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## 2007 WCL Commencement

Please click on the following link to be directed to the Commencement page:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm>

JDs who are concerned that their name might be mispronounced should see Associate Dean Jaffe in the Office of Student Affairs (suite 300); LLMS should contact the International Legal Studies Program in Room 338.

### OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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

**ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS:** All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on [my.american.edu](http://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](http://barexam.org) to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSING OF THE UNIVERSITY:**

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 please call 202-274-4400, and check "Notices" on our web site at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/>.

**OFFICE OF THE DEAN**

**UN CAT PROJECT (Fall 2007)**

Dean Grossman, Vice Chair of the United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT), is seeking approximately six rising upper level J.D. students to assist him in preparing for the official UN CAT meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

WCL's UN CAT Project includes a for-credit seminar on the prohibition of torture, co-taught by Dean Grossman and Project Coordinator Jennifer de Laurentiis, as well as a field component: attending the Committee's official meetings in Geneva for one week in November. The countries currently scheduled to appear before the Committee are Australia, Portugal, Latvia, Estonia, Uzbekistan, Norway, and Benin.

Interested WCL students should submit a one-page cover letter and resume by Monday, March 5, 2007, via email to [jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu). Applications should specifically address experience in international human rights law. Decisions will be

made by April 2007. For more information about the UN CAT Project, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/uncat.cfm>.

Do not miss this unique experiential learning opportunity involving the universal human rights system and the Committee against Torture!

## **OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Lunch with the Dean!**

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on Tuesday, April 3 at 12:30pm. Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

The lunch is limited to 14 students on a first-reply, first-invited basis. Requests to be included are addressed to [fpolo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:fpolo@wcl.american.edu) and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

### **May 2007 Commencement Discounts:**

Continental Airlines: 800-468-7022 Agreement Code: A186QL Z Code: ZVES

American Airlines: 800-433-1790 Agreement Code: A5657AR

Savoy Suites Georgetown: 202-337-9700 Mention: WCL Commencement

### **WCL Business Cards**

The Office of Student Services is pleased to extend to the student community an opportunity to order business cards with the AU and WCL imprint.

Students may find these cards useful during networking sessions and other opportunities when outside the law school.

The law school receives no income through purchase of the business cards. Please use the link provided to order yours today!

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/businesscards.pdf>

## **OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS**

### **ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2007**

Wondering how this place will survive without you? Leave your mark on WCL by contributing to the Graduating Class Gift Campaign! This is a great way to support those activities and programs that have made your WCL experience so rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering on the Graduating Glass Gift Committee, please contact Jamie Jennings, Assistant Director of Annual Giving at 202-274-4056,

[jamiej@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jamiej@wcl.american.edu), or visit

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/alumni/classgift.cfm>.

## **OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES**

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

Hours: 9:30 am-5:30 pm

**CANCELLED**

~~1. **February 24 11:00 AM Rhonda VanLowe Roundup Brunch (Pt. 2)**~~

~~The next brunch meeting with Ms. VanLowe will be on Saturday, February 24, 11:00-2:00, in the Admissions Office conference room (enter room 507). Bring your exams and other first semester issues you might want to discuss. A light brunch will be served. Please RSVP to [diversity@wcl.american.edu](mailto:diversity@wcl.american.edu) and put "BRUNCH" in the subject line. All are welcome.~~

**March 1 - 12:00 noon**

**Clinical Programs Diversity Luncheon**

Clinical faculty members and students representing all nine clinics will talk candidly about the application process, as well as the rewards and requirements of clinical work. Lunch is on us, but we must have your RSVP now, at [sfitts@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sfitts@wcl.american.edu), to enable us to order enough food.

**March 7, 2007 Tenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference--"The Voice of the Latino/a Lawyer: Accomplishments and Challenges"**

The conference is a collaboration among the law school; LaLSA; the National Hispanic Bar Association; and the Hispanic Bar Associations of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Entitled "The Voice of the Hispanic Lawyer: Accomplishments and Challenges," the 2007 event will be held on Wednesday, March 7, from 3:30 to 9:00 pm in room 603. It will begin with the Career Forum and Networking Opportunity for students, followed by two expert panel presentations on issues affecting the U.S. Latino/a population. The day will conclude with the Awards Dinner.

**Student admission is free.** You may register online or pick up information in either the Office of the Dean or the Office of Diversity Services.

**GWAC (Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association)--Ruth E. Banks Green Legal Intern Placement Program** ". . .offers challenging summer employment opportunities for minority law students. GWAC places law students entering their second or third year of law school in legal internships with various cooperating employers in the DC metro area." More **INFORMATION** is available in the Office of Diversity Services. **THE ACTUAL APPLICATION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM GWAC.** Applications are due **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 9.**

**NSALSA/NSABA PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP**

The North American South Asian Law Students Association (NASALSA) and the North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA) are announcing their first joint Public Interest Fellowship. They will be awarding \$5,000 to one student pursuing summer public interest work that benefits the South Asian community in North America. More information is available in the Office of Diversity Services. **Completed applications are due by March 9, 2007,** and a winner will be announced around April 16, 2007.

**STUFF ON THE TABLE**

**March 7— 3:30-9:00** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Law Conference schedule

**March 9 (due date)** GWAC internship information

**SAVE THESE DATES**

**March 15-17** South Asian Summit

**March 24-all day** Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerkship & Internship Conference, Howard University

**April 11-5:00 PM** "Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns," WCL

**April 14—10:00-4:00** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law, featuring a special recognition of BLSA

**FOUNDERS CELEBRATION:** Watch the public announcement spaces for the many interesting, timely, and relevant events. Frequently they offer networking opportunities, but they always teach you something.

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

### **The Countdown is on! 2007-2008 Financial Aid Application Deadline - March 1, 2007**

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for Stafford and Grad PLUS loans at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Apply for need-based grant aid by filing the Need Access application at [www.needaccess.org](http://www.needaccess.org). *Special Note:* Grant applicants must also submit a *Verification Worksheet/Supplemental Information Form* and a copy of the 2006 federal income tax return by **May 1**. The form is available in the office and will be accessible on our website shortly.

### **Dean's Fellow Payments**

The deadline for submitting new appointments for spring term is March 8. The final payment (paycheck) for the term is scheduled for March 31 and all paperwork must be completed by the date indicated for a check to be issued. Contact the office if you have questions.

### **Summer Financial Aid**

Loan assistance is available for summer study. To receive aid you must:

- file a summer aid application by **May 1**. Forms will be available March 15.
- enroll in a minimum of six credit hours.
- have a 2007-08 FAFSA on file, and
- meet satisfactory academic progress standards.

Funding is available for study at another institution if credits earned will be accepted by WCL. Additional information is available at the financial aid counter.

### **Income Tax Information**

Form **1098-T** has been mailed to enrolled students by the Office of Student Accounts. This information is used to claim the Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit on your federal return. Form **1098-E** (Student Loan Interest Statement) is provided by your lender for the Student Loan Interest Deduction. An information sheet on educational tax benefits is available in the office. Detailed information can be found at [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).

### **Outside Scholarships**

Information regarding the following outside scholarship opportunities has been received.

- **The World Bank Group Scholarships for Female Students from Developing Countries.** **Deadline:** February 28, 2007. Apply at [www.wbfn.org](http://www.wbfn.org)
- **Robert A. Shuker Scholarship.** **Deadline:** April 20, 2007. Apply at [www.shukerscholarship.com](http://www.shukerscholarship.com)
- **NJ Department of Health and Senior Services** – Leigh Cook Fellowship and John H. Rutledge Fellowship for NJ residents. **Deadline:** March 30, 2007

- **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
- **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](http://www.poundinstitute.org)
- **Jan Jancin Competition and Sidney B. Williams Diversity Scholarships** are available. Information can be found at [www.aiplef.org](http://www.aiplef.org).
- **Attorney – CPA Foundation** Essay Contest. **Deadline:** June 4, 2007. Details and application information is available at [www.attorneycpa.com](http://www.attorneycpa.com).
- **Essex County (NJ) Bar Association Biunno Scholarship for Law Students with Disabilities.** **Deadline:** May 11, 2007.
- **Hispanic Business Magazine’s Woman of the Year Awards.** **Deadline:** March 19, 2007.
- **Federal Circuit Bar Association Scholarships** – Howard T. Markey Memorial Scholarship, Giles Sutherland Scholarship and William Bullinger Scholarship. **Deadline:** April 30, 2007.

Feel free to check the Outside Scholarship Binder for other scholarship opportunities.

## OFFICE OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### **Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Apply by March 1 for the Fall semester!**

The deadline to apply for a Semester Exchange for the Fall 2007 is **March 1**. Take advantage of this great opportunity to live and study abroad. You will have the chance to learn about comparative legal systems, gain a greater understanding of different cultures AND make yourself more competitive in the job market!

Continued success in today’s society is increasingly dependent on the ability of people to think and work globally. We believe that the unique challenges that students encounter while studying abroad will enhance their legal education, preparing them to meet the needs of our global society.

Programs are offered in English and the language of the country. WCL currently offers **18 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: [www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad) or contact us at [grants-programs@wcl.american.edu](mailto:grants-programs@wcl.american.edu)

## 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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**FEBRUARY ROUNDTABLE POSTPONED TO MARCH 28:** Due to Prof. Wilson's upcoming travel to Guantanamo, the February 28 Roundtable has been moved to March 28. Professor Rick Wilson discusses "Why I dropped out of law school, then went back for love of public interest work - the long strange trip of my happy career, with lots of time devoted to public defense, legal aid and clinical legal education, both here and abroad." **Participation is limited to encourage interactive discussion. Please RSVP to [nuraqua786@yahoo.com](mailto:nuraqua786@yahoo.com).** Pizza will be provided.

### **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

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

Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079  
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Website [www.wcl.american.edu/secle](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle)

**Upcoming Events!**

**Celebration of Public Service and Leadership to honor Four Distinguished  
Law Professors in Elected Office**

**Date: 2/26/07**

**Time: 4:00 pm -6:00 pm**

**Deans Suite 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

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**Pathways To Employment In International Law**

**Date 2/19/07 - Time 5:00pm- 7:30pm**

**Andrés Bello Room, Inter□American Development Bank  
1300 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20577**

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**Save the Dates:**

**Spring 2007**

**FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FALL PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://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](mailto:hracademy@wcl.american.edu).

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Second Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law**

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

The Annual Meeting enables us to continue our commitment to provide a venue where different sectors can openly discuss core issues concerning the development, sustainability, and effectiveness of the Inter-American Human Rights System as well as, current issues regarding human rights in the Americas. We are proud that this year's meeting includes participation of representatives from the Inter-American Commission, Inter-American Court on Human Rights, member states of the Organization of American States (OAS), civil society organizations and academic institutions. For more information contact the Academy at [hracademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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. This year, students will argue the merits of a hypothetical case based on the topic of torture. During the week-long event, over 150 students will participate in oral round sessions judged by local and international attorneys. All events are open to the public. For more information contact Kristin Viken at 202-274-4215 or [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu), or visit us on the web: [wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt/](http://wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt/)

## **GET INVOLVED WITH THE ACADEMY**

There are different ways you can get involved with the Academy. Please see the In Search Of section for our current volunteer opportunities.

## **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](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or at 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt).

### **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](mailto:hracademy@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Oxford Volunteer Spring 2007" in the subject line.

## **CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

### **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***

#### **COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGION AND HUMAN RIGHTS: A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH the 2006-2007 HUMPHREY FELLOWS**

**Tuesday, February 27, Rm. 602, 12pm-1:20pm**

Join the 2006-2007 Humphrey Fellows for a discussion on the role of human rights in Christianity and Islam. Among the central topics to be debated are: the role of lawmakers in defining the scope of human rights, the tension between cultural relativism and universalism in human rights claims, and the rights of minorities in Christian and Muslim traditions. Feature 2006-2007 Humphrey Fellows who will be speaking include Sarab Hassan (Iraq), Yusmadi bin Mohd. Yusoff (Malaysia), and Emerito Enginco

(Philippines). The panel will be moderated by WCL Professor Padideh Ala'i. For more information, please email [humphrey@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humphrey@wcl.american.edu). Lunch will be served.

**MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS RETURNS! PROFESSOR ROBERT GOLDMAN PROVIDES A PRIMER ON THE LAW OF WAR**

**Wednesday, February 28, 12pm-12:50pm, Rm. 602**

Want a little “taste” of human rights in the midst of studying civil procedure and torts? Join us for another great semester of Munching on Human Rights, an introductory program designed to educate and engage students, especially 1Ls, about basic issues in international human rights and humanitarian law. Held once a month, Munching gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL’s internationally-known faculty and get a “taste” of international law. Pizza will be served, so bring your interests and your appetite.

Stay tuned for future “Munching” topics for the spring semester, including “Comparative Approaches to Enforcement of Human Rights: India & the United States,” with a guest lecturer from India on Thursday, March 20, and “A Roadmap through the Regional Human Rights Systems” with Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon on Wednesday, April 4. For more information please contact [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

**RADICAL IDEAS IN HUMAN RIGHTS REFORM**

**Every Wednesday, from February 14 to March 7, 2007, 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Center for Human Rights, Large Conference Room, 4910 Massachusetts Avenue**

Come learn about reforms in human rights by experienced LLM students as they teach mini-courses on various human rights law. Learn about international criminal defense from a former defense attorney with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Listen to a former JAG officer who adjudicated Iraqi claims made against U.S. forces talk about the application of reparations in international humanitarian law. Using the extraordinary experiences of our International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) students, we as a community can learn from each other. The courses will be 2-3 hour, not-for-credit seminars offered throughout the semester. Check the Center’s listserv and the Docket for more information on how to receive sign-up materials.

**KEEP ON MUNCHING WCL...**

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***The Law of War and the Rules of Occupation: A Primer***

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

Professor Robert Goldman

*Comparative Approaches to Enforcement of Human Rights:  
India & the United States*  
Thursday, March 20, 2007

*A Roadmap through the Regional Human Rights Systems*  
Wednesday, April 4, 2007  
Professor Diego Rodriquez-Pinzón

## **CLINICAL PROGRAM**

APPLYING TO CLINIC  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-2008

GO TO [WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/CLINICAL](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/CLINICAL)  
or stop by Room 417 with questions.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION MEETINGS**

*Learn about all the clinics WCL offers, eligibility requirements  
and the on-line application process.*

#### **ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS**

*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26*  
4:00 - 5:50 PM  
ROOM 602

#### **EVENING STUDENTS**

*MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26*  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
ROOM 602  
OR  
*TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27*  
8:00 - 9:00 PM  
ROOM 415

#### **SMALL SESSIONS FOR SPECIFIC CLINICS**

*Tuesday, February 27 - Thursday, March 8*

*We encourage you to attend these sessions to learn more about a specific clinic.  
Dates and times for these meetings are available on the clinic website and sign up sheets  
will be available at the Monday, February 26 meeting and outside Room 415 after  
February 26.*

**SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION**  
**APPLICATION DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 9 AT 5:00 PM**

APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE BEGINNING  
FEBRUARY 26 AT 6:00 PM  
at [WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/CLINICAL](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/CLINICAL)

### **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)

#### **SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS:**

To learn about some of the many externship opportunities available to students over the summer, please visit our website database, (<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>). Students interested in meeting with the Director or the Externship Program should review the Summer 2007 Student Manual *Nuts 'n Bolts* available on the wall rack outside of the Externship Office prior to meeting.

- Interested in intellectual property? The **International Intellectual Property Institute** is one of many organizations that is looking for WCL externs for the summer. Please see the database for more information on this organization.
- For students interested in **employment discrimination law**, there are several prestigious opportunities available to WCL students: At the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Office of the Chair, Naomi Earp, and Office of the Vice-Chair, Leslie Silverman. Some coursework or background in employment discrimination law required.

#### **LONG DISTANCE EXTERNSHIPS:**

The **National Externship Program** makes it possible for students to extern in another state by participating in the Long-Distance Externship Seminar. For more information, visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/externship/national.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/national.cfm). If you are planning on doing a **long-distance externship** over the summer, please contact the Externship office. When summer registration opens, you will need to register for the three credit, graded, long-distance seminar. This seminar will meet for three days at the start of the summer, and three days at the end of the summer.

#### **INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS:**

The Externship Program has developed an exciting and impressive International Database. Students interesting in externing abroad should review the database and make an appointment to meet with Avis Sanders, Externship Director. Go to our website (<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>) and select *International Database* from the top left-hand menu. New international externships and international contacts include:

#### **EarthTrain (a U.S.-based NGO in Panama), Panama City, Panama**

Students will assist attorneys with 1) forming a domesticated corporation (where a 501 (c) (3) from the US is legally recognized as a foreign corporation doing business in

Panama with a qualified tax exempt status), 2) researching environmental law and answering the question how we can achieve an environmental easement in the area of Panama we are planning on reforesting, and 3) developing a standard legally binding contract (for our division of Earth Train that works on non profit community development) with local farmers to provide financial and legal assistance with reforestation and agricultural development of their land.

**The South African Human Rights Commission, Johannesburg, South Africa**

The SAHRC is a national institution established to entrench constitutional democracy through the promotion and protection of human rights by: Addressing human rights violations and seeking effective redress for such violations; monitoring and assessing the observance of human rights; raising awareness of human rights issues; and educating and training on human rights. Among other duties, externs may monitor Equality Courts. These are special courts set up to deal with discrimination on the grounds of race, gender and disability. The courts only became operational in 2003.

**Center for Research-Action on Race Relations, Montreal, Canada.** A well-regarded civil rights organization which deals with a wide variety of race related human rights. They handle cases before Canadian tribunals and courts, including some criminal cases. No language requirement, although some French is helpful. They will assist students in obtaining housing for the summer. More information will be available shortly. For other Canadian organizations working on hate crimes, contact the Externship Office.

**Government of Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, Antigua.**

The Ministry of Legal Affairs is the legal arm of the government and provides legal representation and counsel to the government and its ministries. Students would work in the Office of the Attorney General.

**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 .

For more information, contact Meadow Wirick, Program Assistant, at (202) 274-4200 or [externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu).

**FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES**

After March 2, the Course Packet Distribution Center (Room 465) will be closed to prepare for the Summer 2007 classes. Students who need to pick up photocopied course materials should visit the Course Packet Distribution Center on or before March 2. Thank you.

**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

### **“Practicing Law in China”**

Are you interested in practicing law in China? (For a US firm? For a Chinese Firm?) Do you want to study law in China? Want to learn about the Chinese bar? Then come and talk with Chinese LL.M.s: Christy (Nga Kit) Tang from Hong Kong, Daniel (Xin) Liu from Beijing and Fiona (Xiang) Luo from Guangzhou. Please contact [pshereen@wcl.american.edu](mailto:pshereen@wcl.american.edu) for more information.

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 - 4:00PM, Room 601  
Refreshments will be served.

### **Coffee Hour with Mr. William Valasidis**

Please come join us for a coffee hour with Mr. William Valasidis, R f rendaire, Court of Justice of the European Communities. Mr. Valasidis is also currently a board member for the European Law Moot Court Society for 2006 / 2007. Come and hear Mr. Valasidis speak to students about the ELMC and his work in The ECJ. The coffee hour is THIS FRIDAY (the 23<sup>rd</sup>) from 3:30-4:30, room 503.

If you are interested in EU law or are interested in participating in the ELMC this is the coffee hour for you. Please contact [pshereen@wcl.american.edu](mailto:pshereen@wcl.american.edu) for more information.

### **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.

### **2007 SPRING BREAK HOURS**

**March 9 to March 17**

	<b>Regular Library Hours</b>	<b>Extended Library Access Hours</b>
Friday, March 9	8:00 am to 8:00 pm	None
Saturday, March 10	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	None
Sunday, March 11	10:00 am to 9:00 pm	None
Monday – Saturday, March 12 – 17	9:00 am to 9:00 pm	None

Regular Spring Hours resume on Sunday, March 18, 2007

**Do you want to suggest something to add to the Library’s collection or make a comment suggesting an improvement to our services?** Fill out the form at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm> and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

**Need Help Researching Your Paper? Are You Positive You Used The BEST Sources and Research Techniques? Are You Behind In Beginning Your Research?**

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 pm, Saturday from noon to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 6 pm. Don't miss out on a very valuable resource!

**Database Tip of the Week:** Did you know that the Library subscribes to many full-text sources for legal and non-legal periodicals? You can find a comprehensive list on the library's website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/databases.php> . Among the most important are LegalTrac, HeinOnline, JStor and ProQuest. You can access these databases from home using the same user ID and password that you use to access the law school network and my.american.edu. Stop by the Reference Desk or email us at [reflib@wcl.american.edu](mailto:reflib@wcl.american.edu) to learn more.

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

## **PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT**

**We need judges and bailiffs. The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** is hosting a moot court competition for the D.C. high school students in our program. We need 2L and 3L judges and 1L bailiffs on Saturday, March 10. we'll be here at WCL all day; you can help out for part of the day or all of the day. Just let us know what you can do. Please contact Steve Wermiel at [swermiel@wcl.american.edu](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu) ASAP and let us know if you can help out

**THE TIME IS NOW TO APPLY TO BE A MARSHALL-BRENNAN FELLOW!!** **The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** is now well into 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 now 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 can visit Steve Wermiel in Room 515C, or send him questions at [swermiel@wcl.american.edu](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu) or call him at 202-274-4263.

To request application materials and instructions, e-mail [marshallbrennan@gmail.com](mailto:marshallbrennan@gmail.com) and request an application packet or other details.

### **Self-Defense Workshop**

Become empowered! Join us for a four-hour self-defense workshop on **Saturday, March 3 in the 6th floor JD student lounge from 10 AM -2:30 PM** (lunch included). The workshop will address strategies for how to avoid being a target on the street. Topics include: awareness and prevention; verbal skills for stopping an attack or abuse before it becomes physical; and some physical self-defense techniques. SPACE IS LIMITED, so RSVP ASAP (and no later than Tuesday, Feb. 27) by emailing Amelia Duroska at [aduroska@wcl.american.edu](mailto:aduroska@wcl.american.edu). Co-sponsored by the Law and Government LLM Board, the Health Law Project, and the Women and the Law Program.

### **Ben Cotton Fellowship**

The Program on Law and Government and the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area (“NKF/NCA”) sponsor the Ben Cotton Fellowship every year. The Fellowship is a great opportunity for students interested in health policy and legislative work. The National Kidney Foundation seeks a Fellow for 2007-2009, to work 15-20 hours per week during the school year. The job will include the opportunity to write and present testimony on behalf of the NKF/NCA and to run the Foundation’s Public Policy Committee. The Fellow will also be responsible for keeping abreast of all federal and state legislation in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. that will affect kidney patients. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Preston Englert at [penglert@kidneywdc.org](mailto:penglert@kidneywdc.org).

## **WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE**

**The War Crimes Research Office is pleased to announce its fourth War Crimes Speakers Series Event for the 2006-2007 Academic Year**

**WAR CRIMES IN LIBERIA: OPTIONS FOR JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION  
with Ismene Zarifis**

*Attorney, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights*

Ismene Zarifis earned her J.D. from WCL in 2003. In 2004-2005, she worked in the transitional justice unit of the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), where she was involved drafting the enabling act for the establishment of the truth commission in

Liberia. She currently works on issues involving Haiti with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

**Friday, February 23, 2007**

**11:00 am - noon**

**4910 Massachusetts Avenue**

**Room 164**

*Light refreshments will be served*

## **STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

**The next SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6, 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 March 5. 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.

### **Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition**

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS AND SECOND YEAR PART-TIME STUDENTS: This spring, the four journals at WCL are hosting the 2007 Joint **Journal Short Write-On Competition from March 6th to March 20th.** Interested students must attend one of the mandatory introductory sessions to be held on **Monday, February 26th at 10:15pm in Room 402 and Tuesday, February 27th at 10:15 pm in Room 602** (you only need to attend one of the two). You must sign the short write-on competition sheet posted on the American University Law Review's door if you plan to attend a meeting. The sign-up sheet will be available beginning Monday, February 12th. We will discuss the rules of the competition, hand out information, and answer any questions. If you have concerns prior to these meetings, contact Hilary Dengel, Senior Symposium Editor, American University Law Review at lawrev-projects-editor@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4437. Also, there will be two optional Bluebook Seminars sponsored by the Joint Journal Committee and Legal Rhetoric Dean's Fellows. The seminars will be held on Wednesday, February 28th from 10:00 to 11:00 pm in Room 602; and Friday, March 2nd from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm in Room 602. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the American University Law Review's door beginning Monday, February 12th. In preparation for the seminar, students should bring a copy of the 18th Edition of the Bluebook.

### **Christian Legal Society**

**What does the Bible say about Welfare? Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 12-1p Room 500**  
Bring your lunch and a friend. All are invited!

### **Criminal Law Brief**

**Staff Elections-** Come join the staff of the Criminal Law Brief! You will get invaluable publication experience as well as be able to meet and interact with the leading practitioners and

academics in the area of criminal law. This application process is open to all 1Ls and 2Ls. You can find the application on the Criminal Law Brief website at [www.wcl.american.edu/journal/club.com](http://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/club.com). Applications are due by Sunday, March 4th at 5 p.m. in the Criminal Law Brief office, room 615. If you have any questions please email us at [crimlawbrief@wcl.american.edu](mailto:crimlawbrief@wcl.american.edu).

### **Criminal Law Society**

**Criminal Law Externship and Opportunities Panel, Part 2, Thursday March 1st, 12 p.m. in Room 602.** Come here 2Ls and 3Ls speak about their experience doing Criminal Law Externships, Research Deans Fellowships, and clinic. If you came to Part 1, this past fall, there will be all new speakers!!! These current students will talk about their experiences, give information about how to get the externships/deans fellow positions at their office, as well as answer any questions. Any questions, please contact Julie at [Julie.Finocchiaro@american.edu](mailto:Julie.Finocchiaro@american.edu).

**Executive Board Applications-** Come and join the executive board of the Criminal Law Society! Make valuable connections with the leading practitioners and academics in the field! Make new friends and contacts working with other students who are interested in criminal law. Applications are on the website. It is open to all 1Ls and 2Ls. Applications are due by Sunday, February 25th at 5 p.m. by email to [crimls@wcl.american.edu](mailto:crimls@wcl.american.edu). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us at [crimls@wcl.american.edu](mailto:crimls@wcl.american.edu).

### **EJF**

Calling all EJF volunteers for a new fundraising project! Our newest fundraising project is a WCL/EJF discount card that allows cardholders to get discounts to our favorite local restaurants, stores, and hotspots. The more creative your ideas, the more successful the cards will be. If you need more hours, this is a great way to get involved and help us design a card, providing great discounts to our favorite places. To learn more about the project and how to get involved, please come to an **interest meeting on Wednesday, February 28 from 3 – 4pm in room 601**. If you have class until 3:30, please come join us after your class ends. If you cannot attend, but would like to get involved in this project, please contact Rachel Weiner directly at [RLauren414@aol.com](mailto:RLauren414@aol.com).

NOTE: Volunteering with this project will satisfy your requirement for completing two volunteer hours with the Off-Campus Canvassing Committee – if you did not complete your two hour requirement prior to the auction, this is your last chance to complete these hours and therefore be eligible for the grant!

### **THE 14TH ANNUAL EJF PUBLIC INTEREST AUCTION IS TONIGHT!**

Tickets for the 14th Annual EJF Public Interest Auction are currently for sale in the lobby and are available for \$7 each until 12 pm on Thursday, February 22. Sales will resume on Feb. 22 at 7 pm at the auction entrance for \$10 each.

The Bid Book is now available online at: [www.wcl.american.edu/org/ejf](http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/ejf)

## **DEADLINE FOR VOLUNTEER HOURS EXTENDED**

The deadline to earn EJF hours has been extended from February 22 to March 22. EJF grant applicants and 2006 grantees now have until March 22 to complete their hourly requirements by volunteering to help with the Date Auction and other EJF fundraising events.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Calling all **EJF volunteers** for a new fundraising project! Our newest fundraising project is a WCL/EJF discount card that allows cardholders to get discounts to our favorite local restaurants, stores, and hotspots. The more creative your ideas, the more successful the cards will be. If you need more hours, this is a great way to get involved and help us design a card, providing great discounts to our favorite places. To learn more about the project and how to get involved, please come to an interest meeting on **Wednesday, February 28 from 3 – 4pm in room 601**. If you have class until 3:30, please come join us after your class ends. If you cannot attend, but would like to get involved in this project, please contact Rachel Weiner directly at [RLauren414@aol.com](mailto:RLauren414@aol.com).

NOTE: Volunteering with this project will satisfy your requirement for completing two volunteer hours with the Off-Campus Canvassing Committee – if you did not complete your two hour requirement prior to the auction, this is your last chance to complete these hours and therefore be eligible for the grant!

2. And one more EJF event to organize! **The Very First EJF/PIPS Chocolate Bash** will be Thursday, March 8, from 4-6, in the JD student lounge. Students and faculty who purchase a ticket will have unlimited chocolate tasting opportunities!

Tasks include:

- contacting school and community 'celebrities' about judging donated items
- contacting bakeries/chocolate shops about donating items
- contacting students about baking/cooking items
- contacting faculty about baking/cooking items
- logistics: having facilities set up the room
- asking dining to donate beverages and dishware
- tickets: getting them printed and organizing people to table/sell them
- advertising: Docket, easels, signs, emails

Contact Jessica Gordon at [jessicagordon7@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicagordon7@yahoo.com).

## **DATE AUCTION**

The traditional EJF Auction volunteer hour opportunities are almost over. The Date Auction committee is still here to bless you with more opportunities to bulk up your hours for the EJF application. What can you do to get those hours on paper?

1. **Find date packages** for the dates to go on! If you don't have creative ideas and contacts of your own, ask us. Forms are all available on TWEN.
2. If you've already found date packages, **give the materials to Dean Jaffe** in his office (with the items *clearly* marked as DATE AUCTION, not regular auction).

3. If you did a first round of canvassing and want someone else to follow-up, **give us those canvassing log sheets** to pass along.
4. **Find and nominate students** willing to go on dates- the person must be willing to go on a "date/adventure/expedition" (which we will pass by them for approval before they are committed), willing to attend the March 22nd date auction at Tom Toms, willing to stand on stage and answer some questions (which we will also provide before the show). The student does *not* have to go on the "date/adventure/expedition" with the purpose or expectation of providing a "romantic" encounter for the purchaser. As has happened in years past, we encourage friends to bid on friends, females to bid on females, males to bid on males, etc. We encourage you to find/nominate students who are *comfortable* in a lively, bar atmosphere and those with ANY sexual orientation, race, religion, nationality, etc. We *emphasize*, the "date/adventure/expedition" are *not* meant or expected to be *romantic*. When you find the WCL student date, email [jessicafarb@gmail.com](mailto:jessicafarb@gmail.com) with the student's name, year in law school, and 2-3 sentences about the student (to determine how to match the person with the package). We will likely only take 1 person per 1L section. Then 5-7 2Ls and 5-7 3Ls.
5. Come to **Date Auction Committee Office Hours** in the SBA lounge, 5th floor, to get your volunteer time log signed or ask questions, etc. Email us if you are unable to make any of these hours.
  - Wed. 2/21- 3-4:30pm (Jessica)
  - Thurs. 2/22- 1-3:00pm (Mandie)
  - Fri. 2/23- 9:30-11:30am (Mandie)
  - Mon. 2/26- 1:30-3pm (Jessica)
  - Tues. 2/27- 1-3:00pm (Mandie)
  - Fri. 3/2- 10am-12pm (Jessica)

**Date Package Due Date: Friday, March 2.** This is this last day we can accept date packages, in order to prepare the dates.

**Date Nominations Due: Wednesday, March 7.**

The more work we do, the more students who can receive EJP fellowships this summer. Thank you!

Jessica and Mandie

[jessicafarb@gmail.com](mailto:jessicafarb@gmail.com) + [mandiemartini@gmail.com](mailto:mandiemartini@gmail.com)

### **National Lawyers Guild**

The National Lawyers Guild WCL Chapter and Alliance for Justice present a screening and discussion of the documentary film **QUIET REVOLUTION** on **Monday, March 5, from 12-12:50pm in Room 528.**

About the film: Over the past 25 years, an increasingly influential movement on the far right has waged a sustained war on the Constitution as we know it. Ultra-conservative politicians, judges, professors and activists would overturn decades of precedent to shred the fabric of popular laws protecting workers, consumers and public health, expand

executive power at the expense of basic civil liberties, and impose a narrow social agenda on the rest of the body politic.

Quiet Revolution traces the growth of the ultra-conservative movement, shines a light on its strategies, and breaks through its rhetoric to expose how it envisions reshaping American law and life. Lunch will be provided.

### **Poverty Law Society**

Mark your calendars! The Poverty Law Society (PLS) will have its annual **general meeting on March 21st to elect officers for the coming year! (Room and time TBA)**. All those interested-- whether you're a member currently or not-- are welcome to attend and run for office! We're looking for dedicated, passionate, nice folks who believe in the goals of the PLS, and who have an appreciation for the importance of the field of poverty law and for the role of lawyers helping to solve the struggles of poverty. If you're interested in running for office or in learning more, please contact Mary Ashby Brown (mashbybrown@yahoo.com), Amy Engstrom ae3350a@american.edu) or Renee Gerni (rgerni@gmail.com) to let us know. Thank you!

### **Women's Law Association**

In conjunction with the National Association of Women Judges District 4 Present the Third Annual Reception "**From Working for a Judge, to Becoming One**" Join us for reception and an open discussion about what it is like to work for a Judge, and planning ahead to become a Judge in the future. The event will feature several judges, and current and past law clerks. The event will feature several area judges including: Hon. Joan Churchill, Board of Immigration Appeals (Ret.), NAWJ District 4 Director, Hon. Jean Baron, Maryland Court of Appeals (Baltimore), Hon. Ruth Burg, ALJ (Ret.), Hon. Arline Pacht, ALJ (Ret.) and former president of the International Association of Women Judges, and Hon. Arabella Teal, DC Office of Administrative Hearings. Several past and current law clerks have also been invited to attend. Light appetizers will be served.

When: **MARCH 5, 2007** Where: **Room 600** Time: **6-8pm** Please contact Cristina Silva at (202) 607-9018 or cristina.silva@american.edu for additional information or with any questions.

## **IN SEARCH OF**

**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. Full time 2Ls or 3Ls who have an outside job of 20 hours or more are also not eligible to apply.

**SUMMER JOB** -- 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.

**Attention 1Ls and 2Ls:** Want to become more involved? **Sign up for the Student Giving Campaign Committee** Contact Jamie Jennings in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for more information 202.274.4056 or [jamiej@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jamiej@wcl.american.edu)

**The Integrated Curriculum (IC) program** is now accepting applications from students interested in serving as IC Deans Fellows for the 2007-2008 Academic Year. The IC presents first-year courses in ways that allow students to see the connections between subjects traditionally taught as unrelated units. The approach is inspired by the recognition that real client problems almost never concern just one area of law, but instead require lawyers to use knowledge from several, interrelated areas of law. The IC Deans Fellows are a team of upper level students who are available to first-year students as a resource and for advice. Deans Fellows also assist first-year professors in organizing IC events and other special activities. If you are interested in being considered for a Deans' Fellow position for the 2007-2008 Academic Year, please drop off a hard copy of your transcript and resume with a cover letter to Professor Popper who is the program director in Room 414. For more information please email [Kelli.Lozier@american.edu](mailto:Kelli.Lozier@american.edu) .

**Looking For Interesting Human Rights Work? The Center Is Seeking Two 20 Hr/Wk Summer Dean's Fellows!** The Center is looking for two enthusiastic individuals to join our team this summer with the opportunity to continue into the Fall. The Dean's Fellows will provide support to our many fun events and interesting projects, including the Center Summer Picnic, the annual Human Rights Film Series, and other upcoming projects for the Fall. The Fellows will also assist with marketing Center events, managing the Center listserve, and helping to create innovative new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in human rights work at WCL. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. A 20hr/wk commitment is preferred, but not required. We are a fast-paced office, but we always have fun! *Note:* Current 1L's are eligible to apply for the Summer 2007 position.

**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

### **EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Due to the time required to obtain a security clearance for students working at an externship with the SEC, CFTC and Department of State the closing date for students wishing to participate at an externship at those agencies during the Fall 2007 Semester is April 1, 2007 by 5:00p.m. However, the agencies have indicated that they will be reviewing applications on a running time from February 1, 2007 through April 9, 2007. Please apply as soon as possible. It is likely that applications received after March 31<sup>st</sup> may find that all positions have been filled.

### **C.F.T.C. Field Component-Law 785**

Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring semester of 2007 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Spring semester 2007 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Fall 2007 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Students will have also to enroll in the Seminar on **Derivatives**. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intent to take in the Fall 2007 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter by 5:30 p.m. February 1 thru March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007 to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Exact time to be arranged)

### **S.E.C. Student Observers Program (Field Component)-Law 784**

I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation or are going to complete this course by the end of the Spring Semester 2007, that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program** at the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Fall 2007 semester. [Law-784] Students will be expected to work a minimum of two hundred and ten hours (210) with an attorney on the staff of the Commission and will have to attend approximately nine seminars given by Commissioners, staff and outside counsel. (These meeting usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter by 5:30 p.m. February 1 thru March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007. Please submit your applications promptly as the SEC will consider admissions to the Student Observers Program as soon as received. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in

room 325. During the semester students will be meeting with Professor Guttman to discuss recent developments in securities law every other week on Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.(Exact time to be arranged)

### **U.S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser**

Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 280 hours over the Fall 2007 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Department include subjects in the fields of Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugees Laws, Economic & Business Laws, etc. Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they have taken or intend to take by the end of the Spring 2007 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter by 5:30 p.m. February 1 thru March 31<sup>st</sup> 2007. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other week for one hour.

**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.

**Honor Those Who Serve-** Become involved with an important area of the law that serves those who serve our country. Join the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association. Student Membership is only \$25.

Members are encouraged to attend bar events including a "Meet the Judges" series, a law clerk symposium, and a bi-annual judicial conference.

For more information and an application to join go to: <http://www.cavcbar.net>

**Gentle, Restorative (Free!) Yoga Class for WCL Students and Faculty-** Yoga is a wonderful, healing form of exercise with many benefits for both mind and body: relaxation, stress-relief, and increased strength and flexibility, to name just a few! A gentle, free yoga class suitable for all levels (\*complete beginners welcome!\*) will take place **Thursday, March 1st in the Student Lounge from 6:00- 7:00 pm**. Yoga mats, while helpful, aren't necessary- just bring a full-size towel (to spread underneath you), and wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing in which you can stretch easily. If you'd like to learn more, or to reserve your spot, please feel free to contact Mary Ashby at [mashbybrown@yahoo.com](mailto:mashbybrown@yahoo.com).

**Turkey Summer Law Program will hold a Question-and-Answer session on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 pm in room 501.**

Have you ever been to Istanbul, Ephesus, Ankara or the Aegean Sea? Istanbul's location is prime, the education first-rate, extracurricular activities abound, and the opportunity to travel after the program awaits.

This unforgettable experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law.

Turkey Summer Law Program participants earn six credits for the two courses: (1) International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey , Central Asia and the Middle East and (2) Legal Perspectives on Business and Investment Issues in Turkey . Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment and security issues. For additional information please see the Turkey Summer Law Program's brochure at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey/>

**The Iranian-American Bar Association East Coast Student Conference-** It is not too late to RSVP for this event, but please do so as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. Once again, it is with great pleasure that I announce that IABA is hosting its first annual East Coast Conference!

The conference will begin at 11:30 am and lunch will be served, courtesy of the Venable LLP law firm. A panel of IABA attorneys will be present for the benefit of the students. One of our speakers is an IABA member, Meeno Chahbazi. Meeno graduated from Harvard Law and then clerked for the Alaska Supreme Court and she is now a civil rights attorney. We look forward to others who can give an insiders perspective on big firm life, practicing as a solo practitioner and one who has a non-traditional legal career.

Details: Who: The Iranian-American Bar Association, a national, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of lawyers and law students What: The 2007 IABA East Coast Student Conference

Where: Venable LLP, at 575 7th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. (I will look into free parking and let you know soon!) When: 11:30am to approximately 2pm, Saturday, March 3, 2007.

Great thanks to those who already RSVP'd, as this is going to be a great event as a result! Please email the Student Director, Shirin, at [szandpour@gmail.com](mailto:szandpour@gmail.com) to RSVP. Also, this is by no means a closed event, invite your friends and classmates!

**APABA-DC Women's Forum- Preserving Affordable Housing: Why it Matters to the APA Community & the Legal Tools Available** The need for affordable housing is an issue that affects all segments of the population. Come join us in discussing the need for affordable housing in the APA community, and how we, as lawyers, can become involved in the effort to preserve affordable housing in our neighborhoods. Panelists: *Lisa Hasegawa*, Executive Director, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD); *Christopher J. Anderson*, Manager, Single Family Housing Programs, Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs; *Richard C. Eisen, Esq.*, partner at the law firm of Eisen & Rome, P.C.; *Kyrus L. Freeman, Esq.*, associate attorney at Holland & Knight and Chair of the Land Use Committee of the D.C. Bar's Real Estate, Housing, and Land Use Section Sponsor:

APABA-DC Women's Forum Location: Greenberg Traurig 800 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20006.

Closest metro stops: Farragut West - Exit at 17th Street, N.W. or Farragut North - Exit at K Street, N.W. (*Refreshments and food will be provided. There is no*

charge for this event.)

**When: Wednesday, March 14, 2007 6:30 pm – 8:00pm** Contact: Please RSVP to Elizabeth Lee at [womensforum@apaba-dc.org](mailto:womensforum@apaba-dc.org) by March 12, 2007. *If you are interested in becoming involved with the APABA-DC Women's Forum, please contact Elizabeth Lee and Rosy Lor at [womensforum@apaba-dc.org](mailto:womensforum@apaba-dc.org). For more information about APABA-DC, visit <http://www.apaba-dc.org>.*

## 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

### **ATTENTION SECOND YEAR STUDENTS!**

*The Office of Career Services is sponsoring*

#### **2L Counseling Week**

February 26 – March 2, 2007

A number of individual counseling appointments have been reserved **on a first come, first served basis** for students in the 2008 graduating class. Career Counselors will be available to discuss job search strategies and other career development issues, as well as assist with resume and cover letter review. Please stop by the front desk in Suite 122 or call 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment.

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#### **SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR 2L's**

Dallas-based, mid-sized litigation law firm specializing in plaintiffs' toxic tort litigation looking for a 2L Law Clerk to work part-time (10 to 20 hours/week) in our Baltimore office. Candidates should have strong academic background, solid research/writing skills and a desire to learn more about complex plaintiffs' litigation in a fast-paced setting. In addition to research, job duties may include case preparation and investigation. We offer competitive compensation and the opportunity to learn a tremendous amount in a friendly, casual firm setting. For immediate consideration, please fax your resume (including gpa and/or rank) to Human Resources at 214/777-0491. Be sure to note ref. code BARE-0207 on correspondence. No phone calls please. EOE.

**Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP:** Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP's Washington, DC and New York Offices cordially invite ALL First-Year AU law students for cocktails & hors d'oeuvres on **Tuesday, February 27, from 6:00-**

**7:30pm** at Fried Frank - 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (11th Street Entrance), The Main Conference Room on the 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20004. We look forward to meeting you! Please RSVP to Megan by **February 23** via email to [Megan.Lesser@friedfrank.com](mailto:Megan.Lesser@friedfrank.com).

***PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYER CAREER PANEL***

Join OCPD and the ABA's Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division for a candid conversation about what it is like to work in the federal government and the ins-and-outs of the public sector hiring process. ***Public Sector Lawyer Career Panel, Thursday, March 1, Room 401 from 12:00-1:00 pm. Pizza will be provided.***

*Please sign up using eCampusRecruiter ([www.ecampusrecruiter.com/wcl](http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/wcl)) so that appropriate accommodations can be made. We look forward to your participation.*

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**2007 Patent Law Interview Program:** The 2007 Patent Law Interview Program will be held August 2-3, 2007 at the Marriott Suites O'Hare in Chicago. This program is hosted by the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. Last year, the program included 150 patent law employers, 135 law schools and 1500 registered law students from across the country. If you are interested in this program, you **MUST SEE BRIDGET IN THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 28.** Please bring a \$35 check when you come to OCPD - the fee for the program. Please note that if you are selected for interviews, you are also responsible for your own travel and lodging expenses.

**Introducing the new Student-to Student Mentor Database**

This comprehensive resource contains information about summer positions held by 2L and 3L WCL students with employers ranging from government agencies to international organizations and private law firms, among others. The database is available to students during individual counseling appointments with an OCPD career counselor, or by contacting Resources Coordinator, Robin Fulton at [rfulton@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rfulton@wcl.american.edu).

*Thank you to those students who shared their summer employment experiences through this great networking tool!*

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**PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT**

**National Crime Victim Bar Association Seeks Interns:** This national non-profit is the leading advocacy and resource center for victims of crime. Interns will have the opportunity to research the real-world impact of statutes relating to crime victims rights, develop comparative analysis of state laws affecting crime victims, and contribute to the *Victim Advocate*, the Association's quarterly publication. See eCampus for complete posting.

**U.S. Department of Commerce Summer Legal Internship Program:** The Summer Law Internship Program will offer approximately 20-25 1Ls and 2Ls a combination of paid and unpaid internships. Assignments include legal research and analysis of decisions, opinions, rulings and statutes; drafting legal memoranda; case preparations for agency hearings and federal litigations. Highly qualified interns who demonstrate outstanding performance may be considered for permanent attorney positions as vacancies occur. Deadline for applications: **March 15, 2007**. See the Government Honors & Internship Handbook for complete posting. Link to website and password can be found on eCampus homepage.

**Juvenile Justice Post-Graduate Fellowship:** The Center for Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Law School is seeking applications for post-graduate fellowship in the Center's Juvenile Justice clinic. The fellowship is designed for recent law school graduates who possess a demonstrated interest in indigent defense and juvenile justice issues. The fellowship is a two year appointment, beginning on June 1, 2007 and expose the fellow to both practical and clinical teaching. The fellowship is highly competitive and seeking candidates with strong academic credentials, written and oral communication skills and a demonstrated commitment to public interest lawyering. See eCampus for complete 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:**

- 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.

#### **ATTENTION 2Ls:**

**Do you want to finish your post-graduate job search this spring?**

Some judges on the Maryland Court of Appeals, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, and Virginia Supreme Court are now accepting applications for the 2008 term. Check the "Judicial Clerkship" section of eCampusRecruiter for more information (you will see "**2008 position**" in the job title line).

#### **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."

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***DIVERSITY INITIATIVES***

**Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC Black History Month Event:** Celebrate Black History Month with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC and the Washington College of Law Offices of Diversity Services and Career & Professional Development! The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and Friends are invited to attend a Black History Event at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice (8065 Leesburg Pike, Fourth Floor Tysons Corner, VA 22182) on **February 27, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.** The Keynote speaker for the evening will be **The Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia.** *Please RSVP by February 19, 2007 to Sherry Weaver, Director of Diversity Services at [diversity@wcl.american.edu](mailto:diversity@wcl.american.edu)* [Put "Womble Carlyle" in the subject line.]

\*\*Beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the event.

**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.

**GWAC's 21st Annual Ruth R. Banks Green Legal Intern Placement Program (LIPP):** The Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association (GWAC) instituted the Legal Intern Placement Program (LIPP) in order to procure challenging summer employment opportunities for minority law students. GWAC places law students entering their second or third year of law school in legal internships with various cooperating employers in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. LIPP employers include solo practitioners, law firms, not-for-profit corporations, government agencies, trade associations and unions. The usual term of employment is ten (10) forty (40) hour weeks. The beginning and ending dates are mutually agreed upon between the employer and the intern. If you are interested in applying for the LIPP, please see eCampusRecruiter for information on how to apply.

\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION ILs\*\*\*\*\*

**Miller & Chevalier Minority Fellowship:** The Miller & Chevalier Minority Fellowship will be awarded to one or two Fellows hired for the **fall semester of 2007**. Fellows will work at the Firm on substantive legal matters (similar to summer associate projects) in one of the Firm's three main practice areas. Fellows will work approximately **15 hours per week**, and will be paid at the rate of **\$50 per hour**. The purpose of the Fellowship is to supplement the Firm's summer associate program by allowing additional minority students at local law schools an opportunity to work at Miller & Chevalier. The Firm anticipates that Fellows whose work meets the Firm's standards will be offered positions as summer associates or permanent associates. The online application must be completed by **Saturday, April 7, 2007**. Please see eCampusRecruiter for more details.

**For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit [www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl](http://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.**

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

**Let's Talk About Africa! – Lunch discussion for ILSP LL.M. Students**  
**Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 12:00pm – Room 504**

OCPD and ILSP are organizing a session for students to discuss current legal trends and issues in Africa. Practicing attorneys and professionals from the DC area will attend this lunch session to provide students with an insight about their practice areas and discuss how their work relates to the region. All ILSP students are invited. RSVP is mandatory for this session. To sign up, please send an email to Adriana Vito at [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) and include your country of origin and area of specialization. **Registration closes by 12:00pm on Friday, March 2, 2007.** Seating is limited. Sign up early to guarantee your attendance!

**Attention ALL Foreign Students on F 1 visas: If you missed our OPT workshop last Friday, February 16:**

If you are a foreign student holding a F1 (student) visa and you are interested in applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT), you must attend one of the OPT workshops promoted by Ms. Lori Cardoso, Immigration Specialist at main campus and apply for OPT **before graduation**. If you missed last Friday's session at WCL, please access [http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/employment\\_f1\\_OPT.htm](http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/employment_f1_OPT.htm) to sign up for the next OPT workshop on main campus. During the OPT workshop Ms. Cardoso will give you all the information needed to apply to OPT and answer your immigration related questions. Students graduating in May 2007 need to attend an OPT workshop during the spring semester in order to apply for OPT before graduation.

**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](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.

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

**Adriana Vito**

Foreign-trained LL.M.s  
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**Laura Friedgood**  
General Counseling  
[lfried@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lfried@wcl.american.edu)

**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 February 26**

**Monday, February 26**

**3-4pm, Rm 601, Practicing Law in China**

**4-6pm, Deans Suite 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Celebration of Public Service and Leadership to honor Four Distinguished Law Professors in Elected Office**

**4-5:50 PM, Rm 602, WCL Clinical Program Information Session**

**6-7 PM, RM 602, WCL Clinical Program Information Session for evening students OR**

**10:15pm, Rm 402 Journal Short Write-On Competition mandatory introductory session OR**

**Tuesday, February 27**

**12-1pm, Rm 500, What does the Bible say about Welfare?**

**12-1:20pm, Rm 602**, Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Human Rights: A Panel Discussion

**8-9 PM, Rm 415**, WCL Clinical Program Information Session for evening students

**10:15 pm, Rm 602**, Journal Short Write-On Competition mandatory introductory session

**Wednesday, February 28**

**12-12:50pm, Rm 602**, The Law of War and the Rules of Occupation: A Primer

**3-4pm, Rm 601**, EJF interest meeting

**6-8pm, 4910 Mass Ave. Suite 16**, "Blood Money or Justice? Compensating War Victims."

**10-11 pm, Rm 602**, Bluebook Seminar

**Thursday, March 1**

**12 pm, Rm 602**, Criminal Law Externship and Opportunities Panel, Part 2

**6-7pm, Student Lounge**, (Free!) Yoga Class

**Friday, March 2**

**11-12pm, Rm 602**, Bluebook Seminar