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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

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

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 with the names and addresses of the people who should be invited.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

FALL 2008 PRE-REGISTRATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

On Tuesday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m., pre-registration for fall 2008 courses will begin. There will be an initial window of 2 hours for each lottery group. Once you have pre-registered, you may continue to add/drop courses continuously up through the first week of classes.

Each group will begin based upon the last digit in the student ID, beginning with those ending in "6". The priority order is: (1) 4th-year part-time, 3rd-year full-time, and LLM students; (2) 3rd-year part-time, 2nd-year full-time; and (3) 2nd-year part-time. The first group will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, with new groups being added at 2 hour intervals, i.e., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. A new group will begin the next morning, Wednesday April 9, at 9:00 a.m. and new groups will be added at 2 hour intervals through 5:00 p.m. (a schedule is attached and lists each lottery group, within priority).

Pre-registration for the second priority group will begin on Monday, April 14th and run at 2 hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and continues on Tuesday, April 15, at 2 hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please check the attached schedule to be certain of the time of your registration based upon the last digit of your 7 digit AU ID number. The final group will register at two hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16.

Students may continue to make course changes and add/drop courses throughout the registration period and through the first week of classes. (August 25-Sept. 2). All second year students must take Criminal Procedure (LAW-508) and may choose any section. Part-time second-year students must also register for section 5 of Civil Procedure.

Sufficient spaces will be held in evening sections of classes with multiple sections for part-time students through June 6 (part-time students WILL get into evening sections of their required courses). If a class closes, it will remain closed to all except students graduating in May. That class will remain reserved for these students through June 6.

All students who have been admitted to clinics must register on-line for their clinics. Clinics and clinic seminar course numbers are listed on the fall schedule on the web. Permission is required for clinics, but students who have been admitted will already have permission and be able to register on-line.

PREPARE...

The web portal is <http://my.american.edu> (no "www"). You must know your EagleNet ID and password to gain access to the registration process. Be aware that your password will expire every 60 days, so you may need to renew it to proceed. If you cannot remember your password or your

password has expired, you can reset your password through the web or contact the Help Desk at 202-885-2550.

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

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

SELECT CLASSES...

Check the course schedule carefully:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> (click on ‘Fall 2008’ at the top) 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.

If you are a full-time student and wish to register for more than 16 credits, you will need prior approval from the registrar’s office. Part-time students may take a maximum of 11 credits.

REGISTER...

Go to <http://my.american.edu> and log on using your Eaglenet ID and password. If you need help, click on the link provided.

Go to “Course Registration” in the listing on the right-hand side. Then, under “Personalized Links”, log onto “WCL Course Registration”. If the portal has a large number of users, you will receive a message asking you to wait and remain in the “queue”. You will also be reminded not to click on “SUBMIT” more than once.

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 (Fall 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.

FALL 2008 SEMESTER

PRIORITY AND LOTTERY GROUPS

(by class status as of fall 2008)

Priority Group #1 – 4th-year part-time, 3rd-year full-time, LLM

Tuesday, April 8	10:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 6)
	12:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 9)
	2:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 7)
	4:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 1)
	6:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 4)
Wed., April 9	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 2)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 5)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 3)
	3:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 0)
	5:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 8)

Priority Group #2 - 3rd-year part-time, 2nd-year full-time

Mon., April 14	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 6)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 9)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 7)
	3:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 1)
	5:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 4)
Tues., April 15	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 2)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 5)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 3)
	3:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 0)
	5:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 8)

Priority Group #3 - 2nd-year part-time

Wed., April 16	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 6 and 9)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 7 and 1)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 4 and 2)
	3:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 5 and 3)
	5:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 0 and 8)

NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:

A Wait List process will again be available for the fall 2008 pre-registration period. It will begin during pre-registration once a class closes and will be available through June 5, 2008, at which point all classes will be opened up for students to register on a first come basis, throughout the summer and until the end of the first week of classes in August 2008.

When a class closes and you try to register on <https://my.american.edu>, you will be given the WAITLIST option. If you click on this, you will automatically be placed on the wait list. An email will be sent to your AU email address should your name come up on the wait list once a student has dropped, and you will have 48 hours to register for the course before the spot is made available to the next student on the wait list. Emails will be sent out twice a week, and not on weekends.

You may check course availability directly on our web site on the course schedule at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> to see how many students are registered for each class. Once a class that has closed and has generated a wait list shows open spaces again, you will see a notice on this site that this is a wait-listed class. If you are not already on the wait list for the course and wish to put yourself on the wait list, you may then attempt to register for the course on: <https://my.american.edu> site to put yourself on the wait list. Evening sections will hold sufficient spaces for part-time students only through June 6. Additionally, if a class closes, it will remain closed to all except graduating students. That class will remain reserved for these students through June 6.

Students will be able to wait list for a maximum of 3 courses throughout the wait list process, which closes on June 5th.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2008 SEMESTER continues 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 at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> and in the Registrar's office (suite 304). Students who have stops of any kind will be unable to register unless they clear these stops.

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

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. (for most states, applying early means avoiding late fees) Please be sure to carefully read **all** instructions before filing your bar exam applications. Each state has different requirements and procedures.

Go to 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 STUDENT SERVICES

ADA Accommodations 1 week 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.

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 and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

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!

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/) 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) expressing your interest.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

SPECIAL EVENTS—REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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 an 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.

Wednesday, April 16, 3:00 PM--The 12th 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*; and Judy Smith, ’86, a well-known PR consultant. 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. 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 is **FREE**, but a separate registration is **REQUIRED** at: www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.

Invitation to First Lady of Tanzania's Visit

SOC, SIS, and CAS will be hosting the First Lady of Tanzania this coming Tuesday, April 8th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in MGC room 3. The three schools involved are asking for your promotion and attendance. Additional information can be found at <http://soc.american.edu/content.cfm?id=1182>. Or you may call 202-885-2074.

Women of Color in the Legal Profession: Why It Means Success for Everyone: Wednesday, April 16-- The American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is pleased to join the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession and other host organizations in sponsoring this event on hiring and retaining women of color. This is not simply an issue for women of color. With increasing globalization, it makes good business sense to craft strategies to ensure that women of color thrive. Our panelists will discuss concrete steps that can be taken to ensure that women of color succeed. *Registration at the door.* Capitol & Congressional A Rooms, Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave., NW; 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm – Program; 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Diversity Reception Hosted by the ABA Section of Litigation

Stuff on the Table

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 Notice for Graduating Students

Loan Information Sessions

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

11:00am – 1:00pm

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Sixth Floor Student Lounge

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!

Dean's Fellows - Last Day to Work

Employment for the school year ends as of the last day of classes – April 21.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Summer Dean’s Fellow – Please see under “In Search Of”

Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to

listserv@listserv.american.edu. Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type “subscribe pi_wcl” without the quotes.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the 6th 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.**

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!

APRIL 7

[The Challenges Facing China](#)

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

Save the Dates:

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**

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:

TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS taught by Martin Scheinin, UN Special Rapporteur on Counter Terrorism and Jordan Paust, Professor, University of Houston.

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

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

MURKY WATERS: FIGHTING WORLD BANK-FINANCED WATER PRIVATIZATION
Tuesday, April 15, 12-1:30pm, WCL Room 602

Join us for a panel discussion on how to challenge World Bank (MIGA) financed water projects. In 2001 the World Bank gave Bechtel, the largest engineering company in the U.S, a guarantee for its investments in the water system in Guayaquil, Ecuador. After years of mismanagement, including water cut-offs, a Hepatitis B outbreak, and ongoing flooding, an Ecuadorian-based civil rights group, *Observatorio Ciudadano de Servicios Publicos*, has initiated a World Bank investigation into the water project. Bechtel also has a prior history of involvement in oil and water sources overseas, and has recently become the focus of criticism from growing environmental movements. Featured speakers include: Marcos Orellana, Center for International Environmental Law; Cesar Cardenas Ramirez, Observatorio Ciudadano de Sercicos Publicos; and Agosto Parada Campos, Legal Counsel, Observatorio Ciudadano de Sercicos Publicos. The event is hosted by the WCL Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Center for International Environmental Law and Food & Water Watch. Lunch will be served. For more information please contact Maj Fiil at 202.683.2453 or via email at mfiil@fwwatch.org.

SAVE THE DATE

**THE ROLE OF THE LAW SCHOOL IN PROMOTING
AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS**
Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Reception to Follow, WCL Room 603

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

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 or call 274-4321.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

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

externship@wcl.american.edu

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

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 . This is very important; **you must have your fieldwork information submitted to the externship program by May 30th, 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
- Public Defender Service
- World Organization for Human Rights

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	Gov't Litigation	Popper	M	06:00PM	07:50PM
LAW-769-002	Gov't and Public Interest	Ahranjani	T	06:00PM	07:50PM
LAW-769-003	The Lawyering Life: Practice & Reflections	Zetlin	T	06:00PM	07:50PM
LAW-769-004	Serving Clients: Reflections on Legal Practice	Majd	W	06:00PM	07:50PM
LAW-769-005	Practice, Principles and Happiness	Sanders/Caspar	TH	06:00PM	07:50PM
LAW-769-006A	Small Group Supervision	Pascocello	T	09:30AM	10:30AM
LAW-769-006B	Small Group Supervision	Pascocello	TH	06:00PM	07:00PM
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 12th or 13th) and three days in mid-August (beginning August 12th or 13th). If you believe you will be enrolling in this seminar, please email the Externship Office to let us know (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 or call (202) 274-4200 for an appointment.

HEALTH LAW AND POLICY INSTITUTE

Summer Session Health Law and Policy Institute: REGISTER NOW!

If you'd like to earn 1, 2, or 3 credits this summer learning about Health Law, Medicine for Lawyers, International Health and Human Rights, Fraud and Abuse in the health care industry, or the Intersection of Intellectual Property and Health Care, then the Health Law and Policy Institute is for YOU! During the week of June 16th, two courses will be offered in the evenings for those students who are working during the day. The remaining three courses will be held during the day. Top Health Law practitioners, as well as WCL faculty, will be teaching during the Institute, and students will have the opportunity to network with some of the best health lawyers from the top 100 law firms in the nation. So, REGISTER NOW and tell your friends about this new and exciting opportunity to learn about the practice of Health Law! Application forms for academic credit are on line -- check out the Health Law Project web site, then link to the Health Law and Policy Institute to apply!

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION SUMMER SESSION

Come and interact with arbitration practitioners from the Americas!

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.**

These events are free and open to the public. To register online please go to http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm or contact: International Arbitration Program, arbitration@wcl.american.edu, (202) 274-4321.

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 or call (202) 274-4321.

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 or call 274-4321.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The Challenges Facing China

Monday, April 7, 2008, 9:30-2:50PM

6th Floor Student Lounges

The LLM Board and the International Legal Studies Program are pleased to invite you to attend a day long conference on “the Challenges Facing China.” Panels will range in discussion, focusing on “Environmental Issues in China,” “Human Rights in China Panel” and “Business and Trade in China.” To register for the event, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secl/registration.

Coffee Hour with Tom Franck

Tuesday, April 8th, 4:00-5:00PM

Students are invited to attend a coffee hour with Tom Franck. A leader in the field of international law, Thomas M. Franck joined the New York University School of Law faculty in 1960. Franck, now the Murry and Ida Becker Professor of Law Emeritus, has been the Director of the Center for International Studies from 1965-2002. Professor Franck has acted as legal advisor or counsel to many foreign governments, including Tanganyika, Kenya, Zanzibar, Mauritius, the Solomon Islands, El Salvador, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Chad. As an advocate before the International Court of Justice, he has successfully represented Chad and currently represents Bosnia in a suit brought against Serbia under the Genocide Convention. He has served as an ad hoc judge (Indonesia/Malaysia) before the ICJ from 2001-2002. He is a member of the Tribunal constituted under the Law of the Sea Treaty to hear the boundary dispute between Guyana and Suriname. And, from 1986 to the present, he serves on the Department of State Advisory Committee on International Law. **Because of limited seating please RSVP to pshereen@wcl.american.edu**

10th Annual Grotius Lecture: “For Love of Country and International Criminal Law”

Wednesday, April 9th, 4:30-6:00PM

The Fairmont, 2401 M St NW

The American Society of International Law 102nd Annual Meeting & The International Legal Studies Program at American University Washington College of Law cordially invite you to attend The 10th Annual Grotius Lecture: “For Love of Country and International Criminal Law.” This year’s Grotius Lecturer is His Highness, Prince Zeid Ra’ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States. And the Distinguished Discussant is David Scheffer, Mayer Brown/Robert A. Helman Professor of Law, Northwestern University

This is the opening session of the ASIL 102nd Annual Meeting. No RSVP Needed

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 its final topical research primer this week. 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

Week of April 7

Social Science Research

Marilyn Estes and John Smith

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

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 if you have questions about this service.

LIBRARY AMNESTY APRIL 14 to April 20. In recognition of National Library Week the Library is making our patrons a one-time special offer and will forgive fines. If you return any overdue or lost books or other Library materials during the week of the 14th we will forgive your fines. If you have already returned your books and library materials, but have fines on your account, we'll forgive those fines too – but everyone who takes part in our “fine forgiveness” program must fill out a form at the Circulation Desk to take advantage of our offer. We will ONLY allow fine forgiveness the week of the 16th. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar, Deputy Director at apostar@wcl.american.edu or John Smith, Access Services Librarian at jasmith@wcl.american.edu .

AudioCaseFiles Use your commuting time to brush up on your studies! Download audio files of cases, casebooks and much more to your MP3. Register at www.audiocasefiles.com and select American University, Washington College of Law and be sure to use your WCL email address. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar, Deputy Director at apostar@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4377.

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

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO)

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

To see a full list of volunteer activities and the most current opportunities available, please visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes and follow the link to “Getting Involved.”

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.

WCL CLINIC

Accepted Clinic Students – AY2008-2009

The Accepted Applicants list (for AY2008-2009) is now up at http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/accept_list.cfm and outside of Room 417. If you are an accepted student, please follow the directions listed on the website listed above.

Students who did not receive a clinic placement are encouraged to submit a waitlist form provided on the website listed above.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday April 15, 2008 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 Kaveh Miremadi at sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu no later than 5pm Sunday April 13, 2008. The email must include what you wish to address, as well as a copy of any documents you wish to present at the meeting. Agenda items will **NOT** be accepted after the deadline, to ensure that the Senate has adequate time to review them prior to the meeting. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

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

Business Law Society

The Business Law Society is currently accepting positions to be on the 2008-09 Executive Board. Applications were distributed via the listserv last Thursday evening. Due to some requests to extend our application process, the applications will now be due on Thursday, April 10, by 11:59pm.

To receive an application or to have a question answered, please correspond with us at bls@wcl.american.edu. All are encouraged to apply!

BLS Real Estate Dinner - Are you interested in real estate law? If so, you should attend this semester's Business Law Society dinner. The event will be held next **Thursday, April 10th at 7pm at Chef Geoff's**. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per student. In addition there will be a cash bar. The dinner will be 3 courses with a vegetarian option available. The \$10 must be paid in cash by Tuesday April 8th. As stated, there is only room at this event for 20-25 students, preference will be given to the first 20 students who respond via email to lana.nigro@gmail.com starting today, Thursday, April 3rd at 12pm - If you will not have access to a computer at that time tomorrow you can call or text 732-710-1830. The first 20 will be contacted with details on where and when to bring your \$10 and the remaining students will be placed on a waitlist. All questions about the event should be directed to the BLS Director of Special Events at lana.nigro@gmail.com.

Additionally, the following attorneys (and WCL alumni) have confirmed their attendance at the event:

- Mario Mirabelli, Partner Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Patton Boggs
- Marsha Baumgarner, General Counsel, Fannie Mae
- Edward Bloom, Partner, Real Estate and Corporate Departments, Bell Boyd & Llyod LLP
- Andrew Goldstein, Partner, Real Estate Transactions, Linowes and Blocher LLP

Christian Legal Society

On Monday, April 7th, 12pm - 1pm in Room 601, the Christian Legal Society invites you to a **discussion of international religious freedom** with Angela Wu, International Director and Acting Executive Director of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Ms. Wu will discuss the importance of freedom of conscience for all faiths, her advocacy for religious freedom in the world community, and how she came to this point in her career. All are welcome, lunch will be provided.

Health Law & Justice Initiative

Monday, April 7th in lobby *Bake sale to celebrate World Health Day, hosted by the Health Law & Justice Initiative (HLJI)*. Proceeds to benefit a local charity. Baked good donations welcome; please contact ap4993a@american.edu with any questions.

JD/MA Student Advisory Board

JD/MA Coffee Series Presents: Professor Hanna Wednesday April 9, 5-6pm

Room TBD The JD/MA Student Advisory Board Invites you to coffee with Professor Hanna, International Development professor at American University's School of International Service. Take this opportunity to chat with an International Development expert in a casual environment about a career in International Development, your education and hot topics in development today. Professor Loubna Skalli Hanna is an esteemed professor in International Development with foci including communication, and gender and development. She currently serves as Editor and Communication Coordinator for the Chaml Association for Research on Women and Family; she is a member of the Coordinating Committees of Scholars and Writers; and is a member of the Scientific Committee of the UNESCO Chair: "Woman and Her Rights."

Please RSVP to jdmapeeradv@aol.com. First-come-first-served, with preference given to JD/MA students. Space is limited due to the intended intimate nature of the forum. RSVP today. Coffee and pastries provided.

JLSA

Save the Date!! The Jewish Law Students Association will be hosting a **Passover Sedder** for the 3rd night of Passover on **Monday, April 21** in the evening. Details to follow. All are welcome to join! We hope to see you there!

Latino/a Alumni Association

The Latino/a Alumni Association of WCL (LAAW) invites graduating WCL JD and LLM students to apply for the **2008 LAAW Bar Review Award**. This award will provide assistance to a graduating WCL student to be used for his/her bar preparation course. Financial need, demonstrated involvement in LaLSA, and demonstrated commitment to serving the Latino/a community will be taken into consideration.

For an application or more information, please email laawcl@yahoo.com

The application is also available on LaLSA's website: www.wcl.american.edu/org/lalsa

Applications are due by 6:00pm on Monday, April 14th.

Legislation & Policy Roundtable

Speakers to Discuss Costs and Benefits of Campaign Finance Legislation at the American University Washington College of Law **"Who's Picking Up the Tab? Debating the Costs and Benefits of Campaign Finance Legislation"** April 9, 2008, Noon to 1:30pm, 6th floor lounge

Experts will discuss the affects of campaign finance legislation and regulation on participation in politics at the Legislation & Policy Roundtable's panel discussion entitled "Who's Picking Up the Tab? Debating the Costs and Benefits of Campaign Finance Legislation." The event will be held at the American University Washington College of Law on Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

Expert panelists include Caleb Burns, partner at Wiley Rein, LLP; Steve Hoerding, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Center for Competitive Politics; Jamin Raskin, Professor of Law, Washington College of Law and Maryland State Senator, Member of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics; and Robert Schiff, Chief Counsel in the Office of Senator Russell Feingold (D-WI) and for the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Each speaker is a leading expert in the field and possesses a unique perspective on campaign finance issues.

The Legislation & Policy Roundtable is the first electronic publication and discussion series at the American University Washington College of Law. The publication and panel series provide legal analyses of current legislation and policy issues before federal and state legislatures.

Interested attendees are encouraged to RSVP to roundtable@wcl.american.edu.

The Legislation & Policy Roundtable is currently **recruiting editors and writers!** We are WCL's first electronic publication and discussion series, providing a legal analysis of current legislation and policy issues.

The Legislation & Policy Roundtable is a combination of a student-run electronic publication and the Roundtable Live, which provide a legal analysis of current legislation and policy issues before federal and state legislatures. The Roundtable Live will bring legislators and policy experts to campus for panel discussions on pertinent policy topics and engage the students and faculty in meaningful debate on these matters.

Application Deadline: 11:59pm on April 21, 2008

To apply, please send your resume, statement of interest, and a short legal writing sample to Roundtable@wcl.american.edu by the deadline. An interview with the Editorial Board may be requested. For more information, sign up on TWEN. If you have any questions, please contact Roundtable@wcl.american.edu.

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 in Room 504 and 10pm in Room 504.** Feel free to check out our NEW ISSUE on the stands in the lobby by the elevators or past issues on the web at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>.

Public Interest Student Coalition (PISC)

Media Advocacy Training Workshop. Want to learn how to become an effective public interest lawyer?? Start by sharpening your media advocacy skills! Learn effective media and communications strategies for public interest lawyering from attorney and media expert Mark Glaze from The Raben Group. Join PISC on **Wednesday, April 9th @ 12:30 in Room 527**. Potbelly's sandwiches will be provided for lunch.

IN SEARCH OF

The Office of the Dean is seeking Dean's Fellows for Summer 2008. The position involves 10 hours per week of administrative support. Spanish is helpful, although not required. Interested second or third year law students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via email to audrey@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. Ann Shalleck seeks a summer research assistant to work up to 20 hours per week on issues of narrative theory, jurisprudence, feminist theory (particularly the history and theory of marriage), clinical theory and the lawyer-client relationship. Please bring a resume and cover letter to Melissa Manning in room 417 or send an email to mmanning@wcl.american.edu by Monday, April 14, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Prof. Josh Sarnoff is seeking Deans Fellows for the summer of 2008 to assist with research and proof reading for a book on the history of patentable subject matter. Journal experience and/or foreign language ability in French or German is helpful but is not required. If you are interested, please send a resume and a cover note explaining your interest to Professor Sarnoff at jsarnoff@wcl.american.edu, or stop by room 446A.

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 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 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. 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 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. DEADLINE: April 11, 2008 or when filled.

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 Friday, April 18, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. In your letter, please indicate the hours and weeks that you are available, including a start date.

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 18, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

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. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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, 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 with the subject SP Assistant.

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, no later than Friday, April 4. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so please apply early!

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.

Help us organize the 13th 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 or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt.

Small **row house** located at 2240 Observatory Place, NW, Washington, D. C. Glover Park. Three bedrooms, living room, One bath, dining room, kitchen ...small yard, front porch.... Wired for Window AC units.....Will not be able to be shown until May 4 or 5. Quiet non smoking home. Shared Washer and Dryer. Security deposit. \$2300.00 per month plus utilities. One year lease... Walk to stores and Georgetown..... Please email nadbenab@aol.com

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU A CANCER SURVIVOR? IS THERE SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO HAS BATTLED CANCER? Each year, across the nation, one event brings together entire communities to take part in the fight against cancer. That event is the American Cancer Society Relay For Life®. It's a time and place where people come to celebrate those who have survived cancer, remember those we've lost, and fight back against a disease that touches too many lives. Your involvement will help the American Cancer Society work toward their mission of eliminating cancer as a major health issue and will support much-needed services in your community. You can earn Pro Bono hours by participating in the **American University Relay for Life event on April 11-12 from 7pm-7am at Bender Arena**. You do not have to stay for the entire event, you can come for as long as you would like; however, you must join a team. To join a team and for more information please email wclrelay4life@gmail.com and/or visit http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?company_id=69710&fr_id=9205&pg=company&fr_id=9205&company=Washington%20College%20of%20Law. Won't you join us this year and be part of Relay? CELEBRATE. REMEMBER. FIGHT.

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring semester of 2008 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Spring semester 2008 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Fall 2008 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intend to take in the Fall 2008 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or an Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 –2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

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

I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring Semester 2008 that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program** at the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Fall 2008 semester. [Law-784] Students who will be taking Securities Regulations during the Fall 2008 Semester should apply now to participate in the Field Component – S.E.C. Student Observers Program in the Spring 2009 Semester. Applying now will assist in getting early security clearance. Students will be expected to work a minimum of two hundred and ten hours (210) with an attorney on the staff of the Commission and will have to attend approximately nine seminars given by Commissioners, staff and outside counsel. (These meetings usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter indicating the semester for which they are applying as soon as possible. Please submit your applications promptly as the SEC will consider admissions to the Student Observers Program as soon as received. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. During the semester students will be meeting with Professor Guttman to discuss recent developments in securities law every other week on Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

U.S. Department of State/Office of the Legal Adviser

Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 420 hours over the Fall 2008 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Department include subjects in the fields of Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugees Laws, Economic & Business Laws, etc.

Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they have taken by the end of the Spring Semester 2008 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to allow for security clearance. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other Tuesday between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

Monday and Thursday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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 (Session Full)~~

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. Pizza will be served.

TODAY! BLOOMINGDALE'S Business Attire Program 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 3rd 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>.

REMINDER: WCL Connections still has a few remaining slots.

OCPD invites 1L Day and 2L Evening students to attend WCL Connections on **Wednesday, April 9, from 5:30-7:30pm**. WCL Connections is an opportunity for students who will be participating in the 2008 Fall Recruitment Program to meet with employers prior to the Fall Recruitment season. Students will meet with employers from organizations including: Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, White & Case, DC Public Defender, and Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. **You must register to attend this event under the events section of CareerLink.** Space is limited, so registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis only. If you have any questions, contact Bridget Beirne at (202) 274-4095 or bbeirne@wcl.american.edu.

NEW! Preparing for Your Law Firm Summer Associate Position

Join OCPD on **Thursday, April 10th at 12pm in Room 602** for an informal discussion with the Manager of Attorney Recruiting at Morrison Foerster LLP, an associate at Arnold & Porter LLP,

and a WCL 3L student who recently completed a summer associate position at Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. Hear details about the summer associate experience and learn strategies for securing a post-graduate offer. To register, please visit the Events section of CareerLink at <http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>. Pizza will be provided.

NEW! Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans & the Law

The twelfth annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law will be held at WCL on April 16th, 2008. One portion of the conference consists of “careers table talk,” where representatives from a variety of legal employers will informally meet with students to discuss the realities of working in their respective areas of practice. To register for a session, please go to the events section of CareerLink. *To register for any other portions of the event, including the panel discussion, visit www.wcl.american.edu/secl/regISTRATION.* If you have any questions, contact Bridget Beirne at (202) 274-4095 or bbeirne@wcl.american.edu.

NEW! Professionalism Series: Business Etiquette Crash Course

Join OCPD on **Thursday, April 17 at 12pm (tentative) in Room 402** for guidance on a range of business etiquette issues, including dining etiquette. Camille Franklin, a trained etiquette presenter and the Director of Career Development at American University’s Career Center, will join us for an informative discussion and will answer questions about proper protocol in a business setting. Please register on CareerLink if you are planning to attend this program.

NEW! Excellent Employment Opportunity for Evening Student

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld's Washington DC office seeks a patent agent/student associate with a background in electrical engineering or computer science, or related fields. Emphasis will be on supporting patent litigation matters. Ideal for a night student seeking full-time employment. Excellent pay and benefits. To apply, please email your resume and transcript to Catherine Clement, Attorney Recruiting & Development Coordinator, at cclement@akingump.com or apply via CareerLink.

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 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 and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. The exchange will be available from January 18-May 16, 2008.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Attention 2Ls: It's not too early to begin thinking about post-grad fellowships: The Opportunity Agenda just put out a call for fellowship proposals to begin in September of 2009 and to continue through August of 2011. The Opportunity Agenda, a project of the Tides Center is a communications, research, and advocacy organization dedicated to building the national will to expand opportunity in America. With an initial focus on health care equity and education, our work will eventually grow to include other issues such as affordable housing, employment, and criminal justice policy. The Opportunity Agenda's work focuses on uniting communities in common struggles that incorporate racial justice, women's rights, immigrant rights and economic justice for all. Please look for this and other exciting fellowship opportunities on CareerLink and www.pslawnet.org.

Summer Internships Are Still Available!: The Women's Sports Foundation[®], a national non-profit 501(c)3 organization, is accepting online applications for full time Legal Advocacy internship position for June-August 2008. Responsibilities include working with gender equity cases and assignment in the Public Policy department under the direction of the Foundation's Public Policy Director. Interns work in our East Meadow, NY or Washington, DC office for the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. The intern position is non-paid, but participants may obtain law school credit. Please see CareerLink for more details.

Job Search Resources:

1. CareerLink – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options**.
2. PSLawnet (www.pslawnet.org) – The Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Fellowship Corner."
3. Idealist (www.idealists.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested a public policy experience.
4. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook (<http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm>) – The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

NEW! ATTENTION 3Ls/4Ls: A new judicial clerkship has become available with Administrative Law Judge Painter at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. See the Job Postings section of CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symplcity.com/>) for details on this and the few other clerkship positions for which applications are still being accepted.

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 Wednesday, April 9 and Monday, April 14. Space is limited, so RSVP today in the Events section of CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symplcity.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.

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

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

DIVERSITY RECEPTIONS & WORKSHOPS

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 8th from 6:30-8:00pm** at the Washington, DC offices of Arnold & Porter LLP (located at 555 12th 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. 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.

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, 13th Floor. Dress is casual. Attend, and you could win a PS3 equipped with “Guitar Hero”! RSVP to Tracie Seward at 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 by **Monday, April 7.**

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 or (202) 789-6105 by **April 8, 2008.** Attire is business casual.

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) 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 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.

NEW! 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.

NEW! SAVE THE DATE! Rocky Mountain Legal Diversity Job Fair: Legal employers, law students, and recent graduates are invited to participate. **Friday, September 12, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at INVESCO Field at Mile High in Denver, CO. Employer and student registration will open **May 1st** via the website. For information visit www.rmdlcf.com

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**.

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

Let's Talk About Africa! Panel Discussion coming up TOMORROW!

Register today to guarantee your spot!

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

We are planning the 3rd 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: Daniel Anagho, African Investment Corporation, Tanya Southerland, U.S. 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 . **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 . 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 April 7

Monday, April 7

WCL lobby, Health Law & Justice Initiative Bake sale

9:30am-2:50pm, Student Lounges, The Challenges Facing China

12-1pm, Rm 601, Christian Legal Society discussion of international religious freedom

4:30-5:20, Rm 504, Social Science Research

5-5:50pm, Rm 602, Academic Advising on International Law (Public and Private) Bradlow; Wilson

5-5:50pm, Rm 503, Academic Advising on Business: Antitrust/Corporate/Tax Law Pike; Ventry; Snyder

Tuesday, April 8

4pm, psheeren@wcl.american.edu, Coffee Hour with Tom Franck

5-5:50pm, Rm 524, Academic Advising on Labor/Health/Empl Benefits; Empl Discrim. Abramowitz; Parver

5-5:50pm, Rm 401, Academic Advising on Family; Gender Law and Issues Polikoff; Shalleck; Taylor

6:30pm, 6th floor dining area, Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner

Wednesday, April 9

11am–3pm, 6th Floor, Examining the Client and the Cause in the Immigrants Rights Movement

12pm, Rm 504, Modern American Information session **OR**

12-1:30pm, 6th fl lng, Who's Picking Up the Tab? Debating the Costs & Benefits of Campaign Finance Legislation

12-1 pm, Rm 130, How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2009 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshop

12:30, Rm 527, Media Advocacy Training Workshop

5-6pm, jdmappeeradv@aol.com, JD/MA Student Advisory Board Coffee Series

5-5:50pm, Rm 603, Academic Advising on Intellectual Property; Communications Flynn, Jaszi, Phillips; Sarnoff

5-5:50pm, Rm 602, Academic Advising on General Curriculum Niles; Farley

5:30pm-7:30pm, Dining Room, WCL Connections

10pm, Rm 504, Modern American Information session

Thursday, April 10

12pm, www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm, Luncheon w/ The Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina, US Dist Crt for the DC

12-1:30pm, Rm 602, Preparing for Your Law Firm Summer Associate Position

5-5:50, Rm 103, Social Science Research

5-5:50pm, Rm 524, Academic Advising on Admin/Regulatory; Constitutional Grossman; Vaughn; Wermiel

5-5:50pm, Rm 401, Academic Advising on Public Interest Dinerstein; Bennett; Frost

6:30 -9pm, 6th Fl, The 2nd International Trade Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner

8-9:30pm, RM 402, Getting a Job for Your 2L Summer: 2008 Fall Recruitment & Beyond

Friday, April 11

11am, Rm 401, Academic Advising on Criminal Law Jones; Robbins

11am, Rm 602, Academic Advising on Litigation Boals; Niles

