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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

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2007 SEMESTER: Begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 26th and students may continue to add/drop classes throughout the first week of classes (May 29 – June 5) There is no lottery or priority system for summer pre-registration. Schedules for summer course listings and information may be found on-line under http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer_2007. and in the Registrar's office (suite 304). Students who have stops of any kind will be unable to register unless they clear these stops.

WCL students may register for any of the Human Rights Academy, International Arbitration and Environmental Law seminars on-line, as well as the other summer courses (the only exception are the classes taught in Spanish). Instructions for on-line registration for the summer are listed below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ON-LINE REGISTRATION SUMMER 2007 SEMESTER

PREPARE...

The web portal is *my.american.edu* (no “www”). You must know your EagleNet ID and password to gain access to the registration process. Be aware that your password will expire every 60 days, so you may need to renew it to proceed. If you cannot remember your password or your password has expired, you can reset your password through the web or contact the Help Desk at 202-885-2550.

You must clear any stops on your account before registering. You may check these stops on your snapshot on *my.american.edu* (**View STOPS**). These include financial, parking, library, immunization, billing address, visa, etc. You should check with appropriate offices to clear these stops.

All international students must check with the International Student Services Office on the main campus (Butler Pavilion 410 – Tel: 202-885-3350) to be cleared for registration. Non-degree, SJD, transfer students and students who have taken a semester off should check with the registrar’s office for registration.

SELECT CLASSES...

Check the course schedule carefully before you begin:

http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer_2007. and prepare a conflict-free schedule of courses. Take the time to make your course selection prior to logging on to the web site. The portal will time out after 10 minutes, so it will help to have all the course numbers of your classes prior to logging on. The web registration will allow conflicting classes; however, students cannot receive credit for any class that overlaps with another. It is essential that you change one of these classes to avoid conflicts. Permission is required for registration for externship, clinic and independent studies. Instructor permission may also be required for some other courses.

Students may register for no more than 7 credits for the summer semester.

REGISTER...

Go to *my.american.edu* and log on using your Eaglenet ID and password. If you need help, click on the link provided.

Go to “Course Registration” in the listing on the right-hand side. Then, under “Personalized Links”, log onto “WCL Course Registration”.

You will be asked to AGREE or DISAGREE with the initial statement of Student Responsibility, and then another statement on Parking Policy. If you AGREE, you may proceed to registration; if you DISAGREE, you will be unable to register.

Proceed to the section in green on the left – REGISTER/ADD COURSES.

Carefully enter data for each block. You must enter “Law” in the first block, then the course number (three digits), then course section (usually “001” or “002”) in the next

block, then choose the semester (Summer 2007) and, finally, the grade type. Graded courses may not be taken Pass/Fail. You must enter this information for EACH COURSE you choose.

Once you have entered all course information, **click on SUBMIT one-time only**. Warning: clicking on SUBMIT more than once may cause you to be thrown out of the queuing process and you will have to begin again. You are strongly urged to print out your schedule once you have completed the process to be absolutely certain of your class schedule.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2007 GRADUATES: A list of all students (JD and LLM) who have applied for May 2007 graduation is posted on-line on the Registrar web site at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/>. Please check the list to see (1) whether your name appears, and (2) that your name is spelled correctly as you wish it to appear on your diploma. *Please click on "Error Report" next to your name to email us about any changes or problems immediately.* If you plan to graduate in May and have not applied, you **MUST COMPLETE** an Application to Graduate immediately. Applications are available in the Registrar's office, and on-line at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/gradapp.pdf>.

Attention Maryland Bar Applicants: You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify the 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. (in 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 www.barexam.org to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

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.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the summer. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing,

as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Interested students should submit a one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu.

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 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

A reminder that WCL Commencement information is available at

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

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>

Writing Competition: In addition to those posted outside Room 300

The FoxKiser Annual Writing Competition in Law, Science & Medicine selects two papers each year on any issue related to law, science and medicine. FoxKiser will seek publication of the winning entries in an appropriate journal related to the selected topic.

In addition, the first-prize winner is awarded \$5,000, and the second-prize winner is awarded \$1,500. The competition is open to all currently-enrolled students, including students graduating in this academic year. All entries must be received by June 30th.

Send entries to: FoxKiser Annual Writing Competition in Law, Science and Medicine
750 17th Street, NW Suite 1100 Washington, D.C. 20006

Entries should include: name, address and short biography.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

Hours: 9:30 am-5:30 pm

DIVERSITY PLANNING MEETING : Tuesday, 3/27, at 4:00 in the Admissions Office Conference room (enter room 507) Agenda items include:

- Coming events
- Assisting with bringing in the fall class
- Formation of a **working** summer diversity planning committee
- First-year Diversity Day

Send an e-mail to sweaver@wcl.american.edu if you want to attend. Refreshments!

ADMITTED STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Ways to get involved:

1. **Friday, March 23: Diversity Services Open House –Noon-3:00-Student Services Conference Room** – Represent your student organization during the DS Open House. Send your name, name of your organization, and time increment you can (wo)man the room to sweaver@wcl.american.edu. Bring photos or any other information about your organization that you can share with our potential new students to show them how WCL does diversity. ALL are welcome.
2. **Student Ambassador**--Volunteer as tour guide, greeter, table host during lunch, session panelist, and host at a reception. Submit the on-line Student Ambassador Volunteer Form: http://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/volunteer_form.cfm.

The dates/times of the remaining admitted student events are:

Friday, March 23 (9-6 pm) Admitted Students' Day for Full-time Program

Friday, April 13 (9-4pm) Admitted Students' Day for Full & Part-time Programs

April 11-5:00 PM: “Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns” -- Diversity Services and the Office of Career and Professional Development have collaborated on this important event. Judge Gerald Bruce Lee will lead a panel of state and federal judges, including Judge Ricardo Urbina and Judge Jeannie Hong, who will discuss access issues. The panel will be followed by straight-talk workshops led by alumni clerks and interns. We’ll end with a reception. Please join us. More information is available in OCPD or DS.

April 14—10:00-4:00 11th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law: “The Future of the Black Lawyer” -- Conference participants will assess the realities of the current status of the black lawyer, discuss the implications thereof for law students embarking on their careers, and engage in critical dialogues about the prospects for entry into and advancement in the profession. Includes: a salute to BLSA, awards presentations, and a silent auction that benefits the Rising Star student award

Stuff on the Table

- Rolls-Royce internship
- 14th Annual Dupont Minority Job Fair
- NCLR-Patton Boggs Public Interest Fellowships – **DEADLINE MARCH 30**

Events:

March 24-all day

Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerkship & Internship
Conference, Howard University

March 26-30	Innocence Week – Featuring <i>The Exonerated</i> , “. . . a critically-acclaimed play that tells the compelling, true stories of six people who were wrongly convicted, sentenced to death, and incarcerated for many years.”
March 27	“An Evening with Erisa Lawyers,” 6:00 PM
March 29-31	The State of Environmental Justice in America 2007 Conference, Howard University
Various dates	Breaking Common Barriers: Fourth Tuesday Brown Bag Roundtable Discussions for women attorneys from diverse backgrounds, Weil Gotshal & Manges

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Dean’s Fellow Pay Day – March 31

The last paycheck for the school year (non-FWS) will be issued March 31.

Summer Financial Aid – Application Deadline – May 1

Forms are available on line and in the office.

Graduating Students – Save the Date

Exit Counseling Sessions have been scheduled. Be prepared to attend if you borrowed federal loans.

April 3, 2007 11:00 – 1:00 pm

April 18, 2007 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Additional information will be provided later.

Loan Consolidation Information

A consolidation session is scheduled for April 11, 2007, 11:00am - 1:00pm - 6th Fl Lounge.

Industry experts will be available to answer your questions. Don’t miss this opportunity!

2007 – 2008 Financial Aid

- The unsubsidized Stafford loan limit is increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000.
- The new loan limit of \$20,500 for the academic year is effective **July 1, 2007.** Summer borrowers should check with the office for guidance on application procedures.

2007– 2008 Grant Applicants

Applicants for need-based grant aid must submit a *Verification Worksheet/Supplemental Information Form* and a copy of your 2006 tax return by **May 1** to complete file requirements.

Outside Scholarships

Information regarding the following outside scholarship opportunities has been received.

- Alabama Law Foundation Cabaniss, Johnston Scholarship for Alabama residents.

Apply at www.alfinc.org. **Deadline:** June 1, 2007.

- **Key Bank Take 5 Scholarship for \$5000** awarded each month through June 2007. Register online at www.Key.com/Take5.
- CBCF - Louis Stokes Urban Health Policy Fellowship. **Deadline:** March 31, 2007. Apply at www.cbcfinc.org.
- **Robert A. Shuker Scholarship**. **Deadline:** April 20, 2007. Apply at 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
Ed Edmondson Scholarship – **Deadline:** May 5, 2007
- **Jan Jancin Competition and Sidney B. Williams Diversity Scholarships** are available. Information can be found at www.aiplef.org.
- **Attorney – CPA Foundation Essay Contest**. **Deadline:** June 4, 2007. Details and application information is available at www.attorneycpa.com .
- **Essex County (NJ) Bar Association Biunno Scholarship for Law Students with Disabilities**. **Deadline:** May 11, 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 PUBLIC INTEREST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST SEEKS SUMMER DEAN'S FELLOW

The Office of Public Interest is seeking a Summer Dean's Fellow to work 20 hours/week on a number of projects including: outreach to public interest employers and WCL alumni, writing the *Public Interest Wire* newsletter, development of pro bono initiatives and the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). The Dean's Fellow will also provide some assistance to the Assistant Director, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career Services. This is a great opportunity for a student taking summer classes. Sense of humor, excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CICCHINO PUBLIC SERVICE

AWARDS DINNER, Thursday, April 12: The Public Interest Committee will host the annual Cicchino Public Service Awards dinner on Thursday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the 6th floor dining area. This year's keynote speaker is Karen Lash, National Pro Bono Coordinator for the Mississippi Center for Justice. Karen also served formerly as the Vice President of Programs at Equal Justice Works, and before that as an associate dean at USC Law School.

The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, students receive certificates of achievement at a sumptuous dinner before their peers, faculty and staff for a variety of additional awards and accomplishments, including: completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the WCL Community Service Award, external pro bono and public service awards, and receipt of post-graduate public interest fellowships. **The dinner is free and open to all students but you must RSVP no later than Wednesday, April 4 to cegomes@wcl.american.edu.**

MARCH ROUNDTABLE: On March 28, Prof. 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 nuragua786@yahoo.com. Pizza will be provided.

RSVP NOW for the FINAL 1L ROUNDTABLE, APRIL 4: Please join Professor Susan Bennett and WCL Alumna Antonia Fasanelli for a roundtable discussion on housing and homelessness. **Participation is limited to encourage interactive discussion.** Please RSVP to michla97@yahoo.com. Pizza will be provided.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

ATTENTION 3Ls – Final Pro Bono Hours due Friday, March 30: Members of the class of 2007 should submit any unreported Pro Bono Honors Pledge hours no later than Friday, March 30th. The total hours reported will determine the level of honors acknowledged during the April 12 Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner, and will be used to report completion of the Pledge for inclusion in the graduation bulletin. The levels of honors are:

- Pro Bono Service Honors (75-124 hours)
- Outstanding Pro Bono Service Honors (125-174 hours)
- Exceptional Pro Bono Service Honors (175+ hours).

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!

International Legal Studies Program 25th Anniversary Conference
Date March 26th and 27th 2007
9am-5pm

Innocence Week
March 26th to March 30th
Room 603

A Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome
Date: 3/28/07
Time: 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Room 603

The Ninth Annual Grotius Lecture

Date: 3/28/07

Time 4:15pm to 7pm

Global Impact of Developments in U.S. Climate Law

Date 3/29/07

Time: 2:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Room 603

The Supreme Court Confronts Affirmative Action in Public Schools

Date 3/30/07

Time: 9:00 pm - 12:15 pm

Room 603

The Eighth Annual National High School Moot Court Competition

Date 3/31/07

Time: 9:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Room 603

Save the Dates: Spring 2007

April 2

District of Columbia Court of Appeals Oral Arguments

April 5

Navajo Nation Supreme Court Oral Arguments

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.

FOCUS ON A COURSE

Terrorism and Human Rights, taught by Martin Scheinin and Elisa Massimino

Increased global focus on combating terrorism has resulted in significant stresses on the system of international human rights law, leading many to call for a recalibration of the "balance" between rights and security. Well-settled human rights principles are now openly challenged by some policy makers and governments in political discourse and in the courts. This short course will examine the tensions between political, military and legal efforts to combat terrorism and well-established international human rights law and principles. Students will be exposed to the central questions in the current debate about terrorism and human rights, including: Is torture ever justified to combat terrorism? Can suspected terrorists be held in preventive detention? What is the significance of calling the current struggle against global terrorism a "war"? Is security vs. rights a "zero sum game"? What role do human rights play in combating terrorism? Is terrorism a human rights violation? How has the global "war on terrorism" impacted the promotion of human rights and human rights defenders?

Martin Scheinin graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Turku, Finland, in 1982, and received a Licentiate of Law degree from the same university in 1987. He got his Doctorate in Law from the University of Helsinki, Finland, in 1991. From 1993 to 1998 he was Associate Professor of Constitutional Law at University of Helsinki, before being appointed, in 1998, Armfelt Professor of Constitutional and International Law at the Åbo Akademi University. As of 1 August 1998 he has also served as Director of the Åbo Akademi University Institute for Human Rights. He spent the academic year 1997–98 as a visiting scholar at the Faculty of Law of University of Toronto, Canada. In 1997–2004 he was a member of the Human Rights Committee, acting under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. In 2001–2004 he was the Committee's Special Rapporteur on New Communications under the Optional Protocol. In July 2005 he was appointed as UN Special Rapporteur on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights while Countering Terrorism. This mandate continues under the newly established Human Rights Council. He leads the Finnish Graduate School in Human Rights Research, as well as the Nordic School of Human Rights Research. His publications include the books *Aseistakieltäytymisoikeus* [The Right to Conscientious Objection] (1988), *Ihmisoikeudet Suomen oikeudessa* [Human Rights in Finnish Law] (1991), *International Human Rights Norms in the Nordic and Baltic Countries* (1996, ed.), *Perusoikeudet* [Fundamental Rights Commentary] (1999, with other co-authors), *The Jurisprudence of Human Rights Law — A Comparative Interpretative Approach* (2000, ed. together with Theodore S. Orlin and Allan Rosas), *Operationalizing the Right of Indigenous Peoples to Self-Determination* (2000, ed. together with Pekka Aikio), *Constitutionalism and the Welfare State in the Nordic Countries* (2001, ed.) and *Leading Cases of the Human Rights*

Committee (2003, ed. together with Raija Hanski, revised 2nd edition 2007) as well as some 180 articles.

Elisa Massimino (M.A., J.D.) is Washington Director of Human Rights First, formerly the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights. Ms. Massimino is the organization's chief advocacy strategist, a national authority on refugee law and policy and an expert on a range of international human rights issues. She testifies frequently before Congress, writes extensively for legal and popular publications, and serves as one of the organization's primary spokespeople with the media. Ms. Massimino taught philosophy at several universities in Michigan before embarking on a second career in law. As a litigation associate at the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, she was pro bono counsel in many human rights cases. Ms. Massimino joined Human Rights First as a staff attorney in 1991 and has been the Washington Director since 1997. She holds philosophy degrees from Trinity University (B.A. 1982) and Johns Hopkins University (M.A. 1984), and a J.D. from University of Michigan Law School (1988). She has taught international human rights law at the University of Virginia School of Law, refugee and asylum law at George Washington University School of Law, and teaches Human Rights Advocacy at the Georgetown University Law Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, or visit us on the web: 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.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW **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 listserv, 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.

**INTRODUCING THE NEW *HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF* BLOG, A NEW FORUM
FOR DEBATE AND DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

Continue the discussion on issues raised in the *Brief* by responding to authors, raising concerns relevant to the international human rights community, and reaching an audience of over 6,000 readers in more than 90 countries. Subscribe at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/blog/brief>. For more information please contact chief_hrb@wcl.american.edu.

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

**THE CONFLICT ON THE DURAND LINE OF PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN:
STRUGGLING FOR RIGHTS OR SURVIVAL?**

Wednesday, March 28, 12:30pm-1:30pm, Rm. 600

Join the Center for a discussion with University of Peshawar Professor Nasir Khattak who will discuss the impact of the conflict on the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan on the Pashtun ethnic groups found on both sides of the "Durand Line." Folk songs in the region, traditionally sung by women, have recently reflected the manifestation of the psychological damage done to the Pashtun; words of love and marriage have recently transformed into songs about bullets, guns, and bombs. Come join us for lunch as we discuss in an open forum the fascinating manifestation of how this conflict has affected the people who aren't even participants in the battle. For more information, please email humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

Professor Khattak is apart of a delegation of 3 professors from the University of Peshawar in Pakistan, who are visiting WCL as part of a grant from the US Department of State that the Center received to support a collaborative project, building capacity within the University of Peshawar (Pakistan) law faculty regarding its human rights program. The delegation will be at WCL for a week so make sure you come out and say hello to our guests!

**UNDERSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN SOUTH ASIA SERIES
PRESENTS: *SHAME*: A FILM SHOWING FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION
AND DISCUSSION**

Thursday, March 29, 5:30pm – 8:30pm, JD 6th Floor Student Lounge

Join us for the conclusion of the series with a screening of Shame, a documentary chronicling the story of Mukhtaran Mai, a Pakistani woman whose life was changed when her village tribal council sanctioned a punishment against her for a crime allegedly committed by her younger brother. Following the tribal custom of "honour for honour," Mai was gang-raped. Unwilling to stay silent, or follow the normal recourse of suicide, Mai set out to seek justice and shook the very core of Pakistan's decaying judicial system - putting her life in jeopardy. Director Mohammed Naqvi chronicles her struggles and victories in this moving documentary. The film will be followed by a short discussion and a reception to conclude the series. Please RSVP by emailing SALSA@wcl.american.edu. Co-sponsored by the South Asian Law Students' Association, the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Vital Voices Global Partnership.

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

SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS:

The Office of the Vice Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is currently seeking WCL externs for the summer 2007 semester. This prestigious opportunity would allow students to participate in the Commission's development and approval of enforcement policies, the authorization of litigation, and issuance of Commissioner's charges of discrimination. Check out more information about this and hundreds of other organizations on the externship database. (Username and login same as your Novell /my.american.edu login).

In order to participate in an externship this summer, you must register for one of the Externship Seminars offered (courses begin with "LAW-769"). Please see courses and descriptions on the course information page.

LONG DISTANCE EXTERNSHIPS: Extern outside of Washington DC:

Summer 2007 Long-Distance Seminar: Students planning on participating in a long-distance externship this summer must enroll in the long-distance externship seminar. This seminar, taught by Professor Amy Young of the U.S. Department of Justice, will take place for three days in May, and three days in August. The May dates are: Monday, May 14: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 15: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday May 16: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In August, the seminar will meet for three additional days (Tuesday, August 14 through Thursday, August 16) at the same times. Students can register for the seminar through the my.american.edu portal once summer registration begins.

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. 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.

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. This week, new international externships and international contacts include:

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.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

25th Anniversary Celebration

When: Monday, March 26th and Tuesday, March 27th

Where: Washington College of Law

Join the ILSP in celebrating 25 years. Panels will cover a range of international topics including: trade, gender and the law, corporate governance, arbitration, human rights, key environmental concerns, intellectual property, and the changing face of global legal practice. For more information, including complete list of panels, panelists, and events please visit: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/anniversary>

Treaty of Rome Conference

When: March 28, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Where: Room 603

Fifty years ago the Treaty of Rome laid the foundation for the European Economic Community. Since that time, European integration has impacted the global trade regime in a truly unique way; the purpose of this conference is to identify those areas of greatest impact. Elements and issues of past, and present integration will be discussed with the goal of identifying their impact on trade relations with the global community and how, in light of lessons learned from the past 50 years, the members of the European Union may proceed over the next 50 years to strengthen trade both within the region and around the world. For more information please email pshereen@wcl.american.edu.

Sponsored by the International Trade Law Society and cosponsored by the International Legal Studies Program and the American Society of International Law

Grotius Lecture

When: March 28, 4:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: The Fairmont Washington DC, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037
The Grotius Lecture is sponsored by the International Legal Studies Program at American University Washington College of Law and the American Society of International Law. The 2007 distinguished featured lecturer is **Joseph E. Stiglitz**, University Professor at Columbia University in New York and Chair of Columbia University's Committee on Global Thought. He is also the co-founder and Executive Director of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia. In 2001, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in economics for his analyses of markets with asymmetric information. Stiglitz helped create a new branch of economics, "The Economics of Information," exploring the consequences of information asymmetries and pioneering such pivotal concepts as adverse selection and moral hazard, which have now become standard tools not only of theorists, but of policy analysts. A reception will follow the lecture. The event is free and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. For more information please email pshereen@wcl.american.edu.

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.

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 and cell phone use disturbs everyone! 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.**

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

Carrels are available! The Library has a few carrels available for reservation for upperclass students and LLM's who are writing a paper or journal article. Stop by the Circulation Desk for further information or email John Smith, Access Services Librarian at jasmith@wcl.american.edu.

Database tip of the week: Are you researching issues relating to Foreign or International Law? The Library has grouped its International and Foreign Law databases together in a list posted at

http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/resources.cfm?parm_val=All&local_attribute_id=18 These sources cover everything from UN documents to full text databases of UK and Irish Law in our newly acquired JUSTIS database. Questions? Contact Bill Ryan, Foreign and International Law Librarian at wryan@wcl.american.edu.

Thanks to everyone who sent their news of publication success and participated in the Student Author Reception that was held on March 5. If you have an article or essay that gets accepted for publication, please send it to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library & Information Resources. We are already planning the 2008 Student Author Reception and we don't want to leave anyone out. Send your name and all citation information to bkaufman@wcl.american.edu

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

IP/GENDER. Friday, March 23, Room 503. WCL's Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property, Women and the Law Program, and Journal on Gender, Social Policy & the Law present the Fourth Annual symposium on IP/Gender: The Unmapped Connections. This year will feature contributions from Margaret Jane Radin, Christine Haight Farley, Jessica Silbey, Dan Burk, Ann Bartow, Peter Jaszi, Helen Lom, Diane Zimmerman, Victoria Phillips, Ruchira Goswami, Amita Dhanda, and Elizabeth Judge. Please register at www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm
Complimentary lunch and light breakfast provided to registrants. A live and archived webcast will be available at www.wcl.american.edu/pijip/webcast.cfm For more information, see www.pijip.org

ILSP PANEL ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE. March 27, 2:30 pm-4:00 pm, Room 602. In conjunction with the ILSP's 25th Anniversary Celebrations, PIJIP will sponsor a panel featuring officials from the World Intellectual Property Organization and the U.S. Copyright Office in dialogue with academics from NYU and WCL on the relation between traditional knowledge and the development and human rights promotion interests of developing countries.

ILSP 25th Anniversary Panel on Counterfeiting. March 26, 2:00pm-3:45pm, Room 528. Professor Peter Jaszi will moderate a panel of experts discussing national and international regulation of trade in counterfeit goods.

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.

The WCRO is pleased to announce its fifth War Crimes Speaker Series event of the academic year

On Friday, March 30th, **David Scheffer**, who served as the United States' first-ever Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, will speak at Washington College of Law. His talk, **“Possibilities for Ratification of the Rome Statute by the United States”** will examine the U.S. position on the International Criminal Court in the context of recent developments. This event will be held at 11:00 am in WCL Room 601. A light lunch will be served.

Upcoming

On Wednesday, April 10th at noon, **Richard Dicker**, Director of the International Justice Program at Human Rights Watch, will speak about the **Iraqi High Tribunal**. Stay tuned for event details.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, at 10:10pm 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 April 2. 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.

For all SBA Student Organizations, the deadline for Fall 2007 Budgets is Friday, April 6, 2007 at 10:00 am. Submit all budgets electronically to sbafinance@wcl.american.edu as an Excel Spreadsheet and a Word Document. If you have any questions, please contact Chair of the SBA Finance Committee at sbafinance@wcl.american.edu. Stay tuned for Q&A sessions in the next three weeks.

Barrister's Ball 2007

It's time to purchase your prom tickets! Barrister's Ball will be held Saturday, March 31st from 8 pm to midnight at the Mellon Auditorium. Tickets are on sale this week and next week from 10 am to 7 pm in the lobby (noon - 2 outside the cafeteria). Tickets are \$35 each, cash or check accepted. There will be **NO SALES AT THE DOOR**, and we expect to sell out, so get your tickets soon!

Action for Human Rights*

Not a morning person? Join us for **HUMAN RIGHTS HAPPY HOUR!**

Wednesday, March 28 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm WCL 6th Floor International Student Lounge HUMAN RIGHTS HAPPY HOUR is back in March! As always, enjoy fair trade Coffee, Argentine mate (the green caffeine), tea, sweets and snacks with the WCL

community. Get the scoop on all the upcoming opportunities to get involved in human rights as students, staff, and professors announce upcoming events at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars now for the semester's last HRHH on Wednesday, April 11th from 5-6pm at 4910 Mass Ave. For more information on happy hours please contact Jessica Farb at jessica.farb@american.edu. *Sponsored by Action for Human Rights, the LL.M. Board, and the Center's Student Advisory Board.

APALSA

APABA-DC/APALSA Dinner Reception: Learn how to get more involved in the APA community! The Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Washington, DC Area and the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association cordially invite you to an informal reception on **Friday, March 30th, 2007 from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm in the JD Student Lounge**. Meet representatives from APABA-DC, the APABA Educational Fund (AEF), the Asian American Leadership, Empowerment, and Development for Youth and Families (AALEAD), the APA Legal Resource Center (APALRC), and the Conference on APA Leadership (CAPAL). Dinner will be served. Business casual attire is not required. Please RSVP by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007 to Eugene Ho at ehho129@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

Christian Legal Society

What Does the Bible Say About the Death Penalty? Tuesday, March 27, 12-1pm Room 500 Bring your lunch and bring a friend!

Criminal Law Brief

The Criminal Law Brief is soliciting staff applications. All students with a strong interest in criminal law and related issues are invited to submit applications. Please download the staff application off the Criminal Law Brief website <https://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/clb/>. The application form, resume, and a 3-5 page essay on criminal law should be placed in the Criminal Law Brief office #615 on the 6th Floor, in the box labeled "CLB Staff Applications". The deadline for applications is March 30th at 5pm. Please email questions to CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu

Criminal Law Brief will be having an **information session** for all students interested in being on Criminal Law Brief staff. The information session is on **Monday, March 26th from 6-7pm in room 526**. We will provide interested students with information about the brief and answer any questions you might have.

EJF

TONIGHT! EJF Date Auction

Thursday, March 22 starting at 9:00 pm Tom Tom Bar and Restaurant, 2nd level 2333 18th Street, NW in Adams Morgan

Come out to bid for a good cause and support your friends! Date packages include skydiving, an equine ride to a picnic, Wizards tickets, and great retreats in and around the city. Bidding begins at 10:00 pm. A \$7 fee will be collected at the upper level entrance; drink specials will be in effect. 2L DJ John Van Amburg and a special drag show/contest at intermission will keep the party going. Pick up a Date Auction preview booklet the

week of March 19th at the poster in the WCL lobby. **Spread the word!**

All proceeds will help EJF provide scholarships to WCL students who have obtained unpaid summer positions with public interest organizations in the US and abroad.

Application Information

1. The deadline for EJF volunteer hours is **Thursday, March 22, 2007**.
2. EJF grant applications packets are **NOW** available for pick up in the Office of Career and Professional Development . All completed applications must be placed in the EJF collection slot outside OCPD by **5:00 pm on Monday, March 26, 2007**. *No late applications will be accepted.*

Volunteer hours sign-off

Remember to have a member of the Executive Board sign-off on all of your volunteer hours **before the grant application deadline**. Simply place your volunteer timesheet in the EJF slot (K3) in the SBA lounge and **email the appropriate board member(s), alerting them to the fact that your sheet is ready for their initials** .

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

1. Thank you letter envelope stuffing
Wednesday, March 21 starting at 3pm SBA lounge
Contact Lyndsey Ray at lyndsey.ray@gmail.com with questions
2. Fundraiser cards

Volunteers interested in helping to sell EJF fundraiser cards should sign up with Rachel Weiner by emailing her at RLauren414@aol.com. For information on how this task will count towards EJF hours, please contact Sarah K. Brown at sarah.k.brown@american.edu

Health Law & Justice Initiative*

Could A Vaccine For Cancer Be Bad? The Public Policy Debate Over The HPV Vaccine. Wednesday, March 28, 12 to 1 p.m. in Room 602, * the Health Law & Justice Initiative (HLJI) and Law Students for Choice (LSFC) will present a program on the controversial HPV Vaccine and the relevant public policy issues surrounding recent state efforts to make the vaccine mandatory for girls entering the sixth grade. Such efforts have already had some success in Texas and Virginia. Last summer the CDC approved the vaccine, called Gardasil, and recommended that teenage girls receive the vaccine because it has been shown to be nearly 100 percent effective in preventing the HPV strains known to cause 70 percent of cervical cancers and 90 percent of genital warts. While different interest groups disagree on whether the vaccine should be mandated by the government, there is general consensus that the HPV vaccine could significantly reduce rates of cervical cancer if young people are vaccinated. Speakers will include **Deven McGraw, J.D./MPH, Chief Operating Officer for National Partnership for Women & Families**. HLJI and LSFC have also invited a Nurse Practitioner who specializes in the HPV vaccine at Merck Pharmaceuticals (the producer of Gardasil) and Dan Bruey, Director of the Student Health Center at American University to come and address why AU student health insurance will not cover the HPV testing or vaccination. Empanadas will be served.

Human Rights Brief

The Human Rights Brief is seeking Senior Editors for its 2007-2008 academic year staff. In particular, the Brief is looking for two Senior Articles Editors, a Managing Editor and a Senior Editor for its blog. (The Blog Editor position will also include responsibilities related to the print publication). Each position is approximately a ten hour per week commitment. Applications will be posted on the door to the Brief office (room 630) by 5:00pm on Thursday, March 29 and will be due early the following week. All members of the WCL community are welcome to apply. Questions may be directed to chief_hrb@wcl.american.edu.

Immigrants' Rights Coalition (IRC)

"Asylum Roulette: Problems with Administrative Discretion in Protecting Refugees"

March 28, 2007, 12:00 – 1:20, International Student Lounge

Catered lunch will be served Please join the IRC for a discussion of the sometimes outwardly arbitrary nature of asylum adjudications in the overtaxed United States immigration system.

Inspired by a NY Times article published on October 8, 2006 titled "Asylum Routlette," the panel will investigate issues related to administrative discretion in asylum adjudications. Panelists will explore issues facing both asylum applicants and those advocating for them. The event will also discuss comprehensive solutions and how attorneys, advocates, and law students can contribute to reform. Panelists include Brittney Nystrom, Esq., Asylum Project Director for the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition, and Melissa Frisk, Esq., Associate Attorney, Maggio & Kattar. Questions: please e-mail irc.cochairs@gmail.com.

JLSA

JLSA's Annual Passover Seder will be held April 3rd at 7pm in the Faculty Dining Room.

Tickets are \$5 and will be on sale in the lobby March 28-30th. Please email jenny.segal@american.edu with questions.

The Modern American

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CUTTING EDGE LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING RACE, GENDER, CLASS, RELIGION, AND/OR SEXUALITY?

Do you want to be a part of one of WCL's fastest growing publications? Then come join our staff! *The Modern American* is WCL's student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law. Our mission is to provide a forum for a frank, yet healthy discourse of issues facing minority groups within the United States today. Specifically, the publication discusses the legal system's treatment of racial, sexual, ethnic and other underrepresented people. We will be accepting applications for Junior Staff, Articles Editors, Marketing Editors, Publications Editors, and Staff Writers starting **March 22, 2007**. To apply, please email a cover letter explaining why you are interested in joining *The Modern American* and what positions you are applying for, resume, and writing sample to tma@wcl.american.edu. The application packet, including instructions, is currently available on *The Modern American* website. Apply soon, the deadline is **April 20, 2007**.

Feel free to check out our past issues on the stands in the lobby by the elevators or on the web at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>.

The 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 Summer 2007 or Fall 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.

THE MODERN AMERICAN, SECOND ANNUAL DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM:

RETAINING THE TWO-FERS: THE OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATIONS FACING THOSE WITHIN THE LEGAL FIELD WHO IDENTIFY WITH MULTIPLE MINORITY GROUPS

Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. – Room 603

What are the current benefits and limitations of addressing diversity in the workplace? What is it like for those who fall within those minority groups? What happens when individuals fall within more than one group? How are organizations working towards addressing these complex issues? How should they be addressing these issues and what effect does this have on our legal field?

The Modern American, the WCL student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law, hopes to provide answers to these questions while provoking new ones at our second annual diversity symposium. The event includes a diversified panel of speakers who will delve into the journeys of their own achievement in the legal field and discuss what role their identity played. Register online at http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm.

Moot Court Honor Society

The Moot Court Honor Society will hold **two info sessions regarding positions on the Executive Board. The first info session will be on Wednesday, March 28th at noon in room 601 and the second session will also be on the 28th at 8PM in room 627.**

ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY TO THE MOOT COURT HONOR SOCIETY EXECUTIVE BOARD. You do not need to be a current team member to apply.

Public Interest Student Coalition

PISC Grantseeking Workshop 2 Sessions for both Full and Part-Time Students!

Wednesday, March 28, 10:00am – 12:00pm & 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Looking for a job in public interest? Looking for summer and/or post-graduate funding? Join the Public Interest Student Coalition and the WCL Office of Grants and Programs for a grantseeking workshop! Topics covered include how to use the grantseeking databases available for

WCL students; searching and selecting possible funders; and strategies for successful grant writing, among others. If interested, please be sure to fill out the "Grantseeking Basics Registration and Pre-Seminar Questionnaire," found at http://www.wcl.american.edu/grantsandprograms/gsbpsq_form.cfm. Questions: lmj9d@yahoo.com.

South Asian Law Students' Association

See events cosponsored with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

Women's Law Association

The Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia Initiative on Advancement and Retention of Women is pleased to present CLAIMING YOUR SUCCESS: Preparing Women Law Students for the Law Firm Recruiting Process on **Thursday, March 29, 2007 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM** at Howrey LLP, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Metro Center (enter at corner of 12th and E Streets). The event is free for students, but space is limited so please register at www.wbadc.org.

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. Walter Effross invites applications for the position of his summer research assistant (20 hours per week for ten weeks; \$2,200 total for the summer), on projects in corporate and commercial law, cyberlaw, and intellectual property law. If you are interested, please submit your resume, transcript, and statement of your other anticipated obligations for the summer to Professor Effross's administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, in Room 475 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6.

Professor Ala'i is seeking one Deans Fellow for Summer 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 Julie Seiwel in Room 349. Deadline for all applications is Monday, April 16, 2007.

Prof. Nancy Polikoff seeks a summer dean's fellow to assist with her work on family law issues, including alternative reproduction for gay and lesbian couples and legal definitions of family. Completion of family law preferred but not required. Please submit a copy of your transcript (unofficial is fine), your resume, and a brief note about your interest in these issues to Rosalena Thompson in Room 475.

Prof. Diane Orentlicher is seeking at least one full-time summer research assistant. During the summer, she will be working on two main projects. The first is a study of the impact of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Kosovo. The second is a study of amnesty laws. Students interested in this position should submit a cover letter indicating the number of hours they would be available per week; a resume; a brief writing sample; and two

references to Prof. Orentlicher's administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, on Room 475 (rthompson@wcl.american.edu).

Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law **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.

Prof. Jonathan Baker is seeking one or more Dean's Fellows to work during the summer, primarily on a book project involving U.S. competition policy (not just antitrust law, but also history, politics and economics). The position could be filled by one student working 20 hours per week, or more than one working five or ten hours per week. If you would like to be considered for this position, please submit a letter describing briefly your interest and availability during the summer along with a resume to Professor Baker's assistant, Jeff Barsky, in Room 384. Please make sure these materials include both your e-mail address and telephone number.

The International Human Rights Law Clinic is now accepting applications from students interested in working as legal interns for the summer. These positions are paid by the hour, and usually consist of a 10-week commitment on either a full-time (40 hours/week) or part-time (20 hours/week) basis. A longer commitment may also be arranged. We are looking for someone who can begin on May 21, 2007, and someone who is available to work through the end of the summer (Aug. 20, 2007). Over the summer, legal interns work under the supervision of the Clinic faculty and are responsible for maintaining the Clinic's case load, comprised of asylum, international human rights, and immigrants' rights cases. In addition, the legal interns will be expected to update files and provide assistance in preparing for the next academic year. Because of the work required over the summer, international human rights and/or immigrants' rights practice experience is preferred, as is foreign-language fluency (esp. Spanish and French). Preference is given to rising 3Ls, but all are encouraged to apply. Please submit resume and cover letter via email to Maribel Yamat (myamat@wcl.american.edu) by Friday, March 30, 2007.

Integrated Curriculum Seeks Deans Fellows for 2007-2008 The deadline to apply to be an Integrated Curriculum Dean's Fellow for the 2007-2008 school year has been extended! Please submit your cover letter, resume, and transcript by 5pm on Monday, March 26 to Professor Popper's office, room 414.

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 by Monday March 26th at 5pm. For more information please email Kelli.Lozier@american.edu .

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 digest1@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Spring 2007" in the subject line.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Code Violation Settlement: An LLM student was sanctioned for an admitted Honor Code Violation. The publication of this announcement is part of a settlement reached after investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. This matter was referred to the Prosecution Team by WCL students, which had reason to believe that the student had used unauthorized materials during a final examination. The Honor Code Prosecution Team was composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor, Peter Estacio. The student admitted to a violation of Article 8Bvi of the Honor Code. A note was placed in the student's official file for a period of two years summarizing the Honor Code violation and the outcome.

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

The ABA Section of Family Law is pleased to present its Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest: http://maestro.abanet.org/trk/click?ref=zpqri74vj_2-3491x3515ex34 .

This contest is held annually to encourage interest in the field of family law. Not only does the contest encourage innovative thought in family law, but it also provides an opportunity for recognition and publication in the scholarly journal Family Law Quarterly. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. However, if the law in one state reflects a significant development or trend, that too could be an appropriate subject for an entry. With the vast scope of family law, the possibilities are endless. The breadth of originality and analysis of past winners is a great testament to the quality of our nation's law schools and educators. Past topics of winning essays include transsexuals and the legal determination of sex, same-sex marriages, federal responsibility for indigent elderly, the Indian Child Welfare Act, polygamy and marital counseling laws. Additional information about the Schwab Memorial Essay Contest can be found at www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwab.shtml:

<http://maestro.abanet.org/trk/click?ref=zpqri74vj_2-3491x35160x34> .

The deadline for entries is May 1, 2007. For any questions, please contact Carrie Asalon of the Section of Family Law at 312-988-5145 or e-mail asalonc@staff.abanet.org.

SUMMER PROGRAM IN CHILE- Even though the enrollment deadline has passed, if you are still interested in enrolling in the Summer Program in Chile, do not hesitate to contact the program director, Macarena Saez, at msaez@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4388. The program allows you to study trade and investment in Latin America, and comparative law for four weeks in both Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina. Visit www.wcl.american.edu/chile for more information. Don't miss this opportunity!

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 31st 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 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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.

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>

Faith, Diplomacy, and Foreign Policy: The Role of Religion in Foreign Affairs

Speakers include: Ambassador John Hanford, Office of International Religious Freedom, US Department of State; Professor Akbar Ahmad, AU Professor Surjit Mansingh; AU Dr. Philip Wogaman, former Dean, Wesley Theological Seminary; Ambassador Clyde Taylor, Una Chapman Cox Foundation and former US Ambassador to Paraguay; Ambassador Anthony Quainton, former Ambassador to Kuwait, Nicaragua and Peru. **March 28, 2:00pm Kay Spiritual Life Center Chapel**, American University 4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Reception to follow. Sponsored by the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, School of International Service, the Office of the University Chaplain, and Georgetown University Office of Campus Ministry.

Course Selection Panels with the Integrated Curriculum: Come Join the Integrated Curriculum Dean's Fellows when they share their advice about course selection for the 2nd year, summer jobs, and externship possibilities. Lunch provided!

Sections 1&2: Monday, March 26th from 12:30-1:30pm in Rm 402

Sections 3&4: Wednesday, March 28th from 12:30-1:30pm in Rm 402

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

AN EVENING WITH ERISA LAWYERS

Are you interested in Labor, Employment, Health or Tax Law? Would you like to learn more about legal careers relating to Retirement and Health Benefits? If yes, please plan to attend this exciting panel discussion and networking event on **March 27th from 6:00-9:00pm in WCL Room 503.**

The panel will include:

-Tom Reeder, Benefits Tax Counsel, U.S. Treasury Department

-Gail Perry, Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Dept. of Labor

-Chris Keller, Groom Law Group

-James A. Klein, American Benefits Council

-Michelle Pretlow, Littler Mendelson

Please register for this event on eCampusRecruiter. Food will be served (not pizza).

Questions regarding the event may be directed to OCPD at

careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

**ARE YOU CONSIDERING A POSITION WITH A SMALL OR MID-SIZE FIRM
THIS SUMMER OR POST-GRADUATION?**

If so, then Do Not Miss:

The Secrets of Small and Mid-Size Firm Hiring

Wednesday, March 28th at 12pm in Room 100

This dynamic session will feature Donna Gerson, author of Choosing Small, Choosing Smart: Job Search Strategies for Lawyers in the Small Firm Market and Building Career Connections: Networking Tools for Law Students and New Lawyers. Ms. Gerson will also be available to meet individually with students who register for an appointment on eCampusRecruiter. Please check the system for those opportunities as they will be posted in the coming days. Questions regarding this event can be directed to OCPD at careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

Attention 1Ls!

EFFECTIVE JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

**Wednesday, March 28th
4:00-5:30pm, Room 526**

**Thursday, March 29th
12-1:30pm, Room 401**

This informative panel discussion will cover what you need to know to find your 2008 summer or academic year position, whether in Government, Public Interest, the Judiciary, or Private Practice. Topics will include:

**Job Search Timelines
Critical Dates & Deadlines
Application Procedures
Hiring Processes
Resources... and more!**

Registration Required.

Space is limited, so please register on under the “Events” section of eCampusRecruiter if you plan to attend. *Pizza will be provided.* **Questions? Please send an email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.**

If you have a class that ends or begins during these sessions, we still encourage you to attend as your schedule permits. Any handouts will be available on the eCampusRecruiter Document Library and the event will be Podcast.

3L/4L Workshop Series #3: Long Distance Job Search & Attorney Search Firms

If you are seeking employment outside of the metro DC area and/or are curious about the services provided by legal headhunters in the job search process, then you won't want to miss this dynamic presentation delivered by WCL alumnus Dan Binstock, Managing Director of the DC offices of BCG Attorney Search and Matthew Pascocello, OCPD Asst. Director for Marketing & Alumni Counseling. **Thursday, March 29th at 12:00pm in Room 602.** *Pizza will be provided,* so please register on eCampusRecruiter if you plan to attend.

ATTENTION FIRST YEAR STUDENTS! Looking for tips on how to develop a well-organized work product under tight deadlines? Want to learn professional writing skills and effective editing? King & Spalding invites you to the *3rd Annual King & Spalding Writing Workshop for First-Year Law Students*, featuring Susan McCloskey, President of McCloskey Writing Consultants. The event is a **90-Minute Writing Workshop & Cocktail Reception to follow with King & Spalding Attorneys** on Thursday, March 29, 2007, 5:00 PM at King & Spalding, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. Attire is Business Casual.

RSVP: Leslie Weipert at WDCRecruiting@kslaw.com, or 202-626-2995 by Monday, March 26, 2007 (Space is limited so please RSVP early)

This program is co-sponsored by the BLSA chapters of Columbus School of Law, George Mason School of Law, The George Washington University Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, Howard University School of Law, Washington College of Law and University of Maryland School of Law.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Law clerk needed ASAP for law firm in Reston, VA. Will have hands-on experience preparing pleadings, motions, memoranda, correspondence, and about everything else an attorney does, with the exception of signing pleadings and going to court. If you want real hands-on experience, this is the place for you! Practice areas include real estate, corporate, small business, litigation, family law, wills, trusts, personal injury, etc. Contact WCL alumni, Lisa M. Bass, Esq. (05') at (703) 435-0000 and/or fax cover letter, resume, and short writing sample to (703) 787-9540.

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. A great networking tool and summer job search resource!

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR presents a Brown Bag Program
MENTORING: Lawyer Professional Advancement**

sponsored by:

Law Practice Management Section; Administrative Law and Agency Practice Section; Corporation Finance and Securities Law Section; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section; Real Estate, Housing and Land Use Section Labor and Employment Law Section; Intellectual Property Law Section; Antitrust and Consumer Law Section; International Law Section; Health Law Section; Litigation Section; Taxation Section; University of Baltimore School of Law; American University, Washington College of Law; The George Washington University Law School; University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

Effective mentoring plays a critical role in lawyer professional advancement. Get practical guidance on how to develop strong workplace relationships, well designed

mentoring programs, and training in mentoring skills. Attendees will gain valuable insight and learn from the experts on the following topics:

- The connection between mentoring and retention of talented professionals
- The keys to developing a successful mentor program
- The roles and responsibilities of mentors and mentees
- Building a network of mentors
- How employers can develop a mentoring culture

Speakers: Ida Abbott, Esq.

Consultant and Author,
Ida Abbott Consulting

Caren Stacy

Director of Professional Development
Arnold & Porter, Washington DC

Rena Cervoni & Jeanne Svihart

Assistant Directors
Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management
U.S. Department of Justice

Moderator: James Sandman, Esq.

D.C. Bar President and Senior Partner
Arnold & Porter, Washington D.C.

Date /Time: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 / 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Location: D.C. Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street NW (Metro Center)

Cost: \$10.00 Law Students (**Please bring your lunch.**)

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

U.S. Department of Justice Volunteer Summer Legal Intern Program:

**NEWS FLASH!!! SUMMER 2007 OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEB PAGE AT: <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/int/internsum07.htm>.**

- **more than 1000** internships available nationwide
- volunteer positions with more than 90 Department organizations, including U.S. Attorneys' Offices
- each listing contains information on number of positions, who to contact, desired qualifications, deadlines, and the application process
- challenging work, lots of responsibility, supportive supervisors and colleagues, and the opportunity to contribute to the public interest

APPLY EARLY! APPLICATION DEADLINES VARY.

Careers in Communications Law Panel Discussion: The Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA), the Law & Media Society, the Communications Law Society, and OCPD would like to invite you to a panel discussion on careers in communications law.

This panel will feature practitioners from a variety of organizations related to communications law including: the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, the Federal Communications Commission, the Institute for Public Representation, and TMobile. The event is on **Thursday, March 22nd from 12:00 – 1:20**. Free lunch provided! Please register for this event through eCampus Recruiter.

Legal Services Corporation, Office of Legal Affairs seeks 2007 Summer Law Clerk:

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is a non-profit that distributes federal funds to private legal aid programs across the nation for the provision of free civil legal services to indigent clients. Law clerks assist attorneys in the Office of Legal Affairs with interpretation of federal statutes, federal grants and oversight of federally funded legal services, in-house legal matters and litigation matters. **Deadline for applications: March 23, 2006.** Please see eCampus Recruiter for complete posting.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Service, Food and Drug Administration Seeks Summer 2007 Law Clerks:

The FDA will hire 3 2Ls as paid summer law clerks in a program that is used as a recruitment tool for future permanent positions. The FDA is responsible for the safety, effectiveness, manufacturing, and labeling of medical products. The Office of General Counsel employs over 80 attorneys and represents the FDA in court proceedings and in administrative hearings. In both civil and criminal cases, lawyers develop cases; draft pleadings, motions and briefs; and conduct discovery and trials. Applications accepted on a rolling basis, and applicants are strongly encouraged to submit materials as soon as possible for best consideration. See eCampus Recruiter for complete posting.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns

Wednesday, April 11th from 5:30 to 8:00

Hear federal and state judges discuss what they look for in clerk/intern candidates and the role of clerks/interns in chambers. Participate in small group discussions with alumni clerks about application steps and strategies. Attend a reception at the end of the event. Please register at: www.wcl.american.edu/secle or through the Events sections of eCampusRecruiter.

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.

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, Virginia Supreme Court, Virginia Court of Appeals, Oregon Supreme Court, and Oregon Court of Appeals 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).

Planning to apply for judicial clerkships for the 2008 term?

Be sure to attend one of OCPD's judicial clerkship Nuts & Bolts Workshops this spring to get critical updates and deadlines you need to know! Register on eCampus to attend.

Monday, March 26 (12-1 p.m.) - Room 504

Tuesday, March 27 (12-1 p.m.) - Room 504

Wednesday, April 4 (12-1 p.m.) – Room 501

Tuesday, April 10 (5-6 p.m.) – Room 501

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

DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs: DuPont is proud to announce the Fourteenth Annual DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs. For 13 years DuPont has led the effort to attract talented law students, with an interest in increasing the number of lawyers of color represented in participating law firms and primary legal service companies.

WCL has been selected as a participating law school. We urge you to consider applying for an invitation to one of DuPont's Minority Job Fairs. When you submit an application for an invitation, you are, in effect, submitting an application to all of the legal employers

participating in the program. Students have the option of choosing from three job fair sites:

Houston, TX
Los Angeles, CA
Wilmington, DE

Saturday, August 11, 2007
Saturday, August 11, 2007
Saturday, August 11, 2007

Registration for the Houston, Los Angeles, and Wilmington sites will be completed electronically. You may login to a password-protected site, complete the Registration Form, attach your resume and transcript and click "Submit." It's that easy! The deadline for the receipt of your registration for any of the Job Fairs is **Tuesday, April 10, 2007.**

For more details about the Job Fair and to obtain the username and password for online registration, please email Kelli Johnson by 12pm NOON on **Friday, April 6** at kjohnson@wcl.american.edu with "DuPont Job Fair" in the subject line.

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.

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.

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.

APABA – AEF Annual Benefit Dinner: The Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund invites you to it's 2007 Annual Benefit Dinner on **Tuesday, March 20, 2007** at The Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW (at Connecticut Avenue),

Washington, DC 20008 (Woodley Park Metro - Red Line). Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction at 6:00pm; Dinner & Live Auction at 7:00pm. **Please RSVP by March 10, 2007** by contacting Alexander Nguyen at (202) 879-5216 or alexander.nguyen@gmail.com. For more information on AEF, please visit www.aefdc.org. Please check eCampusRecruiter for more details.

White & Case LLP Annual Diversity Reception (for 1Ls, 2Ls, 3L/4Ls and LL.M. students): White & Case cordially invites you to our Annual Diversity Reception. The diversity of our lawyers and staff is a source of great strength to our firm, vital to our ability to effectively represent and serve our clients throughout the world. Come meet our lawyers, learn about the Firm's initiatives and programs supporting our commitment to diversity and find out how to become part of our global team. We look forward to seeing you!! **Tuesday, March 27 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm** at White & Case LLP, 701 Thirteenth Street, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. RSVP by Thursday, March 22, 2007 to Kelly Cassetori at kcassetori@whitecase.com. Business Casual attire. Refreshments will be served.

For more information on 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

Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop for Foreign Attorneys:

Before you schedule an individual counseling session with Adriana Vito for resume and cover letter review, you are required to attend one of our Resume and Cover Letter Workshops. Our next workshop will take place on **Friday, March 23 from 12:00-2:00pm in Room 500. Registration is required** – please send an email to Ms. Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu with your name and country of origin. Please remember to bring a copy of your resume and cover letter drafts so we can work on them. If you don't have one yet, no problem, we will create a draft together! I look forward to seeing you there!

Attention students: The ILSP 25th Anniversary is coming up next week!

Don't miss this great panel discussion: “Learn Here, Practice There: Career Advice from Experienced ILSP Alumni”

Monday, March 26, 2007- 3:45pm to 5:15pm - International & JD Student Lounges on the 6th Floor - LL.M. and JD students welcome to attend

This enthusiastic panel gathers WCL alumni from across the globe who pursued five distinct career paths in different regions of the world. Panelists will share their experience and advice and reflect upon the challenges and triumphs of their careers. Don't miss this unique opportunity of learning from successful alumni the steps needed to pursue the

legal career of your dreams. This panel will offer a great chance to network with your fellow alumni through an exciting discussion on an issue that is on everyone's mind: the future of your career as a lawyer!

Speakers: Magda Theodate, Regional Procurement Specialist (Caribbean), Inter-American Development Bank, Alberto Ninio, Lead Counsel, Environment & International Law, Legal Vice Presidency, The World Bank, Carola Canelo, Partner, Canelo, Abogados y Cía. Ltda., Chile, Marco Lazo de la Vega, Legal Counsel, Bolivian Power Company, Yuliya Mitrofanskaya, Partner at Salans (Almaty office).

Moderator: Adriana Vito, Assistant Director, International Career Programs, American University Washington College of Law

What if a software could draft your resume for you?

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – a software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! LL.M. students will be the first to have access to this great free tool!

The Office of Career & Professional Development has recently acquired a new resume software called OptimalResume©. The software is available at <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and can also be accessed through the hyperlink on the eCampusRecruiter homepage. OptimalResume is a user-friendly system that will help you create a great resume quickly and easily. Start today by creating an account, and work on your customized resume at your leisure. It's easy! This service is sponsored by OCPD and is free to you as an LL.M. student at the Washington College of Law. OptimalResume will allow you to access your resume via the web and to keep it updated on an as-needed basis. There are numerous examples and wording to help you throughout the process and plenty of resume output formats to choose from. Spell check and format assistance is also provided. OptimalResume does the hard work; all you have to concentrate on is content. To begin using OptimalResume, select the "Get Started" function on the OptimalResume homepage and create an account. As a WCL LL.M. student, you are pre-registered in the system so just enter your full @american.edu email address and create a personal password. If you have any questions or comments regarding this software, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu

Welcome to the new edition of the ILSP Career Connection!

Attention ILSP - LL.M. Students:

Do you already have an internship arranged for next summer? Do you already know where you will be working during your OPT time? If you answered no to these questions, it is about time you find out about the ILSP Career Connection. What is it?

The ILSP Career Connection is a newsletter for LL.M. students containing jobs and internship opportunities in the USA and abroad. In every edition, a large variety of employers is represented, including law firms, government agencies, NGOs and international organizations. The ILSP Career Connection is available for LL.M. students and alumni from WCL only (please do not share this document outside the AU community!). To access our current edition (posted this week!) please click on: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/llmforeign.cfm#connection>

If you experience any difficulties accessing this week's edition of the ILSP Career Connection, please feel free to email me at avito@wcl.american.edu

Please note: The ILSP Career Connection focuses on ads for LL.M. students and LL.M. alumni ONLY. If you are a JD student, please browse through ads and postings using our eCampus Recruiter system. If you are a JD student and need assistance to access eCampus Recruiter, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu for help.

As always, I wish you success in your job and internship search!

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.

Please note: due to the ILSP 25th Anniversary events next week, drop-in hours are suspended. Normal drop-in hours will resume on Tuesday, April 3. Thank you for your patience.

***Have a great weekend! ***

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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Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government
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Alumni, Domestic LL.M.s and 2nd Career J.D.s
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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 March 26

9am-5pm, March 26th&27th International Legal Studies Program 25th Anniversary Conference
Rm 603, March 26th to March 30th Innocence Week

Monday, March 26

12-1pm, Rm 504,How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2008 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshop
12:30-1:30pm, Rm 402, Course Selection Panels with the Integrated Curriculum Sections 1&2
2- 3:45pm, Rm 528, ILSP 25th Anniversary Panel on Counterfeiting
6-7pm, Rm 526, Criminal Law Brief information session

Tuesday, March 27

12-1pm, Rm 500, What Does the Bible Say About the Death Penalty?
12-1pm, Rm 504,How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2008 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshop
2:30-4pm, Rm 602, ILSP Panel On Traditional Knowledge
6-9pm, Rm 503, An Evening With ERISA Attorneys: Panel Discussion and Networking Event

Wednesday, March 28

9am-5pm, Rm 603, Treaty of Rome Conference

10am-12pm, lmj9d@yahoo.com, summer and/or post-graduate funding grantseeking workshop

12-1:20, Int'l Stud. Lge, Asylum Roulette: Problems with Administrative Discretion in Protecting Refugees

12pm, Rm 601, Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board positions info session

12-1, Rm 602, Could A Vaccine For Cancer Be Bad? The Public Policy Debate Over The HPV Vaccine

12-1:30pm, Rm 100, The Secrets of Small and Mid-Size Firm Hiring

12:30-1:30pm, Rm 402, Course Selection Panels with the Integrated Curriculum Sections 3&4

12:30-1:20pm, nuraqua786@yahoo.com, IL Public Interest Roundtable w/Prof. Rick Wilson

12:30 -1:30pm, Rm 600, Conflict on Duran Line of Pakistan/Afghanistan: Struggling for Rights or Survival?

4-5:30pm, Rm 526, Effective Job Search Strategies for First Year Evening Students

5pm-7pm, lmj9d@yahoo.com, summer and/or post-graduate funding grantseeking workshop

5-6pm, 6th Floor Intl Student Lounge, Human Rights Happy Hour

8pm, Rm 627, Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board positions info session

Thursday, March 29

12-1:30pm, Rm 401, Effective Job Search Strategies for First Year Students,

12-1pm, Rm 602, 3L/4L Workshop Series #3: Long Distance Job Search & Attorney Search Firms

2:15- 6pm, Rm 603, Global Impact of Developments in U.S. Climate Law

5:30 -8:30pm, JD Student Lounge, Shame: Film Showing & Reception

Friday, March 30

9-12:15 pm, Rm 603, The Supreme Court Confronts Affirmative Action in Public Schools

11am, Rm 601, "Possibilities for Ratification of the Rome Statute by the United States"

6:30-8:30pm, JD Student Lounge, APABA-DC/APALSA Dinner Reception