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## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: [registrar@wcl.american.edu](mailto:registrar@wcl.american.edu)

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2007:** Pre-registration continues throughout this week and from now on students may add/drop classes up through the first week of classes (January 8-12, 2007). **Spaces being held for part-time students in evening classes will open up on December 1, 2006 at 9.00 a.m. Spaces in closed classes being held for graduating students will open up to everyone on December 16, 2006.**

### **NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:**

A Wait List process will again be utilized for the spring 2007 pre-registration period. It will begin during pre-registration once a class closes and will be available through December 6<sup>th</sup>, at which point all classes will be opened up for students to register on a first come basis, throughout the holidays and until the end of the first week of classes in January 2007.

When a class closes and you try to register on <https://my.american.edu>, you will be given the WAITLIST option. If you click on this, you will automatically be placed on the wait list. An email will be sent your AU email address should your name come up on the wait list once a student has dropped, and you will have 48 hours to register for the course before the spot is made available to the next student on the wait list. Emails will be sent out twice a week, and not on weekends.

You will now be able to check course availability directly on our web site on the course schedule at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> to see how many students are registered for each class. Once a class that has closed and has generated a wait list shows open spaces again, you will see a notice on this site that this is a wait-listed class. If you are not already on the wait list for the course and wish to put yourself on the wait list, you may then attempt to register for the course on <https://my.american.edu> site to put yourself on the wait list.

**Students will be able to wait list for a maximum of 3 courses throughout the wait list process, which closes on December 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **FIRST YEAR ELECTIVES**

By now, most of you will be aware that, for the first time at WCL, full-time first year students will be able to choose one elective for the spring 2007 semester. The form for choosing this elective will be posted on our web site at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/> and will be available to complete and submit on-line beginning Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and will remain open for selecting an elective through November 20 at 5.00 p.m. Students will be able to select first, second and third choices from the listing of first year electives and will be registered according to the lottery order and selection as long as spaces are available. If a first choice should fill up, then the second choice will be selected.

A listing of first year elective courses and course descriptions is available on our web site at [http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?first\\_year=1](http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?first_year=1) and in our office in room 304.

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 – Classes cancelled and offices closed.**

### **CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MAKE-UP CLASSES**

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

Monday, November 27 – Monday classes meet

Tuesday, November 28 – Thursday classes meet (Tues. classes suspended)

Wednesday, November 29 – Monday classes meet (Wed. classes suspended)

Thursday, November 30 – Friday classes meet (Thurs. classes suspended)

**The last day of classes is November 30, 2006. The reading period is December 1-6. Exams begin on Thursday, December 7 and end on Monday, December 18.**

**ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS:** All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on <http://my.american.edu> under Person Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number).

**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 30, 2006. The Faculty Policy for examination deferral is included on the form and is printed in the WCL Catalog.

**Attention Maryland Bar Applicants:** You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify prelegal education. Please read all instructions carefully. You are responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

**Attention February Bar Exam Applicants:** Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application should request the document as soon as possible. Please be sure to carefully read **all** instructions before filing your bar exam applications. Each state has different requirements and procedures.

## **OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES**

**Writing Competition:** In addition to those posted outside room 300. **The Planning & Law Division of the American Planning Association** is sponsoring the Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition. Deadline: June 8, 2007. Award: \$250-\$2,500.

**The Mercer University School of Law and the American Bar Association Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law** is sponsoring the Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition. Award: \$300-\$500. Deadline: **June 1, 2007**  
[http://www.law.mercer.edu/academics/legal\\_writing/writingcomp.cfm](http://www.law.mercer.edu/academics/legal_writing/writingcomp.cfm)

**National Center for Non-Smokers Rights Writing Competition.** Award: \$1,000-\$5,000. Deadline: January 15, 2006. <http://nosmokingcontest.org/>

**The William Mitchell Law Review and the William Mitchell National Security Forum** is proud to announce its National Security Law Writing Competition.. Deadline: January 10, 2007. <http://www.wmitchell.edu/national+security+forum>

## **OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES**

Sherry A. Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – [sweaver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu)  
Hours: 10:00 am-6:00pm

### **END-OF-SEMESTER ACADEMIC ROUNDUP BRUNCH FOR 1Ls**

**WITH RHONDA VanLOWE, Esq.:** Ms. VanLowe is a member of the Dean's Diversity Council; director of the Legal Analysis Study Group (WCL's first academic support program); former instructor in the Legal Methods Program (now Legal Rhetoric); and a corporate attorney. She's worked with the Office of Diversity Services for many, many years and brings along a wealth of practical and theoretical knowledge, which she will be pleased to share. She's also the owner of a horse and a dog. So bring your questions/concerns about time management, outlining, exam prep, and difficulties you're having in doctrinal courses, and join us for this informal brunch/information session/Q&A.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm, ROOM 401

**RSVP REQUIRED BY 1:00 FRIDAY**

[diversity@wcl.american.edu](mailto:diversity@wcl.american.edu)

(We need to know how much food to order.)

**!!!!ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!**

**Stuff on the Table**

- Arent Fox Diversity Scholarship Application: Deadline is December 1
- Study Group Handout
- Many Voices

***HAVE A SAFE, HAPPY, & RESTFUL HOLIDAY WEEKEND!!!***

**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Dean's Fellows ~ Payment**

Final paychecks for the term (for non work-study fellows) will be issued November 30

**Dean's Fellows ~ End of Employment**

The last day of work for fall term is the last day of classes, November 30.

**Cost of Attendance**

Requests for budget adjustments are growing in number. It is therefore necessary to publicize that the cost of attendance is defined by Department of Education regulations as an estimate of educational expenses for a specified period of enrollment and must be applied uniformly to all students. Budget increases are limited to exceptional circumstances which must be documented; further, these adjustments are subject to strict application of federal guidelines. Budget adjustments are intended as the exception not the rule; it is also important to remember that increased eligibility leads to extra borrowing and increases long-term debt and interest expenses.

**Course Loads**

For financial aid purposes *full-time cost of attendance based on enrollment in 12 credits = \$26,565 per semester; part-time costs based on enrollment in fewer than 12 credits = \$21,163 per semester.* **NOTE: FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED FOR NEED-BASED GRANT ELIGIBILITY.**

**Loan Adjustment Alert**

Changes in loan awards must be initiated through this office. Let us know by December 1 if you are considering changes for spring term.

**Computer Purchase – Reminder**

Submit receipts to the office by December 1 to avoid loss of spring aid.

**2007-2008 Financial Aid ~ Priority Deadline – March 1.**

Be on the lookout for your FAFSA renewal notice. You must reapply to receive financial aid. Processing begins *after* January 1. *Note: The Stafford loan limit is increased from \$18,500 to \$20,500 per school year effective next year.*

### **Outside Scholarships**

Information regarding the following outside scholarship opportunities has been received.

- Roscoe Pound Civil Justice Institute. Details at [www.poundinstitute.org](http://www.poundinstitute.org).  
-Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest. Intent Deadline: January 31, 2007  
-Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women in Health Care Law. Deadline: March 9, 2007.
- Arent Fox Diversity Scholarship for 1Ls. Deadline: January 15, 2007. Apply at [www.arentfox.com/diverstiyscholarship.html](http://www.arentfox.com/diverstiyscholarship.html).
- IFA Educational Foundation - Franchise Law Diversity Scholarship Award. Deadline: February 1, 2007. Apply at [www.franchise.org/files/Franchise%20Law%20Diversity%20Scholarship%20Award.pdf](http://www.franchise.org/files/Franchise%20Law%20Diversity%20Scholarship%20Award.pdf)
- Virginia Trial Lawyers Association ~Bruce D. Rasmussen Trial Advocacy Scholarship for 2Ls. Deadline: January 5, 2007
- American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation Scholarships

(AIPLEF)

Jan Jancin Competition and Sidney B. Williams Diversity Scholarships are available.

Information can be found at [www.aiplef.org](http://www.aiplef.org).

- Datatel Scholars Foundation Scholarships for students attending Datatel client schools. AU is a Datatel client. Awards are for the 2007-08 academic year. Apply at <http://www.datatel.com/global/scholarships/>
- Lura Bradfield Scholarship for women attending AU. Contact the donor at <http://www.lurabradfieldfoundation.org/scholarships.cfm> to apply. *Note: You will be taken to undergraduate information when you click the AU link on the scholarship site*

Stop in to check the Outside Scholarship Binder [for additional scholarship information.](#)

## **OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

Suite 515 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: [publicinterest@wcl.american.edu](mailto:publicinterest@wcl.american.edu)

### **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](mailto:listserv@listserv.american.edu). Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type "subscribe pi\_wcl" without the quotes.

**PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:**

**IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRO BONO PLEDGE!**

Through the program, students pledge to complete a minimum of 75 hours of pro bono and community service projects at organizations working on behalf of low-income and underrepresented populations. At least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work. However, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours in non-legal community service work.

**What Counts Toward the Pledge?**

- ✓ For community service placements (up to 25 hours), volunteer work with a nonprofit on behalf of a low-income or underrepresented population (First year students only).
  
- ✓ For pro bono placements, (50 or more hours), work with a nonprofit organization, government agency or WCL program engaged primarily in law-related work on behalf of low-income or underrepresented populations that is not for pay or academic credit.

To learn about the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, stop by the Office of Public Interest in Suite 122 and pick up a copy of the pledge materials.

**Did you know?** 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:

- LINK
- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan
- Students United
- Election Protection
- Clinical Program Translators

**CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

*CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS*

**GIVE A LITTLE, GET A LOT!**

**Join the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law's  
Student Advisory Board!!**

The 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, developing programming, attending special events and trainings and promoting Center activities. Members of the SAB serve as liaisons between the WCL student body, the Center and the greater D.C. community. Members meet with the executive director weekly and attend monthly skills development workshops. They commit to at least 15 hours of work with the Center per month. They are selected in January and are active

through the Spring, Summer and subsequent Fall semesters. Applications will be up on the website soon, so keep checking in! [www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/sab.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/sab.cfm)

### **THE CENTER SEEKS A FEW GOOD DEAN'S FELLOWS**

**\*\*\*Applications Due Monday, November 27, 2006\*\*\***

The Center for Human Rights has exciting opportunities for two Dean's Fellows this spring. We are a fast-paced office, and we always have fun! Both positions are for 10 hours per week but focus on different areas of the Center's programming. Please check below for additional information on these positions as well as instructions on applying to these positions. We hope to fill the openings by the end of the Fall Semester, so apply soon!

*Note:* While part-time 1Ls are eligible for Dean's Fellowships, full-time 1Ls are not. Full-time 1Ls should keep your eyes open later in the year for great summer opportunities at the Center!

#### **CENTER DEAN'S FELLOW: 10 HOURS PER WEEK**

We are looking for an enthusiastic student to take a high level of responsibility for the Center's exciting programming. The Dean's Fellow will assist with marketing Center events, managing the Center listserv, and providing support to our many fun events and projects. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Center's substantive programs like the Genocide Teaching Project and Founders' conferences on the Right to Education and Human Rights in China. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure and web design are a plus.

**To Apply:** send a cover letter, résumé, and short (10 pages max.) writing sample to [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu). Please indicate that you are applying for the Center Dean's Fellow position in the subject line AND in your cover letter. **Applications are due by Monday, November 27, 2006.**

#### **PAKISTAN PROJECT DEAN'S FELLOW: 10 HOURS PER WEEK**

The Center seeks a Dean's Fellow for its newly-funded project with the University of Peshawar in Peshawar, Pakistan. The University of Peshawar and WCL will partner on a year-long program of capacity building, academic exchange and program development to help enrich both faculties in the creative implementation of human rights education and law. The Center seeks a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative support to the Project as well as assistance planning and organizing conferences and events both at WCL and the University of Peshawar. Students with a particular interest in international law and/or Pakistan and its legal traditions are particularly encouraged to apply.

**To Apply:** send a cover letter, résumé, and short (10 pages max.) writing sample to [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu). Please indicate that you are applying for the Pakistan Project Dean's Fellow position in the subject line AND in your cover letter. **Applications are due by Monday, November 27, 2006.**

**JOIN THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM COMMITTEE ON  
CONSCIENCE'S 2006-2007 STUDENT BOARD ON GENOCIDE PREVENTION**

The Committee on Conscience (COC) at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum invites graduate and undergraduate students to join our Genocide Prevention Student Board. Board members will participate in: monthly online chats, network with one another; submit articles, interviews, blog postings, and other material for use on the COC website; provide suggestions for new programs and resources and feedback on past programs/resources; distribute Museum resources to their schools, communities, and regions; and conduct a yearly review of the COC and its genocide prevention efforts.

**Applications and two letters of recommendation are due by November 17, 2006.** To apply, visit:  
<http://www.ushmm.org/conscience/alert/students/board/?tr=y&auid=2112473>.

#### *UPCOMING EVENTS*

#### **NOT A MORNING PERSON?**

#### **COME TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS HAPPY HOUR**

**Tuesday, Nov. 28\*, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm, WCL Student Lounge**

Where are the WCL students who can't make the Wednesday morning Human Rights Coffee Hours? Working? Not at WCL until the afternoon or evening? Our solution? HUMAN RIGHTS HAPPY HOUR! Enjoy fair trade Coffee, Argentine mate (the green caffeine), tea and sweets with the WCL community. Get the scoop on all the upcoming opportunities to get involved in human rights as students, staff and professors announce upcoming events at 5:30pm. For more information please contact Amelia Parker at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4180.

**\*Please note the date change!**

#### **THE CENTER'S LISTSERV IS PARTIALLY BACK IN OPERATION!**

#### **PLEASE READ BELOW FOR SUBSCRIPTION INSTRUCTIONS.**

If you tried to subscribe to the *Center's* listserv in the past few weeks, most likely you received a returned email with an error message. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. The IT department is in the process of creating a new web portal through which new users can subscribe online. In the interim, to subscribe: 1) Visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/techres/list\\_update.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/techres/list_update.cfm); 2) Enter your email address; 3) Click "ADD."

In addition, you may check the Center's website every Wednesday afternoon to access to the most recent listserv postings: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm>. Thanks again for your patience! We will send out a new announcement as soon as the listserv is repaired.

#### **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413 (202) 274-4200 [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)  
M, W 9:00 am-5:30pm; T, Th. 9:30 am-6:00pm; F 9:00 am-3:00pm  
[externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu)

#### **SPRING 2006 EXTERNSHIP SEMINARS**

Externship seminars are listed in the course schedule with the prefix LAW-769.

## **SPRING OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many, many spring externships available. Please review the externship database (on the externship website). If it is listed in our database, there is a good chance they are seeking spring externs. For example, in the field of employment discrimination, both the Chair and Vice-Chair of the EEOC, as well as Gary Gilbert, a practitioner with a sizable pro bono litigation practice, have specifically requested applications for the Spring semester. Contact the externship office for more information.

## **INTERESTED IN EXTERNING ABROAD?**

International Externships: A number of international organizations have agreed to accept qualified students from WCL for summer 2007 externships. Two of the most prestigious organizations with whom we have made arrangements are the **International Court of Arbitration** in France and the **Inter-American Court of Human Rights** in Costa Rica. Descriptions are provided below. Additional externship opportunities are listed in the International Externship Database. Please see Avis Sanders, Director of the Externship Program, if you are interested in pursuing an international externship.

**The International Court of Arbitration** is the arbitration body of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the world's leading organization in the field of international commercial dispute resolution, and has pioneered international commercial arbitration as it is known today. The Court of Arbitration has agreed to accept one extern from WCL for the summer semester 2007. The extern will be assigned to one of the teams in charge of case follow-up and will work under the supervision of the team's leading attorney and will have the opportunity to interact and network with renowned jurists from all over the world that act as arbitrators and lawyers in the cases managed by the Court. This is indeed a unique opportunity to see and learn how international arbitration operates in real life from an insider's perspective. Students with an educational background or work experience in arbitration are preferred.

**The Inter-American Court of Human Rights** is an autonomous judicial institution which, together with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights makes up the human rights protection system of the Organization of American States. The court has agreed to accept one qualified WCL student as an extern each summer. Externs will work directly with the members of the Legal Department and the Deputy Secretariat. Fluent Spanish is an absolute requirement. Candidate must have high academic standing, interest in the protection of human rights and knowledge of the various systems of human rights protection. Apply to the Externship Office.

If you are interested in externing abroad during the Summer 2007 semester, complete an International Questionnaire (available on the wall-rack outside of Room 413) and submit it along with a resume, to the Externship Office.

## **INDIVIDUAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING**

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

### **SAVE THE DATE: 2007 EXTERNSHIP FAIR**

On **Thursday, January 25, 2007**, the Externship Program will hold its annual Externship Fair from **4:00-6:00pm** in the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2007 positions. Last year, more than 130 employers and 400 students participated; do not miss this event! Student should prepare have resumes prepared by mid-January.

### **MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT**

The **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** would like to thank the hundreds of folks in the WCL community who contributed to our very successful bake sale. The funds raised will enable us to give a prize to every one of the more than 50 DC public and charter school students who will compete at the federal courthouse this Sunday, November 19 in our day-long fall William H. Karchmer Moot Court competition for those enrolled in Marshall-Brennan classes.

The **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** would also like to thank the many WCL volunteers who have offered to help with the competition this Sunday and the many others who have already given of their time to judge in-class moot court competitions at our schools throughout the city. We could not carry on this competition without the help and support of so many in the WCL community.

Finally, thanks to the hardworking **Marshall-Brennan Fellows** who, in addition to being very talented and dedicated teachers, are also the best bakers in the building.

### **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. Current 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.

### **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING HOURS:**

**Wednesday, November 22 8am to 8pm**

**Thursday, November 23 (Thanksgiving) Closed**

**Friday, November 24 9 am to 10pm**

### **READING PERIOD AND EXAMINATION HOURS**

**The Library will be open 24/7 to WCL students with ID cards, WCL faculty and staff beginning at 8 am on Friday, December 1, the first day of the Reading Period.** All other patrons must exit the library at the following times:

Saturday, December 2	10:00 pm
Sunday, December 3 to Thursday, December 7	Midnight

Friday, December 8 and Saturday, December 9	10:00 pm
Sunday, December 10 to Thursday, December 14	Midnight
Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16	10:00 pm
Sunday, December 17	Midnight
Monday, December 18	6 pm

### **RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE READING AND EXAMINATION PERIOD**

The WCL Library is open only to WCL and AU Main Campus students, faculty and alumnae from December 1 through December 18. You will need to show your AU ID to gain access to the Law Library during this period. This policy is in effect to insure that our students have the full use of our facilities during the Reading and Examination Periods. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar at [apostar@wcl.american.edu](mailto:apostar@wcl.american.edu).

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT LIBRARY ACCESS OVER WINTER BREAK**

**The Pence Law Library will be closed to all users from December 19 - January 7.** After 6pm on 12/18 the Pence Law Library will close completely until Monday, January 8 for the installation of new carpeting and other related projects that will improve the Library's research environment. We have arranged for the WCL community to have courtesy access to local law school libraries. A schedule for each, along with hours and directions will be available on the Pence Law Library website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/> and in print. You must have your AU ID for this courtesy access. Printers will be available in the lobby and at other locations around the law school for your use during the period we are closed. Word processing documents and Lexis and Westlaw research documents may be downloaded to disks or flash drives and brought in to print on these printers. If you have a reserved carrel, all materials must be checked in and your carrel cleared by Monday, December 18 at 9 am. Anything left in the carrels will be removed at that time.

We appreciate your comments about the Library environment and this project is the first of several resulting from the Library's surveys and your suggestions. By fall, 2007, additional study rooms and other improvements should be completed as well. Your cooperation and support is greatly appreciated as we make a great library better. **Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Adeen Postar at [apostar@wcl.american.edu](mailto:apostar@wcl.american.edu), 202-274-4377.**

### **WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE**

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 International Criminal Court and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. We also speak at conferences on international criminal and humanitarian law issues, and publish regularly on the development of international criminal jurisprudence.

**Mark Your Calendar:**

**SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN THE HAGUE**

Information Session

Tuesday, November 21

12:00 PM

WCL Room 601

The WCRO is pleased to announce the launch of the Summer Law Program in The Hague, a new addition to WCL's study abroad opportunities. In June 2007, law students and lawyers will have an opportunity to study some of today's most important international legal issues in the city of peace and justice. The six-credit summer program includes two three-credit courses: International Criminal Law and International Legal Approaches to Terrorism. Both courses will be complimented by visits to major international justice organizations, such as the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Chanté Lasco, a former WCL student and Dean's Fellow at the War Crimes Research Office, spent six months at the International Criminal Court after graduation. She will be present to discuss her experience at the ICC and life in The Hague.

All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**WCL SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAMS**

Study law in Latin America this summer: Earn 6 credits, have fun, learn trade, investment and human rights and bring something unique to your next job interview: Summer Law program in Chile and Argentina

Info session: **Thursday, November 16th from 12 to 1 pm. Room 504.** Former students from the program will be there to answer your questions.

For information about all WCL summer abroad opportunities:

Chile and Argentina: **June 4 – July 4, 2007.** [www.wcl.american.edu/chile](http://www.wcl.american.edu/chile)

For more information contact Macarena Sáez at [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu)

Comparative Law in Europe: **June 9 - July 8, 2007.** <http://www.wcl.american.edu/parisgeneva>

For more information contact Emilio Viano at [eurolaw@american.edu](mailto:eurolaw@american.edu)

The Hague: **June 1 – June 30, 2007.** <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hague>

For more information contact Susana Sa Couto at [hagueprogram@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hagueprogram@wcl.american.edu)

Turkey: **June 1 – June 29, 2007.** <http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey>

For more information contact Marcos Orellana at [morellana@ciel.org](mailto:morellana@ciel.org)

**STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

**SBA**

The next **SBA Senate meeting** will be on **Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. It will be the semesterly budget meeting. Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda must e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Sum Mehrnama at [smehrnama@yahoo.com](mailto:smehrnama@yahoo.com) no later than 6:30 PM on November 27. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

The Student Bar Association Senate has formed a committee to investigate possible improvements to our Financial Aid system at WCL. If you are interested in serving on this committee to systematically research and then offer suggestions as to how financial aid might be improved, please submit a statement of interest and resume to SBA Executive Vice President Noah Schabacker, at [iprufrock@gmail.com](mailto:iprufrock@gmail.com), as soon as possible.

### **Alternative Winter Break**

**Holiday Gift Collection Starting Nov. 20th!!** This winter break over forty WCL students will be traveling to New Orleans to provide legal assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Since we will be working there during the holiday season, we would like to bring presents to a family in need. We will be collecting gifts for 2 grandparents who are taking care of 6 grandchildren. The ages of the children range from 2-14, and we are collecting gifts appropriate for these ages, including the grandparents. There will be a large box in the WCL lobby starting Monday, November 20th until the end of finals. Please drop gifts in this box at anytime during this period and we will be sure they make it to New Orleans. Help spread the holiday spirit by bringing joy to this family! Thank you. For further questions, please email [nicole.stephansen@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.stephansen@gmail.com) or [smengers@gmail.com](mailto:smengers@gmail.com)

### **Christian Legal Society**

**Thanksgiving Lunch Celebration** with the Christian Legal Society **Tuesday, November 21 12-1pm Location: TBD**

### **Law Revue**

Come one! Come all! American University Law Revue wants you! Experienced singer or dancer? Great! Never sung outside your shower for fear of scaring small children? Perfect! Never could figure out that whole slow dancing thing in the 7th grade? This is the place for you!

Auditions for the Spring 2007 Law Revue will be held in the 6th Floor Lounge on the following dates:

**November 27            5pm-7pm**

**November 29            5pm-7pm**

Please sign your name to one of the audition time slots on the door of the Law Revue closet in the SBA lounge. If you cannot make it to either of the above times but still want to audition, or if you have any other questions, please email Marian Antony at [marianantony@yahoo.com](mailto:marianantony@yahoo.com) See you there!

### **Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2006, 12-1:00 PM in room 524.** Phi Alpha Delta is proud to host the Fall 2006 "What to Expect Next Semester" panel for 1L students. Come hear about professors, classes, job search tips, moot court, mock trial, and everything else you've heard about next semester. Hear successful students from the past couple years talk about each area. For information, contact Sebastian Forgues at [sebastian.forgues@american.edu](mailto:sebastian.forgues@american.edu).

## IN SEARCH OF

**SPRING Position Announcement Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education Is Seeking a Dean's Fellow** (Spring Semester) - 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 Excel

Interested law students should submit a one-page cover letter and resume to Amir Tejani by email [atejani@wcl.american.edu](mailto:atejani@wcl.american.edu) or by fax 202.274.4079 by Friday, **December 8, 2005**.

**Positions one and two: Help coordinate the Summer Program and conduct research on international human rights law-** Two Dean's fellows will be required to work 20 hours a week, assisting in the preparations for the Academy's Summer Program, Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law, and other special projects. These positions will provide administrative support to the Summer Program staff, conduct legal research on international human rights law, and work with special projects as needed. Interested students with a background in international law are especially encouraged to apply. Knowledge of Spanish is a plus. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu). Please indicate "Dean's Fellow Spring 2007" in the subject line.

**Positions three and four: Help coordinate the 12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition** The Competition is looking for two highly-motivated dean's fellows for the Spring 2007 semester to help organize the 12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Join us as we recruit students, faculty and attorneys from around the world. Tasks will include implementing various marketing strategies, designing the website, conducting research for the Bench Memorandum, corresponding with participants, planning fun events, and much more. We are looking for a native (or extremely fluent) Spanish speaker for 20 hours a week for Position Two, and a native (or extremely fluent) Portuguese speaker for 10 hours a week for Position Three. If you are interested in applying, please send a cover letter and résumé to Kristin Viken, Competition Coordinator, at [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) with "Dean's Fellow Spring 2007 – Spanish" or "Dean's Fellow Spring 2007 – Portuguese" in the subject line, as appropriate. Please highlight any translation experience you may have in your cover

letter. All students, particularly LLM students & former Competition participants, are encouraged to apply for these positions!

**The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** is looking for one part-time assistant for the Spring 2007 semester, with the potential to continue in the Summer and Fall semester. The assistant will be required to work 27 hours per week to provide administrative support and conduct legal research in international human rights law as needed. The position will also include supervising volunteers. Excellent writing skills in English and knowledge of Spanish are essential. Part-time 1Ls are encouraged to apply. The salary for this position is \$11/hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your cover letter, résumé and short (10 pages max.) writing sample to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Part-Time Assistant Spring 2007" in the subject line.

**Volunteer Opportunities- Help us organize the 12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!** As one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish & Portuguese) moot court competitions in the world, WCL's Competition brings together nearly 200 students from all over the world for a week of tough competition (and great fun) at WCL in late May. The Competition is dedicated to the advancement of the Inter-American human rights legal system and involves a large number of prominent attorneys and volunteer judges, experts from the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights and more. During the week, participants attend receptions and other events, participate in training opportunities, and visit international organizations such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also throw an awesome Salsa-dancing party!!!!

Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, and plan the various events of the Competition.

**NEW OPPORTUNITY: The Competition is now seeking volunteers to help research the Bench Memorandum for the upcoming Competition. Viviana Krsticevic, Executive Director of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) is the author of this year's hypothetical case on the topic of torture. Students who volunteer to research the Bench Memo will work alongside Ms. Krsticevic and others on staff at CEJIL. This is a great opportunity, so don't miss out!** The Competition particularly seeks Spanish and Portuguese speaking volunteers (but not exclusively!). If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Kristin Viken, Competition Coordinator, at [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or at 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt).

**Office of the Public Defender for Montgomery County - Spring 2007 law clerkship**  
The Office of the Public Defender for Montgomery County seeks law clerks for the spring 2007 semester. The clerkship involves traditional research and writing projects, but also offers exciting assignments, such as visiting crime scenes to investigate clients' charges, accompanying Public Defenders to interview clients in jail and to court proceedings, conducting one-on-one interviews with clients in the office, and being intimately involved in trial preparation. Energetic and inquisitive law students are encouraged to apply. Spanish is a plus, but not required. For those students who are interested, but want more insight, please contact Suthima Malayaman (current WCL 3L)

at sm8445a@american.edu. Otherwise, please apply directly to Assistant Public Defender Samuel Delgado at sdelgado@opd.state.md.us . Please include cover letter and resume.

### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The WCL Appointments Committee invites students to attend interviews with faculty candidates this month. These candidates are amongst several who are interviewing with faculty this month and next for a full-time faculty position at the law school for the 2007-2008 academic year. As part of their full-day interviews, the candidates are given the opportunity to meet with WCL students for one hour. In turn, students have the opportunity to ask questions and get to know possible future WCL professors in a more relaxed setting. The candidates, their interview dates, and the times when you can meet with them are as follows:

**Stephen Vladeck – Monday, November 20, 4 – 5 PM (Room 600)**

**Curtis Bridgeman – Monday, November 27, 4 – 5 PM (Room 600)**

**Jody Madeira – Tuesday, November 28, 4 – 5 PM (Room 600)**

**Heather Hughes – Wednesday, November 29, 4 – 5 PM (Room 600)**

**Garrett Epps – Thursday, November 30, 4 – 5 PM (Room 600)**

**Janie Chuang – Friday, December 1, 4 – 5 PM (Room 600)**

Please contact Jonathan Roberts (student member of the Appointments Committee) at jr8191a@american.edu if you are interested in meeting any of these candidates. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The candidates look forward to meeting with you!

**Film Screening: School Prayer. A Community at War**, an Emmy award-winning film on religious freedom and Constitutional rights. Followed by Q&A with the filmmaker and Art Spitzer, legal director of the ACLU, National Capital Area. Reception at 5:30, refreshments provided. Free!

Nov. 21. UDC Law School, 4200 Connecticut NW, Bldg. 39, Room 201. (red line to Van Ness). Reception at 5:30; Screening at 6pm. For more information: 202-274-6256

#### **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW**

##### **“WCL’S LIVING HISTORY” STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION Spring 2007**

**Purpose:** Students play a vital role in creating and relating the proud traditions here at Washington College of Law. The WCL Living History Student Essay Competition is designed to encourage student involvement in and appreciation of WCL’s rich history. It will also give students an opportunity to use and familiarize themselves with the newly organized and digitized historical documents in WCL’s Pence Law Library.

**Topic:** Submissions must address any aspect of WCL’s involvement in gender equity. Submissions discussing other areas of social justice, include race and economic equality, are also eligible. Entries will be judged by a committee of WCL faculty and alumni.

Eligibility:	All 2d and 3d Year WCL Law Students.
<b>PRIZES</b>	<b>GRAND PRIZE</b> \$1,000

Opportunity to publish essay in the American Journal of Gender, Law and Social Policy

Celebration.	Opportunity to present paper on a panel during the 2006 Founder's Celebration. Recognition by Dean Grossman at Founder's Reception <b>Second Prize</b> \$750
Celebration	Opportunity to present paper on a panel during the WCL Founder's Celebration Recognition by Dean Grossman at Founder's Reception Certificate of Participation <b>Third Prize</b> \$500

Opportunity to present paper on a panel during the WCL Founder's Celebration in the Spring.

<p>Certificate of Participation Recognition by Dean Grossman at Founder's Reception For more specific rules and guidelines, please contact the Office of the Dean. <b>OFFICIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES</b> "WCL'S LIVING HISTORY" STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION Spring 2007</p>
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- I. Only one submission will be accepted per student.
- II. The papers must be between 10-15 single sided pages in length, including footnotes. The body should be double-spaced and written in Times New Roman, font size 12. Footnotes should be single-spaced. All margins should be 1" (approximately 2.5 cm) each.
- III. Previously published essays are not eligible. Prior to publication, the Grand Prize Essay must accept editorial process and meet the publication standards of the AU Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law.
- IV. The acceptable format to cite sources is in single-spaced footnotes. If you have questions on the proper usage of footnotes, please consult the "The Uniform System of Citation: The Bluebook."
- V. The deadline for submissions is April 20, 2007. Essays must be submitted electronically to [WCLWritingContestSubmissions@wcl.american.edu](mailto:WCLWritingContestSubmissions@wcl.american.edu). Hard copies will not be accepted. Names and contact information should be included in email. All Entries are due on in WP or Word format.
- VI. Receipt of your entry will be confirmed via e-mail. If you do not receive a confirmation within 24 hours of e-mailing a submission, please contact us to ensure that we received it.
- VII. Do not identify yourself in your submission. All identifying information will be removed from the entry. Appended materials will not be accepted. Do not

- include a bibliography, a list of websites, resume, or any other extra materials. These will be immediately discarded and not considered.
- VIII. In the event a situation arises that is not included herein, the contest committee will resolve it at its own discretion and will inform the participants thereof.
- IX. All submissions become the property of the Washington College of Law.
- X. Participation in contest presupposes acceptance of the terms described herein.

**Notary Service** is available in the clinical program office, room 417. Please stop by during business hours (9-5, Mon-Fri) or call 274-4142 to make an appointment with the notary. The fee is \$2 per transaction.

### **The Gonzales Cases: How the Supreme Court Could Affect Women's Right to Choose**

Come learn more about the most recent Supreme Court cases affecting our right to choose: *Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood* and *Gonzales v. Carhart*. **Monday, November 20, 2007, 12:00-1:30pm in Room 503.** Lunch will be provided. Speakers include Gretchen Borchelt, an attorney from the National Women's Law Center, Belinda Bulger, staff attorney at NARAL Pro-Choice America, and Helene Krasnoff, An attorney at Planned Parenthood Federation of America and co-counsel on the Gonzales cases as they were argued before the Supreme Court on November 8, 2007.

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Suite 122**

#### **Hours**

**Monday and Thursday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

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

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### **1L Resume Workshops**

Due to the high volume of requests for 1L resume reviews, the Office of Career & Professional Development is now offering **1L Resume Workshops** through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Workshops will be led by an attorney-counselor and cover the fundamentals of legal resumes. All participants will submit their individual resumes to the counselor prior to the workshop for feedback and edits. In addition, all participants will receive a copy of the Professional Development Workbook that was distributed during Career Day. Workshops will be limited to a maximum of 8 students per session.

Please see the "Events" section of eCampusRecruiter for a complete schedule of resume workshops. If you would like to sign up for a workshop, please call the OCPD front desk at (202) 274-4090. These slots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

*Note: Students who did not attend Career Day are asked to attend a resume workshop prior to scheduling an individual counseling session. Students who attended Career Day are free to schedule individual counseling appointments.*

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**Attention 1Ls:** If you were unable to attend an eCampusRecruiter training session, instructions for accessing the system are available at the OCPD front desk. All first-year students have been pre-registered in the system: DO NOT REGISTER AS A NEW USER. Your username is your *american.edu* email address (including the domain) and the case-sensitive password is *1LStudent2006*. Please visit the OCPD website at [www.wcl.american.edu/career](http://www.wcl.american.edu/career) and select the eCampusRecruiter “Intro” to view a PowerPoint presentation that includes instructions for using eCampusRecruiter. Students with questions regarding the system should contact OCPD Resources Coordinator, Robin Fulton, by sending an email to [rfulton@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rfulton@wcl.american.edu).

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### **PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT**

**Attention 3Ls: More Fellowship Opportunities Are Available!** The Pride Law Fund is accepting applications for its Tom Steel Post-Graduate Fellowship. The Steel Fellowship is awarded to a new lawyer each year to work on an innovative, public interest law project that serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. This Fellowship seeks to ensure that unmet legal needs are recognized and prioritized on an on-going basis, and that the next generation of legal advocates for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community develop the critical skills necessary to secure civil rights into the future. Application deadline date is **December 31, 2006**. For a complete description of the fellowship and application requirements, please visit [www.pridelawfund.org](http://www.pridelawfund.org) or see the eCampus Recruiter. The Pride Law Fund also sponsors a Fellowship for summer positions open to 1Ls and 2Ls, please see their website for details.

**Open House at the D.C. Office of the Attorney General (OAG):** Law students are invited to join the OAG to learn about one of the largest law offices in the heart of D.C. OAG is hosting an Open House in which you can learn about the numerous sections and division and wide variety of practice areas within the Office. You will also have the opportunity to meet most of the OAG Senior Management Team and hear directly from member of the Hiring Committee about do’s and don’ts of resume writing and interviewing. This event is occurring on **Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** from 1-5 at the Old Council Chambers, One Judiciary Square, 441 Fourth Street, NW. (metro accessible) For more information please visit the events section of eCampus Recruiter.

**Want to Work on the Hill?** Senator Patrick Leahy’s office is looking for law clerks for this Spring semester. Law Clerks have the opportunity to observe the legislative process

by working for Senator Leahy on the Senate Judiciary Committee and will be assigned a wide variety of projects, including legal research, preparation of memoranda and materials for committee hearing and votes. As well as the opportunity to assist in legislative matters. Application deadline for Spring semester is **November 21st**. Please visit eCampus Recruiter or [www.leahy.senate.gov/office/lawclerk.html](http://www.leahy.senate.gov/office/lawclerk.html) for application requirements and complete job posting.

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### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS**

**ATTENTION 3LS/4Ls: IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO APPLY for some state court clerkships! If you have not met with Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator:**

- Listen to a podcast of one of the Nuts & Bolts Application Workshops (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/podcast.cfm>);
- Call (202-274-4251) or email ([serudge@wcl.american.edu](mailto:serudge@wcl.american.edu)) to schedule an individual appointment; and
- Remember that judge-specific hiring information for many states is listed within the "Judicial Clerkship" section of eCampus. Postings have recently been updated through direct calls to chambers, so be sure to check this resource.

**STILL LOOKING FOR A SPRING INTERNSHIP?** Locate recent judicial postings on eCampus by searching under "Temporary/Part-Time" and choosing the "Judicial" practice area.

**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 "Listservs," select "Judicial."

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## *Diversity Initiatives*

**TODAY - GWAC Alternative Careers Panel:** The Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyer's Division of the National Bar Association Employment and Professional Development Committee Presents: "The Alternative Careers Panel Discussion". This event will be held **Thursday, November 16 at 6:30pm** at the Moultrie Courthouse 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Court of Appeals Courtroom (500 Indiana Avenue, NW – METRO: Red Line, Judiciary Square). Confirmed panelists include: Warren Brown, CakeLove (Entrepreneurship); Nevin Kelly, Nevin Kelly Gallery (Arts); Magistrate Judge Tara Fentress (Real Estate); and Joyce A. Mitchell, Joyce A. Mitchell & Associates (Mediation). Refreshments will be provided. The event is free for GWAC members and \$ 5.00 for non-GWAC members Please RSVP to gwacrsvp@gmail.com by November 10, 2006 **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT ROSALIND KENNEDY AT (301) 580-3478 OR JUNE BURTON AT (202) 321-4250.**

**TOMORROW - Discover the D.C. Office of the Attorney General:** The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is sponsoring an Open House at **441 4th Street, NW** (Judiciary Square / Red Line) in the Old Council Chambers (enter the building and turn right) on **Friday, November 17th from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** The open house will include a panel presentation/overview of OAG, breakout sessions on the hiring process and hiring committee and opportunities to meet and talk with representatives from various divisions, sections and agencies. All are welcome. Minority students are encouraged to attend.

### **\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION 1Ls\*\*\*\*\***

**Delaware Minority Job Fair for 1Ls:** 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 Eleventh 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 20, 2007**. The Job Fair, which is by invitation only, is limited to students who are in their first year of law school during the 2006-2007 school year. To become eligible for an invitation to the fair, you must complete an application form and return it via mail, fax or e-mail, along with your resume and college and law school transcripts (if available) no later than **Monday, December 11, 2006**. Please stop by the OCPD Front Desk to pick up an application form.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Arent Fox Diversity Scholarship Program for 1Ls:** This year, Arent Fox will provide a scholarship award in the amount of \$15,000 to two first-year law students. **Applications will be accepted from December 1, 2006, until January 15, 2007.** Please note that interviews will not be scheduled until after the application deadline. Students will interview for the scholarship opportunity in January and February, and winners will be announced by March 2007. For more information and to view the application, please visit [www.arentfox.com/diversityscholarship.html](http://www.arentfox.com/diversityscholarship.html).

**Fish & Richardson 1L Diversity Fellowship Program:** Fish & Richardson is pleased to announce its 1L Diversity Fellowship Program for 2007. The program is a key component of the firm's ongoing initiative to recruit, retain, and advance attorneys who

will contribute to the diversity of our practice and of the legal profession. Founded in 1878, F&R is one of the nation's largest law firms practicing exclusively in the areas of intellectual property, litigation, and corporate law. The Fish & Richardson 1L Diversity Fellowship Program is comprised of three components: (1) mentoring, (2) a \$5,000 scholarship, and (3) a paid summer associate position in the office of the student's choice. **Applications for the 2007 fellowship will be accepted from December 1, 2006 through January 16, 2007.** For more information about the Fellowship and to print out an application and a checklist of required support material, please visit <http://www.fr.com/diversity/DiversityFellowship.pdf>. For more information about Fish & Richardson, please visit [www.fr.com](http://www.fr.com).

**Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms Holiday Event:** Want to practice law in Chicago? Are you from the Chicago area? Will you be in Illinois or Missouri during your winter break? If you answered yes to any of these questions, consider attending the Chicago Committee on Minorities in Large Law Firms Holiday Event, "Sweet Home Chicago". Each year the Chicago Committee holds a holiday event for law students, with the express purpose of introducing the Chicago minority legal community to students who are interested in practicing in Chicago but attend law school elsewhere. In addition to attending the event, students should submit a resume with an RSVP, so it can be distributed in a Resume Book to our member firms. Each year many of our member firms hire students they meet at the "Sweet Home Chicago" event. The event will be held at *Sachnoff & Weaver Ltd.* (10 South Wacker Drive, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL) on **Thursday, December 28 from 5:30-7:30pm**. Please RSVP and send a resume by **December 8, 2006** to Christina Harris at [charris@chicagocommittee.org](mailto:charris@chicagocommittee.org).

**For more information on Diversity Initiatives, including *job fairs, scholarships/fellowships and networking opportunities*, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/jobfairs.cfm>.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LL.M. STUDENTS**  
**FROM ADRIANA VITO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER**  
**PROGRAMS**

**THE ART OF NETWORKING FOR FOREIGN LL.M. and S.J.D. STUDENTS**

Thanks to all the students who participated in this exciting event last Friday, November 10. I appreciate your interest in this program and I hope you benefited from the knowledge we shared with you. I also hope you managed to connect with students from other schools! Thanks!

**LUNCHEON WITH PRACTITIONERS ON NOVEMBER 17**

Our next Luncheon with Practitioners is coming up tomorrow (Friday, November 17) at 12:30pm in WCL room 601. Confirmed Speakers: Ms. Elizabeth Krukova, Partner, Immigration Capital Legal Services in Falls Church, VA; Ms. Darija Morozova, ILSP alumna, Associate at Immigration Capital Legal Services in Falls

**Church, VA; and Mr. Thomas Chabanis, ILSP alumnus, Associate at Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP in Washington, DC.** LL.M. students from ILSP and Law & Government Programs are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by sending an email with your name, country of origin and name of your LL.M. Program (ILSP or Law and Government) to [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) RSVPs are still being accepted today and tomorrow (Friday) until 11:00am. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!

**General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:**

I am available to meet with you for resume and cover letter review and to answer your job search questions. **You are required to attend a Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop before meeting with me** for an individual counseling appointment. To schedule an appointment, please contact the OCS front desk at (202) 274-4090 or stop by Suite 122. After obtaining an appointment with our front desk, please make sure you send me an email with your resume and/ or cover letter at least 48 hours prior to your appointment. My email address is [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) . Also, you may include information about your career goals in your email message. This information will help me better evaluate your needs and help you in a personalized manner.

**Drop-in Hours for Foreign LL.M. Students:**

I am also available to meet with you during my drop-in hours. Drop-in hours are designed for questions that require short discussion, usually 10 minutes or less. If you have a quick question to ask regarding your career development, job applications or resume and cover letter, please stop by our office in suite 122 during the following hours:

**Tuesdays: from 3:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Thursdays: from 11:00am to 12:00pm**

Students don't need an appointment to stop by during drop-in hours. Please keep in mind that issues that take longer than 10 minutes to resolve deserve a full counseling session by appointment and cannot be addressed during drop-in hours.

**\*\*\* Have a great weekend! \*\***

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**GENERAL REMINDERS FOR 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 & Professional Development 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](http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl).

**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)

**Did you know that you can use your eCampusRecruiter student profile to sign up for listservs in the area(s) of your interest(s)?** OCPD uses the information provided on the student profile to send targeted emails to students who express interest in a particular practice area or specialty. To enroll in a listserv, simply use the “Edit” option on your student profile and select any number of options under “Listservs.”

**OCPD Website:** Some portions of the OCPD 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.

### **OCPD Counseling Services:**

OCPD has seven 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 122.

#### **Traci Jenkins**

General counseling, domestic LL.M.s and second career JDs

[tjenkins@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tjenkins@wcl.american.edu)

#### **Claire Raj**

Public Interest and Government

[craj@wcl.american.edu](mailto:craj@wcl.american.edu)

#### **Matthew Pascocello**

Alumni, Domestic LL.M.s and 2nd Career J.D.s

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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 with 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 20, 2006**

**Monday, November 20**

**12-1:30pm, Rm 503**, The Gonzales Cases: How the Supreme Court Could Affect Women's Right to Choose

**12-1pm and 1-2pm, Rm 130**, 1L Resume Workshop

**4-5 PM, Rm 600**, **STUDENT** opportunity to meet with faculty candidate Stephen Vladeck

**Tuesday, November 21**

**12-1 PM, Rm 524**, a student sponsored, "What to Expect Next Semester" panel for 1L students

**12-1pm**, [andreamcomfort@yahoo.com](mailto:andreamcomfort@yahoo.com), Thanksgiving Lunch Celebration with the Christian Legal Society

**12 pm, Rm 601**, Summer Law Program in The Hague Information Session

**12-1pm and 1-2pm, Rm 130**, 1L Resume Workshop

