcare. Congressional staffers involved in researching and drafting this legislation will lead a discussion on this intersection between law, policy and health.

Christian Legal Society

Thanksgiving Lunch! - Tuesday, November 22 - Meet at Chicken Out Join us for an informal pre-Thanksgiving lunch at Chicken Out! It’s a time to relax before holiday travels and finals begin! (Note that the last CLS meeting for the semester will be on November 29 when we will have a Christmas party.)

Volunteer With CLS at Central Union Mission's Legal Aid Clinic! The Central Union Mission has invited CLS at WCL to serve in their Christian Legal Aid Clinic on the second Tuesday of each month, from 6:30pm-8:30pm (or so). We will meet with clients and provide legal referrals. This opportunity is open to all (especially 1Ls)!! Please e-mail tritiayuen@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer next month on December 13.

Israel & Law Society

Now through Monday, come see a photo exhibit commemorating the 10th anniversary of Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin's assassination. See posters of the Premier with Middle East leaders and family, as well as excerpts from Rabin's speeches marking Israel's peacemaking efforts.

The President of Iran recently called fellow UN-member Israel a "disgraceful blot" that should be "wiped off the map." Following world condemnations of this call to hatred and violence, no less from a government with nuclear ambitions, the Israel & Law Society will be **circulating a petition next week in the WCL lobby** calling attention to Iran's hateful threats and human rights abuses. Join the Society's effort to promote human rights, and to refer the issue to the UN Security Council.

Law Revue

Is Property getting you down? Has Evidence stolen your soul? Are you a listless 3L with nothing better to do? Join WCL's 14th Annual Musical Theater Production! All you have to do is sign up in the SBA Lounge (on the closet door inside) for a two hour slot (don't worry, you won't have to be there the whole time) and get ready for some fun. You can prepare a song or sing HAPPY BIRTHDAY...NO TALENT REQUIRED!! Open Casting Call! **November 29, 30, 6-10pm, 6th floor student lounge** Got Questions - Contact Stella Veysel at streetcar2525@hotmail.com

Moot Court Honor Society

GOOD LUCK to Cherish O'Donnell and Maggie Croteau as they compete in the Regional Rounds of the NY Nationals Competition this weekend!!! Cherish, Maggie, and their coach Jesse Christensen have worked day and night to prepare for this competition, and we are very proud of them!!!

ATTENTION 1Ls: If you missed one of the informational sessions for the Alvina Reckman Myers First Year Moot Court Competition, then please stop by the Moot Court office (Room 542) to pick up an information packet.

Phi Delta Phi

Canned Immunity- The Capital Area Food Bank and Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity would like to thank everyone - students, faculty and staff - for your participation and donations to the food drive last week! When it was all said and done, we donated **510 pounds of food** and approximately \$100. to the food bank! Great work all and many thanks!

IN SEARCH OF...

Prof. David Chavkin is seeking a dean's fellow for the spring semester. The dean's fellow would work up to 20 hours per week on a variety of issues. However, it is possible that the hours could be split up for the right students. This summer Professor Chavkin will be teaching at Ritsumeikan University in Japan and will be preparing a course for that setting. Students who are fluent in Japanese are especially encouraged to apply. However, some of the work will involve research in clinical legal education and students with interests in that area should also apply. Please e-mail resumes to dchavkin@wcl.american.edu.

The Office of Public Interest is seeking a 2L/3L/4L Dean's Fellow to work 10 hours/week during the spring semester 2006. The Dean's Fellow will work on editing and indexing National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) updates to publications such as the Guide to the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and additional volumes of the Military Commission Instruction Sourcebook series. Experience with Microsoft Word is desired. This position could lead to other military justice/NIMJ work. An interest in military justice and related issues is a plus. Publishing experience is helpful, but not required. To apply submit a brief cover letter and resume to Kathleen Duignan, Executive Director, NIMJ, at duignan@wcl.american.edu.

Inter-American HR Moot Court Competition needs Dean's Fellows for Spring 2006! The Competition is looking for two highly-motivated dean's fellows for the Spring 2006 semester to help organize the 11th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Join us as we work with over 250 students, faculty and attorneys from around the world. Tasks will include corresponding directly with attorneys, helping with fund raising efforts, planning fun events, and much more. We are looking for a native (or extremely fluent) Spanish speaker for 20 hours in the Spring and a native (or extremely fluent) Portuguese speaker for 10 hours. Please send a cover letter and résumé to Shazia Anwar, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible. Please highlight any translation experience you may have in your cover letter. All students, particularly LLM students, are encouraged to apply for these positions!

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law seeks a Dean's fellow for Spring 2006. The Dean's fellow will be required to work 20 hours a week, assisting in the preparations for the Academy's 2006 Summer Program and other Academy projects. This position will provide administrative support to the Academy Staff and conduct substantive legal research in international human rights law as needed. Knowledge of Spanish is a plus, but is not required. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your resume to Matias Hernandez at matias@wcl.american.edu

Professors Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon and Claudia Martin are looking for one Dean's Fellow for the Spring 2006 semester. The Dean's Fellow will be required to work 10-20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. The position will involve reporting on and/or monitoring substantive issues of the Inter-American Human Rights System. Legal research experience in human rights and international law as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to hracademy@wcl.american.edu

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notary Service is available in Room 417, the Clinical Program office. Please stop by or call 274-4142 to see if the notary is available or to set up an appointment. The fee is \$2 per transaction.

Save the Date! Announcing the **Intercultural Management Institute's 7th Annual Conference**

March 16-17, 2006 at American University in Washington, DC

Featuring: Lee Mun Wah, award-winning filmmaker and diversity trainer and lecturer; Deborah Tannen, bestselling author and University Professor at Georgetown University; Hauwa Ibrahim, Senior Partner, Aires Law Firm of Garki Abuja, Nigeria; Thiagi, Founder and Head Trainer, the Thiagi Group. With more than 20 sessions on intercultural strategies and skills for international business, education, training, and development professionals...

Conference Rates:	Early Bird *	Regular; Full Conference Rate
	\$425.00	\$495.00
AU Faculty/Staff	\$100.00	\$100.00
AU Alumni	\$175.00	\$175.00
Student (non credit)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Past Presenters	\$200.00	\$200.00
Not-for-Profit Rate	\$300.00	\$325.00
5+ People Group Rate	\$300.00	\$325.00 each

*Early Bird rate is for registrations through January 31, 2006. Students wishing to take the Conference as a for-credit Skills Institute should register through the American University Registrar's office. Visit www.imi.american.edu/conf2006.htm for more information

Conference registration form is at: http://www.imi.american.edu/pdfs/reg_form2006.pdf

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Hours:

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/ocs/>

Coming Soon!!! Applications for the 2006 WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program

For those students interested in applying for the WMACCA Corporate Scholars program, OCS is hoping to receive the applications soon. Please keep checking the Docket and your eCampusRecruiter homepage for updates.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

The Greater Washington, DC/ Baltimore Public Service Career Fair will be held on January 27, 2006 at George Mason School of Law. First, second, third and fourth year students are all invited to attend this event to interview and network for public interest and government jobs. *Resume submission to participating employers opens on Monday, November 14th and closes on December 14th.* A handout is available at the OCS front desk, Suite 515, to explain how to register and participate in this event.

Public interest summer opportunities are now available! Please check eCampusRecruiter for positions and for more information on the positions listed below:

- Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) invites applications from first and second year law students for its Public Interest Legal Intern Fellowship Program during the summer 2006. The application can be picked up in OCS.
- The Virginia Farmworkers Legal Assistance Project (VFLAP) is seeking a law student to serve as a law clerk in its Charlottesville office for the Summer of 2006.
- The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) is seeking applicants for summer 2006 legal internships. These positions are available in LDF's New York and Washington D.C. offices.

Continue to check eCampusRecruiter for public interest and government fall, spring and summer internships and postgraduate positions.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

ATTENTION 3Ls/4Ls:

Opportunities are still available for the 2006 term!

Current postings include opportunities with the Court of Common Pleas (Delaware), Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Court of Special Appeals of Maryland, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Supreme Court of Ohio, Illinois Appellate Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and many more.

* Look up other judge and court-specific hiring information on **eCampusRecruiter** under "Judicial Clerkship." Contact Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, at serudge@wcl.american.edu to schedule an individual appointment to find out what you need to know to apply.

Check out the Judicial Clerkship Alumni Survey Database! Link to this database from the main page of the judicial clerkship website. Use this database to locate and review feedback from alumni who clerked with federal judges, state judges/justices, and administrative law judges around the country. The alumni surveys include information about:

- Clerkship experience (role in chambers, main duties, and judge's demeanor)
- Interview process (format, length, and even specific questions asked)
- Application advice specific to the judge or court
- Alumni contact information so you can call or e-mail with further questions

To subscribe to the Judicial Clerkships Listserv:

- (1) From your eCampus home page, select "myProfile" at the top of the page.
- (2) Select "Edit".

- (3) Make sure your "Primary Email Address" is one that you check regularly (this is the address used for e-mails).
- (4) Double-check that your "Graduation Date" is correct.
- (5) Under "Listserves," select "Judicial."

JOB FAIRS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Nashville Bar Association's Annual Damali Booker First Year Minority

Clerkship Job Fair The Nashville Bar Association's Annual Damali Booker First Year Minority Clerkship Job Fair will be held on **Saturday, February 25, 2006**, in Nashville, Tennessee. The event will begin with a reception and mixer for all candidates and participating employers on Friday, February 24, 2006 at 5:30pm at the law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis. In order to be considered for participation in the program, please send an application, resume, cover letter, writing sample and transcript no later than Wednesday, January 25, 2006, to: Ms. Traci Hollandsworth, The Nashville Bar Association, 315 Union Street, Suite 800, Nashville, TN 37201.

Please stop by OCS to pick up an application package.

Visit The Nashville Bar Association's website at www.nashbar.org (after December 14, 2005) for more information on participating firms and organizations.

Delaware Minority Job Fair for First-Year Law Students

As part of an effort to recruit talented students and increase diversity in the Delaware Bar, a number of law firms, corporations and governmental legal employers will participate in the Tenth Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair for First-Year Law Students, which will be held on the Wilmington campus of Widener University School of Law on **Saturday, January 21, 2006**. The Job Fair, which is by invitation only, is limited to students who are in their first year of law school during the 2005-2006 school year. When you submit an application for an invitation you are, in effect, submitting an application to all of the Delaware legal employers who participate in the program. You will be eligible for an invitation if *two or more* of those employers wish to meet you.

Students are responsible for arranging transportation to Delaware; however, at least a portion of transportation expenses will be reimbursed.

To become eligible for an invitation, please stop by OCS to pick up an application. Complete the application form and return it vial mail, fax or email, along with a resume and college and law school transcripts (if available) no later than December 9, 2005 to: Donna J. Nolan, Project Administrator, c/o Saul Ewing LLP, 222 North Delaware Avenue, P.O. Box 1266, Wilmington, DE 19899. Fax: (215)972-1822 Email: dnolan@saul.com

American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) Lawyers Coordination Committee is sponsoring a Minority Outreach Program

for students interested in labor law. The program is designed to introduce students to the practice of labor law and to the labor community by providing summer clerkship opportunities with participation firms and union legal departments. These positions can be found on **eCampusRecruiter in the Summer/Full Time section**. For more information please contact Ana Avendano at aavendan@aficio.org.

Lantham & Watkins Diversity Scholarship: Latham & Watkins is pleased to announce the Latham Diversity Scholars Program which will award a \$10,000 non-renewable scholarship to each of four second year law students for use during their third year of law school (2006-07). Scholars will be asked to submit an application form, personal statement, resume and official or unofficial law school transcript by **December 1, 2005**. The inaugural Latham Diversity Scholars will be announced in spring 2006.

Application forms can also be found at: <http://www.lw.com/recruiting/diversity.asp>.

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Student eCampusRecruiter Profiles

All students wishing to receive critical updates highlighting upcoming OCS programs, employment opportunities and other career development issues should be registered on **eCampusRecruiter**. To obtain a username and password go to www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl.

An explanation on how to use **eCampusRecruiter** is available on the OCS website (www.wcl.american.edu/ocs).

eCampusRecruiter Categories for Job Postings:

Permanent/Full Time – Post Graduate Positions for 3Ls & Lateral Positions for Alumni

Permanent/Part Time – Part Time Post Graduate Positions for 3Ls & Lateral Positions for Alumni

Judicial Clerkship – Post Graduate Positions

Summer/Full Time – Full Time Summer Associate, Law Clerk & Judicial Internships

Summer/Part Time – Part Time Summer Internships (including Judicial) & Law Clerk Positions

Temporary/Full Time – Contract Attorney Positions, Fellowships, Full Time Law Clerk Positions & Internships (including Judicial)

Temporary/Part Time – Academic year Part Time Law Clerk Positions & Internships (including Judicial)

OCS Website:

Some portions of the OCS website are protected by password for use by Washington College of Law students and alumni. A login ID and password will be provided once the **eCampusRecruiter** registration process has been completed.

OCS Counseling Services:

OCS has six career counselors to assist you with the career planning process. Counseling services include:

- resume and cover letter review
- creating job search strategies
- conducting mock interviews

Counselors also specialize in judicial clerkships, public interest, private practice and government as noted below. To schedule an appointment, call 202-274-4090 or by stop by Suite 515.

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Kelli Johnson

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Laura Friedgood

General Counseling

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DROP IN HOURS

A counselor is available every **Monday – Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm** to answer quick questions regarding resumes, cover letters and issues relating to the job search process. To speak to a counselor regarding in-depth resume or cover letter review or regarding individual career or job search strategies, please schedule an appointment by speaking with one of our front desk staff members.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 21

Tuesday, November 22

5pm, 6th floor Student Lounge, "Eliminating Health Disparities: Congress Discusses the Minority Health Bill"

Thursday, November 24

All Classes Cancelled, Administrative Offices Closed

Pence Law Library Closed

Friday, November 25

Pence Law Library Hours **9 am – 10 pm**

All Classes Cancelled, Administrative Offices Closed

Saturday, November 26

Pence Law Library Hours **9 am – 10 pm**