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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

### 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.

## **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

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

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2008 SEMESTER** began 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.

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.

**FALL 2008 PRE-REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration for fall 2008 will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8 and will be by priority and lottery. Further information on details of the lottery and priority order will be in next week's Docket and available in our office. The fall 2008 schedule of classes will also be available next week.

## **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 [jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelaurentiis@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.

### **ADA Accommodations 2 weeks remaining!!!**

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).

**DEADLINE:** Documentation of a disability should be provided to the Academic Support Center or Disability Support Services **no later than Friday April 11, 2008 in order to seek accommodations related to final exams.**

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

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on **Wednesday, April 16, 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.

### **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.dcb.org/for\\_lawyers/bar\\_services/counseling/](http://www.dcb.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.

### **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)

### **SPECIAL EVENTS—REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

#### **Wednesday, April 2, 6:30 PM – Third Annual Modern American Diversity Symposium:**

“Civil Rights Movement 2.0: Reshaping and Rethinking the Role of the Civil Rights Movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” – The goal is to explore what this title means and to analyze the changing face of the Civil Rights Movement. Free registration at: [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm).

**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. His topic is “Conscience as and Element of Advocacy.” Judge Urbina has been a member of the DDC since its inauguration in 2001. Before ascending to the bench, he also practiced privately and taught at the Howard University School of Law. Luncheon is **FREE**, but registration is **REQUIRED** at: [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm) .

**Wednesday, April 16, 3:00 PM--The 12<sup>th</sup> Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law --** Our topic is “The Intersection of Law, Media, and Politics.” Confirmed guests for the 4:00 panel are: **Jim Asendio**, news director, WAMU-88.5; **Midwin Charles**, ’99, Midwin Charles & Associates, Court TV commentator, and member of the Dean’s Diversity Council; **Craig Thompson**, Thompson Communications and partner with Venable LLC; **Steven Taylor**, Ph.D, associate professor in the AU School of Public Affairs; and **Jacqueline Trescott** of *The Washington Post*. Our panel moderator and North Star award winner is **CNN correspondent Joe Johns**, a 2002 alumnus. The day’s program will begin at 2:30 PM with “Careers Table Talk,” especially designed to give students the opportunity to talk informally with practitioners. Register for Careers Table Talk at [beirne@wcl.american.edu](mailto:beirne@wcl.american.edu). We’ll conclude with the awards dinner at 6:30, during which the Rising Star Award, Hairston Award, and North Star Award will be presented respectively to a student, a member of the alumni, and a JD of distinction. The conference are **FREE**, but a separate registration is **REQUIRED** at [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration) .

### **Stuff on the Table**

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

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

### **Black History Month Artifacts**

Several were left for safekeeping in the Office of Diversity Services. Please come by and pick up yours. Thanks.

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

### **Important - Important – Important – Important – Important**

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 listing on our website or in the office.

*Borrow wisely!*

### **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 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.

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

1. You will be prompted to select the lender of your choice when you accept your Stafford loans on **my.american.edu**. Lender comparison data will be provided with your award notice to help with

your decision. Note: Citibank is your lender on current year Stafford loans and remains a 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. Wait for instructions; updates will be posted as they become available. Contact the office if you have questions.

#### **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.

**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 6:30 p.m. in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor dining area. **Professors Nancy Polikoff and Darren Hutchinson will deliver the Keynote address.** 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. **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:**

**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 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](#)**

**Save the Dates:**

**MARCH 29 - 30**

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

**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)

## **ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

### **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:**

**ELECTION OBSERVATION AND THE RIGHT TO POLITICAL PARTICIPATION** taught by Larry Garber

This course will deal with the evolution of the right to political participation. We will examine, in depth, the various human rights instruments that have emerged since 1948 and selected decisions and declarations of national courts and international human rights bodies. Classes will cover key concepts associated with: voting rights; consideration of rules governing party formation, registration; adjudication of electoral disputes; collective right to democratic governance; evolution of international electoral observation; evaluating the quality of elections; and the special case of post-conflict elections. There also will be discussions of individual country cases. Reading assignments will provide background for the specific topics that will be discussed in class.

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

### **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 [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu) or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.cfm).

Please indicate accommodations needed by emailing [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@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 [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu) or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm).

### **Center Announcements**

#### **CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SEEKS A FEW GOOD SUMMER DEAN'S FELLOWS**

Please see under “In Search Of”

#### **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**

#### **Register NOW!**

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 2008 REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

To register for your externship:

**First:** Register for the externship seminar of your choice on my.american.edu as you would any other seminar.

**Second:** Register for your fieldwork by submitting your application for fieldwork credit at [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship). This is very important; **you must have your fieldwork information submitted to the externship program by May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**MANY SUMMER EXTERNSHIP STILL AVAILABLE!**

There are over 30 employers who have recently informed the Externship Office that they are seeking WCL externs for the summer semester. It is not too late to apply for these positions. Go to the Externship Database (<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>) and search for employers who have recently requested externs (click the recent request button at the bottom of the page). Additionally, the Externship Board, outside of room 413 has many of the listings posted. Some examples of employers currently looking include:

- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- F.E.M.A.
- U.S. Department of Energy
- D.C. Superior Court
- National Immigration Law Center
- DLA Piper (Pro Bono Office)
- Holland & Knight (Pro Bono Office)
- Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office
- Center On Conscience and War
- Legal Action Center

Also, if you would like some advice on how to go about applying for an externship, please contact Avis Sanders, the Director of the Externship Program to make an appointment. See below for contact information.

**SUMMER EXTERNSHIP SEMINARS ARE UP!**

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

LAW-769-001	Govt' 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
LAW-769-008	Long-Distance Seminar	TBA			

**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)).

## **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 ARBITRATION SUMMER SESSION**

### **STAYING IN DC FOR THE SUMMER?**

#### **Register NOW!**

The International Arbitration Summer Session is offering six 1 credit courses that begin on May 27 and end June 12.

Course offerings include:

- Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration;
- 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 earn 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!**

Given the interrelated nature of these one credit courses, it is not only possible but advantageous for students taking more than one course to take all the exams at the end of the three-week session. In that way, students can use the knowledge they have acquired through the whole session. Students may pick up the take-home exam from the Registrar from the day after the last class of the course has taken place to Friday, June 27, 2008. The exam is due within 24 hours and students can use the accumulated time allowed for each individual exam.

#### **Interested in taking an arbitration course in Spanish?**

Learn the Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration in Spanish. Take the course *Arbitraje Comercial Internacional*. Professor: Horacio Grigera Naón. The course will take place Tuesday, May 29, to Friday, June 1, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. For more information please email [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) or call (202) 274-4321.

#### **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.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

**April 14, 2008**

**International Commercial Arbitration in the Americas: A Look Ahead**

Leading practitioners in the field will analyze recent practice trends and developments in the Americas in the area of international arbitration focusing specifically on the challenges and progress experienced by numerous countries in the region. Conference panels will focus on North, Central, and South America respectively. Special emphasis will be given to the involvement of local courts in decisions made by arbitral tribunals. The conference is co-organized with the **Inter-American Bar Association** in cooperation with **American Arbitration Association** and **United States Counsel for International Business**. Program sponsors include: **Arnold & Porter LLP, Baker Botts LLP, Bracewell & Giuliani, McDermott Will & Emery, Peter D. Maynard, Steptoes & Johnson LLP, and White & Case.**

## INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

### **Lunch with Debra Steger**

*Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00-1:30PM*

*Room 314*

Students are invited to attend a roundtable discussion with Debra Steger. Professor Debra Steger specializes in the field of international trade, international dispute settlement and governance of international institutions. During the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, she was the Senior Negotiator for Canada on Dispute Settlement and the Establishment of the World Trade Organization as well as the Principal Counsel to the Government of Canada for all of the Uruguay Round agreements. *[Because of limited seating please RSVP by April 1 to pshereen@wcl.american.edu.](mailto:pshereen@wcl.american.edu)*

### **Pre-Registration Workshop**

*Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00-5:00PM*

*Room 526*

Pre-Registration for fall classes begins April 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about your fall courses stop by for a chat with Prof. Bradlow and Cathy Schenker in room 526.

## LAW AND BUSINESS PROGRAM

The Law and Business Program will hold the second meeting of a non-credit “course” that examines financial instruments. The non-class will meet on **Monday, March 31 from 4-5:30 pm in room 600.**

We will continue our discussion of the “building blocks” of financial instruments. In particular, we will examine equity investments and valuation issues. The reading for this session is *Investing for Dummies* (4<sup>th</sup> Edition), Chapter 4. We suggest that you also look at pp. 100-108 (“Citing times of speculative excess”).

This series is open to all members of the WCL community having an interest in discussing and learning more about the concepts, uses, and basic financial aspects of financial instruments. We will meet every two weeks. The course of study is not offered for law school credit. For more information, please contact Professor Ken Anderson, or Professor Andy Pike.

## 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 31**

#### **Treaty Research**

John Heywood and Bill Ryan

Monday 4:30-5:20 in room 504, Thursday 5:00-5:50 in room 103.

**The final session will cover Social Science Research the week of April 7.**

**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.

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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/yueb/> **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.**

## PROGRAM ON LAW & GOVERNMENT

Interesting **constitutional and health law summer research internship opportunity**. The Health Policy Program at the New America Foundation, a non-profit bipartisan, progressive organization in D.C., would like to have one or two law students interested in researching both the constitutionality and policy merits of mandated health insurance at the state and federal levels. The research would examine this issue in the context of the 2008 Presidential election. Further details to be determined with interested students. If you are interested, contact Professor Corinne Parver at [cparver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cparver@wcl.american.edu) or 274-4136.

## PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

### **5th Annual IP/Gender Symposium: Mapping the Connections. April 4, 2008, Room 528, 10am-4pm.**

Please join us for a day of scholarship exploring the rich intersection of Intellectual Property Law and Feminist Jurisprudence. This year, the IP/Gender: Mapping the Connections Symposium will be the grandest yet, featuring fifteen presenters or commenters from two continents, open to the public and webcast live on [www.pijip.org](http://www.pijip.org) <<http://www.pijip.org>>.

The full schedule of panels, links to past articles and other information can be found at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/pijip/ipgender.cfm> Lunch will be served to all registered participants and CLE credit is available. You may register online at [http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm) / Sponsored by the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP), the Women and the Law Program, and the American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy, and the Law.

## 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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes) and follow the link to "Getting Involved."

### **War Crimes Speakers Series**

### *International Criminal Court Alumni Tour*

On **Friday, April 18th**, WCL alumna Chante Lasco will discuss her experience as an intern at the International Criminal Court, the world's first permanent court set up to try persons accused of the most serious crimes of international concern. This talk is being presented by the War Crimes Research Office in conjunction with Amnesty International's ICC Alumni Tour. Please check back for more information in the coming weeks.

### STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

There will be a **special session of the SBA Senate on Monday, March 31 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 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.
- 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 notice

#### **SBA Senate Elections are happening now!**

All J.D. students (1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and 4Ls) are strongly encouraged to vote in the 2008-2009 SBA Senate Elections **starting at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 6 and concluding at 9:00pm on Friday, March 7**. Students may only vote in their constituency group (i.e. rising 2Ls vote for 2L Senators, etc.). All students may vote for At-Large Senators. Students may cast their votes online at: [www.wcl.american.edu/sba/elections](http://www.wcl.american.edu/sba/elections).

Students experiencing technical difficulties should promptly e-mail the SBA Board of Elections Chair, Ogo Ekwuabu, at [sbaelections@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbaelections@wcl.american.edu). Students should include their name and AU e-mail address in the e-mail.

#### **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**

Want a position on the BLS 2008-09 **Executive Board**? Applications for next year's board are being distributed to the BLS Listserve today. All questions should be directed to [bls@wcl.american.edu](mailto:bls@wcl.american.edu). Applications will be due by Thursday, April 3 at 11:59pm. All are encouraged to apply!

**Real Estate Dinner** - Interested in meeting WCL alum currently working in various areas of real estate (e.g. development, finance, construction, etc...)?

**Thursday evening, April 10th** we'll be having a **dinner and discussion event with local alumni**. More information to follow on the listserv. Inquiries should be directed to [bls@wcl.american.edu](mailto:bls@wcl.american.edu).

### **Criminal Law Brief**

**CRIMINAL LAW BRIEF APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED.** 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 April 9 at 12pm (Noon). If you have any questions please email us at [CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu](mailto:CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu).

### **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).

### **Jewish Law Students Association**

The Jewish Law Students Association will be having a **Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Kenneth Cohen** of AU Hillel on **Thursday, April 3 @ noon in room 527**.

Thanks to AU Hillel for providing lunch! For more information, contact [JLSA@wcl.american.edu](mailto:JLSA@wcl.american.edu).

### **LaLSA**

The Latino/a Alumni Association of the Washington College of Law (LAAW) is hosting a charity event on **Thursday, March 27, from 6pm - 9pm at Ultrabar** (911 F St NW - Closest metros: Gallery Place/Chinatown or Metro Center). LAAW will be raising funds to establish an endowment for academic scholarships and providing bar study and book assistance awards to WCL students who have demonstrated commitment to serving the Latino/a community. Gift certificates and prizes will be raffled. Students are under no obligation to contribute. There will be a DJ playing the best salsa, merengue, and bachata!

### **The Modern American**

#### **Staff Applications**

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

Do you want to be a part of one of WCL's fastest growing publications? Then come join our staff! The Modern American is WCL's student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law. Our mission is to provide a forum for a frank, yet healthy discourse of issues facing minority groups within the United States today. Specifically, the publication discusses the legal system's treatment of racial, sexual, ethnic and other underrepresented people. We will be accepting applications for Junior Staff, Articles Editors, Marketing Editors, Publications Editors, and Staff Writers starting April 11, 2008. The application packet, including instructions, will be available on The Modern American website and in the WCL Lobby. Please note that the deadline is Friday April 18, 2008 at 5 pm .

**Information sessions** will be held **Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at noon and 10pm. Location TBD** Feel free to check out our past issues on the stands in the lobby by the elevators or on the web at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>.

### **WCL Democrats**

**Executive Board Elections! April 2nd at 12pm in room 601.** If you are interested in running please contact BP at [bp.nb8901a@american.edu](mailto:bp.nb8901a@american.edu) by Sunday March 30th.

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

The Women's Law Association invites students to apply for the **2008 WLA Summer Scholarship**. All 1L, 2L, or 3L part-time WCL students with an unpaid internship in gender issues are welcome to apply. This scholarship, raised entirely by the WLA Board and Membership, will be in excess of \$1,000 and is compatible with an EJP Grant.

The scholarship application is posted on the WLA website, uploaded to the WLA TWEN and YahooGroups sites, and available in hardcopy in the WLA Mailbox (C12) in the SBA Lounge.

There are more detailed instructions and information in the application packet, but please feel free to direct any questions about the scholarship to Cori Racela: [racela@gmail.com](mailto:racela@gmail.com)

## IN SEARCH OF

The **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** and **Prof. Steve Wermiel** are seeking several research assistants for the summer to work on projects for Marshall-Brennan and to help with research activities and plans. The hours can be negotiated up to 20 hours for each person. The positions will require the commitment of some hours at WCL during regular business hours; days and times can be negotiated. If you are interested in applying, please send a resume and a cover letter to Prof. Wermiel at [swermiel@wcl.american.edu](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu) or drop them off in WCL Suite 515. The cover letter should explain what other summer jobs or time commitments you have and what kind of availability you expect to have during business hours.

**The Domestic Violence Clinic** seeks summer Dean's Fellows to work, under the supervision of clinic faculty, on ongoing clinic cases and projects during the summer months. Work involves client representation in domestic violence, immigration, and family law matters. Fellows may also conduct research and assist with revising course materials. Positions may be full-time or part-time and hours are flexible. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Professor Jane Stoever at [jstoever@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jstoever@wcl.american.edu) with a copy to Melissa Manning at [mmanning@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mmanning@wcl.american.edu) by Friday, April 11, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

**The International Human Rights Law Clinic** is now accepting applications from students interested in working as legal fellows for the summer. These positions are paid by the hour, and usually consist of a 10-week commitment on either a full-time (40 hours/week) or part-time (20 hours/week) basis. A longer commitment may also be arranged. We are looking for someone who can begin in mid-May, and someone who is available to work through the end of the summer. Over the summer, legal fellows work under the supervision of the Clinic faculty and are responsible for maintaining the Clinic's case load, comprised of asylum, international human rights, and immigrants' rights cases. In addition, the legal fellows will be expected to update files and provide assistance in preparing for the next academic year. Because of the work required over the summer, international human rights and/or immigrants' rights practice experience is preferred, as is foreign-language fluency (esp. Spanish and French). Please submit resume and cover letter to William Gignilliat at [williamg@wcl.american.edu](mailto:williamg@wcl.american.edu), no later than Friday, April 4. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so please apply early!

**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 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, intellectual property 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 at 202-274-4442: mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu.

**The Women and the Law Clinic** seeks several Dean's Fellows to work for the summer. The positions may be full-time or part-time and may be for all or part of the summer. The Dean's Fellows will work on various projects related to the Women and the Law Clinic, primarily working on actual cases. Fellows will assist in representing current clients with a variety of legal issues, including, for example, child support, custody, divorce, disability, and bankruptcy. Fellows will also conduct research for the professors who teach in the clinic and assist with revising course materials. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Professor Adrienne Lockie at alockie@wcl.american.edu with a copy to Melissa Manning at mmanning@wcl.american.edu by Friday, April 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

**Adrienne Lockie, a Practitioner-in-Residence and Director of the Women and the Law Clinic,** seeks one Dean's Fellow to work part-time during the summer. The Dean's Fellow will work on various research projects related to family law, feminist theory, clinical law teaching, and legal ethics. The Dean's Fellow may focus on federal child support and welfare laws and policies. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Professor Adrienne Lockie at alockie@wcl.american.edu with a copy to Melissa Manning at mmanning@wcl.american.edu by Monday, April 14, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. In your letter, please indicate the hours and weeks that you are available, including a start date.

**The Janet R. Spragens Federal Tax Clinic** Seeks Summer 2008 Dean's Fellows: The Tax Clinic is seeking two Dean's Fellows to work 20 hours per week for 10 weeks per student. The Dean's Fellows may assist with conducting research and providing support for ongoing cases in addition to other duties. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Kelly DiBisceglie, Senior Administrative Assistant for the Tax Clinic at kellyd@wcl.american.edu by April 15th, 2008.

**The Community and Economic Development Law Clinic** is seeking dean's fellows to assist with case management this summer. Duties will involve maintaining contact with clients, attending community meetings, researching community economic development and affordable housing programs and law, and collecting resource materials for clinic class. Position will be available for from three to five days a week. Current second year students are preferred, but we will consider any student with legal or non-legal experience with non-profits, clients or organizations engaged in housing, community development or poverty law, or business management. Interested applicants

should leave a cover letter describing their interests, a resume, and a short writing sample in Professor Susan Bennett's box in the mail room; or you may e-mail these documents as attachments to <[sbennet@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbennet@wcl.american.edu)>. DEADLINE: April 4, 2008 or when filled.

**The Glushko-Samuelsan Intellectual Property Law Clinic** is seeking Deans Fellows for the summer of 2008 and the academic year 2008-2009. Summer Deans Fellows will be expected to perform significant research and memoranda writing and otherwise assist with pending IP Clinic matters. They will also assist with the preparation of materials for next year's IP Clinic seminar. The IP Clinic also is looking for Deans Fellows to support IP Clinic activities during the academic year, and we would like to review applications from students interested in those positions. Individuals willing to commit to a full year. Deans Fellowship will get preference for the summer Deans Fellow positions. Academic year Deans Fellows would principally provide support for the IP Clinic seminar simulation, including playing the roles of clients and witnesses. If you are interested in a Deans Fellow position this summer or for next year, send no later than April 11th your resume and a cover note explaining your interest and any relevant IP (and for the academic year acting) to Professor Vicki Phillips [vfphillips@wcl.american.edu](mailto:vfphillips@wcl.american.edu) and Professor Josh Sarnoff [jsarnoff@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jsarnoff@wcl.american.edu).

**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 Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** is looking for a few good Summer Dean's Fellows to join us for a fun summer and to help us make our exciting human rights programming happen!!! You will assist in planning the Center's Annual Human Rights Film Series and other Fall Semester activities. The position also includes administrative tasks such as developing the Center's website and promotional materials. And, most importantly, you will help plan the Center's ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC, which has been brought back by popular demand! To apply, please send a resume and short cover letter to [aparker@wcl.american.edu](mailto:aparker@wcl.american.edu), with the subject line "Summer 2008 Dean's Fellow." The position will remain open until filled.

**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.

**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/hracademy/mcourt](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt).

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Want to earn 1, 2 or 3 credits in one week this summer? Register now! You can now register on line for the **Summer Session Health Law and Policy Institute** and earn from one to three credits in just one week -- June 16-20, 2008 -- at [www.wcl.american.edu/healthlaw/summer](http://www.wcl.american.edu/healthlaw/summer). Courses include: Fundamentals of Health Law and Life Sciences (M-Th, 6:00-9:00PM, and Fri, 8:30AM-noon); Medicine for Lawyers (M-Th, 6:00-9:00PM); International Health and Human Rights (M-Tu, 8:30AM-5:00PM); Intellectual Property and Health Care (M-Tu, 8:30AM-5:00PM); and Legal Issues in Health Care Fraud and Abuse (Wed-Th, 8:30AM-5:00PM). Be sure to tell your friends who will also be in town about this exciting opportunity! For more information, contact Prof. Corrine Parver ([cparver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cparver@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4136).

### **STILL NOT SURE HOW YOU WILL BE SPENDING YOUR SUMMER?...APPLY NOW FOR THE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE 2008 (Includes sessions in Argentina)**

There are still spots available! Apply now and do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to travel to Buenos Aires and Santiago while learning about Latin America and its legal institutions at the hands of some of the best Chilean law professors and experts in the field, as well as practitioners and policy makers from Chile and Argentina.

You can download the application form from <http://www.wcl.american.edu/chile/> or stop by Room 373-A. If you still have questions about the program feel free to contact Macarena Sáez, Director: [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu), (202)274-4388 or Dilianna Bustillos, Program Coordinator: [dbustill@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dbustill@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]

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**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**

**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 via CareerLink:** <http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>.

**NEW! Getting a Job for Your 2L Summer: 2008 Fall Recruitment & Beyond**

**Attention 1L Day/2L Evening Students!** Since the application process for some employers will start as early as this summer, important information and training sessions regarding your summer 2009 job search will be held during the next two weeks. If you plan to participate in the 2008 Fall Recruitment Program, you must attend one of the following four training sessions:

Tuesday, April 1 from 8-9:30pm  
Thursday, April 3 from 12-1:20pm  
Friday, April 4 from 12-1:20pm  
Thursday, April 10 from 8-9:30pm

Please note: Fall Recruitment is not just large law firms! Government agencies and public interest organizations comprise approximately 25% of the employers conducting on-campus interviews. To register for a session, please go to the events section of CareerLink. If you have any questions, contact Bridget Beirne at (202) 274-4095 or [bbeirne@wcl.american.edu](mailto:bbeirne@wcl.american.edu). Pizza will be served.

**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! Wine & cheese 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>.

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**NEW! Summer Internship Opportunities with Sun Microsystems**

Sun Microsystems is accepting applications for the following summer internship positions and is particularly interested in candidates who are involved in law school diversity programs. Please visit CareerLink for more information or to apply (<http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>).

**LAW STUDENT INTERN (#558408) U.S. Sales & Services Legal group.**

The successful candidate will assist Sun's in-house lawyers in providing legal and contractual support for Sun's sales, delivery, and distribution business for the US, including Sun's Financial Services, Northeast, Communications, and SunFederal Sales teams. The person in this role will team with more senior members of the US Sales & Service Legal team and work on a variety of sales and service related projects, and will interface with sales teams and management. The ideal candidate must be able to work independently with considerable responsibility, demonstrate effective communications skills, be detail oriented, be comfortable working in a fast-paced environment with little administrative support, and a demonstrated track record in successfully handling projects. This position requires location in the Washington D.C. metro area.

**LAW STUDENT INTERN (#558669)** The candidate must have excellent writing and analytical skills, as well as an interest in negotiating contracts and dealing with contract issues related to inbound licensing transactions, intellectual property law and marketing transactions. Must be a U.S. citizen. Course work in intellectual property law, especially copyrights, a plus. A second language in Spanish, German, or Simple Chinese is a plus, but not required. Good working knowledge of legal principles. The candidate must be willing to work in a fast paced multi-cultural environment and operate in multi-tasking mode. Must also be able to work independently, with little administrative support. Word processing and organizational skills critical. Good verbal and written communication skills a must.

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### **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.

**ABA Death Penalty Representation Project Seeking an Intern:** The ABA created the Project in 1986 in order to better inform the bar and public about the lack of representation available to death row inmates. The Project addresses this urgent need by recruiting competent, volunteer attorneys, offering counsel training and assistance, and working for systemic reform to ensure that individuals facing a sentence of death are represented at every stage of the proceedings by competent counsel. This is an unpaid position; however, previous experience with or knowledge of death penalty is not required. Please call the office at (202) 662-1738 with any questions or visit the website at [www.abanet.org/deathpenalty](http://www.abanet.org/deathpenalty). See CareerLink for application details.

**Commodity Futures Trading Commission Seeks Summer Interns:** As an independent agency which reports directly to the President, the CFTC's mission is to protect market users and the public forum from fraud, manipulation, and abusive practices related to the sale of commodity and financial futures and options, and to foster open, competitive, and financially sound futures and option markets. Various positions are available within several Divisions. Internships are paid. **Deadline is March 31st.** Please see CareerLink for complete posting.

**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.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested in 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 How to Apply for Judicial Clerkships?** Sign up to attend one of the small workshops 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***

**NEW! Arnold & Porter 1L Diversity Reception:** William Cook, Chair of the firm’s Diversity Committee invites all first year minority students to attend a reception hosted by Arnold & Porter LLP. The reception will be held on **Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm** at the Washington, DC offices of Arnold & Porter LLP (located at 555 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004). Drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be served. The reception will provide attendees with a great opportunity to meet and network with both minority attorneys working at Arnold & Porter LLP and other minority law students. during the reception, we will hold a panel discussion that will focus on the 2L interviewing process and the summer associate experience. If you plan to attend this reception, **please RSVP by Wednesday, April 2** to Stefanie Sinn at (202)942-5331 or [Stefanie.Sinn@aporter.com](mailto:Stefanie.Sinn@aporter.com). We hope to see you there! For more information on Arnold & Porter and its diversity initiatives, we encourage you to visit our website at [www.aporter.com](http://www.aporter.com).

**NEW! Morgan Lewis ROCKS!:** Join Morgan Lewis for their citywide 1L diversity reception – Morgan Lewis ROCKS! **Wednesday, April 9, 2008 from 6:30-8:30pm** at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor. Dress is casual. Attend, and you could

win a PS3 equipped with "Guitar Hero"! RSVP to Tracie Seward at [tseward@morganlewis.com](mailto:tseward@morganlewis.com) by **Friday, April 4.**

**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.**

**NEW! Beveridge & Diamond Environmental Law Reception & Discussion:** Beveridge and Diamond, P.C., invites all first year law students to attend a reception and panel discussion on careers in environmental law and litigation. The event will be held on **Thursday, April 10, from 6:00-8:00pm** at Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. (1350 I Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005), which is located near the McPherson Square Metro station. Speakers include attorneys from the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, industry in-house counsel, and Beveridge & Diamond attorneys. These attorneys will share their experiences in becoming environmental lawyers and offer ideas about the future of the field. Please RSVP to Charnita Mise at [cmise@bdlaw.com](mailto:cmise@bdlaw.com) or (202) 789-6105 by **April 8, 2008.** Attire is business casual.

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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).

**Indianapolis Bar Association Job Fair:** The Indianapolis Bar Association is thrilled to provide you with a career placement opportunity! The Indianapolis Bar Association (IBA) cordially invites second-year (graduating in 2010) law students to participate in the first ever IBA Diversity Job Fair. We are seeking candidates who represent all aspects of diversity, who are looking for a one-of-a-kind legal community in a Midwestern city that has both cosmopolitan style and small-town charm. Student registration opened on March 1, 2008! Students can register for the IBA Diversity Job Fair via Symplicity’s web site at <https://law-indybar-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. After a student submits his/her registration, an automatically-generated password will be provided, which will enable him/her to use the system throughout the next few months. **Student registration deadline is July 1, 2008.** There is no fee for students to register for the IBA Diversity Job Fair. See the detailed posting on CareerLink for more information.

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**

**WCL First Annual International LL.M. Career Fair coming up!**  
**\*\*\*TODAY\*\*\* March 27, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Student Lounges (6<sup>th</sup> Floor)**  
***Attention LL.M. students:***

**Registration will be open throughout the event. Register online in advance or at the door after 4:00pm today.**

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. Foreign students seeking work opportunities at WCL are encouraged to attend this event. There will be several WCL offices represented at the fair! 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. This event is open to WCL LL.M. students and WCL LL.M. alumni.

**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 and international LL.M. alumni only.** 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!**

**Friday, April 4 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm, WCL Room 601**

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!

**Speakers include:** Tanya Southerland, US Department of Commerce; Robert Kirunda, World Bank; and a Nathan Van Dusen, CARANA Corporation.

**Registration is required.** Please register by sending an email with your name, country of origin and academic program (are you a JD or LL.M. student?) to Adriana Vito at [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) . **Reserve a seat early, this program fills up fast!**

*Lunch will be served.*

**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 31**

**Monday, March 31**

**12–5:30pm, Rm 603,** Int'l & US Perspectives on Implementation of the New UN Disability Rights Convention

**12:30pm, Rm 100,** Section 4, 1L Academic Advising

**12:30pm, Rm 524,** Final 1L Public Interest Roundtable

**3:30-5pm, Ste 122,** Jobs & Java: OCPD's Monthly Coffee Hour

**4-5:30pm, Rm 600,** The Law and Business Program's second meeting on financial instruments

**4:30-5:20, Rm 504,** Treaty Research

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

**Tuesday, April 1**

**11am, Rm 602,** Section 3: 1L Academic Advising

**12- 1:20, Rm 402,** Trafficking Solutions: Legislation and its Limitations

**12-1pm, Rm 130,** Judicial Clerkship Application Workshop

**6:30pm,** <http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>, Hiring Dynamics, Networking, &the Legal Practice

**8-9:30pm, Rm 401,** Getting a Job for your 2L Summer: 2008 Fall Recruitment and Beyond

**10:10 PM, Rm 101,** SBA Senate meeting

**Wednesday, April 2**

**12pm, [pshereen@wcl.american.edu](mailto:pshereen@wcl.american.edu), Lunch with Debra Steger**

**12:30pm, Rm 401, Section 2: 1L Academic Advising**

**12pm, Rm 601, WCL Democrats Executive Board Elections**

**4–6pm, Rm 603, Pathways to Employment in International Law**

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

**6:30-9:30, Rm 603, Civil Rights Movement 2.0: Reshaping & Rethinking the Role of the Civil Rights Movement in the 21st Century**

**Thursday, April 3**

**12pm, Rm 402, Section 1: 1L Academic Advising**

**12pm, Rm 527, JLSA Lunch and Learn**

**12-1pm, Rm 130, Judicial Clerkship Application Workshop**

**12-1:20pm, Rm 602, Getting a Job for your 2L Summer: 2008 Fall Recruitment and Beyond**

**3pm, Rm 526, ILSP Pre-Registration Info Session**

**5-5:50, Rm 103, Treaty Research**

**6–9pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Junior Federal Courts Faculty Workshop**

**8pm, Rm 402, Section 5: 1L Academic Advising**

**Friday, April 4**

**9am–5pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Junior Federal Courts Faculty Workshop**

**10am-4pm, Rm 528, IP/Gender Symposium: Mapping the Connections**

**12-1:20pm, Rm 402, Getting a Job for your 2L Summer: 2008 Fall Recruitment and Beyond**

**12:30-2pm, [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu), Let's Talk About Africa! Panel Discussion**

**Saturday April 5**

**9am – 5pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, First Annual Criminal Law Brief Symposium**