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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tues. - Thurs.	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.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2008: Advance registration for spring 2008 will begin on Monday, November 12th. **The schedule for courses will be available in our office later today and on-line by this evening.** Any student who has a stop on their account will be unable to register on-line during their time allotted period, so should check with the appropriate offices to clear stops prior to pre-registration. Instructions for pre-registration and lottery priority will be in future Dockets and on-line on our web site. Student pre-registering for the first time on-line may also pick up shorter instructions in our office (suite 304).

FIRST YEAR ELECTIVES: First-year elective courses will be posted and available for FULL-TIME STUDENTS ONLY to make choices on the Registrar web site, beginning 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007.

ATTENTION FEBRUARY BAR EXAM APPLICANTS:

Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application should request the document as soon as possible. Each state has different requirements and procedures: Go to: <http://www.barexam.org/> to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines and fees.

ATTENTION MARYLAND BAR APPLICANTS:

You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify pre-legal education. You are also responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

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

SPRING 2007 and SUMMER 2007 EXAMS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP For those professors who have returned their exams for spring 2007 and summer 2007 to our office, these exams/papers are now available for pick-up during office hours. Exams are filed by anonymous grading number (for that semester) and are in cabinets and drawers in the office, under the name of the instructor. A listing of all available exams is posted for review.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

ADA Accommodations

Washington College of Law students with permanent or temporary disabilities may need special accommodations to facilitate their study of the law. If you are such a student and have documentation of your disability, and have not already self identified previously, please consider doing so.

Your privacy will be protected. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need more information. You may contact the Senior Academic Counselor, Ann Kreske, at 202-274-4031; akreske@wcl.american.edu. **You are encouraged to submit your documentation as soon as possible for any accommodations needed prior to the final exam period.**

DEADLINE: Documentation of a disability should be provided to the Academic Support Center or Disability Support Services **no later than the Friday before Thanksgiving break to seek accommodations related to final exams.**

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>

Scholarship Opportunities

The Offices of Student Affairs and Financial Aid are pleased to announce the release of the most comprehensive collection of outside scholarship available to law students.

Culled from a number of sources during the summer session, there are presently more than 400 scholarships available, based on a number of factors and ranging from \$500 to \$50,000. Students can find the information at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/> and in hard copy outside the Office of Student Affairs, suite 300.

Please take advantage of the opportunities these scholarships offer, and let us know when you are successful!

The following scholarships have November deadlines:

Regional Law Student Scholarships

New York

Saratoga County Bar Association Scholarship

Phone/Fax: 518-587-5829

pclute@saratogacountybar.org

<http://www.saratogacountybar.org/scholarship.html>

Miscellaneous Law Student Scholarships

Horizons Foundation, c/o NDIA

703-247-2552

<http://wid.ndia.org/horizon/scholar.htm>

Diversity Law Student Scholarships (see “Stuff on the table”)

Mandela Law Scholarship

www.nblsa.org/resources/scholarships/

Sandy Brown Memorial Scholarship

www.nblsa.org/resources/scholarships/

Bristol-Myers Squibb PRLDEF Corporate Legal Fellowship

Sponsor: Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund

Contact: 800/328-2322; 212/219-3360 ext. 223

<http://www.prldef.org/education.htm>

California

La Raza Lawyers Association of Santa Cruz County Scholarships

Contact: 831/464-2222

viclaw@pacbell.net

<http://www.victormcampos.com/laraza>

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

REGISTER NOW

NOVEMBER 8: “Revisiting the Law School Diversity Imperative: Access and Definition” –

Sponsored by the Dean’s Diversity Council and the Office of Diversity Services – This conference will feature interactive panel discussions that will revisit the definition of diversity, examine obstacles to access to law school for diverse populations, and devise concrete steps for advancing the dialogue toward ensuring continued diversity in law schools. Other highlights include an opening keynote speech by Professor Darren Hutchinson, and the annual council dinner and address by DDC member and EEOC Commissioner Stuart Ishimaru. More information can be found at:

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

Registration for both conferences at: http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm

Office of Career and Professional Development – Diversity Efforts

Please note that OCPD advertises employer-sponsored diversity initiatives through a variety of media. Join the OCPD CareerLink Diversity Listserv to update your student profile on CareerLink to ensure that you receive emails targeted to WCL's diverse students. And don't forget to read the OCPD section of the *Docket* regularly for information about other opportunities. For additional information on OCPD's diversity efforts, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/careers/jobfairs.cfm>, or <https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/> (search under "jobs & resume collection" for fellowships and scholarships or search under the "Events" tab for job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities). Or go by the office and see Kelli Johnson.

"Stuff on the Table"

- HACU Collegiate Student Programs
- Judicial internship opportunity
- AEF Speed Networking Reception – November 7
- Fenwick & West Diversity & Public Interest Summer Fellowship
- Diversity scholarships notebook

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Important Legislative Update

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act, ratified October 1, reduced benefits available to federal loan lenders and will also affect benefits and disbursements for borrowers. For WCL borrowers the changes apply only to Grad Plus loans. With the exception of Access Group and Citibank, designated WCL supplemental lenders will make no changes in benefits on loans issued to students for the current school year. The Access Group will deduct an additional one percent in fees from Grad Plus disbursements issued after November 1. A total of 4% will be deducted from Access loan proceeds and will be seen by most for the first time in spring disbursements. Citibank will apply the increased fee only to new Grad Plus loans applied for after January 1, 2008. These changes will not affect Citibank loans already approved for the year or second semester loans certified before December 31.

Account Stops

Contact the office if you have an account "stop" because of outstanding financial aid.

Restricted Scholarship Awards

Decisions will be mailed. Updates on the notification timeline will be provided as the process proceeds.

Full-time Students - Spring Course Load

Please notify the office if you will take a reduced course load spring term. For financial aid purposes fewer than 12 credits constitutes part-time study and limits aid to the allotment for part-time attendance. Aid must be adjusted if your status changes. (*Full-time cost of attendance = \$28,623.50 per semester; part-time = \$22,904.*) **NOTE: FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED FOR NEED-BASED GRANT AWARDS.**

Dean's Fellows

The final payment for the term (for non work-study fellows) will be issued November 30. New appointments or adjustments must be submitted by **November 7** for payment to be received this semester. Additionally, direct deposit is the preferred payment mechanism and you are encouraged to sign up for the service if you have not done so. Information is available in the Finance Office, Suite 370.

Last Work Day ~ Dean's Fellows

The last day of work for the term is the last day of classes, November 29.

Computer Purchase – Reminder Notice

Submit your purchase receipt (the original) by December 1 to avoid adjustment of aid.

Prospective Graduates - December 2007

Please notify the office if you will graduate this December.

2008-2009 Financial Aid

The time is drawing near. FAFSA renewal notices will soon be mailed by the Department of Education. You must reapply to receive financial aid. Be sure that your contact information is current with the processing center. E-mail and other information can be updated at the Student Access segment of www.fafsa.ed.gov. Call (800) 4-FED-AID if you have questions. FAFSA processing begins January 1.

Outside Scholarships

Information is available at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/>

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: publicinterest@wcl.american.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

Join Us for the First Annual Public Interest Week at WCL!

The Office of Public Interest and the Office of Career and Professional Development invite all students to join us for Public Interest Week activities during the week of November 5th:

Public Interest Reception and Information Session

Monday 5, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 528

Refresh and revive with coffee, dessert and a discussion of public interest student groups, resources and opportunities available at WCL. Meet and hear from public interest staff and student group leaders and learn the ins and outs of making the most of your experience at WCL.

Public Interest Careers Panel with WCL Alumni
Wednesday, November 7 at Noon in Room 601

Hear from alumni experts in the field about the broad range of options for practicing law in the public interest. Alumni representatives will discuss careers in civil and criminal legal services, policy advocacy, government, public interest law firms and more. Pizza lunch will be provided.

Finding and Funding Summer Public Interest Work
Thursday, November 8 at Noon in Room 524

A panel of students will discuss the dos and don'ts of finding meaningful work over the summer and getting paid to do it! A must-attend panel for any student seeking public interest work over the summer. Pizza lunch will be provided.

Questions about public interest week can be directed to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu or stop by suite 122

November 12 DC Employment Justice Center Volunteer Training, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Room 603: Get pro bono hours, meet and network with local attorneys, and provide much-needed assistance to local low-wage workers. The EJC provides a weekly walk-in worker's rights clinic. Volunteers conduct intake interviews using a structured questionnaire to assess workplace problems of clients. Experienced employment lawyers are on hand to supervise the intake interviewers and help them advise the workers. Volunteers must attend an observational clinic, fill out a volunteer information sheet and participate in a volunteer training session. No experience is necessary. The EJS asks that only people interested in making a commitment to volunteer at a clinic at least once a month become volunteers. **Please RSVP to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu no later than Wednesday, November 7.**

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series Continues November at noon in Room 402 with Professor Rick Wilson: 1Ls are invited to join Professor Rick Wilson (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/faculty/wilson/>) for lunch on Thursday, November 15 from noon – 12:50 p.m. in room 402. Prof. Wilson will share his interesting path during and after law school. There will be time for students to ask questions. **You must RSVP to asultan100@hotmail.com.** Registration is limited. Pizza will be provided.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM

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:

- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan (teaching hours)
- Students United
- Election Protection
- LINK Tutoring Program
- Clinical Program Translators
- Volunteering with the War Crimes Research Office
- Volunteering with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Volunteering with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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The Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education (SECLE) provides support to students and faculty in creating exciting and unique programs, workshops and seminars at WCL. Whether you are planning a small event or a large conference, we can assist you. Please contact our office at 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu or go to <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/planning.cfm> to download a copy of the program planning guide.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 8

Revisiting the Law School Diversity Imperative: Access & Definition Conference
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/diversity/2007/ddc.cfm>

November 8

Gonzales v Carhart and the Degradation of Abortion Provision in the U.S.
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2007/071108b.cfm>

November 8

Eighth Annual Human Rights Film Series: Ghosts of Abu Ghraib
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/>

FOR FULL DETAILS, PLEASE GO TO WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE
OR EMAIL SECLE@WCL.AMERICAN.EDU

SAVE THE DATES!

November 15

Torture around the World

November 17

William H. Karchmer Fall 2007 Moot Court Competition

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

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Events

**MISSED LAST WEEK'S SCREENING? JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING ON
MAIN CAMPUS TO BE FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION HONORING THE 20TH
ANNIVERSARY OF P.O.V ON PUBLIC TELEVISION**

Thursday, November 1, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre 3rd floor, Mary Graydon Center

Missed the law school's screening? Join us to watch an inspiring story of survival and rebirth in the wake of the horrors of Sierra Leone's Civil War, and a triumphant testament to the power of music. *Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars* is a SXSW 2006 Film Festival Winner. Following the screening will be a reception with P.O.V.'s Executive Director Simon Kilmurry and special friends from all over public broadcasting to celebrate the 20th anniversary of independent documentary films on public television. P.O.V. (Point of View) is television's longest-running showcase for independent non-fiction films.

The reception will be held on the AU main campus in the Butler Board room following the screening.

**CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW: ASSESSING THE IMPACT
OF THE 2005 ICRC REPORT**

Thursday, November 8, 2:00-4:30pm, 4910 Mass. Ave., Large Conference Room

Join us for a panel discussion about customary international humanitarian law. **Jean-Marie Henckaerts**, co-editor of *Customary International Humanitarian Law* will be the keynote speaker. The panel also includes **W. Hays Parks**, Special Assistant to the Judge Advocate General of the Army, U.S. Department of Defense. Invited panelists include Prof. **Gary Solis**, Georgetown University Law Center, and Prof. **Michael Matheson**, George Washington University Law School. The discussion will access the recent Red Cross study evaluating customary international law and its application to armed conflict. The 5,000-page study identifies 161 rules of customary international humanitarian law that offer legal protection for people affected by war. Discussants will evaluate the acceptance of the study by the international legal community and how the compilation adds to the legal landscape. **Light refreshments will be served.**

**SPECIAL EVENT!!!! HUMAN RIGHTS IN A TIME OF WAR: AN EVENING WITH
GHOSTS OF ABU GHRAIB PRODUCER LIZ GARBUS!**

Katzen Arts Center: Thursday, November 8, 5:30 pm

Join us for a screening of the film *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib* and discussion with award-winning human rights film pioneer Liz Garbus as she shares her experiences and answers your questions about the making of this provocative film. *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib* is a beyond-the-headlines look into the psychological and political contexts of the torture at Iraq's infamous prison. An HBO Documentary, also featured at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival. There will be a one-time showing for this film. This event takes place against the backdrop of Fernando Botero's startlingly barbaric exhibit, Botero: Abu Ghraib.

For more information on any of these events, contact the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; 202-274-4180; WCLCenterforHR.org, or humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

Center Announcements

**GET UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CENTER AND AROUND TOWN:
JOIN THE CENTER'S LISTSERV!**

Keep up-to-date on human rights events, activities, and resources at WCL and in the community by joining the Center's listserv! You will receive occasional updates (maximum one per week) from the Center about human rights goings-on right in your inbox. To subscribe, follow the instructions at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm>.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

M, Th 9:00 am-5:00pm; T, W, 9:00 am-6:00pm; F 9:00 am-3:00pm

externship@wcl.american.edu

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS: SUMMER 2008

The International Externship Workshop will be held on November 6th from 12pm-1:30 in room 401. Learn how to access extensive international externship opportunities! Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to externship@wcl.american.edu.

SPECIALIZED EVENING STUDENTS' EXTERNSHIP ORIENTATION:

Evening students interested in learning about the Externship Program and getting academic credit for legal work should attend the Evening Students' Externship Orientation. It will be held on November 8th from 5-6pm in room 601. This will be an informal informational meeting, and students may come in at any time during the session.

ON-CAMPUS DOJ EXTERNSHIP INTERVIEWS

Ted Hirt of the DOJ's Federal Programs Branch will be performing on-campus interviews for the upcoming spring semester. The interviews will be held on November 14th from 4 - 6 pm. Interviews will be 20 minutes, so there are only 3 slots left. Come to the Externship Office to sign up. Go to the Externship Database to learn more about the externship.

PRESTIGIOUS SUMMER 2008 INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS SEEKING STUDENTS:

Students interested in these or other international externships should stop by the Externship Office and fill out an international externship Questionnaire.

-International Chamber of Commerce-Court of Arbitration: The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the world's leading organization in the field of international commercial dispute resolution. Established in 1923 as the arbitration body of ICC, the International Court of Arbitration has pioneered international commercial arbitration as it is known today. Students must have professional or educational background in arbitration.

-Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Created by the Organization of American States in 1979 as an autonomous judicial institution charged to apply and interpret the American Convention on Human Rights, a treaty drafted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1967 and adopted by the OAS in 1969. *Fluent Spanish is required.*

AVAILABLE SPRING EXTERNSHIPS

The following employers called within the past few weeks to inform us of the availability of Spring Externships. Go to the Database for Contact and Application Information!

The Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Ayuda, Inc – Children’s Project

USDOJ – Civil Rights Division

First Star

Center for New Technology Enterprise

US District Court – Hon. Henry Kennedy, Jr.

Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights

USDOJ – Arlington Immigration Court

SECURITY CLEARANCE AND EARLY APPLICATION

Many externships with the federal government require a security clearance. Accordingly, some spring externships have deadlines beginning in October and November. Plan your applications accordingly.

INDIVIDUAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING

The Externship Office provides one-on-one externship counseling. To schedule an appointment, email externship@wcl.american.edu or call (202) 274-4200 for an appointment.

MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT

Want to see the Marshall-Brennan high school students in action? Be a judge or help out with other parts of the day. On **Saturday, November 17**, the **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** will hold its annual fall **moot court competition for D.C. public high school students**. We need your help. We need WCL volunteers who have taken constitutional law to serve as judges. We also need 1Ls to help serve as bailiffs, timekeepers, scorers and various other jobs. The competition will take place at WCL from about **9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** You can sign up for part of the day and volunteer as much time as you can spare. You can also earn WCL pro bono pledge hours for helping that day; we will have the pledge forms for you to fill out. To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Steve Wermiel, the associate director of the program, in Suite 515 or at 274-4263 or swermiel@wcl.american.edu.

And thank you to the WCL community for your wonderful support of the Marshall-Brennan bake sale last week. The bake was a great success, and we appreciate the baking efforts of Marshall-Brennan Fellows and the generosity of the WCL community.

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

Extended hours are available to currently enrolled WCL students, faculty and staff. Please exit the Library at closing and sign in with your AU ID at the Security Desk to return to use the Library after regular hours.

AskPenceLibrary and chat with a librarian for help with your research! Between 9am and 4pm Monday through Friday you can IM a reference librarian and get an instant answer to your question. Just send your message to AskPenceLibrary using AIM, MSN, Yahoo or Google Talk or through the Virtual Reference webpage at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ask.cfm>. Email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu if you have questions about this service.

Win an iPod Nano! Simply be the lucky law student to download the 50,000th case from AudioCaseFiles and win the iPod. You can download audio files of cases, casebooks and much more to your MP3 player with AudioCaseFiles. Register at www.audiocasefiles.com and select American University, Washington College of Law and be sure to use your WCL email address to use this new service. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar, Deputy Director at apostar@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4377.

Do you want to suggest something to add to the Library's collection or make a comment suggesting an improvement to our services? Suggestion boxes are available in the 2nd floor copy room and at the Security Desk at the entrance to the Library. An online form is also posted at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm>. Fill it out and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

Free copying for all new WCL students! If you are a newly enrolled full-time WCL student (1Ls, visitors and transfers) there is \$25 of copying money encoded on your ID card; part-time students have \$12.50 encoded on their IDs. The money will not display on the wall-mounted value stations in the copy rooms, but walk up to a copy machine, swipe your ID card and begin copying. Questions? Call Housing and Dining Services at 202-885-3370.

The Library has arranged to monitor access to the Library on a trial basis. The security person on duty may ask to see your ID.

Did you know that the Pence Law Library is open to the public during regular hours, except during Reading Period and Exams? The Library is a member of the Federal Depository Library Program and therefore required to be open to the public. Through the depository program, we obtain publications that you may not think of as official government documents, such as Ben's Guide to the US Government for Kids, the FTC Consumer Alert, and Child Support Report. More familiar titles might be the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Federal Register, the Congressional Record, the US Code, US Reports, and US treaties. You can find all of our government documents, electronic or paper, in our online catalog at <http://leagle.wcl.american.edu/search/X>.

Information on Writing Competitions is now posted on the bulletin board at the entry of the Library and also available at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/writing/>. Contact the Legal Rhetoric Program at 202-274-4074 for advice on entering and participating in these competitions.

Please be a good library citizen and keep your personal conversations in the Library to a minimum and set your cell phone to vibrate. Your fellow students are studying! Use one of our 14 group study rooms for collaborative learning and conversations; you can sign up for

one at the Circulation Desk with your ID. Need an absolute quiet place to study? Use the Quiet Study Room on the first floor of the Library.

Do not leave your laptop or any valuable personal item unattended on a Library table or carrel for any period of time. Unclaimed items found by the Library staff may be retrieved from the Security Desk.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO)

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) was established at WCL in 1995 in response to a request for assistance from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR). Since that time, the Office has provided legal research assistance and other forms of support to the ICTY, ICTR, Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor, Special Court for Sierra Leone, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and International Criminal Court. In addition, the Office serves as a key resource for government officials, UN bodies, NGOs and the media, and is frequently called upon to participate in programs relating to the development and enforcement of international criminal and humanitarian law. The Office also maintains a regularly updated, searchable online database of jurisprudence and key documents relating to international/ized criminal courts and tribunals.

To see a full list of volunteer activities and the most current opportunities available, please visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes and follow the link to "Getting Involved." Please note that the WCRO is currently accepting applications for Spring 2007 Dean's Fellows. See Getting Involved for more information.

**War Crimes Speakers Series
Crimes of War: What the Public Should Know
Wednesday, November 14
12:30 PM
6th Floor J.D. Student Lounge**

Launch event for the Second Edition of *Crimes of War*

In 1999, the first edition of *Crimes of War*, a collection of essays and photographs intended to promote understanding of international humanitarian law among journalists, policymakers, and the general public, was published. The years since have seen the rise of the International Criminal Court, the emergence of a global "war on terror" and escalating humanitarian conflicts in Darfur and other regions. Please join us in welcoming Roy Gutman, Anthony Dworkin and Diane Orentlicher at a launch event celebrating the revised second edition of the book.

If you plan to attend, **please RSVP** to warcrimes@wcl.american.edu.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

A Question & Answer Discussion with Gender and Law Faculty

Monday, November 5, 12:00- 1:00, Room 528 (Lunch)

Sponsored by **The Women and the Law Program** along with the Women's Law Association and the LAMBDA Law Society

Have you ever wondered . . .

- What is the difference between all those classes in law and gender, sexuality, and women's rights?
- How do I choose activities in law school that will help me to have a career in LGBT or women's rights advocacy?
- I plan to join a firm after law school. How do I use my time in school to make sure I can stay involved in volunteer/pro bono activities in LGBT or women's rights after I graduate?
- Can I take classes in gender and law and still pass the bar exam?
- Is it possible to fulfill my upper-level writing requirement in a gender and law seminar?
- What classes are being offered in gender and law next term?

If so, this is your chance to have lunch with Professors Nancy Polikoff, Brenda Smith, Teresa Phelps, Janie Chuang, Ann Shalleck, Daniela Kraiem, Adrienne Lockie, Mary Clark, Jane Stoeber and other gender and law faculty members how they navigated (or wish they had navigated!) law school, what the classes they are teaching next term will cover and anything else that is on your mind.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next SBA Senate will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 10:10 PM in room 101. Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda MUST e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Frank Gerratana at sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu no later than 5 PM on Sunday, November 11. The email must include what you wish to address, as well as a copy of any documents you wish to present at the meeting. Agenda items will NOT be accepted after the deadline, to ensure that the Senate has adequate time to review them prior to the meeting. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

- 1) Organizations requesting funding should contact the SBA Finance Committee at sbafinance@wcl.american.edu.
- 2) Organizations requesting more than \$500 of additional funds for a particular expenditure must attend the SBA Senate meeting for approval.
- 3) The Senate President Pro-Tempore must be notified of ALL agenda items, even those postponed from prior meetings.
- 4) Senate committee meetings may be announced via the SBA TWEN site. Students are encouraged to subscribe to the site to receive important notices.

The SBA Senate Groups & Organizations Committee will be meeting on Friday, November 2 at 11:30am in the SBA lounge. This committee handles policies for, and oversees, WCL's groups and organizations. The committee will be discussing its draft of new student organization

guidelines, which are available on the SBA TWEN site. All students with an interest in student organizations are encouraged to attend.

APALSA*

"Who Killed Vincent Chin?" Film Screening and Hate Crimes Discussion with Professor Larry Shinagawa Thursday Nov. 1, 6-8pm WCL Room 603 Dinner will be served

* APALSA and SALSA mark the 25th anniversary of the Vincent Chin murder with a screening of the Academy Award-nominated film. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the hate-crime murder of Vincent Chin. His murder signifies a key moment in the contemporary Asian Pacific American civil rights movement. This film is a powerful statement about racism in working-class America. It recounts the true story of a young Chinese American man named Vincent Chin who was beaten to death by two unemployed white autoworkers during the early 1980s.

According to court papers, the motive for the beating arose from racial tensions sparked by Japan's dominance in the automobile industry, and the murder, along with the subsequent light punishments of the perpetrators, outraged Asian Americans across the country. Vincent Chin became symbolic of the racism that communities of color face in everyday life, and the historic failure of American courts to enforce justice for victims of hate-crime violence. Contact: miya.chen@american.edu

Discussion about the Human Rights Situation in Burma with Aung Din, Policy Director and Co-Founder of the U.S. Campaign for Burma Tuesday, Nov. 13, noon-1:20pm WCL Room 528 Lunch will be served Sponsored by APALSA

Aung Din served over four years behind bars as a political prisoner in Burma after organizing and helping to lead the country's nationwide pro-democracy uprising in 1988 as Vice Chairperson of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU), the largest national student organization and outlawed by the regime. He is also country representative of the Thai-Burma border based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners-Burma (AAPP). He has been quoted in hundreds of media articles, testified before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Congressional Human Rights Caucus, and traveled on speaking tours across the United States. For more information, see <http://www.uscampaignforburma.org>. Contact: miya.chen@american.edu

Christian Legal Society

Bible Study- Dealing with Conflict November 7th Noon, jomost@gmail.com

Environmental Law Society

Do you want to pursue a career in Environmental Law? **The Environmental Law Society is presenting a Career Panel this Thursday, November 8, Noon-1:00 pm in room 100.** Come join us as we host practitioners from the private sector, NGOs, and the government. This is a great opportunity to get some advice about practicing environmental law and hear about experiences from the various career paths in this exciting and changing field. Professor David Hunter will moderate. Non-pizza lunch will be served.

Immigrants' Rights Coalition (IRC)

Immigrants' Rights Week 2007 NOVEMBER 12 - 16

Questions: irc.cochairs@gmail.com.

MONDAY: 11.12

Peoples' Histories of Immigration Time: 12:00 – 1:20 Room: TBA

Why have immigration histories in the US seen periodic liberalization of immigration policies for some groups while other groups are forbidden, ignored, and attacked?

How have the politics of immigration changed throughout the last century?

This panel will provide a critical analysis while interweaving diverse narratives to provide a **"Peoples' Histories of Immigration."** Panelists will explore the political and social backlash against immigration that have shaped exclusionary, xenophobic and anti-immigrant legislation throughout the last 150 years. Through the peoples' histories of immigration, panelists will show how the current "immigration debate" expands a governmental policy of discrimination and isolationism, in an attempt to ask how we as a legal community can help to humanize immigration into the future.

Speakers include:, Lindsay Lowell, Director of Policy Studies, INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION (ISIM), Alan M. Kraut, Professor of History at American University in Washington, D.C, The Center for Immigration Studies

TUESDAY: 11.13

Legally Alienated: The Interrelation between the Judicial System and Immigrant Mental Health Resources. Time: 12:00 – 1:20 Room: TBA

The panel will focus on the need for an incorporated mental health system within the adjudication process, the lack of counseling and mental health resources within the court system, and the effects better mental health care, be it prior to or following adjudication, would have on immigrants.

Panelists will address important issues such as whether or not mental health care in schools would affect crime, whether rehabilitation and mental health care after adjudication would make a difference in future crime and whether mental health care, either in place of or along with incarceration, would specifically impact the immigrant community.

Speakers include Judge Marielsa Bernard, Montgomery County Circuit Court. Mrs. Aidil Diaz-Garcia, a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider in Virginia, and Dr. Richard Ruth, an associate professor of clinical psychology at George Washington University.

WEDNESDAY: 11.14

Voices from the Margins: Displacement Narratives from Around the World

Time: 4:00-6:00 Room: International Student Lounge, 6th Floor

Around the world, individuals and entire populations are displaced from their homes and communities by conflict and natural disaster. Each displaced person has an experience that is at once her own and common with many others. Join the Refugee and Asylum Committee of the Immigrants' Rights Coalition for an afternoon event highlighting individual refugee narratives and offering information on major displaced populations from around the world. During the first hour, three refugees will share their narratives with those in attendance in an informal discussion. In the second hour, attendees are invited to engage with representatives from major NGO's to learn about six of the world's major displaced populations. Food from each of the countries represented will be served.

THURSDAY: 11.15

"Casualties of a Broken System: Deaths and Medical Disasters in Immigration Detention"

Time: 12 pm Room: 602

The Immigrants' Rights Coalition Detention Committee invites you to explore the answers to these questions at our panel, "Casualties of a Broken System: Deaths and Medical Disasters in Immigration Detention" on Thursday, November 15th @ 12 pm in room 602. Tom Jawetz of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Prison Project, Megan Mack of the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Immigration, and Andrea Black of Detention Watch Network will discuss the systemic and egregious problems with medical care for immigration detainees in this country. The panelists will also draw on their own experiences to discuss how litigation and legislative advocacy can be used as tools to advocate for immigrants in detention. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!

FRIDAY: 11.16

Visit to the International Rescue Committee (IRC) Office of Refugee Resettlement (*Contact irc.cochairs@gmail.com to sign up*) Time: 1:00 - 4:00 Room: Meet in the lobby (all students must sign-up beforehand)

FRIDAY NIGHT

IRC HOUR: All proceeds to support ASELER – Refugee legal aid project in Quito, Ecuador Time: 7:00 – 9:00 Location: Meze; 2437 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 Questions: Please contact irc.cochairs@gmail.com.

LaLSA

Tuesday, November 6th - NAFTA and the Maquiladoras: How Economic Policy Affects Human Rights on the Border, Rm. 100, 12:00-1:20pm, Lunch Provided jlmolayem@gmail.com

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International

Wednesday, November 7, 12-1:00PM in Room 603 Professor Joseph Glannon on Exam Strategies That Work. Author of the bestselling hornbooks on Civil Procedure and Torts, presented by Barbri and Phi Alpha Delta. For more information contact Tyler Patterson (tylerep@hotmail.com).

Poverty Law Society

The Changing Face of DC's Housing Stock. Tuesday, November 6. 12:00-1:00. Room 528. Speakers include Anne Smetak, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless and Buwa Binitié, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development. Lunch will be served.

Bake Sale! Wednesday, November 7. 10:00am - 5:00pm. WCL Lobby. Money raised will support Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless and the Help the Homeless Walk.

SALSA

SALSA is pleased to announce our **Annual Dinner** will be **Friday, November 9th from 7pm to midnight at the Indian Experience Restaurant downtown.** Please come and join us for a fun night of dinner, dancing and mingling with law students from other area SALSAs, including GW and Georgetown. Tickets are priced at \$15/student, guest tickets are \$25 and all door tickets are \$29. Tickets are on sale Monday-Thursday, 12-2 on the 6th floor and 4-6 in the lobby. All WCL students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. If you want to arrange a time to buy tickets other than the times listed, have any questions, or would like to help with the event please contact Chandana at Salsa.Eboard08@gmail.com

IN SEARCH OF

Dean's Fellow Opportunities at the War Crimes Research Office- The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking Dean's Fellows for Spring 2008. JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be a minimum of 20 hours a week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 16**.

The WCRO also seeks a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative assistance to its Summer Law Program in The Hague. We are looking for students to assist in developing course materials, marketing the program and undertaking administrative tasks. We value attention to detail, strong organizational skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs. Experience or interest in international law, program management and study abroad are all great assets. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter highlighting relevant experience to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 16**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4910 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Suite 16, call us at 202-274-4067 or e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

Academy On Human Rights And Humanitarian Law Dean's Fellows- Summer Program – Spring Semester - The Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law seeks a Dean Fellow to work 20 hours a week primarily in the coordination the 2008 Summer Program. This position will work closely with the Program Coordinator and the Assistant Program Coordinator. Knowledge of Spanish and familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite is highly desirable. 1Ls are not eligible to apply unless you are a part-time student. Please send a cover letter and resume to hacademy@wcl.american.edu indicating “Dean's Fellow - Spring 2007”.

Academy On Human Rights And Humanitarian Law Volunteer Opportunities- Human Rights Film Festival – Summer Program The Summer Program of the Academy is looking for a volunteer to research films that can be shown during the Summer Program's Film Festival. If interested, please send an email to hacademy@wcl.american.edu with the title Volunteer Film Festival.

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

The Office of Career & Professional Development Presents:

Career Day for 1Ls
Saturday, November 3
Hyatt Regency Bethesda
Bethesda, Maryland

At Career Day, first year students will have the opportunity to meet the staff of the Office of Career & Professional Development and learn how to utilize OCPD resources and services. The event is particularly important as 1Ls are allowed to begin applying for summer internships as early as December 1st! 1Ls will also learn ways in which to market themselves effectively to potential employers, and have the opportunity to discuss various legal experiences available during law school with current 2Ls & 3L/4Ls, as well as interact with WCL alumni and other practitioners.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Additional Programs for First Year Students

CareerLink Training for 1Ls

Friday, November 2nd from 12:45-1:45pm in Room 402

***Tuesday, November 6th from 5:00-5:50pm in Room 402* (recently added)**

If you were unable to attend Monday's training, please join OCPD for an introduction to **CAREERLINK**, the comprehensive job search and legal recruiting software used to communicate job opportunities, advertise upcoming career-related events, and administer the fall and spring recruitment programs. The program will instruct 1Ls how to *Log On & Complete Profile, Search for Jobs, Register for Events, Find Online Resources*, and more! Pizza will be provided base on the number of registrants. Please RSVP to rfulton@wcl.american.edu if you plan to attend.

1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops: First year students should plan to attend one of the two sessions offered by OCPD.

Monday, Nov. 5th, 11:30-1:00pm, Room 603 (Sections 1 & 4)

Thursday, Nov. 8th, 8:00-9:30pm, Room 602 (Section 5)

Friday, Nov. 9th, 12:45-2:15pm, Room 603 (Sections 2 & 3)

Failure to attend your section's designated workshop will result in restricted access to CareerLink. Students who attend will be given priority when scheduling individual counseling appointments. If you are unable to attend, please contact OCPD as soon as possible indicating the reason that you will miss the workshop at careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4090 for more information.

Patent Law Information Session featuring Attorney John White
Monday, November 5th from 5:00-6:30pm in Room 528

The Office of Career & Professional Development invites students interested in a career in patent law to attend this information session featuring Attorney John White, who will discuss tips for job search, passing the exam, and practicing itself. Attorney White has been preparing applicants for the Patent Bar Exam since 1988 and is one of the originators of the West Patent Bar Review course. He is also a principle lecturer and course designer in the Patent Bar Review course. To attend, please register on CareerLink under the "Events" section. *Pizza will be provided.*

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Public Interest Week is Coming! OCPD and the Office of Public Interest, along with a host of public interest student groups, invite the WCL community to participate in a series of events marking the first annual Public Interest Week. All students are welcome to join us at any or all of the events. **Public Interest Reception and Information Session**, Monday, November 5, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 528; **Public Interest Careers Panel with WCL Alumni**, Wednesday, November 7 at Noon in Room 601; **Finding and Funding Summer Public Interest Work**, Thursday, November 8 at Noon in Room 524. For more about the events, please see CareerLink.

Careers in Federal Government: The Law and Government Society along with WCL Democrats are proud to present a panel of distinguished attorneys practicing in all areas of government. Join them on Thursday, November 8th at 12:00 p.m. in Room 601 to learn about exciting opportunities in government careers. Lunch provided!

Looking for Spring Internships? Department of Health and Human Services Seeks several Spring interns: The Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks interns. The positions offer the opportunity to gain experience working with Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) and/or Administrative Appeals Judges (AAJs). The ALJs hear and decide appeals from civil enforcement actions initiated by HHS, and the AAJs hear and decide appeals of individual coverage/payment claims for Medicare. Candidates can learn more about the DAB and read the Board's decisions at www.hhs.gov/dab. Please see CareerLink for the complete posting.

Job Search Resources: Looking for spring and summer internships? Visit the following websites for a jumpstart on your job search.

1. CareerLink – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options.**

2. PSLawnet (www.pslawnet.org) – The Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the “Fellowship Corner.”
3. Idealist (www.idealists.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested a public policy experience.
4. Opportunities in Public Affairs (www.opajobs.com) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Available in hardcopy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook (<http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm>) – The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

Now is the time to apply for SPRING JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS! Check out the Judicial Internships/Externships section of the OCPD website (http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/clerkships/judicial_internships.cfm) for a list of DC area judges who typically hire interns and a database of addresses. Remember to also check CareerLink for judicial internship postings. Recent postings include positions with the Headquarters Immigration Court (Falls Church, VA), U.S. Immigration Court (Arlington, VA), U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and D.C. Superior Court.

ATTENTION 3LS/4Ls: Still planning to apply for state judicial clerkships for the 2008 term? Many state judges have been accepting applications (and hire on a rolling basis) or have deadlines very soon!

For state clerkships, judge-specific hiring information for more than 20 states is listed within the “jobs & resume collection” section of CareerLink. Choose “Judicial Clerkship” as the “Position Type” to find these postings.

To download addresses for many state judges, go to the “clerkships” section of CareerLink. You will have to complete a Clerkship Registration the first time you access this section.

Contact Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, at serudge@wcl.american.edu to schedule an individual counseling appointment.

To subscribe to the Judicial Listserv:

- (1) From your CareerLink home page, select “profile” at the top of the page.
- (2) Select the “Academic Information” folder.
- (3) Double-check that the “Graduation Date” and “Year in School” fields are correct. Emails are sent based on these categories.
- (4) Under “Listserv,” select “Judicial” and then save your changes.

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

***DIVERSITY JOB FAIRS, SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS, RECEPTIONS AND
OTHER INITIATIVES***

ATTENTION 1Ls!! Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship: First and second year law students are welcome to apply for the Dinsmore & Shohl Diversity Scholarship, which will consist of a salaried summer associate position as well as a \$10,000 scholarship. First-year law students must submit applications between **December 1 and 15, 2007**. Scholarship recipients will be assigned a mentor - a Dinsmore & Shohl LLP lawyer - at the time the scholarship is awarded. The mentor will be available to the Scholar as a dedicated resource to assist with professional development. Interested candidates should obtain an application packet from the OCPD Front Desk or visit www.dinslaw.com for more information.

Fenwick & West Diversity & Public Interest Summer Associate Fellowship: Fenwick & West, a premier law firm providing comprehensive legal services to high technology and life sciences clients, has established an innovative Diversity and Public Interest Summer Associate Fellowship. The Fellowship will be presented to up to two summer associates who will work for eight weeks at Fenwick & West, then will work for the remainder of the summer, at law firm summer associate pay levels, with one of many public interest organizations that focuses on serving the legal needs of a diverse population. The Fellowship will be available to second year law students selected for their commitment to community service, exceptional leadership and outstanding academic performance. Public interest organizations that have agreed to partner with Fenwick & West to provide placements for law students include organizations such as the Asian Law Caucus and La Raza Centro Legal. For more information, visit www.fenwick.com.

Fried Frank Fellowship Program: Fried Frank has joined with two of the country's leading civil rights advocacy organizations, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), and one of New York's leading legal service providers, inMotion, to indigent women to create unique programs that effectively bridge the worlds of private law firm litigation and public service law. The LDF and MALDEF fellowships each give an entry-level lawyer the opportunity to spend two years as a Fried Frank litigator and then two years as a staff attorney with the LDF or MALDEF. At the end of their four-year commitment, our Fellows are eligible to return to the Firm with full seniority and, in some cases, they may continue on the staff of their civil rights organization. We are proud that a number of our former Fellows hold high-level positions on the staffs of both LDF and MALDEF. Download applications at <http://www.ffhsj.com/index.cfm?pageID=49>. The ideal candidate for

these fellowships is a graduating 3L/4L student or a current judicial law clerk. The application deadline for all programs is November 2, 2007.

For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit <https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/> and search under “jobs & resume collection” for fellowships and scholarships; or search under the “Events” tab on CareerLink for job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The ABA Presents: Careers in Labor and Employment Law

The American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law invites you to attend *Careers in Labor and Employment Law: A How-To Exploration of Options and Advice for Law Students on Finding the Right Job*. The program will provide an opportunity to meet with leading lawyers in the field of labor and employment law and to learn about the varied career paths in this growing specialty area. Students will receive concrete advice on how to get the right job, whether in a big firm practice, a union legal staff, a boutique litigation firm, a federal regulatory agency or a corporate legal department. The program will take place on **Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA. The ABA will provide lunch for those attending. Attendance at the Careers in Labor Law Lunch is complimentary for those who sign up in advance. Complete information about the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law Annual CLE Conference from November 7-10, 2007, is available at <http://www.abanet.org/labor/annualconference/2007/home.shtml>. Law students can register for the Conference online. Law students who are members of the ABA and the Section of Labor and Employment Law are invited to register for the entire three-day Conference at no charge. **To register for the Careers in Labor and Employment Law event, or to learn more about the Annual CLE Conference, please the Section of Labor and Employment Law, mooret@staff.abanet.org. ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law <http://www.abanet.org/labor>.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LL.M. STUDENTS

FROM ADRIANA VITO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER PROGRAMS

International Student Interview Program (ISIP)- NYU Job Fair for LL.M. Students
LAST WEEK TO UPLOAD YOUR RESUME AND SEND APPLICATIONS TO EMPLOYERS!!

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2007 – ACT FAST!

Registered students will be able to access their profiles in the ISIP system and click on employers they wish to interview with. This is a ‘bidding’ process where registered students can apply for job and internship interviews online. **The DEADLINE to apply for individual interviews with listed ISIP employers is October 31, 2007.** In order to participate and chose the employers you wish to interview with, you must have a resume uploaded to the ISIP system. If you don’t have a resume ready, you should run to make sure you finish your draft and have it reviewed by Adriana Vito as soon as possible. Remember, the deadline to chose employers and apply for interviews is **October 31, 2007. Don’t leave this for the last minute! Act now!**

If you have any questions about the ISIP process or the job fair itself, please contact Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu

Electronic tool will help you draft your resume:

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – a software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! All registered students can use this tool for free. We suggest you use Optimal Resume *after* attending our basic resume workshop.

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: Go to: <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and 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

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.

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Student CareerLink Profiles

Please take a moment to update your **CareerLink** 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 your username and password, please send an email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

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)

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 are provided on the CareerLink homepage.

OCPD Counseling Services:

OCPD has seven career counselors to assist you with the career planning process. Counseling services include:

- resume and cover letter review
- conducting mock interviews
- creating job search strategies

Counselors also specialize in judicial clerkships, public interest, private practice and government as noted below. To schedule an appointment, call 202-274-4090 or by stop by Suite 122.

Traci Jenkins

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

tjenkins@wcl.american.edu

Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government

crj@wcl.american.edu

Matthew Pascocello

Alumni, Domestic LL.M.s and 2nd Career JDs

mpasco@wcl.american.edu

Adriana Vito

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni
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Kelli Johnson

General Counseling
kjohnson@wcl.american.edu

Laura Friedgood

General Counseling
lfried@wcl.american.edu

DROP IN HOURS:

A counselor is available every Monday – Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm to answer quick questions regarding resumes, cover letters and issues relating to the job search process. To speak with a counselor regarding in-depth resume or cover letter review or regarding individual career or job search strategies, please schedule an appointment by speaking with one of our front desk staff member

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 5

Monday, November 5

12-1, Rm 528, **A Question & Answer Discussion with Gender and Law Faculty**

11:30-1pm, Rm 603, **1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Sections 1 & 4**

4–5pm, Rm 528, **Public Interest Reception and Information Session**

5-6:30pm, Rm 528, **Patent Law Information Session featuring Attorney John White**

Tuesday, November 6

12-1pm, Rm 528, **The Changing Face of DC's Housing Stock**

12-1:20pm, Rm. 100, **NAFTA and the Maquiladoras: How Economic Policy Affects Human Rights on the Border**

12-1:30, Rm 401, **International Externship Workshop**

5-5:50pm, rfulton@wcl.american.edu, **CareerLink Training for 1L Evening Students**

Wednesday, November 7

10AM-5 PM, WCL Lobby, **Poverty Law Society Bake Sale**

12pm, jomost@gmail.com, **Christian Legal Society on Dealing with Conflict**

12-1PM, Rm 603, **Exam Strategies That Work**

12pm, Rm 601, **Public Interest Careers Panel with WCL Alumni**

Thursday, November 8

www.wcl.american.edu/diversity/2007/ddc.cfm, **“Revisiting the Law School Diversity Imperative: Access and Definition”**

12pm, Rm 524, **Finding and Funding Summer Public Interest Work**

12-1pm, Rm 100, **Environmental Law Society Career Panel**

12-1pm, Rm 601, **Careers in Federal Government**

2-4:30pm, 4910 Mass Ave., Suite 16, **Customary Int’l Humanitarian Law: Assessing The Impact Of The 2005 ICRC Report**

4-5:30pm, Rm 600, <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2007/071108b.cfm> **Gonzales v Carhart and the Degradation of Abortion Provision in the U.S.**

5-6pm, Rm 601, **Evening Students’ Externship Orientation**

8-9:30pm, Rm 602, **1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Section 5**

Friday, November 9

12:45-2:15pm, Rm 603, **1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Sections 2 & 3**