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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2006 SEMESTER

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |

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

Add/Drop Period Through This Week, January 9-16

Students may add or drop course continuously through January 16 via the web, my.american.edu, at any time. Students registered for classes that are closed are asked to drop those they do not intend to take before January 16 so that others may have the opportunity to take them.

Students must register for externships or independent studies in the law school Registrar's Office, Suite 304. Signed contracts are required to do so. The deadline for registering for independent studies and externships is January 20, 2006.

Holidays

Monday, January 16, 2006, is a holiday for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance. Classes will not meet and administrative offices will be closed.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2006 GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in May 2006, please complete an Application to Graduate as soon as possible.

Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at www.wcl.american.edu, under Office of the Registrar.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on my.american.edu under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). Students may also find previous semesters' grading numbers here.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Come learn about a unique and extraordinary opportunity to develop your knowledge of international human rights law! Every year a small group of students conduct research for Dean Grossman during the fall semester, and then accompany him to the November meetings of the United Nations Committee Against Torture in Geneva, Switzerland. Dean Grossman and the group of students who participated last semester in this incredible project will give a presentation on **January 25, 2006 from 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., in room 401**. Lunch will be provided.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Business Cards

JD candidates who ordered business cards may pick them up in Room 300 upon presentation of a student ID. If you would like to confirm that your business cards are here, email fpolo@wcl.american.edu.

Grant Opportunity

The American Association of Law Libraries is offering an "Annual Meeting/Workshop Grant" providing financial assistance to graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in the organization and the law library profession. Applicants must be a member or a student member of AALL or one of its chapters. Deadline: 4/1/2006

http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grant_application.asp

A full program description may be found at

http://www.infoed.org/new_spin/spin_prog.asp?64189

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

Hours: 10:00 am-6:00pm

If I'm not in my office, please leave a message in the basket or on the bulletin board next to my door. Saw

Happy New Year and welcome back everyone!!!

7th Annual Martin Luther King Birthday Commemoration

Tuesday, January 17, 4:00 PM, Rm. 603

This year's keynote address will be given by Prof. Jamin Raskin; his title is "Taking Non-Violence Seriously: When Dr. King Confronted the War Machine." After Prof. Raskin's speech, Associate Dean Trishana Bowden will lead a communal reading by volunteers from the faculty, staff, and student body. This year's text is Robert F. Kennedy's speech

from Indianapolis given on the evening of the King assassination. As usual, the program will conclude with a reception for the law school community and guests. ALL ARE INVITED.

Internship opportunities:

- Washington Metropolitan Corporate Counsel Association (WMACCA) Minority Corporate Counsel Summer Internship Program – DEADLINE, JANUARY 20— More information available in the Office of Career Services and the Office of Diversity Services
- Rolls-Royce, NA Spring Internship—DEADLINE, JANUARY 23—Information available in OCS and DS

STUFF ON THE TABLE

Arent Fox Diversity Scholarship – DEADLINE, January 31

Fish & Richardson 1L Diversity Fellowship – DEADLINE, February 1

Human Rights Campaign: Open Society Institute Law Fellowship

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Welcome Back!

Spring Disbursements

Spring semester aid has been disbursed. Check your Asnapshot@ at **my.american.edu** for confirmation of payment. Federal loans, WCL grants and Mussey-Gillett awards were posted if enrollment in six credit hours was confirmed and all other file requirements satisfied. If your aid is not posted, let us know right away. **Note: Aid is subject to adjustment if your course load is reduced.**

Private loan proceeds

Checks are available for pick up at the Financial Aid counter beginning at 10:00 am Monday, January 9. All requirements for disbursement must be met for check release.

Refunds

A refund of aid in excess of charges can be obtained by filing a **Refund Request Form** with the Student Accounts Office. Forms are available at the financial aid counter.

Special notice: Spring semester (one semester only) federal loans for the full \$18,500 are disbursed in two installments in keeping with federal regulations. The first disbursement is at the beginning of the term, the second at mid-term. This will generally apply if you attended summer school or are a spring term admit. If applicable contact the Student Accounts Office regarding refund options. Special disbursement notification forms are available at the aid counter.

Dean's Fellow Payments

The first payment of spring Dean's Fellow awards (non work-study appointments) is scheduled for January 31. New appointments or changes to existing appointments must be submitted to this office by the close of business January 11 in order for payment to be issued as scheduled.

Consortium Agreements

If you are visiting another institution this term a *Consortium Agreement* may be required and should be completed as soon as possible for financial aid to be processed and transferred in a timely manner. Check with the office for details.

2006-2007 Financial Aid Priority Deadline - March 1, 2006

FAFSA applications can now be filed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Need Access application for WCL grants is available at www.needaccess.org. Please note that the FAFSA must be on file to cover summer aid requests. Don't delay.

Outside Scholarships

Information regarding the following outside scholarship opportunities has been received.

- Supreme Court of Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium Scholarships**

Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship - **Deadline:** April 1, 2006

- 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

- Constangy, Brooks & Smith Diversity Scholars Awards** for second year students. **Deadline:** March 1, 2006

- California Indian Law Association Scholarship – Deadline:** February 1, 2006

- Howard Fox Memorial Scholarship Award** for Berks County, PA residents.

Deadline: April 1, 2006. Applications are available at www.bccf.org.

- PRLDEF -Puerto Rican Bar Association Scholarship** for 1Ls and 2Ls.

Deadline: Saturday, March 4, 2006.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 515 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: publicinterest@wcl.american.edu
Happy New Year and welcome back!

Upcoming Spring Programs

January

- MLK Public Service Day – January 16th
- Street Law Introductory Program – January 24
- EJF Faculty/Staff Talent Show Fundraiser – January 26
- DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair – January 27th at the George Mason University School of Law
- “Mission Possible: A Career in Public Interest Law” – January 28th at the Washington Marriott
- 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series (monthly) – January 31

February

- Government Pro Bono Panel – February 9th
- 3rd Annual Inter-Law School Public Interest Retreat – February 18th at the University of Maryland School of Law
- 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series (monthly) – February 23rd

March

- EJP Auction – March 2
- 2L Public Interest Fellowship Workshop – March 7th
- 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series (monthly) – March 28th

Date to be Announced

- PILRAP (Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program) Workshop
- Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner

“Mission Possible: A Career in Public Interest Law” – January 28th, 12:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. at the Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC. Hear from Equal Justice Works, the Access Group and recent law school graduates on strategies for achieving a career in public interest law. For more information or to register, visit:

www.accessgroup.org/LawForum. **Registration is FREE.**

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

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.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079
Jennifer Dabson • Director; Natasha Rennie • Assistant Director
E-mail: secle@wcl.american.edu; Website www.wcl.american.edu/secle

WCL Students are invited to attend the majority of the events at no charge but
Please register ahead of time.

SPRING Position Announcement

Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education Is Seeking 2 Dean's Fellow (Spring Semester)

Duties Include:

The Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education at Washington College of Law is seeking a part-time Marketing & Design Assistant to promote events at the law school. The position involves 20 hours per week promoting and marketing of all events to internal audiences and to the local, national and international legal community as well as media outlets including print, radio, internet outreach and working with WCL Media Relations Office. Duties will also include brochure design, production and distribution. Must have knowledge of Microsoft Access and Microsoft Word

Interested law students should submit a one-page cover letter and resume to Natasha Rennie by email nrennie@wcl.american.edu or by fax 202.274.4079 by Friday, **January 13, 2006.**

Events This Week

WELCOME TO FOUNDER'S CELEBRATION 2006!

We invite you to explore some of the most important legal issues facing the nation and the world today.

For full information on all programs and events please contact

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS & CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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Founders' Celebration 2006

January Events

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| Jan 17 | Seventh Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration |
| Jan 19 | Opportunities Day |
| Jan 25 | The WCL Externship Fair |
| Jan 27-28 | Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference |

FOR FULL FALL EVENT LISTING

PLEASE VISIT WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Research Affirmative Action in the Americas with the 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 by **Friday, January 20, 2006**. We will forward your résumé to Mr. Dulitzky and organize a group meeting with him by the end of January.

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER PROGRAM

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; human rights and development; women's rights; terrorism and human rights; international humanitarian law; and much more. 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. This year's program will take place May 30-June 16, 2006. For more information on the Academy, including the annual Human Rights Award competition and Human Rights Month, please visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/2006/academy.cfm>, e-mail us at hracademy@wcl.american.edu, or call us at 202-274-4070.

2006 ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER COURSES

Courses offered in English include:

Children's Rights in International Law, Philip Alston, Professor of Law, New York University School of Law and John Tobin, Senior Lecturer, University of Melbourne Law School, Australia (1 credit)

European Human Rights Law, Leo Zwaak, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Human Rights Institute, Utrecht University, The Netherlands (2 credits)

International Humanitarian Law, Robert K. Goldman, Professor of Law, American University, Washington College of Law, and Brian Tittmore, Human Rights Principal Specialist, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS (2 credits)

International Justice for Human Rights Violations, Reed Brody, Special Counsel for Prosecutions, Human Rights Watch, and Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, American University Washington College of Law. Guest lecturer:

Philippe Kirsch*, President, International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands (2 credits)

Operationalizing Human Rights and Development, Daniel Bradlow, Director, International Legal Studies Program, American University Washington College of Law and Patrick Van Weerelt, HURIST Coordinator, United Nations Development Program (2 credits)

Regional Approaches to Human Rights Law: Africa, America, and Asia, Elizabeth Abi-Mershed, Human Rights Principal Specialist, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS, Christof Heyns, Director and Professor of Human Rights Law, Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, and Turgut Tarhanli, Director, Human Rights Law Research Center, Istanbul Bilgi University (2 credits)

Right to Political Participation, Larry Garber, Executive Director, New Israel Foundation (1 credit)

Terrorism and Human Rights, Elisa Massimino, Director, Washington, D.C. Office, Human Rights First and Joseph Zogby, Judiciary Counsel to U.S. Senator Richard Durbin (2 credits)

United Nations Human Rights System, Gudmundur Alfredsson, Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law of the University of Lund, Sweden, and Manfred Nowak, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Terrorism (2 credits)

Women and International Human Rights Law, Rebecca Cook, Professor and Faculty Chair in International Human Rights, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, Canada (2 credits)

Courses offered in Spanish include:

Impunity and International Justice, Baltasar Garzón Real, Magistrate Judge, Juzgado Central de Instrucción Num. 5 Audiencia Nacional, Spain, José Antonio Guevara, Deputy General Director for Human Rights of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Federico Andreu Guzmán, Deputy Secretary-General (Legal), International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, Switzerland (2 credits)

Inter-American Human Rights Law (2 credits)

a) **The Role of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights**, Claudio Grossman, Dean and Professor, American University, Washington College of Law, and Claudia Martín and Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, Co-Directors of the Academy and Visiting Professors, American University, Washington College of Law

b) **The Role of the Inter-American Human Rights Court**, Antonio Cançado Trindade, Ex-President of the Inter-American Human Rights Court

International Humanitarian Law, Alejandro Valencia Villa, Advisor, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Colombia (1 credit)

Litigation and Activism in Human Rights, Víctor Abramovich (Litigation), Executive Director, Center for Legal and Social Studies and Adjunct Professor, University of Buenos Aires, School of Law; and Felipe González (Activism), Professor of Law, University Diego Portales, Chile (2 credits)

United Nations Human Rights System, Fernando Mariño Menéndez, Professor of Public International Law, University Carlos III de Madrid and Carlos Villán Durán, Human Rights Officer, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (2 credits)

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

PERSPECTIVES ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS WITH ARYEH NEIER

Thursday, January 19, 12 – 2pm, Rm. 602

This 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 economic, social and cultural rights are not legal entitlements. Professors 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. Please join us for this unique discussion. Lunch will be served.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

M 8:30-12:30, 1:30-5:30 T 8:30-12, 1-5:30 W 8:30-10, 1-5:30
Th 8:30-12:30, 1:30-5:30 F 8:30-12:30, 1:30-2:30

www.wcl.american.edu/externship; externship@wcl.american.edu; Room 413 (202) 274-4200

2006 EXTERNSHIP FAIR

On **Wednesday, January 25, 2006**, the Externship Program will hold its annual Externship Fair from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** in the 6th floor Dining & Ceremonial Court Room Lobby Area. The Fair provides an opportunity for students to meet with a wide variety of employers offering Summer and Fall 2006 externships, for information-gathering, networking, and informal interviewing. Last year, more than 110 employers and 400 students participated. A list of over 100 employers who have RSVP'd for this year is posted on the Externship Program bulletin board on the 4th Floor.

Students who plan to attend the Fair should prepare up-to-date resumes. The Office of Career Services is available to meet with students to review draft resumes and cover letters.

SPRING OPPORTUNITIES

In response to an email inquiry, over 75 employers have indicated their interest in having Spring Externs. A list of these organizations is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Externship Office.

INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC 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.

For more information, contact Meadow Wirick, Program Assistant, at (202) 274-4200 or externship@wcl.american.edu. Students are welcome to drop by the Externship Office, Room 413, anytime.

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

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| 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.

We've moved all of our DC, Maryland and Virginia Materials! All of our local jurisdictional materials have been consolidated to shelving on the first floor of the library. All other state materials remain on the second floor.

Check your Library account on myLeagle Link to the library catalog at leagle.wcl.american.edu/screens/opacmenu.html or from the front page of the library website at library.wcl.american.edu. Choose myLeagle and type in your name and ID number. You can check the status of materials you have borrowed from the library and renew them as necessary.

Need Help Researching Your Paper? Are You Positive You Used The BEST Sources and Research Techniques? Come to the Reference Desk! An experienced professional librarian is available to assist you from 10 am to 9 pm Monday through Thursday, Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday from Noon to 5 pm and Sunday from Noon to 6 pm. Don't miss out on a very valuable resource! Can't come in? Email us at relib@wcl.american.edu or contact Susan Lewis-Somers, Associate Director for Public services at 202-274-4330.

Access WCL Library Electronic Resources from Home Did you know that the WCL community can log into the subscription databases on the library website from anywhere? Link to a database listing from the Research Tools page on the library website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/researchtools.php> Off Campus you will be prompted for a login and password. Enter the same login and password that you use to access the law school network and my.american.edu.

Looking for a job this semester? The library is looking for a few good people to help shelve our books and to work at the Circulation Desk. Contact Allen Hengst at ahengst@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4351 for further information.

Do you know the library staff? Cindy Robertson is our Acquisitions Specialist. Cindy is responsible for ordering all monographs and serials the library purchases. She has been with the Pence Law Library for 14 years and has a Masters in History from American University. Cindy's hobbies include travel, skiing and reading.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO)

The WCRO serves as a source of expertise in humanitarian and international criminal law for selected international organizations. In the past year, for example, the office undertook international law research projects for the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor and the International Criminal Court. We also speak at conferences on humanitarian law and international criminal law issues, and publish regularly on the development of international criminal jurisprudence.

Getting Involved:

Dean's Fellows: See the "In Search of..." section of this *Docket* for information on how to apply to be a WCRO Dean's Fellow.

International Student Resource Panel:

Those students who have legal experience in countries other than the United States are encouraged to sign up for the WCRO's International Student Resource Panel. We keep a list of panel members who are willing to serve as resource persons on WCRO research projects that have a comparative law element. The time commitment for Panel members is highly flexible as volunteers are free to donate as much or as little time as they would like. If interested, please send your contact information and country (or countries) of expertise to warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM

SPRING 2006 GENDER-RELATED COURSE INFO AVAILABLE!

A list of gender-related courses for Spring 2006 is now available, including gender-related courses, courses that include a gender component, and faculty who teach from a gender perspective.

Find the course list and other resources for students, including the Externship Tip Sheet, at the Resources for Students link on the WILP website:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/resources.cfm>

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, Program Coordinator, 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.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Christian Legal Society

Tuesday, 1/10/06, 12noon-12:50pm Please join us for our first weekly meeting of the new semester! We will reconnect with each other and read a reflection from Mark for Everyone, by Tom Wright. Location TBD - please e-mail tritiayuen@gmail.com, or check our TWEN site.

Criminal Law Society

Externship Panel: Interested in a criminal law-related summer externship? Not sure where to start? Join the Criminal Law Society for a brown bag round table session with 2 and 3Ls who have worked with the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office, the DC & Alexandria Public Defenders Services, Department of Justice Criminal Division, and non-profit groups dealing with various issues related to criminal law. Get the inside scoop on applying, making contacts, preparing the best possible application and how to get the most out of your externship experience. Bring your lunch and join us on **Tuesday, January 17 at 12:00 in room 503.**

IN SEARCH OF...

Prof. Brenda V. Smith seeks Dean’s Fellows for the spring semester, to work 10-20 hours per week. Dean’s Fellows will provide research and assistance with projects on legal issues related to sexual abuse in correctional facilities, implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, and assist with work related to the national Prison Rape Elimination Commission. Excellent work ethic, and research and writing skills a must. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to bvsmith@wcl.american.edu and nairisimonian@aol.com.

The Office of Admissions is seeking second or third-year J.D. students to work part-time spring semester at our reception desk. The duties will include giving tours to prospective students, answering the phone, responding to email messages, assisting with spring events for accepted applicants, data entry, and general office duties as assigned. Candidates should be active on-campus and have had a productive law school experience. Hours will be 10am-2pm Mondays and Fridays. Pay rate is \$12.00 an hour. The schedule will begin as soon as possible (earliest January 13th), Please email your resume and start date to Asst. Director of Admissions Kaity Cook at kcook@wcl.american.edu.

STUDENT IP RESEARCHERS WANTED -- \$30/hr. Professor Jaszi is putting together a team to take on an interesting research project (on state sound recording laws) with a very short turnaround. Students selected will have the opportunity to work up to 150 hours each between now and March 1 -- although lesser time commitments also are

possible. Because the project must begin immediately, interested students should submit their resumes without delay to Steve Roberts in room 417 or via email at sdrobert@wcl.american.edu, with a cover letter indicating all the times when they would be available for an organizational meeting lasting about one hour on Friday, January 13 or Monday, January 16. Students with questions about the project should direct them to pjaszi@wcl.american.edu.

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking a Dean's Fellows for Spring 2006. JD (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be 20 hours a week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, January 17 at 5pm**. If you want to discuss the various possibilities of working at the WCRO with us first, please feel free to stop by our office at 4910 Massachusetts Ave, NW, just one block from WCL, call us at 202-274-4067, or e-mail at warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

The National Institute of Military Justice is seeking a 2L/3L/4L dean's fellow to work 10-20 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 to include the Guide to the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Military Commission Instruction Sourcebook 3d. 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 cover letter and resume to Kathleen Duignan, Executive Director, National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) at duignan@wcl.american.edu.

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Spring 2006 semester. Responsibilities include research, writing, and various administrative tasks in support of WCL's development efforts. JD (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to apply. The position requires 15 to 20 hours a week (flexible). Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest detailing past experience via email to Adam Marles, Director of Annual Giving, at amarles@wcl.american.edu. For further information please call x4054.

Prof. David Chavkin needs one Dean's Fellow to work in the Civil Practice Clinic for Spring 2006. Seeking first or second year students. If you are interested please submit a resume to Lysandra Rauch in Room 417.

Prof. Lynda Dodd is seeking a Dean's Fellow for a 10 hour per week commitment. The Dean's Fellow will join one other Dean's Fellow and the professor at the Library of Congress, each Friday, to research late 19th century newspapers for coverage of the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court appointments of Presidents Lincoln and Grant. The Library of Congress research will last approximate 8 weeks. For the remainder of the semester, the Dean's Fellow will assist in other research tasks that can be completed on campus, on a self-scheduled basis. For more information about the project, email ldodd@wcl.american.edu .

Inter-American HR Moot Court Competition needs Portuguese-speaking Dean's Fellow! The Competition is looking for a highly-motivated Dean's Fellow for the Spring 2006 semester. 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) **Portuguese** speaker for 10 hours a week. Please send a cover letter and résumé to Shazia Anwar, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu by **Friday, January 20, 2006**. Please highlight any translation experience you may have in your cover letter. All students, particularly LLM students, are encouraged to apply!

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 Meredith Fox at hracademy@wcl.american.edu

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Spring 2006 semester to assist in the development and implementation of various Center initiatives. The primary responsibilities of the position include 1) facilitating the Genocide Teaching Project, in which WCL students teach about genocide in local public high schools, and 2) researching the use of international law and human rights mechanisms among domestic NGOs, a new grant-based initiative of the Center. The Dean's Fellow position requires a commitment to work 10 hours per week at the Center (4910 Mass. Ave.). Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Hadar Harris at hharris@wcl.american.edu by January 17, 2006.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor Ahmad's Immigration Law class (LAW-655-001) will not meet during the week of January 9th. The first class meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17th. The class syllabus is available to enrolled students on Blackboard. Additional copies are available outside of Room 428. As described in the syllabus, there is a field visit requirement for the course. Students may wish to use the week of January 9th to complete the field visit. Students with concerns about the add/drop period should contact the Registrar's office.

Corporate Bankruptcy (Professor Effross)- Attendance Policy: Students are required to attend 75% of the regularly scheduled class sessions (i.e., those held as scheduled at 1:30 - 3:20 on Tuesdays and those held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to take the final examination.

E-Commerce Law & Drafting (Professor Effross)- Attendance Policy: Students are required to attend 75% of the regularly scheduled class sessions (i.e., those held as scheduled at 9:00 - 10:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and those held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to take the final examination.

Interested in French Law? New course offered this spring: Introduction to French Law Seminar. 2 credits, pass/fail, taught in French. The course will meet Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:20 pm. There are only a few spots available. For more information, contact Macarena Saez (msaez@wcl.american.edu).

Due to dramatic developments regarding Terrorism, Torture, Law of War and International Crime, Dr. Kittrie will teach International Criminal Law in the coming Spring 2006 Semester instead of the scheduled Sentencing Seminar SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL & TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE Prof. Nicholas Kittrie Spring Semester, 2006 Wednesday 6:00 - 7:50PM

Scope of seminar The seminar will survey: (1) The growing number and types of international crimes, including human rights violations, law of war violations; environmental, governmental, and business related violations; (2) The International enforcements, adjudication and imposition of sanctions against offenders; and (3) The National enforcement, adjudication and impositions of sanctions against offenders, emphasizing U.S. practices. The seminar will deal with both the substantive crimes and the enforcement procedures. **(1) Crimes to be reviewed:** Terrorism, piracy, slavery, and war crimes, genocide, aircraft highjacking, crimes against humanity, aggression, torture, rape, human and drug trafficking, destruction and theft of national treasures, bribery of public officials, traffic in obscene materials, violations of intellectual property rights, and money laundering. **(2) Procedures to be reviewed:** The Nuremburg Tribunal, the Tribunals for former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, ad hoc tribunals for Sierra Leone, Cambodia, etc.; the permanent International Criminal Court, the role of individual states in the domestic enforcement of international criminal cases, INTERPOL; judicial assistance between nations re witnesses and other evidence; extradition and rendition; the repatriation of convicted prisoners, U.S. enforcement. **Number of credits and requirements:** Two credit hours. A research paper, required in lieu of an exam, will count towards the WCL upper writing paper requirement. Students may register for one or two additional credits by submitting a more comprehensive research product. **For more information**, contact Dr. Kittrie in his office - **Room 354**, or by telephone - 202-274-4217 or 202-274-4128. All interested students, including Dr. Kittrie's former students, are encouraged to register and are requested to place their names on the waiting list if necessary.

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.

Prof. Davis' final exams have been graded and are available in the registrar's office. A model answer has been posted under "Course Documents" on Blackboard and at the library website under "Ye Olde Exam Book." Students who have questions about the exam should review the model answer. Any student who wishes to discuss the exam must first review the model answer and compare it to his/her final exam. Meetings will be scheduled between January 9th and January 30th. Prof. Davis may be contacted at angelad@wcl.american.edu.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Suite 515

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/>

Welcome Back!

Spring Recruitment Program

Spring Recruitment is the process by which many employers, including government agencies, public interest organizations, judges, medium and small-size law firms and corporations interview for summer and immediate post-graduate legal positions. Students are strongly encouraged to regularly check eCampus for employer opportunities and deadlines throughout the spring semester since positions are posted daily as they are received. The program extends from January until the end of May and most employers request that students apply directly ("Direct Application") or request that OCS collect the submission materials for interested students ("Resume Collection".) Positions on eCampus relating to the **OCS Spring Recruitment Program** will denote "Spring Recruitment" in the title of the posting. Additional information regarding the application process will be provided to students registered on eCampus shortly. In addition, students should research all employers of interest and familiarize themselves with the employers' application and interview timelines since **many employers may not publicize their opportunities through OCS.**

Please refer to the following Job Search categories for locating postings relevant to your job search:

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 Internships, Summer Associate, Law Clerk & Judicial Internships

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

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

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

2006 WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program - Are you interested in practicing law in-house for a major corporation? If so, consider the WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program! The WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program will sponsor seven 10-week summer internships in 2006. These opportunities are open to students who will be 2Ls and 3Ls in fall 2006 and students in both full-time and part-time programs. Last year, students interned at several companies in the Washington metropolitan area including Sodexo, Inc., US Airways, the United States Chamber of Commerce, TV One and Lockheed Martin. The 2006 scholarship award (stipend) has been increased to \$5,000.

If you are interested in applying for the WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program, the application packet is now available in the Office of Career Services. Completed applications must be **received** by the WMACCA Program Office no later than **Friday, January 20, 2006**. Please note that prior to submitting your application to the Program Office, a representative of the Office of Career Services must sign-off on the completed application. Please bring your application to Kelli Johnson in OCS for her signature by no later than 12pm NOON on **Tuesday, January 17, 2006**. Applications without a signature will not be accepted by the Program Office.

For more questions about the program, please contact Kelli Johnson in OCS (202-274-4339 or kjohnson@wcl.american.edu) or Ilene G. Reid, WMACCA Executive Director, at WMACCA@verizon.net.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

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 Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Maryland Circuit Courts, Supreme Court of Virginia, Court of Appeals of Maryland and many more.

* Look up other judge and court-specific hiring information on **eCampusRecruiter** under "Judicial Clerkship".

ATTENTION 1LS/2LS:

Interested in obtaining a judicial externship/internship this summer?

Hear from WCL students who worked for federal judges, state judges, and administrative law judges on **January 18 from 12-1 in Room 603**. Pizza will be provided. Get all the information you need to apply.

KEY RESOURCES:

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

Preparing for an interview? Curious about a judge's interview style?

Search for information from alumni who interviewed with federal judges, state judges/justices, and administrative law judges on the **Judicial Clerkship Interview Feedback Database**. Link to this database from the main page of the judicial clerkship website. Use this database to look up information about:

- Interview format and length
- General topics and specific questions asked
- Advice specific to the judge or court

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 "Listservs," select "Judicial."

JOB FAIRS & NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Arent Fox Diversity Scholarship Program

Arent Fox has announced a Diversity Scholarship Program for 1L law students accepted into its 2006 summer program. Arent Fox will award two \$15,000 scholarships in addition to the summer associate salary.

The firm will begin accepting applications *after December 1, 2005*. For more details, and to access an application, please visit:

<http://www.arentfox.com/diversityscholarship.html>. You may also pick up an information/application packet in OCS.

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP Diversity Scholarship Opportunities for 1L Students

To help the firm meet its commitment to diversity, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP (DWT) has established the DWT 1L Diversity Scholarship Program. This year, DWT will offer three scholarships, which consist of a paid Summer Clerkship (two positions in our Seattle office and one position in our Portland office) and \$7,500 for the student's second year tuition and expenses.

To apply, please submit the following materials, unstapled and one-sided:

- DWT checklist (available at www.dwt.com/checklist);
- Current resume;
- Copy of your complete undergraduate transcript;
- Copy of your grades from the first semester of law school (if grades are not available by the application deadline, please supplement the application as soon as possible);
- One-page essay indicating the applicant's eligibility for an interest in the scholarship;
- Legal writing sample; and
- List of two or three references, one of whom should be a person qualified to comment on the applicant's law school work

Although demonstrated need may be taken into account, applicants need not disclose their financial circumstances.

Applications must be *received on or before January 25, 2006*. Interviews will be scheduled for finalists before scholarships are awarded. Materials should be directed to:

Seattle Scholarship
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
1L Diversity Scholarship Program

Attention: Carol Yuly
2600 Century Square
1501 Fourth Avenue

Seattle, WA 98101-1688
carolyuly@dwt.com

Portland Scholarship
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
1L Diversity Scholarship Program

Attention: Leslie Dustin
Suite 2300
1300 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, OR 97201-5630
lesliedustin@dwt.com

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.

2006 Annual LatCrit Student Scholar Program - Applications are now being accepted for the 2006 Annual LatCrit Student Scholar Program. Each year LatCrit, Inc., in partnership with the University of California - Berkeley School of Law(Boalt Hall). The LatCrit Student Scholar Program is designed to foster the intellectual and professional development of students in law and other academic programs who are interested in entering teaching, whether in law or other disciplines, and who are pursuing intellectual agendas in race, ethnicity, and the law.

Each Student Scholar will receive a scholarship covering registration, lodging, and group meals, to attend the Eleventh Annual LatCrit conference, to be held **October 5-9, 2006**, in Las Vegas, Nevada, at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Law. LatCrit conferences are open, mid-sized gatherings of about 75-135 attendees, and provide students with a rare opportunity to inspire and be inspired by faculty in law and other fields from all over the world who are doing cutting-edge work in race and ethnicity. Each Student Scholar's paper will be submitted for publication in a symposium issue devoted to the Eleventh Annual LatCrit conference. Each Student Scholar will be matched with one or more academic mentor(s) whose work lies in an area of the Scholar's interest, and who will work with the Scholar directly over the course of at least one academic year to help the Scholar advance his/her scholarly and activist agenda. Each Student Scholar will receive a travel stipend of up to \$750 USD to help subsidize travel expenses to and from the Eleventh Annual LatCrit Conference.

Successful applicants must submit: (1) a fully-completed application form; (2) a current resume; (3) a personal statement (no longer than one single-spaced page) explaining how the Student Scholar Program will further the student's intellectual and professional agenda; and (4) a previously unpublished paper authored by the applicant, no more than 25,000 words long, on any topic related to race, ethnicity, and the law. The paper must have been written while the student was in good standing in an accredited degree program, either in the United States or elsewhere. All application materials, including the paper, must be typed and must be submitted in English.

For copies of the official Call for Papers and related application materials, please visit <http://www.law.berkeley.edu/faculty/harrisa/LatCrit.html>.

The deadline for applications is FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2006. Inquiries should be directed to:

LatCrit Student Scholar Program
Professor Angela Harris
University of California - Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall)
689 Boalt, Berkeley, CA 94720
(510) 643-6354 (voice)
(510) 642-3856 (fax)
aharris@law.berkeley.edu

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Student eCampusRecruiter Profiles

Please take a moment to update your **eCampusRecruiter** profile. Student profiles should be updated on a regular basis to note changes in contact information and areas of interest. Periodically, the Office of Career Services will email important information concerning job postings and events to students based on what they have indicated on their profiles. Therefore, keeping your profile current is necessary if you wish to receive such information. To obtain a username and password go to www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl.

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
- conducting mock interviews

- creating job search strategies

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.

Traci Jenkins

General Counseling

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Kelli Johnson

General Counseling

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Laura Friedgood

General Counseling

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DROP IN HOURS: Closed from Monday, December 12th – Monday, January 9th for the holidays.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 9

Tuesday, January 10

12-12:50pm, Location TBD - please e-mail tritiayuen@gmail.com. Christian Legal Society meeting