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## SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 18 at Bender Arena on the main campus of American University**. Doors open at noon and seating is first come, first served; this is not a ticketed event. The cap and gown rental company will be in the dining room in mid-February, please continue to check the Docket for the exact date. Cap and gown photos will be taken the day of the ceremony. Graduation announcements will be available through the AU Bookstore.

Complete details about Commencement may be found at

[www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm)

JDs who are concerned that your 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.

### FOR CAP & GOWN ORDERS:

The orders must be placed on line

<http://www1.herffjones.com/college/graduation/index.cfm>

For additional inquiries please contact: (703) 368-9550 Email: [hjcollege@hjusa.net](mailto:hjcollege@hjusa.net)

The orders are picked up from the Campus bookstore on the Main Campus prior to commencement.

You may confirm their hours by calling 202-885-6320.

### We have made arrangements with the following vendors for discounts

(Mention: WCL **Commencement** when making your arrangements, and make them soon!!):

**Continental Airlines:** 800-468-7022 Agreement Code: AR8P7B Z Code: ZDPA

**American Airlines:** 800-433-1790 Agreement Code: A8158AQ

**Avis** 888-754-8878 (AWD) Number G028311

**Savoy Suites Georgetown:** 202-337-9700

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2008 SEMESTER:** Begins at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> and students may continue to add/drop classes throughout the first week of classes (May 27 – June 3) There is no lottery or priority system for summer pre-registration. Schedules for summer course listings and information may be found on-line under:

[https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer\\_2008](https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer_2008), and in the Registrar's office (suite 304). There is no lottery or priority system for summer pre-registration and there is **no Wait List** for classes that close. Students who have stops of any kind will be unable to register unless they clear these stops with the appropriate departments. **Advance registration for fall 2008 will begin April 8, 2008 and further details will be posted in later editions of THE DOCKET.**

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 2008 SEMESTER**

#### **PREPARE...**

The web portal is: <https://my.american.edu/default.cfm>. 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 <https://my.american.edu/default.cfm>. (**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:

[https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer\\_2008](https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer_2008) 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 <https://my.american.edu/default.cfm>. 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 2008) 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 2008 GRADUATES:** A list of all students (JD and LLM) who have applied for May 2008 graduation is available in suite 304 to check to see: (1) whether your name appears, and (2) that your name is spelled correctly as you wish it to appear on your diploma. This will be available to view and make any changes through Friday, March 28, 2008.

**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](http://www.barexam.org) to find your state’s exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

## **REGISTRAR’S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2008 SEMESTER**

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Monday    | 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 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 and assistance on the UN CAT Project, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required.

Interested students should promptly submit a one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to [jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu) and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

### OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

#### **1L Academic Advising**

Your academic advising period starts the week of March 31. The Office of Student Affairs will start with section-by-section sessions as follows:

- Section 1: Thursday, April 3, 12:00pm, room 402
- Section 2: Wednesday, April 2, 12:30pm, room 401
- Section 3: Tuesday, April 1, 11:00am, room 602
- Section 4: Monday, March 31, 12:30pm, room 100
- Section 5: Thursday, April 3, 8:00pm, room 402

Each session will run about one hour and will include an explanation of: formal graduation requirements (credits, residency, and upper-level writing), a bit about the bar examination, shifting divisions, and remaining advising sessions, which include faculty sessions by subject area. There also will be ample time for questions.

Advanced online registration for the first-year class will begin on April 14; more information will be provided via the Docket. Following the section sessions listed above and throughout the remainder of the spring semester, Ann Kreske, Senior Academic Counselor, and Associate Dean David Jaffe will be regularly available to address individual questions.

#### **D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program**

The Office of Student Affairs seeks students to serve on a **focus group** for an ongoing discussion of issues involving alcohol/substance abuse and mental health issues within the law student community. Focus group students will meet with the student liaison to the D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program (see [http://www.dcbbar.org/for\\_lawyers/bar\\_services/counseling/](http://www.dcbbar.org/for_lawyers/bar_services/counseling/)) 1-2 times per semester, to brainstorm on ways to assist the community. Students will also become knowledgeable about resources available to classmates who may be in crisis.

Students asking to be involved in the focus group do not need to be in recovery. A number of responses have already been received, and we welcome more. To apply for this focus group, please send an email to your student liaison, Sandy Freeman ([sandra.c.freeman@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.c.freeman@gmail.com)) expressing your interest.

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

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on **Thursday, March 27, at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

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

### **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. Of course, you are not required to disclose your disability or request an accommodation if you do not wish to do so.

It is the law school's desire to identify entering students with disabilities before the Fall semester begins in order to review information and documentation, determine appropriate accommodations, and provide those accommodations in a timely fashion. It is also the law school's desire to urge students with disabilities to come forward at the start of their legal education to learn if they will receive accommodations. We say this because many state boards of bar examiners are reluctant to provide accommodations when taking bar examinations if an applicant first seeks accommodations when taking a bar examination. A record of receiving accommodations in law school will be helpful in such cases.

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](mailto: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.**

### **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!

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS, APALSA**, for the fine job in planning and executing **THE FIRST ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS AND THE LAW DINNER**—You “done good.”

## **EVENTS**

**Thursday, April 10, 12:00 Noon – Dean’s Diversity Council Speaker Series Luncheon --** The Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, will deliver the sixth in the series of speeches. Registration required at: [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu).

**Wednesday, April 16, 3:00 PM--The 12<sup>th</sup> Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law --** This year’s topic is “The Intersection of Law, Media, and Politics.” The program also will include “Careers Table Talk with Alumni” and the awards dinner. Registration required at: [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu).

### **Stuff on the Table**

Scholarship applications for the HBA-DC Foundation/National Council of LaRaza/Patton Boggs public interest fellowship for 2008

Application for NAACP Law Fellow Program—**MUST BE MAILED NO LATER THAN MARCH 20**

Save-the-Date notice for PASOS 2008, Friday, May 16 @ 7:30 pm, RIGHT HERE AT WCL

National Bar Institute African American Law Institute Fellowship Program

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

### **2008-2009 Financial Aid Changes**

New regulations and lender changes will affect processing for the coming year. Please note the following:

- 1.** You will be prompted to select the lender of your choice when you accept your Stafford loans on **my.american.edu** next year. Lender comparison data will be provided with your award notice to help you decide. *Note: Citibank remains a Stafford lender option.*
- 2.** The Grad PLUS application process will be different. Applications will be filed through a different agency. Details of the new web location and process will be announced shortly.

### **DO NOT APPLY FOR GRAD PLUS FUNDING NOW.**

The application deadline is July 1. A too early filing can lead to expiration of your credit check and prompt a new lender check and review at certification time. Also, if your application is filed through other than the WCL designated process, your disbursement is likely to be delayed. Wait for instructions; updates will be posted as they are available. In the meantime, feel free to contact the office if you have questions.

## **Loan Information Sessions- Tuesday, April 15, 2008**

**Time:** 11:00am – 1:00pm  
4:00pm – 6:00pm  
**Where:** Sixth Floor Student Lounge

### **Graduating Students - Bar Study Loans**

Loans up to \$20,000 are available through private lenders. Apply directly to the lender of your choice using the Alternative Loan information sheet on our website or in the office.

*Borrow wisely!*

### **2008-2009 Grant Applicants**

Applicants for need-based grant aid must submit a *Verification Worksheet/Supplemental Information Form* and a copy of your 2007 federal tax return by **May 1** to complete file requirements. The form is available online and in the office.

### **Summer Financial Aid – Application Deadline – May 1**

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

- file a summer aid application
- enroll in a minimum of six credit hours
- have a 2008-09 FAFSA on file, and
- meet satisfactory academic progress standards.

*Special Note- Summer costs are such that the Stafford loan will not fully cover the standard budget; supplemental funding may be necessary. If you plan will borrow Grad PLUS or private loan monies to make up the difference request the amount needed for the entire award period, summer, fall and spring terms, when you file your application. This will facilitate disbursements. Check our Supplemental Loan “Q” and “A” sheet for guidance.*

Additional information is available at the financial aid counter.

### **Summer Research Assistants**

If you are considering a summer Research position, file your FAFSA right away. Federal Work-Study funds are used to fund positions and eligibility for federal assistance is a consideration for appointment. Contact the office for details.

**Outside Scholarship** 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](mailto: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). Some additional research and writing may be required. This is a great opportunity for a student taking summer classes. Sense of humor, excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required, a

passion for social justice issues is a plus. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at [cegomes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cegomes@wcl.american.edu). Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

### **Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv**

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to [listserv@listserv.american.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.american.edu). Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type "subscribe pi\_wcl" without the quotes.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

#### **Final 1L Public Interest Roundtable, Monday, March 31 at 12:30 in room 524:**

Please join Nancy Polikoff, Professor of Family Law, Sexuality and the Law, and Civil Procedure. Professor Polikoff has helped develop the legal theories in support of second-parent adoption and visitation rights for legally unrecognized parents, and she was successful counsel in *In re M.M.D.*, the 1995 case that established joint adoption for lesbian and gay couples in the District of Columbia, and *Boswell v. Boswell*, the 1998 Maryland case overturning restrictions on a gay noncustodial father's visitation rights. Professor Polikoff is the author of the recently published book, *Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing All Families Under the Law* (Beacon Press 2008). **RSVP to [laura.mancini@gmail.com](mailto:laura.mancini@gmail.com). Registration is limited. Pizza will be provided.**

**April 8 Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner:** The Public Interest Committee will host the annual Cicchino Public Service Awards dinner on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor dining area. The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, members of the class of 2008 will 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. **Professors Nancy Polikoff and Darren Hutchinson will deliver the Keynote address. THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS. To register, email Jessica Farb, Office of Public Interest Dean's Fellow at [Jessica.farb@american.edu](mailto:Jessica.farb@american.edu).**

### **PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:**

**Attention 3Ls – Final Pro Bono Hours Due Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>:** All graduating students wishing to receive recognition for completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program at the April 8 Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner need to turn in all pro bono time logs to the Office of Public Interest no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Student Time Logs are available online at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/probono.cfm> or in the display rack outside the Office of Public Interest in Suite 122.

Please send any questions about the Pro Bono Honors Pledge to Jessica Farb, Office of Public Interest Dean's Fellow at [Jessica.farb@american.edu](mailto:Jessica.farb@american.edu).

**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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**PLEASE REGISTER FOR EVENTS!!!!!!**

It only takes two minutes at the most and it means that we can have accurate counts for seating, food, and attendance. You can register for all the upcoming spring events at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration>

**Upcoming Events!**

**MARCH 24**

**[A discussion by Moisés Naím Editor in chief, Foreign Policy on his new book “Illicit](#)**

**MARCH 24**

**[“Social and Economic Rights: The South African Experience” by Richard J. Goldstone](#)**

**MARCH 26**

**[The First Richard S. Levick Annual Lecture in Crisis Communication & International Law: The Role of Media in International & Legal Controversies](#)**

**MARCH 27**

**[Colombia - The Human Impact of Trade, War and the Rule of Law](#)**

**MARCH 28**

**[Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project National Summit](#)**

**Save the Dates:**

**MARCH 29 - 30**

**[The Ninth Annual National High School Moot Court Competition](#)**

**MARCH 31**

**[Disability Rights Convention Strategy Session](#)**

**APRIL 2**

[Pathways to Employment in International Law](#)

**APRIL 2**

[Civil Rights Movement 2.0: Reshaping and Rethinking the Role of the Civil Rights Movement in the 21st Century](#)

**APRIL 3 - 4**

[Junior Federal Courts Faculty Workshop](#)

**APRIL 4 \*CLE\***

[IP/Gender: Mapping the Connections](#)

**APRIL 5 \*CLE\***

[First Annual Criminal Law Brief Symposium](#)

**APRIL 8**

[9th Annual Peter M. Cicchino Awards](#)

**APRIL 9**

[The Client and the Cause: Examining Legal Compromises in the Immigrants' Rights Movement](#)

**APRIL 9**

[WCL Connections](#)

**APRIL 9**

[The Tenth Annual Grotius Lecture](#)

**APRIL 10**

[Dean's Diversity Council Speaker Series](#)

**APRIL 10**

[The 2nd International Trade Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner](#)

**APRIL 14 \*CLE\***

[International Commercial Arbitration in the Americas: A Look Ahead](#)

**APRIL 15 \*CLE\***

[The Regulation of Adoption: Protecting Children and Families](#)

**APRIL 16**

[12th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law](#)

**APRIL 17 \*CLE\***

[Does Red Lion Still Roar? Exploring Public Interest Regulation of Media in Commemoration of the Fortieth Anniversary of Red Lion Broadcasting Co. v. FCC](#)

**APRIL 18**

[Women and the Law Leadership Presents: Pamela Deese '83](#)

**APRIL 22**

[The Role of Law Schools in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights](#)

FOR THE FULL LISTING OF **FOUNDERS** PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT

[WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE)

### **SPECIALIZED SUMMER PROGRAM**

This summer the Academy will offer 10 courses in English and 7 in Spanish taught by 35 experts in the human rights field. The program annually attracts about 140 students from over 30 countries.

Participants vary from experienced lawyers, human rights professionals as well as students from the US and abroad. The Academy also hosts special social events for participants to network with peers as well as the professors. Concurrent with the courses the Academy sponsors Human Rights Month which features conferences, panels and a film festival, providing participants with additional educational opportunities.

### **FOCUS ON A COURSE:**

Human Rights and Development, Patrick Van Weerelt

The human rights and development course will provide an overview of present debates on the inter linkages and will attempt to provide both theoretical and practical guidance in getting development 'right'. The course will assist in internalizing the intrinsic values of human rights in development programming, and will provide examples, and work through group exercises to demonstrate the usefulness of the human rights framework in mitigating power excess and elite capture. A substantive part of the course will moreover be devoted to the application of the human rights-based approach to programming in respect of 'regular' development programs such as micro-finance programs, decentralization processes, and/or poverty reduction strategies. As such it invites students to profoundly reflect upon the *why* and *how* of their actions beyond the questions of *what* should be done.

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

### **Center Announcements**

#### **INTERNATIONAL AND US PERSPECTIVES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW UN DISABILITY RIGHTS CONVENTION**

**Monday, March 31, 12pm – 5:30pm, Reception to Follow, WCL Room 603**

On March 31st, please join us for a panel discussion and strategy session to build support for United States ratification of the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). CRPD is expected to come into force as binding international law on March 31, 2008. To celebrate and think about ways to ensure rapid implementation, please join us for a discussion with experts from around the world.

Agenda:

12:00pm

- Lunch and Panel Discussion: International & US Implications of the CRPD
  - Prof. **Robert Dinerstein**, American University Washington College of Law
  - **Gehane El Sharkawy** (Egypt), 2008 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
  - **Abdelkerim Chtourou** (Tunisia), 2008 Hubert H. Humphrey

1:30pm

- Keynote Presentation: The Honorable **Tony Coelho**, former US Congressman (D-CA) and original author of the Americans with Disabilities Act

2:00pm

- Working Session to Develop an Action Plan to Build US Support and Ratification of CRPD
  - Moderators: **Bobby Silverstein**, Director, The Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy, and **Jeff Rosen**, General Counsel and Director of Policy, National Council on Disability

5:30pm

- *Reception*

Registration is required. To register or for additional information, please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education by email at [secl@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secl@wcl.american.edu) or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at [www.wcl.american.edu/secl/registration.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/registration.cfm).

Please indicate accommodations needed by emailing [secl@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secl@wcl.american.edu).

*Cosponsored by the American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, Mental Disability Rights International, US International Council on Disability (USICD), Ratify Now, American Association of Persons with Disabilities, and the National Organization on Disability.*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THE ROLE OF THE LAW SCHOOL IN PROMOTING  
 AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Reception to Follow, WCL Room 603**

On April 22, 2008, American University Washington College of Law will host a day-long conference entitled “The Role of the Law School in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights.” This conference will bring together law professors, practitioners and funders from around the United States, Canada and Mexico, to share experiences and exchange models and information about the ways in which law schools impact the human rights field. The conference will provide a forum for discussion about the challenges and successes of law schools engaged in human rights work, and will highlight the diverse ways in which law schools integrate human rights work into their formal and informal initiatives. This conference will also launch an ongoing initiative to bring together each year those of us working on human rights in the law school context. Registration is required. To register or for additional information, please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education by email at [secl@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secl@wcl.american.edu) or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at [www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm).

**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>. To submit a human-rights related event or announcement to the listserv, please send an email to [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SUMMER SESSION**

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER?  
SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW  
Registration begins March 25**

Taught by leading practitioners from government, business and non-governmental organizations, the summer session provides law students and practitioners with three-week intensive environmental law training.

Course offerings include:

- Environmental Advocacy (2 credits)
- International Law of Biodiversity (1 credit)
- International Business and Environment (1 credit)
- International Institutions and Environmental Protection (2 credits)
- Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (1 credit)
- Environmental Law and the U.S. Congress (1 credit)
- Alternatives to Environmental Regulation (1 credit)
- Climate Change and Emissions Trading (1 credit)
- Environmental Law in the European Union (1 credit)
- Comercio y Medio Ambiente: Lecciones en América Latina *Taught in Spanish* (1 credit).

No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other class at WCL. For more information please email: [summerenvironment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:summerenvironment@wcl.american.edu) or call 274-4321.

**EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413 (202) 274-4200  
[www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://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](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu)  
 Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

**SUMMER EXTERNSHIP SEMINARS ARE UP!**

Summer registration begins next week, and below are the externship seminar times and days:

|              |  |                |    |         |         |
|--------------|--|----------------|----|---------|---------|
| LAW-769-001  | Gov't Litigation                               | Popper         | M  | 06:00PM | 07:50PM |
| LAW-769-002  | Gov't and Public Interest                      | Ahranjani      | T  | 06:00PM | 07:50PM |
| LAW-769-003  | The Lawyering Life: Practice & Reflections     | Zetlin         | T  | 06:00PM | 07:50PM |
| LAW-769-004  | Serving Clients: Reflections on Legal Practice | Majd           | W  | 06:00PM | 07:50PM |
| LAW-769-005  | Practice, Principles and Happiness             | Sanders/Caspar | TH | 06:00PM | 07:50PM |
| LAW-769-006A | Small Group Supervision                        | Pascocello     | T  | 09:30AM | 10:30AM |
| LAW-769-006B | Small Group Supervision                        | Pascocello     | TH | 06:00PM | 07:00PM |

### **LONG DISTANCE EXTERNSHIPS**

Students who plan to extern outside of the DC area or in other countries must participate in the Long-Distance Seminar. The class will meet for three days in mid-May (beginning May 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>) and three days in mid-August (beginning August 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>). If you believe you will be enrolling in this seminar, please email the Externship Office to let us know ([externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu)).

### **SUMMER 2008 REGISTRATION**

To register for your externship:

- 1) Register for the externship seminar of your choice on [my.american.edu](http://my.american.edu) as you would any other seminar.
- 2) To register for your fieldwork credits, you must have your externship placement approved. This is very important; **you must have your fieldwork information submitted to the externship program by May 30**. To submit this information, go to [wcl.american.edu/externship](http://wcl.american.edu/externship), and click on the registration link.

### **SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS AT THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION AND LITIGATION**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Immigration and Litigation is specifically seeking WCL students for summer externships. Search the Externship Database (<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>) for the "Office of Immigration Litigation" to obtain application information and to view hundreds of other field placement listings.

### **INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING**

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

## **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

### **ILSP Paper Presentation**

*Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-5:30, Room 627*

Come and hear current students Parva Fattahi, Yulia Felender and Victoria Kalu present their papers from the Cornell University's Inter-University Graduate Conference. Presentations will discuss: "Intersection of Trade, Environment, and Development: Case of US Farm Subsidies and Biofuels Production" by Parva Fattahi, "Issues in Human Trafficking, Mens Rea and the Consent – Coercion Seesaw in Illegal Migration" by Victoria Kalu and "You are Either with Us or against Us: Implications of New Russian Energy Policy for Foreign Investors" by Yulia Felender.

### **International LL.M. Career Fair**

#### **MARCH 27**

*4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Student Lounges (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)*

The Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD) and the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) invite all WCL international LL.M. students to participate in this exciting event. On March 27, WCL will welcome employers interested in hiring foreign LL.M. students and

foreign LL.M. alumni for internships or permanent positions. Employers will display brochures and printed information about their organizations and greet students. Foreign LL.M. students and alumni are welcome to bring their resumes and discuss internship and job opportunities with employers.

**Registration is mandatory:** if you would like to join us for the International LL.M. Career Fair, please register by clicking on this link: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/2008/032708b.cfm> and choosing the "Event Registration" option on the left side of the page. Make sure you register as a **student**. Registering will guarantee you will have your nametag ready for the event. **Important note: this event is open to WCL international LL.M. students only.** Students from other schools will not be able to register. Thank you.

## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION SUMMER SESSION

**STAYING IN DC FOR THE SUMMER?  
INTERESTED IN EARNING UP TO FIVE CREDITS IN THREE WEEKS?**

**Registration begins March 25.**

The International Arbitration Summer Session is offering six 1 credit courses that begin on May 27 and end June 12. The course material will range from a general overview of international commercial arbitration, to the theoretical and practical aspects of arbitral process. All courses are taught by seasoned arbitration practitioners. Each course can be taken individually, however, if students choose to take more than one course, they will find that the courses complement each other, rather than overlap.

Course offerings include:

Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration (*course also available in Spanish for academic credit*)  
Salient Issues in ICC Arbitration;  
International Commercial Arbitration and Choice-of-Law Issues;  
Investor-State Arbitration, Current Developments;  
How to Conduct an International Arbitration Proceeding;

This is an excellent way to gain both a greater understanding of international arbitration and up to five credits. Additionally, since three of the five courses will be held in the evening, you can supplement your summer working experience with the experience you will gain from the Arbitration Summer Session. **Late evening courses are a perfect fit for part time JDs!**

### **EXAM INFORMATION:**

The exam is a 24 hour take-home that may be picked up from the Registrar beginning the day after the last class of the course has taken place until Friday, June 27, 2008. The amount of time you will have to complete the exam is based on the number of courses you take. Please see the chart below for exact times.

- 1- Arbitration Exam is due in 1 day, or 24 hours;
- 2- Arbitration exams are due in 2 days, or 48 hours;
- 3- Arbitration exams are due in 3 days, or 72 hours;
- 4- Arbitration exams are due in 4 days, or 96 hours; and
- 5- Arbitration exams are due in 5 days, or 120 hours;

The responses to the examination questions, together with the exam, must be returned to the office of the Registrar within the allotted time during the Registrar's regular office hours.

### **REGISTRATION:**

No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other class at WCL. For more information please email [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) or call 274-4321.

### **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.

**The Library is hosting a series of topical research primers** geared to help you understand the basics of research in various topics. Spend a few minutes with us and you'll learn about the topics and get practical pointers on how and where to conduct in-depth research. We'll even feed you!

**To register and for any questions, contact [way2search@wcl.american.edu](mailto:way2search@wcl.american.edu) Please register for each session you plan to go to.**

#### **Week of March 24**

#### **Securities and Commercial Law**

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Monday 4:30-5:20 in room 504, Wednesday 5:00-5:50 in room 116 (Library)

**Upcoming research topics include: Treaties and Social Science Research.**

**AskPenceLibrary and chat with a librarian for help with your research!** Between 9 am and 4 pm 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](mailto:reflib@wcl.american.edu) if you have questions about this service.

**Thanks to everyone who sent their news of publication success and participated in the Student Author Reception that was held on March 3!** We are already planning the 2009 Student Author Reception and we don't want to leave anyone out! If you have an article or essay that is accepted for publication, send your name and all citation information to [bkaufman@wcl.american.edu](mailto:bkaufman@wcl.american.edu)

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**Finding exams at the Washington College of Law** All exams that are available to students are posted on the Library's webpage at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/yoeb/> **Ye Olde Exam Book** contains all examinations that have been provided to the Pence Law Library by WCL professors since 1990. If there are sample answers they will be linked to the appropriate examination. Some exams will require a password for access that is available only from the professor of the course in question, but most do not. Please note that professors are not required to post their exams in Ye Old Exam Book and many choose not to do so. The Library does not maintain any paper copies of exams. **You can also do exam prep with CALI lessons** – see the Library webpage at [http://library.wcl.american.edu/library\\_services.cfm](http://library.wcl.american.edu/library_services.cfm) for links to the list of available lessons.

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

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

There will be a special session of the **SBA Senate on Tuesday, March 25 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. The subject matter of the meeting will be proposed new finance guidelines for student group funding. The new guidelines would represent a substantial change from the current system, and so all student groups are encouraged to offer their views, either at the meeting or on the "Virtual Senate Floor" of the SBA TWEN site.

The next regularly-scheduled SBA Senate meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 1 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](mailto:sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu) no later than 5 PM on Sunday, March 30. 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](mailto: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.

### **BLSA**

Calling all poets, vocalists, instrumentalists, writers, lyricists, and verbal percussionists to perform at **WCL BLSA's Poetry Slam Open Mic Night**. It's coming **April 17th from 7pm - until in the 6th floor lounge**. If interested in performing, please email Jason German as soon as possible at [jgerman83@gmail.com](mailto:jgerman83@gmail.com). Tickets will be \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door, which includes light hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic drinks. All proceeds will go to our Wade A. Dennis Community Service Scholarship Fund.

### **Business Law Society**

In cooperation with several other student organizations at WCL, the Business Law Society would like to welcome its members to attend an exciting day of speakers and panel discussions. On **March 27 please join us for Colombia – The Human Impact of Trade, War and the Rule of Law. The event will take place from 9:00am and go until 7:00pm**. You are welcome to come for part or all of the event.

Additionally, have you ever wondered about taking courses in the field of Business Law, but have no idea what the courses are really about or what you should know each professor? Then come join us for a panel discussion, led by students, to discuss the business course offerings here at WCL.

This event will be on **Wednesday, March 26 from 12:30 - 1:30pm. Room: TBA**

At the business course offerings panel, we will also discuss how you can be part of the Business Law Society executive board for next year. Stay tuned over the next couple of weeks to find out how to apply!

### **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, cover letter explaining your interest in the Criminal Law Brief, 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".

You may also submit applications via email to [CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu](mailto:CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu). The deadline for applications is March 24th at 5pm. If you have any questions please email us at

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

### **Equal Justice Foundation**

Attention all Students seeking EJF Funding for Summer Public Interest Work...

The 2008 EQUAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION **Application** will be available for pick up on Monday, March 24th in the Office of Career and Professional Development. The application packet may be picked up during OCPD hours anytime before the application deadline. All applications must be fully completed and returned to the Office of Career and Professional Development by 6:00 pm on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Students applying for an Equal Justice Foundation Grant to fund their public interest summer work are required must have all volunteer hours completed and authorized by the March 31st application deadline. The application packet will include explicit instructions for completing the application. We ask that you kindly review the application in full before asking specific questions regarding the application process or application materials. Although no applications will be reviewed prior to the March 31st deadline, students are encouraged to pick up applications early in the week to give themselves sufficient time to complete the application to the best of their ability.

### **Immigrants' Rights Coalition**

#### **Trafficking Solutions: Legislation and its Limitations Tuesday, April 1st, 12:00 - 1:20, Room**

**402** Human trafficking is a pervasive problem that appears to be growing despite being a top legislative priority of international bodies, the United States, and other countries. Bearing in mind the difficulties inherent in attempts to quantify the trafficking problem, this panel will explore the legislative frameworks that currently exist and to what degree those frameworks shape behavior and curb trafficking. We will also explore potential non-legislative solutions. Speakers:

1. Andrea Bertone, Director of [www.humantrafficking.org](http://www.humantrafficking.org), will give an overview of the human trafficking problem, looking at the problem's pervasiveness, recent trends, various aspects that make it difficult to fight, and ways to measure progress. 2. Ann Jordan, Director of the Initiative Against Trafficking at Global Rights, will outline legislative (and other policy) measures by governments and international bodies and discuss the limitations of these models. 3. Nicoleta Burlacu, Attorney at Greenberg Traurig, will share her perspective from anti-trafficking work in Turkey, Moldova, Romania, and Russia and will discuss some of the effects of legislative and non-legislative measures in the Balkans.

Lunch will be served. Sponsored by the WCL Immigrants' Rights Coalition. For more information please contact [erica.lounsberry@gmail.com](mailto:erica.lounsberry@gmail.com), [sara.ramey@american.edu](mailto:sara.ramey@american.edu), or [gillian.chadwick@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.chadwick@gmail.com).

### **Moot Court Honor Society**

Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 Board  
What is the Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board?

The Executive Board is the entity that controls all aspects of the Honor Society, including coordination of the Competitions we host, recruitment of new team members, drafting of Moot Court problems, and interaction with the broader WCL community.

Do I have to be on the Moot Court Team in order to serve on the Executive Board? No, many members of the Executive Board are not members of the Moot Court Team. The only requirement is that you be dedicated to ensuring the continued success of the Honor Society.

What positions are available? The Honor Society is accepting applications for all Board positions. These include: President, Vice President, Executive Team Director, Team Directors, Competition Directors, Problem Drafters, Secretary and Budget Director. If you would like to read the full position descriptions, please visit the Moot Court Honor Society TWEN and click on the "Constitution" link. Our Constitution contains full descriptions of all Executive Board positions. If you have specific questions about a particular position, please contact Erin Overturf, President of the Moot Court Honor Society, at [erinoverturn@gmail.com](mailto:erinoverturn@gmail.com).

How do I apply? Your application must consist of a resume and a letter of intent. The letter of intent should express in detail your qualifications for and interest in the position for which you are

applying. The letter of intent should include the following information: (1) Positions desired in order of preference; (2) Positions applicant will not accept; (3) Location during the summer following the Spring semester; (4) Plans or intentions to participate in other WCL extra-curricular activities; (5) Other time commitments, including but not limited to employment, Dean's Fellow, research assistant, etc.; (6) Credit load next year, including clinic or externships; and (7) Whether the applicant has or plans to apply for transfer to another law school. Please note, those applying for a Problem Drafter position must submit a 10 page writing sample in addition to the above described materials. Applications should be submitted to Erin Overturf via email at [erinoverurf@gmail.com](mailto:erinoverurf@gmail.com) no later than 6p on Friday, March 21st. We will interview applicants for the positions of President, Vice President and Executive Team Director on Monday, March 24th beginning at 9p. We will conduct interviews for all other positions on Wednesday, March 26 at 9p.

### **Poverty Law Society**

**Presidential Candidates and Poverty: Where They Stand on the Issues Thursday, March 27, 2008 - 5:30-7:00 pm JD Lounge**

Join the Poverty Law Society for an informal discussion about poverty issues in the upcoming presidential election. We'll watch some news and lecture clips to spark our dialogue. Pizza, popcorn and snacks will be served! Email [ej3457a@american.edu](mailto:ej3457a@american.edu) with any questions or clip suggestions.

### **Sustainable Development Law & Policy**

"SDLP" is **recruiting** for Fall 2008. Applications to be on staff are available outside Room 631 and are due by Thursday, April 10 at 8:00 PM.

SDLP is a student-run internationally recognized publication that publishes articles and essays focusing on reconciling tensions between environmental sustainability, economic development, and human welfare. The journal embraces an interdisciplinary focus to provide a full view of current legal, political, and social developments. Past issues have focused on Sound Chemicals Management, Emissions Trading, Energy Law, and Oceans and Fisheries. Our forthcoming issues focus on Climate Law and the Polar Regions. Additionally, we publish two bilingual journals – making our articles accessible to the Spanish- and French-speaking world. Check out our current and back issues at: [www.wcl.american.edu/org/sustainabledevelopment](http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/sustainabledevelopment). Please contact next year's co-editors-in-chief with any questions: Lisa Novins, [lisa.novins@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.novins@gmail.com), or Addie Haughey, [addie.haughey@gmail.com](mailto:addie.haughey@gmail.com).

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

**Balance in Law School and Beyond!** Join the Women's Law Association and Professor Abramowitz for a round-table discussion. It's difficult balancing law school and eventually a law career with your relationships, friends, families, hobbies, etc. We hope you can join us to share your own expertise and hopefully learn some good tips for future success. Light snacks will be provided. Monday, March 24, noon, room 528.

## **IN SEARCH OF**

**Prof. Walter Effross** invites applications for the position of his summer research assistant (20 hours a week for 10 weeks; \$2,400), 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 Office 475 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21.

**Prof. Amanda Frost** is looking for a part-time research assistant for summer 2008 to assist in researching an article about the relationship between the federal and state court systems.

**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 and assistance on the UN CAT Project, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Interested students should promptly submit a one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to [jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu) and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

**The General Practice Clinic** is seeking several deans' fellows to assist with case management this summer. The General Practice Clinic handles a wide variety of cases, including bankruptcy, divorce, child custody, and consumer protection. Duties will involve maintaining contact with clients, interviewing clients, assisting with hearings, preparing research memoranda and documents for court filings, and other matters. These positions will be available for from three to five days a week. Positions will have staggered start dates and will be available beginning May 19 and continuing until classes begin in August. Current second year students are preferred, but we will consider any student with legal or non-legal experience who is interested in learning about the general practice of law. Interested applicants should e-mail a cover letter describing their interests and a resume to Kelly DiBisceglie at [kellyd@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kellyd@wcl.american.edu). Applications may also be dropped off with Kelly in the Clinic Office, Room 417. The positions may be filled on a rolling basis so it is important to apply as soon as possible.

**The Impact Litigation Project** is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the summer with the potential to continue through the fall semester to work on international human rights cases. The Project receives grant funding to promote the rule of law and democracy within the region through international litigation of pivotal cases selected by experts for maximum ability to shape and change policy and legislation within the region. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LLMS to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; gain experience in human rights international litigation; and get an inside look at impact litigation strategy-drafting. Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 10 hours per week researching and drafting legal memoranda as well as providing administrative support for the office. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow summer 2008" in the subject line.

**The Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property** seeks a spring and summer research assistant to support a teaching and clinical project on access to medicines in Africa. The project involves the intersection of international human rights law, intellectual property law and access to medicines in Africa. PIJIP will be teaching a short course on the topic in South Africa and then assisting the development of a student advocacy project filing a submission on the right to access to medicines to the African Commission on Human and People's Rights.

Background in human rights, IP and/or medicines law and policy helpful. The position requires 20 hours a week and may be extended into the fall term. Academic credit through independent study may also be available. For more information or to apply, please contact Mike Palmedo [mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu), 202-274-4442.

**The Specialized Summer Program of the Academy on Human Right** is looking to hire someone to assist with the program. The position is from May 5 – June 20 for 35-40 hours a week. If you are interested in applying please send an email stating your qualifications for the position along with a copy of your resume to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu) with the subject SP Assistant.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Help us organize the 13<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!**

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

Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, research the Bench Memorandum 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 the Competition at [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt).

### **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Graduating Students -**

Do you have a family member who is also a WCL alumnus/a - attending graduation? If so, Dean Claudio Grossman and the Office of Development & Alumni Relations would like to extend an invitation to a brunch (at WCL) before commencement on May 18.

Please email Shelly Horn at [shorn@wcl.american.edu](mailto:shorn@wcl.american.edu) with the names and addresses of the people who should be invited.

**Turkey Summer Law Program** continues to accept applications for Summer 2008 term.

Have you ever been to Istanbul, Ephesus, Ankara or the Aegean Sea?

Istanbul's location is prime, the education first-rate, extracurricular activities abound, and the opportunity to travel after the program awaits. This unforgettable experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law.

Turkey Summer Law Program participants earn six credits for the two courses:

(1) International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey, Central Asia and the Middle East and (2) Legal Perspectives on Business and Investment

Issues in Turkey. Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment and security issues. For additional information please see the Turkey Summer Law Program's brochure at <http://www.wcl.american.edu>

### **EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Due to the time required to obtain security clearances for students working as an extern with the SEC, CFTC and Department of State, students wishing to participate at an externship at those agencies during the Fall 2008 or Spring 2009 Semester should forward their resume package as soon as possible. The agencies have indicated that they will be reviewing applications on a running time basis. Please apply as soon as possible. It is likely that applicants applying late may find that all positions have been filled (as happened for the Spring 2008 Semester).**

#### **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 2008 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Spring semester 2008 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Fall 2008 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intend to take in the Fall 2008 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible 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 an 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. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

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

I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring Semester 2008 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 2008 semester. [Law-784] Students who will be taking Securities Regulations during the Fall 2008 Semester should apply now to participate in the Field Component – S.E.C. Student Observers Program in the Spring 2009 Semester. Applying now will assist in getting early security clearance. 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 meetings 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 indicating the semester for which they are applying as soon as possible. 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. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

### **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 420 hours over the Fall 2008 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 by the end of the Spring Semester 2008 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to allow for security clearance. 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 Tuesday between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Suite 122**

#### **Hours**

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

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

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

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

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

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## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **3L/4L Job-Search Workshop, Session 3: Long Distance Job Search & Headhunters**

**Tuesday, March 25; Room 504; 12:00-1:00 pm.** 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 a national attorney placement professional and OCPD staff.

**Lunch with a Lawyer (brown bag): Geraldine Gennet:** Join us for "Lunch with a Lawyer" featuring our special guest, Geraldine Gennet (WCL alumna), who recently left the position of General Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives. Ms. Gennet had previously been General Counsel to the DC Metropolitan Police Department, a litigator at the Office of Thrift Supervision, and had spent a number of years in private practice, both as a sole practitioner and in a small firm. Ms. Gennet will share details of her personal career path and will be available to answer your individual questions. The program will be held on **Tuesday, March 25 at 12pm. Room TBD.** This is a brown bag event, so bring your lunch and OCPD will provide drinks! You must register on CareerLink (<http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>) by **Monday, March 24** in order to attend this program. Participation is limited, so sign up early!

### **Careers in Communications Law, Federal Communications Bar Panel**

**Wednesday, March 26; Room 415, 12:00-1:00 pm.** Considering a private or public sector career in communications law? Interested in hearing from lawyers serving as in house counsel, with federal agencies and with associations as to the nuts-and-bolts of securing employment with broadcast and media entities, communications companies, the FCC, and lobbying entities? **LIMITED SPACE.** Students must sign up via CareerLink to secure a seat!

### **Hiring Dynamics, Networking, & the Legal Practice**

**Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 pm 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Dining Room.** Learn How to Effectively Network in a Supportive & Instructional Environment with over **20 WCL Alumni who want to assist you in your job search!** You will Gain: Instant feedback on your networking skills; Tips & Pointers on how to make a More Effective Presentation; Valuable Contacts with Supportive Alumni & Prospective Employers. Business Casual attire and **RSVP REQUIRED by March 26 via CareerLink at <http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>.**

### **NEW! BLOOMINGDALE'S Business Attire Program for WCL at White Flint Mall**

Bloomingtondale's invites all WCL students to an *exclusive* Business Attire program at the White Flint Mall location on **Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm.** Bloomingtondale's wardrobing experts will provide advice about men's and women's professional dress for every occasion: the job interview, networking receptions, holiday parties, business dinners, summer associate events and more! Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres will be served; participants will receive a complimentary gift bag from Bloomingtondale's! To register, please visit the Events section of CareerLink at <http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>.

### **2008 Patent Law Interview Program**

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the 2008 Patent Law Interview Program on Thursday, July 31st and Friday, August 1st in Chicago. This is a nationwide interview program that targets patent law employers, 2 and 3L J.D. students and LL.M students with engineering and/or technical science academic backgrounds. This is an excellent opportunity if you are interested in practicing patent law.

The fee to register is \$35 per person. If you are interested in attending, please see Bridget Beirne in OCPD by 5pm on March 25.

### **Summer Housing Programs**

The Washington Area Legal Recruitment Administrators Association (WALRAA) Summer Housing Program is a great way for law students to sublet their residences to out-of-town law students who will be living in the area this summer while working as summer associates at DC law firms. If you are interested in participating in the program and renting your apartment, condo or house to an out-of-town summer associate, please contact Susan Meshberger, WALRAA Housing Coordinator, at [summerhousing@walraa.org](mailto:summerhousing@walraa.org) or 202-778-9136. You may also complete a 2008 Available Housing Information form, available at the OCPD front desk.

The National Association for Law Placement (NALP) invites students with housing available for the summer to participate in its free online 2008 Apartment Exchange. Visit [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org) and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. The exchange will be available from January 18-May 16, 2008.

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## **PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT**

**Looking for Summer Funding?** Summer funding opportunities are now available. Many deadlines are in March or early April, so start your search now! Check out [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org) for summer funding sources. Click on the “Community/Resources” tab in the upper right corner and then click the “Summer Funding Sources” link. You should also stop by OCPD and flip through the red Summer Funding binder located on the public interest shelf. Finally, if you haven’t already done so, be sure to sign up for the public interest listserv to get emails about summer funding opportunities.

### **Southern Environmental Law Center Seeking Attorneys to fill Several Positions:**

The Southern Environmental Law Center is accepting applications for two-year associate attorney positions in its Charlottesville, VA; Chapel Hill, NC; and Charleston, SC offices. These are excellent opportunities to be part of an organization that is successfully addressing some of the most important and challenging environmental issues in the Southeast and the nation. Associate attorneys gain valuable experience and knowledge working with more senior attorneys on litigation and legal advocacy in state and federal courts and regulatory agencies. These are entry level positions and open to recent law graduates and practicing attorneys. Salary \$51-53,000 depending on experience and includes an excellent benefits package. Please see CareerLink for application details.

### **Job Search Resources:**

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](http://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.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested a public policy experience.
4. 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.

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## **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS**

**ATTENTION 3Ls/4Ls: Still planning to apply for state judicial clerkships for the 2008 term? Many state – and several federal – judges have positions open with deadlines very soon!**

For state clerkships, judge-specific hiring information 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.

Some federal judicial clerkships are also still available. See OSCAR ([www.oscar.symplicity.com](http://www.oscar.symplicity.com)) for details!

Contact the OCPD to schedule an individual counseling appointment with Amy Killoran, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator.

**REMINDER! Want to Know More About Clerkships?** Sign up to attend the Judicial Clerkship Panel Discussion on Tuesday, March 25 with current law clerks to find out about the WCL alumni's clerking experiences and application process. Panelists include Addy Schmitt, current law clerk to Judge Sullivan in the District of D.C., Alice Koethe, current law clerk in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Affairs, and Jamie Renner, current law clerk for Judge Thompson on the D.C. Court of Appeals. To ensure enough pizza and handouts, we need an accurate headcount, so RSVP today in the Events section of CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/>).

**Want to Know How to Apply for Judicial Clerkships?** Sign up to attend a small workshop in April that will walk you through the nuts and bolts of applying for a federal or state clerkship. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, April 1; Thursday, April 3; Wednesday, April 9; and Monday, April 14. Space is limited, so RSVP today in the Events section of CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/>).

**ATTENTION 3Ls/4Ls: Do you have a clerkship lined up for the 2008-2009 term?** Make sure the OCPD knows about it – email Amy Killoran with information about the court and judge today. **Did you interview for other clerkships?** Be sure to fill out the judicial clerkship interview survey at [http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/survey/clerkship\\_interview\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/survey/clerkship_interview_form.cfm).

**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

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***DIVERSITY RECEPTIONS & WORKSHOPS***

**Orrick Open House & Diversity Reception:** Orrick is inviting all DC-area BLSA members to attend an open house at our office followed by a networking reception **at Palette on Thursday,**

**April 10, 2008.** The open house will begin at **6:30pm** with a brief introduction to some of the African-American attorneys in Orrick's DC and New York offices. The networking reception will be held right across the street from our building **at Palette (at the corner of 15th & M Street, NW) from 7:30 to 9:00pm.** One of Orrick's diverse partners, Pauline A. Schneider, the first female African-American President of the DC Bar, will provide a few pearls of wisdom on "The Importance of Mentoring." This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our firm, our practice and our attorneys. Please RSVP to Tiffany Wood at [twood@orrick.com](mailto:twood@orrick.com) by Monday, April 7.

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***DIVERSITY JOB FAIRS, SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS & OTHER INITIATIVES***

**Delaware Minority Job Fair for 2L & 3L Students:** As part of an effort to recruit talented students and increase diversity in the Delaware Bar, a number of law firms, corporations, and governmental legal employers will participate in the Seventeenth Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair for Second and Third-Year Law Students, which will be held on the Wilmington campus of Widener University School of Law on **Saturday, August 16, 2008.** The Job Fair, which is by invitation only, is limited to students who are in their second and third-year of law school during the 2008-2009 school year and interested in employment opportunities in Delaware. We urge you to apply for an invitation to the Job Fair. The Delaware Minority Job Fair differs from many other job fairs in that students must be invited to attend rather than simply registering and showing up. To become eligible for an invitation you must complete an application form, which you can pick up from the OCPD Front Desk or download from the OCPD Document Library (located at [www.wcl.american.edu/career](http://www.wcl.american.edu/career)) and return it along with your resume and college and law school transcripts (if available) no later than **Monday, April 21, 2008** to the Job Fair Administrator. Please see the detailed posting on CareerLink for more information.

**DuPont Minority Job Fair:** DuPont is proud to announce the 15th Annual DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs. For fifteen years we have led the effort to attract talented law students, with an interest in increasing the number of lawyers of color represented in our 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 our Minority Job Fairs. When you submit an application 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 Saturday, August 9, 2008  
Los Angeles, CA Saturday, August 9, 2008  
Wilmington, DE Saturday, August 9, 2008

Registration for the Houston, Los Angeles, and Wilmington sites will be completed electronically. You may log onto the site directly via the link below, complete the Registration Form, upload your résumé **and** transcript and click "Submit." It's that easy! The deadline receipt of your registration for any of the Job Fairs is **Monday, April 14, 2008.** 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 4** at [kjohnson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kjohnson@wcl.american.edu) with "DuPont Job Fair" in the subject line.

**Frederickson & Byron, P.A.:** The Frederickson & Byron Foundation has a scholarship that is available for first year minority law school students. The scholarship award is \$10,000. In addition to the \$10,000 award, there is also the possibility of a summer associate position for the summer of 2009. **The scholarship application deadline is March 31, 2008.** For more information please visit [www.fredlaw.com/firm/scholarship](http://www.fredlaw.com/firm/scholarship).

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**.

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

**Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Attorneys**

**Tuesday, March 25, 4:15 pm – 6:30 pm, room 103**

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to draft your resume and cover letters for the U.S. job market. During this session, international LL.M. students learn techniques on drafting a U.S. style legal resume and mistakes to avoid when drafting job application materials. Registration is mandatory: if you are interested in attending, please send your name and country of origin by email to Adriana Vito at [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) Current foreign LL.M. and SJD students and alumni welcome to attend!

**WCL First Annual International LL.M. Career Fair coming up!**

**Thursday, March 27, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Student Lounges (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

The Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD) and the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) invite all WCL international LL.M. students to participate in this exciting event. On March 27, WCL will welcome employers interested in hiring foreign LL.M. students and foreign LL.M. alumni for internships or permanent positions. Employers will display brochures and printed information about their organizations and greet students. Foreign LL.M. students and alumni are welcome to bring their resumes and discuss internship and job opportunities with employers.

**Registration is mandatory:** if you would like to join us for the International LL.M. Career Fair, please register by clicking on this link:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/founders/2008/032708b.cfm> and choosing the "Event Registration" option on the left side of the page. Make sure you register as a **student**. Registering will guarantee you will have your nametag ready for the event. **Important note: this event is open to WCL international LL.M. students and international LL.M. alumni only.** JD Students and students from other schools will not be able to register. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Thank you.

**Pathways to Employment in International Law – Panel Discussion**

**Wednesday, April 2, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Student Lounges (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

The Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD) and the American Bar Association Section of International Law will bring attorneys who advise clients in legal issues involving international matters and international business transactions. During this exciting panel discussion, speakers will advise JD and LL.M. students on how to successfully pursue a career advising international clients. After the panel discussion, students will have the opportunity to meet the panelists and colleagues during the international happy hour. **Speakers:** Lyle Vander Schaaf, Partner, Bryan Cave LLP; Joseph Rio, Director, CARANA Corporation; Manuel Garcia, Associate, Arnold & Porter LLP. *JD and LL.M. students and alumni are welcome to attend!*

**Registration is required.** Please register on line at: [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration)  
**Deadline to register: March 31, 2008.** Registering on time will ensure you have a nametag to wear during the networking reception!

*Sponsored by the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD), the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) and the American Bar Association Section of International Law.*

Questions? Contact Adriana Vito at: [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu)

**Let's Talk About Africa: Panel Discussion coming up on April 4!**

We are planning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Let's Talk About Africa panel discussion for LL.M. and JD students. This interactive session will provide students with the chance to talk to practitioners who work with legal issues in Africa, including development, investment and human rights.

Professionals from private and public sector will present students with updates on the work they do in the region. Don't miss out! Stay tuned to your emails for further information, including sign up instructions!

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

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

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 24**

**Monday, March 24**

**12pm, Rm 528,** Balance in Law School and Beyond with Professor Abramowitz

**12-2pm, Rm 600,** A Discussion by Moisés Naím, on his new book "*Illicit*"

**4:30-5:20, Rm 504,** Securities and Commercial Law Research

**5-6:30pm, Rm 603, Social and Economic Rights: The South African Experience**

**Tuesday, March 25**

**12-1pm, Rm 402, Judicial Clerkship Information Panel**

**12-1pm, Rm 504, 3L/4L Job-Search Workshop, Session 3: Long Distance Job Search & Headhunters**

**4:30-5:30pm, Rm 627, ILSP Paper Presentation**

**10:10pm, Rm 101, SBA Senate special session**

**Wednesday, March 26**

**12-1 pm, Rm 415, Careers in Communications Law, Federal Communications Bar Panel**

**12:30-1:30pm, davidkapson@gmail.com, Business Law courses info**

**5-5:50, Rm 116 (Library), Securities and Commercial law Research**

**5:30-7pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Fl, The Role of Media in International & Legal Controversies**

**Thursday, March 27**

**9am-6:30pm, Rm 603, Colombia - The Human Impact of Trade, War and the Rule of Law**

**5:30-7pm JD Lnge, Presidential Candidates and Poverty: Where They Stand on the Issues**

**Friday, March 28**

**9:30am -1:30pm, Rm 401, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project National Summit**