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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2007 SEMESTER

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 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.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2005 GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in May 2007, 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.

FALL 2006 EXAMS READY FOR PICK-UP: Many exams from the fall 2006 semester are now available for pick-up in room 304. If we do not yet have the exams for your class, you may contact the instructor directly.

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

Attention Bar Exam Applicants: Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application, please request as soon as possible. (for most states, applying early means avoiding late fees) Please be sure to carefully read **all** instructions before filing your bar exam applications. Each state has different requirements and procedures.

Go to barexam.org to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY UNIVERSITY CLOSING:

The decision to close the university or have a delayed opening is made by the Provost in consultation with the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management. In case of overnight snow and ice, the decision is made by 6:00 am. In cases of snow during the day, the decision to close fir evening classes will be made by 3:00 pm. Decisions to change a delayed opening to a closing will be made by 8:30 am. Decisions are made as early as possible, but often are affected by rapidly changing conditions. Circumstances considered in taking such decisions are: (1) conditions of campus, (2) conditions of roads and public transportation, and (3) predicted weather. All major TV and Radio stations will be notified as soon as decisions are made. The University Hotline number for information on closing is 202-885-1100. For individual cancellations of law classes students please call 202-274-4400.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE PROJECT

Come learn about a unique experiential learning opportunity to develop your knowledge of international human rights law! Every fall semester a small group of upper-level JD students assist Dean Grossman in preparing for the meetings of the United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT), a committee for which he is Vice Chair. The UN CAT Project includes a specialized seminar on the prohibition of torture, and a field component: attendance for one week at the official UN CAT meetings in Geneva during November. On **January 30, 2007, from 12:00-1:15 p.m. in room 401**, Dean Grossman, Jennifer de Laurentiis (Special Assistant to the Dean and UN CAT Project Coordinator), and student participants will discuss the Project and how to apply. Lunch will be provided.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

Sherry A. Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – sweaver@wcl.american.edu
Hours: 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Eighth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Program

Thanks to all who attended and participated in Tuesday's program. Your attendance insured that our program would be the wonderful and fitting tribute it turned out to be.

Hispanic Law Conference Awards

The Hispanic Law Conference Award Committee is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at the 10th Annual Hispanic Law Conference on March 7, 2007. Nominations can be **submitted on line** by current WCL faculty, staff, or students. All nominations must be received by the Hispanic Law Conference Award Selection Committee no later than **Friday, February 9, 2007**. Please refer general questions to Rita Montoya at rita.montoya@gmail.com.

The *Premio Inspiración* will be awarded to a **Juris Doctor student** who has demonstrated a commitment to the Latino/a community. All current 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls and 4Ls are eligible to be nominated. Form: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/diversity/pinom.cfm>.

The *Goldman-Grossman Award* in honor of Professor Robert Goldman and Dean Claudio Grossman, renowned experts in the Inter-American legal system and pioneers of the International Legal Studies Program, will be awarded to an **LLM student** who has demonstrated a commitment to the Latino/a community. Form: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/diversity/ggnom.cfm>.

Save these Dates

February 27 - 4:00 PM

March 7— 3:30-9:00

March 15-17

April 11-5:00 PM

April 14—10:00-4:00

Womble Carlyle Black History Month Event

10th Annual Hispanic Law Conference

South Asian Summit

“Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns”

11th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Spring Disbursements

Contact the office if your financial aid funds have not been applied to your account.

Refunds

Submit your request to studentaccounts@american.edu; be sure to use your AU assigned account. The timeline for processing refunds is established by the Student Accounts Office but generally takes three to five days once all is in place.

Dean’s Fellow Payments

The first payment of spring Dean’s Fellow awards (non work-study appointments) is scheduled for January 31.

2007-2008 Financial Aid Priority Deadline - March 1, 2007

FAFSA applications can now be filed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Need Access application for WCL grant support is available at www.needaccess.org. Please note that FAFSA data must be on file for summer aid processing. . *Note: The Stafford loan limit is increased from \$18,500 to \$20,500 per year with loans issued for 2007-08.*

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, 2007

Chief Justice Doolin Writing Competition – **Deadline:** March 15, 2007

Ed Edmondson Scholarship – **Deadline:** May 5, 2007

**DE-DC-MD Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc
Scholarship-**

Deadline: February 15, 2007

- Roscoe Pound Institute Awards** *Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest-* and *Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women in Health Care Law* **Deadline:** March 9, 2007. Details at www.poundinstitute.org

- **Arent Fox Diversity Scholarship** for 1Ls. Deadline: January 15, 2007.

Apply at 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

Jan Jancin Competition and Sidney B. Williams Diversity Scholarships are available. Information can be found at 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.*

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 515 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: 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. Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type "subscribe pi_wcl" without the quotes.

NOMINATE A CURRENT STUDENT OR WCL ALUM FOR THE 2007 PETER M. CICCHINO PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD: The awards are given annually in honor of former WCL Professor Peter M. Cicchino, who passed away in 2000. Prof. Cicchino was a brilliant scholar and teacher, and a brave and creative public interest lawyer, who among many other accomplishments founded the Lesbian and Gay Youth Project at the Urban Justice Center in New York City. Three awards will be given to recognize the accomplishments of one WCL student and two alumni who exemplify the highest level of dedication to

working with marginalized and underserved communities in the U.S. and abroad. Award recipients will be recognized at the Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner later this spring with the presentation of a plaque and a cash award. **Nomination forms are due February 9 and may be picked up in the display rack outside the Office of Public Interest in Suite 122 or can be printed from the web at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/cicchino.cfm>.**

Registration now open for the 13th Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference! February 23 - 25, 2007, Yale Law School. RebLaw is the largest student-run public interest conference in the country. Each year, we bring together practitioners, law students, and community activists to discuss innovative approaches to law and social change. This year's panels include topics ranging from school integration to labor trafficking to anarchist lawyering. For more information check out <http://islandia.law.yale.edu/reblaw/index.html>.

Robert M. Cover Public Interest Law Retreat, *Lawyering for Social Change*, March 2-4, Sargent Center, Peterborough, New Hampshire. Each year, the Cover Retreat brings together students, legal practitioners and faculty for a weekend of inspiring public interest discussions and fun. For more information on the East Coast's annual public interest law retreat, email Theresa.Sgobba@yale.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series Returns January 31st at 12:30 in Room 500: Professor Polikoff kicks off the spring roundtable season with a discussion of traditional and non-traditional families and marriage policies. **Participation is limited to encourage interactive discussion. Please RSVP to soulouta@yahoo.com.** Pizza will be provided.

Postgraduate Fellowship Workshop, February 13th at noon in room 500: A must-attend session for students planning to apply for Equal Justice Works or Skadden post-graduate public interest fellowships. Mainly for 2Ls, the workshop will discuss the application and selection process, timelines and application strategy. **Space is limited and students must RSVP in advance through eCampus Recruiter.**

Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Office of Public Interest: A Luncheon Symposium on the Role of Sports in Advancing Civil Rights, February 20th at Noon
Join us in celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Office of Public Interest by exploring the role athletics and Title IX in advancing the rights of women, people with disabilities, racial and sexual minorities in the U.S. An open discussion will follow. The program is co-sponsored by the Women's Law Association, the Sports Law Association and the Public Interest Student Coalition.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

Remember to turn in your fall semester/winter break pro bono hours! Student time logs can be turned in to the front desk in suite 122. Blank copies of the time log can be picked up from the display rack outside the Office of Public Interest.

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

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL
EDUCATION**

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Upcoming Events!

Opportunities Day
Date: 1/18/07
Times: 12:00pm - 1:30PM

**And 4:00pm-6:00pm
Room 603 and the Dining Room**

**Alvina Reckman-Myers First Year Moot Court
Date 1/21 and 22/07**

**Presentation by Justice Albie Sachs, South Africa Constitutional Court, on
Enforcement of Social and Economic Rights
Date 1/22/07
Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm
Room 603**

**A Tour of the Constitutional Court of South Africa with Justice Albie Sachs
Date: 1/24/07
Time: 12:00pm-1:30pm
Room 603**

**WCL Externship Fair
Date: 1/25/07
Time: 4:00 pm -6:00 pm
Dining Room**

Save the Dates: Spring 2007

JANUARY

JANUARY 30	The United Nations Committee Against Torture Project
JANUARY 30	International Efforts to Combat Racial Discrimination
JANUARY 31	Fleeing Persecution: Religion and Immigration
JANUARY 31	The American Prosecutor: Power, Discretion and Accountability
JANUARY 31	Civil Liberties: U.S. and Israel

**FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FALL PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT
WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE**

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

SUMMER PROGRAM

Three Intensive Weeks: May 29 – June 15, 2007

The Summer Program offers a unique opportunity for current LLM students since you can apply **up to seven credits** of the Summer Program towards their degree in this three-week program.

The Summer Program offers courses in English and Spanish to **students**, scholars and activists of human rights law, offering them the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and to network with other experts in the field. The Academy offers a broad spectrum of important courses spanning the field of human rights law, a unique blend of theory and practical experience, and is taught by renowned experts in this critical area.

For additional information please visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/> or contact us at hracademy@wcl.american.edu.

Please see below for the courses we are offering this summer and the faculty that will be teaching.

FOCUS ON A COURSE

Please read more about one of the courses of this year's Summer Program and the faculty member who will teach it:

EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW taught by ***LEO ZWAAK***

The course begins with international standards in the field of human rights, including the role of human rights in international law covering such topics as: subjects and sources, state responsibility, reservations, and derogations. This course will review the individual petition system and the mechanisms for supervision of the commitments of the state parties under the European Convention, including: the functioning of the European Court of Human Rights, and the role of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to supervise the enforcement of the judgments of the Court. This course will focus on the role of legal practitioners in the implementation and application of this regional treaty. An in-depth study will be made of human rights litigation in domestic courts and international tribunals. With the help of the European Digest relating to the Strasbourg Case, the course will analyze the interpretation and application of the provisions laid down in the European Convention. In addition, the course will analyze the extent to which norms of international human rights have penetrated areas of criminal law and criminal proceedings, civil and administrative proceedings, family law, and immigration law.

LEO ZWAAK is a Senior Researcher at the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) and University Lecturer, Utrecht University. Professor Zwaak is currently involved in two projects: the Digest of Strasbourg Case-Law Relating to the European Convention on Human Rights and the Council of Europe and Gross and Systematic Violations of Human Rights in Europe: the Case of Turkey. The Digest project (in cooperation with Council of Europe, Directorate of Human Rights; Professor P. van Dijk, co-editor) is designed to meet the needs of all those who are required to be, or have an interest in becoming, familiar with the case-law of the organs of the European Convention on Human Rights. The present project is an up-date of a six-volume publication on the case-law of the European Commission and Court of Human Rights, covering the period from 1955 to 1996. The Digest is regularly updated. The second project addresses the question of whether the mechanisms under the European Convention on Human Rights will be effective in case of gross and systematic violations of human rights. The case of Turkey

shows that the present mechanism lacks effectiveness when dealing with gross violations. Professor Zwaak received his LLM from Utrecht University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law

March 9-10, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Room 603

The 2007 Second Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law will continue the cycle of yearly meetings devoted to the discussion of issues that are at the core of the development and sustainability of the Inter-American Human Rights System, as well as the understanding of key issues relevant to human rights in the Americas. This event will convene policy makers and representatives from academia, NGO's, States and international organizations in an open academic environment to address the aspects that are crucial for the future of this regional system. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to open a venue, through several open panels, where representatives of different sectors can gather to debate the current practices of the regional system and define the human rights and development agenda to ensure effectiveness of this and other human rights systems in the future. For more information contact the Academy at hracademy@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4070.

12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, May 20 – May 25, 2007

Every year the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law welcomes students from all over the world to participate in one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish, Portuguese) moot court competitions based on the Inter-American human rights legal system. Students argue the merits of a hypothetical case based on a cutting-edge topic currently being debated within the system. During the week-long event, over 150 students will participate in oral round sessions judged by local and international attorneys. In addition, they will visit local and international institutions, such as the U.S. Congress and Supreme Court, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, as well as well-known NGOs such as Human Rights Watch and CEJIL. Students will also network with WCL faculty, local human rights attorneys, and members of the diplomatic corps and other long-time supporters of the Competition during various events planned for the week. The week culminates with the highly anticipated and well-attended Final Round. All events are open to the public.

Contact: Kristin Viken, Competition Coordinator, 202-274-4215, iamoot@wcl.american.edu, or visit us on the web: wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt/

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!!**

APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 22, 2007 AT 12PM

The Center's Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of highly qualified, creative students committed to human rights advocacy. The SAB provides students interested in and committed to human rights the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementation of Center programming, to learn tangible skills for effective advocacy and activism, and to attend special SAB events and receptions. SAB members meet weekly with Center Executive Director Hadar Harris and participate in monthly skills development seminars that focus on topics like grant proposal writing, public speaking, lobbying and more. SAB members commit to volunteering at least 15 hours per month to Center projects and serve from February to February. ***Applications are due at the Center NO LATER than 12pm on Monday, January 22, 2007.*** The application is available on the Center's website at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/sab.cfm. ***Please include in your application four times you have available for interview during the week of February 5th.***

HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

The Human Rights Brief, a publication of the Washington College of Law, American University, is currently accepting submissions from academics, practitioners, and scholars on current developments and issues in domestic and international human rights. Articles should be no longer than 3,500 words and must maintain a legal focus. A complete list of submission guidelines may be found online at:

www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief. If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact the Human Rights Brief at chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu or hrbrief@wcl.american.edu. Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you.

SIGN UP FOR THE CENTER'S LISTSERV!

For those of you that have not already signed up for the Center's list serve, please see instructions on how to join by visiting the Center's website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GENOCIDE TEACHING PROJECT TO HOLD A GTP SUMMIT

Friday, January 19, 2007, 10:30am-12:30pm, WCL Rm. 601

The Genocide Teaching Project is rapidly expanding and we need your help to determine in which direction it goes. As the NGO community becomes increasingly more interested in implementing human rights education programs in DC public high schools, the GTP needs to rethink the role that law students can play in this growing field. All are invited to participate in this discussion. Snacks will be provided. For more information, please email humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

UGANDA: THE INVISIBLE CHILDREN – FILM SCREENING

Tuesday, January 23rd, 6:30pm-8pm, WCL Rm. 603

Join Action for Human Rights for a screening of the documentary, Invisible Children followed by a discussion with experts on the Ugandan conflict! This documentary was filmed by three young Americans, Jason Russell, Bobby Bailey, and Laren Poole. They made the film when their original travels took an unexpected turn, and they ended up stranded in Northern Uganda. They discovered children being kidnapped nightly from their homes and subsequently forced to fight as child soldiers. The film is dedicated to exposing this tragic and amazingly untold story.

Dinner will be served!

DON'T MISS THE FIRST COFFEE HOUR OF THE SPRING!

Wednesday, January 24th, 8:30am-10am, WCL 6th Floor Student Lounge

Join us for the first coffee hour of the semester! As always we will be serving fresh bagels, donuts, organic coffee, and tea. Additionally, we will be serving fresh fruit and juice! We will be screening a fifteen minute documentary on Uganda, *The Shadows of Peace: Life after the LRA*, throughout the morning along with an informal discussion with experts. Come join us and give us suggestions as we continue to try to improve morning coffee hour! For more information, please contact Miranda Joliceur at miranda246@aol.com.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES

Wednesday, January 31, 2007, 6:30pm-8pm, WCL Rm. 603

Join us for a discussion of how two democracies, the United States and Israel, are dealing (both successfully and unsuccessfully) with striking a balance between human rights and national security. Leading jurists from the US and Israel will discuss domestic and international responses. This event is in honor of the US-Israel Civil Liberties Fellowship Program and is cosponsored by the New Israel Fund and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. For more information, please email humlaw@wcl.american.edu. To register, please visit http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT OF CHINA'S INVESTMENT IN AFRICA: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Friday, February 2, 2007, 9:30am-12pm, WCL Rm. 603

Join us as the Center hosts a roundtable discussion on the human rights implications of China's expanding investment in Africa. The program will discuss the human rights impact through trade, investment, and corporate social responsibility, with experts from each field. For more information, please email humlaw@wcl.american.edu. Please register for this event on the Special Events website: http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200 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

2007 EXTERNSHIP FAIR: THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH

DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT!

When: *Thursday, January 25, 2007; 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

Who: *All interested students.*

First-year students are assigned specific times by section:

- Section 3 and Section 4 → 4:00 – 5:00.
- Section 1 and Section 2 and Evening Students → 5:00 – 6:00.

Upper class students should attend anytime.

Where: *6th floor Dining & Lobby Area.*

What to wear: *Business casual attire.*

What to bring: *Updated resumes.*

What: The annual 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.

Over 130 legal organizations will be represented. Check out the list of attendees online (http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/employer_fair.cfm).

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS!

The Externship Program has developed an exciting and impressive International Database based on months of research and networking. Students interested in externing abroad should review the database and make an appointment to meet with Avis Sanders, Externship Director. Go to our website at www.wcl.american.edu/externship select *Employer Database*; enter your Novell username and password; then select *International Database* from the top left-hand menu.

SUMMER 2007

The **Summer 2007 Student Manual *Nuts 'n Bolts*** is available on the wall rack outside of the Externship Office. Please read the manual before making an appointment to speak with an Externship staff member. Do not miss the Fair if you want to extern this summer!

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. Please note that during the next two weeks, availability to speak with students is limited due to Fair preparations.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The International Legal Studies Program will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on March 26th and 27th with a mix of professional and social activities. We will be showcasing different panels with speakers drawn from distinguished alumni, international experts, WCL faculty, and government officials. In addition there will be networking opportunities, including a cocktail party at Winston & Strawn, LLP and a gala dinner.

Please go to http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/25th_anniversary_agenda_white.pdf?rd=1) to see the full agenda. If you have any questions please contact Philippa Moore, Event Organizer, at pmoore@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4113. You may RSVP at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/rsvp.cfm>.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION OVER WINTER BREAK WHILE WE RECARPETED THE LIBRARY AND REFURBISHED THE CIRCULATION DESK. BE SURE AND STOP BY TO SEE THE IMPROVEMENTS!

Need help researching your paper or comment? 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.

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 and choose MyLeagle to check the status of materials you have borrowed from the library and renew them as necessary. WCL students may check circulating material out for 3 weeks and materials that are on reserve for 2 hours. Books and other materials returned late may be subject to fines. For further information, see the information relating to the Library's circulation policies posted at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/circulation.cfm> .

Need to borrow a book that the Pence Law Library doesn't own? Be sure and register to use ILLiad, our interlibrary loan system at

<http://library.wcl.american.edu/ill.cfm>. The usual turnaround time for obtaining a book through ILL is about 5 to 7 business days, but hard to find books may take as long as three weeks so don't wait until just before a paper is due to request a book through ILL. If you need to keep items borrowed through ILL longer than you anticipated, you must renew them at least three days **before the due date**. Requesting a renewal does not guarantee that the lender will agree to the request. Keeping your items longer weakens our relationships with lenders and is also unfair to others who wish to borrow the same item to conduct their research.

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.

Calling all students whose articles have been published... If you have an article accepted for publication, or recently published, by any law review or other scholarly journal, please send your name, article title, and journal title to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources. We hold a reception in early March to honor student scholarship efforts each spring and we don't want to leave anyone out. Send your information to bkaufman@wcl.american.edu before February 15.

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is beginning the process of choosing Marshall-Brennan Fellows for the 2007-2008 academic year. Fellows are WCL law students who teach courses in constitutional law and/or juvenile justice in public or public charter high schools in Washington, D.C. and in one Montgomery County, Maryland school. Fellows teach in teams for the entire academic year and are typically in class two or three times each week. In addition to the core curriculum, Fellows help their students prepare for a moot court competition, counsel them about college applications and the job market, and work with them on civic participation issues such as voter registration.

The application process involves several steps, leading to a competitive selection of approximately 50 WCL students. First-year students are eligible to apply as long as they will complete constitutional law before they start teaching in September, 2007. To apply, students will need to fill out an information form, then complete an application packet, visit a school and guest-teach a class for at least 30 minutes, and finally have an interview with Steve Wermiel who is associate director of the Marshall-Brennan Project. Most or all of this process must take place between about February 1 and Spring Break.

To find out more about what Marshall-Brennan is and how it works, and to learn more about the application process, you have these options:

- 1) The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project will have an info session on **Thursday, January 25 from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. in Room 100**. We will provide pizza and sodas and be available to answer your questions and talk about the program.
- 2) You can visit Steve Wermiel in Room 515C or send him questions at swermiel@wcl.american.edu or call him at 202-274-4263.

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.

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. Applications are now being accepted for summer positions.

Volunteers:

Students with an interest in public international law are encouraged to volunteer at the WCRO.

- All students are invited to take part in Status Updates teams, in which students monitor the activities of international courts and tribunals, summarizing their findings and reporting them to the WCRO. Teams will meet at the WCRO every other week beginning in mid- to late January. All past volunteers will be contacted; new students should e-mail the WCRO for more information.
- We often need assistance with discrete legal research, editing or spading projects. Volunteers who express interest will be contacted as projects arise.

Full descriptions of opportunities are available under the "Getting Involved" link on our website: www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes. For more information, contact us via email at warcrimes@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4067.

Summer Law Program in The Hague: June 1-30, 2007

The Summer Law Program in The Hague is a new, six-credit summer program that includes two three-credit courses: *International Criminal Law* and *International Legal Approaches to Terrorism*. The program is the product of a unique collaboration between the War Crimes Research Office and the T.M.C. Asser Institute, one of the most prominent research institutes of international law in Europe. Course faculty is comprised of judges, prosecutors and other staff from organizations such as the International

Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, as well as faculty members from WCL and the T.M.C. Asser Institute. Integral to the curriculum are site visits to major courts and legal organizations located in The Hague.

We strongly encourage students interested in the program to submit applications as early as possible, as enrollment is limited. **Brochures with application forms** are available from the War Crimes Research Office, on the program website at www.wcl.american.edu/hague or by e-mailing hagueprogram@wcl.american.edu.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **SBA Senate meeting** will be on **Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. 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 no later than 6:30 PM on January 29. The email must include what you wish to address as well as a copy of any documents you wish to present at the meeting. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Fellow WCL students,

Over the past semester the SBA has been working with main campus administrators to improve **shuttle service** to and from the law school. Many variables are being addressed as we make tentative changes to the schedule – these include reducing idling time and improving routes, for example. In consultation with the Transportation Services department we have implemented the following changes to the WCL-Metro shuttle which will begin on January 21, 2007 on a TRIAL basis. The trial will run for 30 days through February 21, 2007.

The Monday – Friday shuttles will limit the idle time between runs:

- Peak service (8:00 am to noon; 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm): shuttles will provide service at each endpoint every 10 minutes instead of every 15 minutes.
- Off-peak service: shuttles will provide service at each endpoint every 20 minutes.

Weekend Service will be added:

- Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
- Sundays from 9:00 am to midnight

Thank you for your patience as we deal with these changes. Additionally, we need your help to make sure this runs as smoothly as possible by doing the following:

- Please allot an extra ten minutes in your schedule to accommodate any problems in bus service.
- Please contact us with any concerns or suggestions at: sba@wcl.american.edu

Respectfully,

Jon D. Feere, President, Student Bar Association

Karim Marshall, Senator, Transportation Liaison, Student Bar Association

EJF

MANDATORY EJF MEETING

Equal Justice Foundation Selection Criteria Information Sessions

Are you planning to apply for an EJF grant for your public interest work this summer? If so, you **MUST** attend one of two EJF Selection Criteria Info Sessions.

We will take attendance at these meetings. Come to the meeting with any questions related to the selection process. Contact EJF Selection Committee Chair Monique Beadle – mbeadle@gmail.com with concerns or further questions.

Tuesday, Jan. 23rd 12:00 – 1:00 Room 524

Thursday, Jan. 25th 12:00 – 1:00 Room 401

Health Law & Justice Initiative

(HLJI) is looking for its next Executive Board! We will hold elections at the end of February for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Events Coordinator. The only requirement is that you be interested in health law and in keeping the momentum of HLJI going through the next school year (no specific health law experience or knowledge necessary). **HLJI will hold information sessions about the organization and executive board on Tuesday, January 23 at 10 p.m. in room 402 and Wednesday January 24 at 12:30 p.m. in room 627.** If you are unable to make the informational meetings, but still interested, please contact us at hlji@wcl.american.edu.

Modern American

Call for Class Papers- The Modern American , WCL's publication dedicated to diversity and the law, is expanding to promote publication opportunities for WCL students. Many law professors now require class papers instead of exams in complex theory courses. The paper length requirements (10-45 pages double spaced including footnotes) as well as the conversational tone and reader-friendly citations conform easily to our publication standards. We believe that issues of race, gender, class, religion, and sexuality are pervasive throughout all legal fields and we welcome class papers from all classes so long as the scope of the paper includes an aspect of diversity. We also welcome and encourage diversity in ideology and politics.

Submissions will be considered for publication in the Spring 2007 or Summer 2007 issues.

For more information, please see our publication on the stands and check out our website at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/> .

Submissions should be emailed in Word format to tma@wcl.american.edu .

Moot Court Honor Society

Spring Qualifying Tournament Competition Info

Registration:

- January 22 to 30 - online (<<ADDRESS>>)
 - By registering online you will only be adding your name to the competition list. To officially be registered you also need to pay the \$ 15 fee in person on the 29th or 30th
- Tuesday, January 23 at the Info Sessions
- Monday and Tuesday, January 29 and 30 - in person (you can also just chose this method)

Information Session

- Tuesday, January 23 at noon and 8:00pm in room 602

The problem will be available online:

- Tuesday, January 30th at 10 pm

There will be a Brief Writing Workshop:

- Thursday, February 1, at noon and 10 pm in room 602

Briefs must be turned in:

- Tuesday, February 13, between 4 and 8 pm in the Moot Court Office (room 542)
- You need to turn in 5 copies of the brief
- You can have someone else turn your brief in for you, it does not need to be done by the person who wrote it, but it must be physically delivered.)
- Your brief will be worth 50% of your competition score

Oral arguments will take place:

- Saturday, February 24 (check-in from 8:15 to 8:55am)

For oral arguments:

- You will argue both on and off brief (on brief means the side you wrote your brief for)
- You will argue once during the morning round and once during the afternoon round
- Each argument will be worth 25% of your total competition score

If you have any other questions contact the competition directors:

- Maureen Dollinger (maureendollinger@yahoo.com)
- Gwen McKee (gwen.mckee@gmail.com)

SALSA

The South Asian Law Student Association is **meeting on Monday, January 22nd at Noon in Room 601**. We have a great semester ahead of us and we invite you to join us in organizing wonderful events. Everyone is welcome!

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. Ira Robbins seeks to hire one or more Dean's Fellows/Research Assistants to work this summer (and perhaps into next academic year) in one or more of the following areas: criminal law, prisoners' rights, habeas corpus, death penalty, judicial process, and philosophy. Interested students should apply by putting a cover letter, résumé, photocopy of unofficial law school transcript/grade report, and writing sample in Professor Robbins' mailbox in Room 467 (or slip it under his office door, Room 322). In addition, please indicate the nature of your other commitments for the summer and coming year. The

work will be substantially full time in the summer and 15-20 hours a week during the school year.

Professor Ala'i is seeking one Deans Fellow for Spring 2007. Applicants must be willing to work 10 hours a week. Research is in the areas of international trade law with particular emphasis on the World Trade Organization (WTO), the relationship between the WTO and domestic governance, and history of free trade and colonialism. Applicants please submit resume and transcript, including your contact information to Karen Currie in Room 349. Deadline for all applications is Friday January 19, 2007.

Prof. Brenda V. Smith seeks Dean's Fellows for the Spring 2007, to work 10-20 hours per week. Dean's Fellows will provide research and assistance with projects on legal issues related criminal justice. Specifically the topics to be worked on include sexual abuse in correctional facilities, implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act, and assistance 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 simonian@wcl.american.edu.

Professor Ruskola is looking for a Dean's Fellow for 10 hours per week for this semester to assist him on a project involving the history of Western international law in China. The work will be largely bibliographic and will require good typing skills. If you are interested, please e-mail a resume and cover letter to his assistant, Frankie Winchester, at fwinche@wcl.american.edu. If you have questions, you may also contact his assistant at 202-274-4126 or come by her office in Room 405.

CALLING ALL DOCTORS- JD/MD Students - we know you're out there and we need your help! As we prepare for our upcoming competition, the Gourley Mock Trial Competition team is looking for doctors who are willing to play expert witnesses and explain medical terminology. If interested, please contact Pavy at pavymram@gmail.com.

The Clinical Program is seeking a Dean's Fellows who speaks Spanish and/or French (but primarily a Spanish speaker is needed) to work with student attorneys in the program performing interpretation and translation duties. You will work with the student attorneys and perform such duties as making phone calls to clients, assisting at client meetings and working on documents as necessary. You will be required to fill out an interpreter screening form to assess your level of language expertise. The position is for 10 hours a week. You will be required to be in the program office during your Dean's Fellow hours. For more details, and to submit your letter of interest and qualifications and resume, please contact Maribel Yamat at 274-4147 or myamat@wcl.american.edu. Full time first year students are not eligible.

The Women and the Law Program is looking for an energetic Dean's Fellow for the Spring Semester. Responsibilities include organizing and assisting with Founders' events supporting feminist scholarship at WCL, communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study gender and the law at WCL, and managing the

list serve, website and database we use to communicate with the campus community, potential students and women's rights groups around the globe. Organizational and writing skills are important. A 10 hour/week commitment is required. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Angie McCarthy at angiem@wcl.american.edu with "Spring Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

The Impact Litigation Project is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the spring with the potential to continue through the summer semester to work on freedom of expression cases. The Project receives grant funding to promote the rule of law and democracy within the region through international litigation of pivotal cases selected by experts for maximum ability to shape and change policy and legislation within the region, and to advance debate and changes to human rights standards. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; gain experience in human rights international litigation; and get an inside look at impact litigation strategy-drafting. The Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 10 hours per week researching and drafting legal memoranda as well as providing administrative support for the office. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow spring 2007" in the subject line by January 22.

The Office of Grants and Programs and the International Arbitration Program are seeking to hire a Dean's Fellow (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the International Arbitration and the Environmental Law Summer Sessions; three exchange visitor programs hosting law students and faculty from Korea, Japan, and Turkey; events for the International Arbitration Program; the China Rule of Law Project; and other related activities.

Interested students should apply by submitting a resume, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample in our office mailbox in Room 465 by Tuesday, January 30. Questions can be directed to Aurora Carmichael at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4317. Prior office experience is preferred.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: The Impact Litigation Project is seeking 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This is an ideal opportunity for students who have an interest in international human rights law to become familiar with international organizations in this field. Please let us know if you are interested in the project. For more information or questions, visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/> or contact Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu

GET INVOLVED WITH THE ACADEMY

There are different ways you can get involved with the Academy. Please see below for our current job openings and volunteer opportunities.

DEAN'S FELLOWS

One Position Available with the Summer Program

We are looking for a Dean's Fellow 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. This position 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. Please submit your cover letter and resume to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu. On the subject line please write "Dean's Fellow Spring 2007".

One Position Available with the 12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

The Competition is looking for a highly-motivated a Dean's Fellow 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 15 hours a week. If you are interested in applying, please send a cover letter and résumé to Kristin Viken, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu with "Dean's Fellow Spring 2007 – Spanish" 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.

PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Academy is looking for a part time assistant to work 27 hours per week providing administrative support and conducting legal research in international human rights law as needed. The position also includes supervising volunteers.

Excellent writing skills in English and knowledge of Spanish are essential. Part-time ILs 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 writing sample (10 pages max.) to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Part-Time Assistant Spring 2007" in the subject line.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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 host an awesome Salsa-dancing party!

- Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, and plan the various events of the Competition. 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 or at 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt.
- The Competition is also 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!

Oxford University Press Project

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for self-motivated WCL students, interested in collaborating with an exciting project with Oxford University Press. The project entails drafting summaries in English of the Inter-American Court and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights decisions from their Spanish or English original versions. Thus we are seeking two types of volunteers: those who will summarize and translate from *Spanish to English* and those who will summarize from *English to English*. This is a great opportunity for students with excellent writing skills to contribute to widen the international recognition of the Inter-American Human Rights System. The Academy seeks 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This project is eligible to fulfill your Pro Bono Honors Pledge. If you are interested in applying, please send your cover letter and résumé to hracademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Spring 2007" in the subject line.

War Crimes Research Office SUMMER 2007 Dean's Fellows: 20 HOURS/WEEK

The War Crimes Research Office seeks two to three Dean's Fellows to work in our offices in this summer. JD (rising 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 public 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 a minimum of 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 **Friday, February 2nd at 5pm.**

If you have any questions, 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 Clinical Program is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation and simulation role playing. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, please see Maribel Yamat in Room 417 to fill out the appropriate forms. If you have questions, you can contact her at myamat@wcl.american.edu or stop by Room 417. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Hispanic Law Conference Award Committee is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at the 10th Annual Hispanic Law Conference on March 7, 2007. Nominations can be made by current WCL faculty, staff or students. All nominations must be received by the Hispanic Law Conference Award Selection Committee no later than Friday, February 9, 2007. Please refer questions to Rita Montoya at rita.montoya@gmail.com.

Please submit nomination forms on-line.

The Premio Inspiración will be awarded to a Juris Doctor student who has demonstrated a commitment to the Latino/a community. All current 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls and 4Ls are eligible to be nominated. Form: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/diversity/pinom.cfm>.

The Goldman-Grossman Award in honor of Professor Robert Goldman and Dean Claudio Grossman, renowned experts in the Inter-American legal system and pioneers of the International Legal Studies Program, will be awarded to an LLM student who has demonstrated a commitment to the Latino/a community. Form: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/diversity/ggnom.cfm>.

Women Basketball Players of all levels - Sign up for any of following 3 opportunities with the Georgetown Lady Lawyers League! It's a great way to get in shape and have fun. And last but not least, participating will create great networking opportunities with lawyers from several law firms

and government agencies, in addition to law students from the other area schools.

Spring League - Games will be on Wednesday nights from February 28th - May 2nd.

They will be held at the Georgetown Law Center and will run from approximately 7 pm until about 10:30 pm.

Women's Fantasy Camp/Adult Skills Clinic at Georgetown's Main Campus and will be held from 10 am - 1 pm on Sunday January 28th. Faculty and new players can attend for free.

The Lady Lawyers Tournament will be held on February 10th and you can sign up individually, or as a team.

Please contact getinthegamehoops@gmail.com or Eriade Hunter at eriadeh@hotmail.com for more information.

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.

OPEN TO ALL WCL WOMEN: 2007 V-DAY at WCL, "Reclaiming Peace

*A production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues Auditions will be held on **Thursday, January 25th, 6PM-8:30PM AND Monday, January 29th, 4PM-6:30PM, Room TBA soon.** You can bring the monologue of your choice or try out by reading one of the three provided. Also, no acting experience is required and the acting parts are open to students, faculty and staff members. Please note that you do NOT have to memorize the monologues. Whether or not you plan on attending the auditions, the production will take place on Thursday, February 15th and Friday, February 16th at 6:30PM on both dates. Please contact either Colleen (mulcrone777@yahoo.com) or Cheryl (c_r_levine@yahoo.com) with any questions. Hope to see you at the auditions!!

VITA TRAINING-Sunday January 21 - room 602, 9 AM - 5 PM . Training to be a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteer, to help low income people fill out their tax returns

this spring, will be available at WCL on Sunday January 21 from 9 AM - 5 PM. Prior to the training you MUST go register to be a volunteer at the following website:

www.dceitc.org.

Once at the website click on the Volunteer Application Form link to register. Anyone who takes the training must volunteer at least four times at the Martin Luther King Library VITA

site in downtown Washington DC. The VITA program runs between January 30, 2005 and April 15, 2005. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT SERVICE THAT HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE

WCL TAX CLINIC. VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED. If you have questions, please check with Professors Abramowitz or Westbrook.

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

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

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Spring Recruitment Information Session: OCPD will offer a final information session for students interested in learning more about the spring recruitment process. The session will be held on *Thursday, January 18th from 12-1:30pm in Room 401.* If you are unable to attend, the session will be podcast. If you plan to attend, please register under the "Events" section of eCampusRecruiter as *pizza will be provided.*

Spring Recruitment is the process by which many employers, including government agencies, public interest organizations, judges, medium and small law firms and corporations interview for summer and immediate post-graduate legal positions. Starting in mid-January, 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 OCPD collect the submission materials for interested students (“Resume Collection”). Positions on eCampus relating to the OCPD 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 OCPD.**

The Art of Networking – Did you know that certain statistics suggest that over 80% of job opportunities are unadvertised? Find out how to tap into this Hidden Job Market through using effective networking skills. On **Tuesday, January 23rd from 12-1:30pm in Room 401**, OCPD will host a session to teach you the essentials of networking through role-plays highlighting different scenarios, such as informational interviews, career fairs, receptions, and chance encounters. You should leave this session feeling more comfortable about networking and have strategies for making it pay off for you in the future. *Please register under the “Events” section of eCampusRecruiter if you plan to attend.*

Applications for Spring 2007 Dean’s Fellow are now being accepted! The Office of Career & Professional Development seeks a Dean's Fellow for 10 hours per week to assist with various administrative projects and possibly some internet research throughout the summer. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Access and Excel preferred. If interested, please email a resume and cover letter to Traci Mundy Jenkins, OCPD Director, at tjenkins@wcl.american.edu. This position is available immediately.

****3L/4L COUNSELING WEEK****

OCPD is hosting *3L/4L Counseling Week* from Monday, January 29 – Friday, February 2. To schedule a counseling appointment, stop by the Front Desk in Suite 122 or call 202-274-4090. Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

The National Council of Women’s Organizations: seeks an intern to assist NCWO’s Women’s Health Task Force. The successful applicant will be a self-starter who works efficiently with minimal supervision, will be well versed in public health policy (especially women’s health), and will have excellent research and writing skills. The NCWO Women’s Health Task Force intern will be paid \$10 per hour and will be required to work a minimum of 24 hours per week. Applicants are being considered on a rolling basis. Organization looking to fill the position as soon as possible. See eCampus Recruiter for complete posting.

U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Chief Counsel for Industry & Security (OCC), is Seeking SPRING 2007 Interns! OCC provides legal support to the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). BIS is responsible for a broad range of programs relating to all aspects of international trade and domestic business that affect U.S. national security, nonproliferation, or foreign policy interests. Interns will assist OCC attorneys with various aspects of the work of OCC. Interns will do legal research and writing, work on cases, attend intra-agency, interagency, and Capitol Hill meetings and hearings, and complete other projects as assigned by OCC attorneys. Applicants must have completed 1 year of law school and be a U.S. citizen. Additional information on OCC and BIS can be found at the Office of General Counsel and BIS websites, which are located at www.ogc.doc.gov and www.bis.doc.gov, respectively. Please see eCampus Recruiter for the complete posting and application details.

Summer Funding Grant For FCC and/or Communication Law: The Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation will award stipends to law students from its Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund. In 2007, the Foundation will award five (5) \$4,000 stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other government agencies or entities with jurisdiction over the communications industry. In addition, the Foundation will select one outstanding intern among the five chosen to receive an additional stipend of \$600 for the summer.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2007

Kerry Loughney
FCBA Foundation
1020 19th Street, NW
Suite 325
Washington, DC 20036

Applicants may be asked to interview with members of the Foundation Board; interviews may be conducted by telephone. Winners will be notified by Friday, April 13, 2007. **To see the application, go to:** http://www.fcba.org/foundation/internship_stipends.shtml.

Postgraduate Fellowship Workshop, February 13th at noon in room 500: A must-attend session for students planning to apply for Equal Justice Works or Skadden post-graduate public interest fellowships. Mainly for 2Ls, the workshop will discuss the application and selection process, timelines and application strategy. Space is limited and students must RSVP in advance through eCampus Recruiter.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

“CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CLERKSHIPS” LUNCHEON SERIES:
Weeks of February 12th and 19th

Interested in finding out more about judicial clerkships and internships? Planning to apply for post-graduate clerkships? Curious about how judges hire interns?

Don't miss this opportunity to have lunch with current judicial clerks/alumni working in federal and state courts throughout the DC area. These current judicial clerks are interested in talking with you about:

- their clerkship experience
- the role of an intern in their court or chambers
- tips for applying for clerkships and/or internships
- other questions you have!

Participation in this networking program is open to all students – but limited to five students per lunch. To register, go to eCampusRecruiter – choose “Interviews & Events”, click the title of each lunch to find out more information, and choose “Signup” to register.

Please note: you are responsible for paying for your own lunch and traveling to and from the event location (lunches will take place in restaurants near the applicable courthouse). OCPD's No Show Policy applies to this event. Contact Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, at serudge@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4251 with any questions.

ATTENTION 1Ls/2Ls:

Interested in obtaining a judicial internship/externship this summer? Hear from WCL students who worked within federal and state courts on **January 30th from 12-1 in Room 602**. Pizza will be provided. Get all the information you need to apply. Please register under the “Events” section of eCampus.

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:

- Call (202-274-4251) or email (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.

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

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."

Diversity Initiatives

WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program (In-House Counsel Internships): 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 ten 10-week summer internships in 2007. These opportunities are open to students **who will be 2Ls and 3Ls in fall 2007** and students in both full-time and part-time programs. Applications for the WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program must be **received** by the WMACCA Program Office no later than **Friday, February 16, 2007**. For more questions about the program, please contact Kelli Johnson in OCPD (202-274-4339 or kjohnson@wcl.american.edu) or Ilene G. Reid, WMACCA Executive Director, at WMACCA@verizon.net or visit WMACCA's website at www.acca.com/chapters/wmacca.php. Please see eCampusRecruiter for a more detailed posting.

*****ATTENTION 1Ls*****

Heller Ehrman First Year Student Diversity Fellowships: Heller Ehrman is pleased to offer four First-Year Student Diversity Fellowships. Each fellowship includes a paid 2007 summer associate position and a \$7,500 scholarship for the 2007-2008 academic year. First-year law students who contribute to the diversity of their law school student body and who will contribute to the diversity of the legal community are eligible to apply. You must apply online by **January 24, 2007** at www.hellerehrman.com. Please check eCampusRecruiter for a more detailed description of this fellowship.

Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP Diversity Scholarship - Summer 2007: Finnegan Henderson will award a **\$12,000** toward second year full-time (or third year part-time) education costs provided candidate accepts offer to join the 2008 Finnegan Henderson summer associate program. Please apply online at www.finnegan.com. Completed applications must be received by **February 15, 2007**. Please check eCampusRecruiter for a more detailed description of this scholarship.

SAVE THE DATE: Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerkship & Internship Conference: Saturday, March 24, 2007 at Howard University Law School (2900 Van Ness Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008). Please check eCampusRecruiter for more details.

McDermott Will & Emery 1L Diversity Reception: Tuesday, February 6, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at McDermott Will & Emery LLP (600 13th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005). **Please RSVP by January 29th.** Please see eCampusRecruiter for more details.

Akin Gump 1L Diversity Reception: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (1333 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036). See eCampusRecruiter for more details.

For more information about Diversity Initiatives, please visit www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl and search under “Job Search”/ “Summer Full-Time” for fellowships and scholarships; or search under “Interviews & Events” for job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities.

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

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign LL.M. Students:

Our next Resume and Cover Letter Workshop will happen tomorrow (Friday), January 19 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in room 527. This workshop will teach you the basic skills needed to draft an American style resume and cover letters. If you plan on attending this session, please email Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu to RSVP.

eCampusRecruiter Training for ILSP Students: OCPD will hold a training session for ILSP students on Tuesday, January 30 from 12:00pm to 1:30pm to introduce students to our jobs and internships electronic database, eCampusRecruiter. This session will provide information on how to navigate the system to find current job and internship postings as well as how to sign up for events and how to load up your resume into our electronic system so that employers can view your resume online. Students are encouraged to **bring their laptops to the session**. ILSP students are already pre-registered in the eCampus Recruiter system so by attending this session you will receive your usernames and passwords so you can navigate the system. Location: WCL Room 500. **Registration is required.** Please send your name by email to avito@wcl.american.edu to register for this event.

Save the Date: February 1st, 2007 at 12:00pm: “Let’s Talk About Latin America”:

OCPD and ILSP are organizing a session for students to discuss current legal trends and issues in Latin America. Practicing attorneys from the DC area will attend this lunch session and provide students with an insight about their practice areas and discuss how their work relates to Latin America. All LL.M. students are invited to attend this event. Instructions on how to sign up will be posted on the next Docket and in the ILSP newsletter.

JD Student Needed to Work as a Dean’s Fellow – Interest in International Programs and Foreign Languages a Plus!

The Office of Career and Professional Development seeks a **JD student** to work as a Dean’s Fellow for the Assistant Director for International Career Programs during the spring 2007 semester (10 hours a week). Foreign languages and an interest in international programs and foreign cultures is a plus. Requirements also include excellent organizational and drafting skills, professionalism and creativity/ initiative. If you are interested in applying for this position, please email your cover letter and resume to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu . Position open until filled.

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 OCPD 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 . 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.

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.

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

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DROP IN HOURS:

A counselor is available every Monday – Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm to answer quick questions regarding resumes, cover letters and issues relating to the job search process. To speak 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 JANUARY 22

Monday, January 22nd

12pm, Rm 601, South Asian Law Student Association meeting

4:30 -6:30 pm, Room 603 Presentation by Justice Albie Sachs, South Africa Constitutional Court, on Enforcement of Social and Economic Rights

Tuesday, January 23

12–1pm, Rm 524, MANDATORY EJP Selection Criteria Info Session

12pm, Rm 602, Moot Court Spring Qualifying Tournament Competition Information Session **OR**

12-1:30pm, Room 401, Art of Networking

6:30-8pm, Rm. 603: Uganda: The Invisible Children – Film Screening

8pm, Rm 602, Moot Court Spring Qualifying Tournament Competition Information Session

10 pm, Rm 402, Health Law & Justice Initiative information session

Wednesday, January 24

8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge: Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour

12-1:30pm, A Tour of the Constitutional Court of South Africa with Justice Albie Sachs

12:30 pm, Rm 627, Health Law & Justice Initiative information session

Thursday, January 25

12–1pm, Rm 401, EJF Selection Criteria Info Session

12-1:20pm, Rm 100, The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project info session

4-6pm, 6th floor Dining & Lobby Area, WCL Externship Fair

6-8:30pm, Rm TBA, Vagina Monologues Auditions