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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 deadline to place orders either on line or over the phone has passed. All students who have not yet ordered their regalia are to report to the Campus bookstore on the Main Campus on either Friday, May 16 or Saturday, May 17 to rent from the EXTRA regalia that will be brought there for that specific purpose.

The orders which have been placed already are also to be picked up from the Campus bookstore on the Main Campus prior to commencement on either Friday, May 16, Saturday, May 17 or on Commencement day.

Campus bookstore hours may be confirmed by calling 202-885-6320.

We have made arrangements with the following vendors for discounts

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

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

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

Avis 888-754-8878 (AWD) Number G028311

Savoy Suites Georgetown: 202-337-9700

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

FALL 2008 PRE-REGISTRATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

Pre-registration continues for fall 2008 on Monday, April 14. A schedule is attached below. Once you have pre-registered, you may continue to add/drop courses continuously up through the first week of classes.

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 #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 **and NO WAIT LIST** 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 THE DEAN

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the summer. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing concerning the prohibition of torture, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Interested students should promptly submit a one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

ADA Accommodations FINAL WEEK

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. **You are encouraged to submit your documentation as soon as possible for any accommodations needed prior to the final exam period.**

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!

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

SPECIAL EVENTS—REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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. The conference is **FREE**, but a separate registration is **REQUIRED** at: www.wcl.american.edu/secl/registration.

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

WCL SALSA & Finnegan Henderson Diversity Panel: Thursday, 8/17, 7:00-10:00 PM

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

Reminder Notice ~ Graduating Students Loan Information Session Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Come out for an informative session on managing your loans, loan consolidation and repayment options.

Times:

**11:00am – 12:00 noon - “Ask the Expert” individual question period.
Noon – 1:00 pm – Presentation followed by Q and A session.**

**4:00pm – 5:00pm - “Ask the Expert” individual question period.
5:00pm – 6:00pm – Presentation followed by Q and A session.**

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 qualify for aid
 - you must be officially registered for a minimum of six credit hours,
 - have a FAFSA on file and
 - meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards.
- Summer aid decisions will be available beginning May 1.

All requirements must be satisfied by **May 1** in order for funds to be available when the semester begins. Funds will be disbursed on the earliest date permitted by federal regulation and are expected to be released and posted to students’ accounts by the start of classes. Additional information will be provided as processing moves forward. Contact the office if you have questions.

Study Away - If you will participate in another school’s summer program you must submit required Consortium Study forms as soon as possible to ensure timely receipt of your funds.

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

You will select a **Stafford** lender when you accept your loans on **my.american.edu**. Lender comparison data will be available to help you decide. The option of continuing to borrow with Citibank remains.

Grad PLUS loans will be initiated through a different agency and site - details to be announced shortly. **DO NOT APPLY FOR GRAD PLUS LOANS NOW.** The application deadline is July 1. A too early filing can lead to expiration of your credit check and prompt a new inquiry and review at certification time. Contact the office if you have questions.

2008-2009 Grant Applicants - Reminder Notice

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

Important Deadline Information

If you have not filed your FAFSA, do so immediately. Funding for federal loans will be available but processing may be delayed if you file late. Need Access applications filed after March 1 will only be considered if funds remain after on-time applications are reviewed.

2008-2009 Financial Aid Decisions

Awards for the coming school year are made after spring grades are recorded. Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements must be satisfied before aid can be renewed. Decisions are generally available by mid June and are posted on **my.american.edu**.

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:

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST SEEKS SUMMER DEAN'S FELLOW : PLEASE SEE AD 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.

Still Seeking Funding for Your Summer Work?

You can still apply for the following funding opportunities or summer positions. Please check with the organization to verify submission deadlines and learn more details.

April 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.: Women's Law Association Summer Scholarship 2008. The application form is available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/wla/>.

April 11, 2008: D.C. Bar- The Labor & Employment Section, Donation/Stipend, www.becketfund.org

April 30, 2008: Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund, Funding, www.aabany.org

May 15, 2008: Montgomery County Women's Bar Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Fund, application in Office of Public Interest. Hard copy available in the Office of Career and Professional Development.

Open Until Filled: Greater Boston Legal Services, 2008 Summer Fellowships, \$6,000 fellowship for 2Ls, http://www.gbls.org/Jobs/GBLS_2008_Summer_Fellowships.pdf

Open Until Filled: Integrated Waste Management Board - Legal Unit, California – Sacramento, Salary: \$11.62-\$12.08, contact email: slevine@ciwmb.ca.gov.

Open Until Filled: American Jewish Committee, Summer Legal Internship, New York, contact email: steink@ajc.org.

Open Until Filled: Kansas Board of Tax Appeals, [Summer 2008 Law Clerk](#), Topeka, Kansas, contact email: allen.jody@bota.ks.gov.

Open Until Filled: County Public Defender - Dutchess County (NY), Summer 2008 internship, \$4,000, Application Contact: David Goodman, Esq.

Open Until Filled: Summer 2008 Internship, Illinois Migrant Legal Assistance Project, Application Contact Email: mkeberle@lafchicago.org.

Open Until Filled: Summer 2008 Internship - Telephone Access to Justice Project, Austin, Texas, Contact Email: mcreed@trla.org

Rolling: The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Scholarship, www.becketfund.org

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 14

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

APRIL 15

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

APRIL 16

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

APRIL 18

**[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

[Under Pressure: How Can We Keep the Courts Fair and Impartial](#)

Save the Dates:

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:

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS taught by Elizabeth Andersen, Executive Director, American Society for International Law (ASIL) and Douglas Cassel, Professor of Law, Notre Dame

The history of international criminal investigations and tribunals starts with the post-WWI experiences. These were followed by the post-WWII experiences in Europe and the Far East - not only the IMT and IMTFE, but also subsequent proceedings in these two regions. These experiences were continued through national German prosecutions. In addition, a limited number of national prosecutions ensued in France, Israel, Italy, Canada, and Australia.

The international community undertook efforts since WWII to develop an International Criminal Court and a Code of International Crimes. The latter ended with a 1996 International Law Committee project. The former continued until the establishment of the International Criminal Court in 1998. A number of other institutions were formed as well as part of post-conflict justice in Kosovo, East Timor, and Sierra Leone, with a similar prospect developing for Cambodia and Iraq.

This course will examine that historical evolution, and the tensions between the pursuit of justice and realpolitik in the achievement of political settlements.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Events

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.

THE ROLE OF THE LAW SCHOOL IN PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

**Monday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Reception to Follow, WCL
Room 603**

On April 21 and 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.

AGENDA:

Monday, April 21, 2008

7:00pm Welcome Dinner and Keynote Speech by Professor Emeritus Michael Tigar, “*Four Levels of Understanding in Clinical Human Rights Teaching*”

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

8:30am – 9:00am Registration and Breakfast

9:00am – 9:15am Welcome and Introduction

9:15am – 10:45am **Human Rights in the Law School Curriculum**

Formal Teaching - Prof. Doug Cassel, Notre Dame University (confirmed)

Impact Litigation – Dean Claudio Grossman, AU WCL and Ali Beydoun, AU WCL
UNROW Clinic (confirmed)

Clinics – Prof. Rhonda Copelon, CUNY

HR Centers – Prof. David Weissbrodt, University of Minnesota (confirmed)

10:45am - 11:00am Coffee Break

11:00am – 12:30pm **Facilitated Roundtable Discussions**

Specialized Programs/ Visitors and Specialized Fellowships

Student Initiatives

Clinics/Client Representation/Experiential Learning

Documentation, Research and Technical Assistance/Training of Practitioners

12:30pm – 2:00pm Report Back and Lunch

2:00pm – 3:30pm **International Approaches to Teaching Human Rights**

Prof. Nadeem Azam, University of Peshawar, Pakistan (confirmed)

Prof. Teng Hongqing, South China University of Technology, China (confirmed)

Prof. Laurence Sinopoli, University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, France (confirmed)

Prof. Rick Wilson, American University Washington College of Law (confirmed)

3:30pm – 3:45pm Coffee Break

3:45pm – 5:00pm **What Law Schools Should Be Doing But Aren’t**

Kenneth Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch (confirmed)

Richard Goldstone, Former Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa (confirmed)

Elizabeth Anderson, Executive Director, American Society for International Law

Jessica Farb, Graduating Student, American University Washington College of Law

5:00pm – 5:30pm **Next Steps**

5:30pm – 7:00pm **Reception**

Center Announcements

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

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.

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/FALL 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.**

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP AT SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

The South African Human Rights Commission has contacted the Externship Office to express interest in receiving applications from WCL students for this Summer. If you are interested, please come to the office to obtain contact information.

MANY SUMMER AND FALL EXTERNSHIPS ARE 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.

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!

Monday, 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 which will take place in the Mooers-Morella Ceremonial Courtroom (603) from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. 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.

Interested in taking an arbitration course in Spanish for academic credit?

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. 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

English for Lawyers Graduation
Thursday, April 17th, 12:00-1:30PM
Room TBD

The ILSP will have a graduation on Thursday for students of the English for Lawyers class. The graduation ceremony will celebrate the achievements of the students over the last semester and students will be awarded with a certificate at the end of the ceremony.

LAW AND BUSINESS PROGRAM

The Law and Business Program will hold the third meeting of a non-credit “course” that examines financial instruments. The non-class will meet on **Monday, April 14 from 4-5:30 pm in room 602.**

We will continue our discussion of the “building blocks” of financial instruments. In particular, we will continue our discussion of equity investments and will move on to a discussion of insurance. This series is open to all members of the WCL community having an interest in discussing and learning more about the concepts, uses, and basic financial aspects of financial instruments. For more information, please contact Professor Ken Anderson, or Professor Andy Pike.

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am
Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

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

READING PERIOD AND EXAMINATION HOURS

The Library will be open 24/7 to WCL students with ID cards, WCL faculty and staff beginning at 8 am on Tuesday, April 22, the first day of the Reading Period. The WCL Library is open only to WCL and AU Main Campus students, faculty, WCL alumnae and patrons using U.S. government documents from April 22 through May 10. All non-WCL students must exit the Library at 12:00 am during this period. Questions about hours and access to the Library should be directed to Adeen Postar at apostar@wcl.american.edu or John Smith at jasmith@wcl.american.edu .

**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**

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.

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.

Calling all student authors! If you have an article accepted for publication or recently published by a law review or other scholarly journal, please send your name, article title, and journal title to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources at bkaufman@wcl.american.edu . Each spring the Library hosts a reception to honor student scholarship efforts and we don't want to leave anyone out!

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

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

The Program on Law and Government recognizes the outstanding achievements of its graduates. The following list includes a brief description of each award and the requirements necessary to put yourself in contention for receiving it.

1. The Best LLM in Law and Government Paper Award recognizes the 15-20 page written paper that demonstrates excellent academic writing, and thorough and persuasive analysis, and addresses a relevant law and government issue. A committee from the Program on Law and Government will select a student's paper that best exemplifies the above requirements. The recipient of this award will be announced at both the LLM on Law and Government Spring Graduation Dinner and at Commencement on May 18th. If you want to be considered, please submit your paper to the Program on Law and Government suite (515) by the close of business Tuesday, April 22nd. Please place your paper in the appropriately marked manila envelope at the front desk.
2. The Judge Jerry M. Hermele Book Award is awarded by the Program on Law and Government each spring to a J.D. or LL.M. student who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to public service in the public sector. The award was founded by Ben Firschein, an LL.M. in Law and Government graduate who had the opportunity to clerk with Judge Hermele at the National Labor Relations Board. Current and past government externship students are encouraged to apply. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter by April 22nd explaining public service experience and interest to Tabitha Acosta, Associate Director, Program on Law and Government, in Suite 515 or via e-mail at tacosta@wcl.american.edu.

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. The talk will take place at **12:30 PM at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue**. Please e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu for directions and to RSVP.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOW- Please see an under "In Search Of"

**Call for Papers: Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest.
\$1,000 Prize! Deadline- June 1, 2008.**

*Sponsored by the Women and the Law and Legal Rhetoric Programs of American University,
Washington College of Law*

The Women and the Law and Legal Rhetoric Programs of Washington College of Law are proud to invite submissions to our annual Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest. Recently renamed in honor of Alice Paul, (WCL Class of 1922), the purpose of this competition is to inspire the next generation of scholars, lawyers and activists to make daring and creative contributions to feminist jurisprudence.

RULES

- The competition is open to all law students at U.S. and Canadian law schools
- Entries should reflect a creative feminist approach to law.
- Entries must be original, unpublished work.
- Entries must not exceed 50 pages, including notes.
- Co-authored essays are allowed
- Submissions will be judged by a panel of scholars and attorneys.
- The winning author will be invited the Washington College of Law to receive the award during the academic year.

HOW TO SUBMIT

For all submissions please include a cover letter. In your cover letter be sure to include:

- All of your contact information (name, address, phone number)
- The name of the Law School where you are currently enrolled and your graduation year.

Online Submissions:

Please email your entry (with cover letter) to apessaycontest@wcl.american.edu. A confirmation email will be sent to you acknowledging the receipt of your entry.

For more information on the contest and to view past winning essays, please visit:

http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/essay_contest.cfm

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, April 15th 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 SBASenate.ProTempore@gmail.com no later than 5 PM on Sunday, April 13. 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.

Black Law Students Association

“Open Mic Night: A Night of Poetry, Song, and Soul” Hosted by C.O.C.O Brown and Featuring Various Artists Thursday, April 17th, 7:00pm – 11:00pm. 6th Floor Student Lounge
Cash Bar and Hors d’oeuvres Tickets: \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door

This event has become an annual tradition as part of an effort to support the Wade A. Dennis Community Scholarship. Wade A. Dennis epitomized commitment to public service, community, and education. During her time as a student at American University Washington College of Law (WCL), she worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of students, both locally and globally. As a member of the Black Law Students Association, she was instrumental in helping local public high school students attain the dream of a college education. At Woodrow Wilson High School, she dedicated time to facilitating workshops to help students prepare and perfect college essays. Additionally, she spearheaded a project at WCL to benefit law students at the University of Liberia by organizing, collecting, and shipping over 500 legal reference and textbooks. The WCL community will forever remember Wade A. Dennis for her dedication to education and public service.

The Wade A. Dennis Community Service Award/Scholarship is available to District of Columbia and Montgomery County High School Seniors, who have successfully completed the Marshall-Brennan Program, sponsored by American University Washington College of Law and Howard University School of Law, and who plan to enroll in a four-year college or university.

Business Law Brief

Staff Applications - The WCL Business Law Brief is accepting applications for Junior Editor positions in the 2008/2009 academic year. 1L’s, 2L’s and part-time 3L’s are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available at our informational meetings next week, outside room 615A, on the Business Law Brief website www.wcl.american.edu/blb.

The Business Law Brief is a student-run publication devoted to articles discussing the synergy between the legal profession and the business world. The Brief endeavors to showcase the expertise and resources of academic and legal professionals, as well as that of the Washington

College of Law, by providing its readers with interesting articles on significant current developments in business law and related fields.

The Business Law Brief contains articles written by members of the academic legal community, practitioners, as well as members of the AU/WCL community. Topics covered include international trade and antitrust, communications, healthcare, and energy, to name a few.

Informational Sessions will be held Tuesday, April 15 at 9:30 PM in room 524 and Wednesday, April 16 at 12:00 PM in room 527. Pizza will be served. Applications are due by Tuesday, April 22 at 5:00 PM. Questions are welcome at businesslawbrief-editor-in-chief@wcl.american.edu.

Health Law & Policy

Health Law & Policy is currently accepting applications from 1L, 2L, and 3L students for staff positions for the 2008-2009 school year. Staff positions require an average commitment of 1-3 hours per week, with a heavier commitment required in the weeks preceding publication. Any of the positions may involve the following tasks: editing, writing short columns, Bluebooking, source checking, soliciting authors, and additional administrative tasks as may be necessary.

The application is available through the HLP website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/hlp/>. All staff applications must be submitted to the HLP mailbox in the WCL Mailroom located on the 4th Floor or emailed to hlp@wcl.american.edu no later than 5:00 pm on Friday April 25, 2008.

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 of WCL (LAAW)

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

Law Revue

Law Revue (the singing dancing kind) is holding the elections for its Executive Board.

If you are interested in the roles of President, Producer, Finance, or Head Writer, please email Heather Hardy at heather.k.hardy@gmail.com for more information. A short email expressing desire to run (and saying why you'd be awesome at the job) is due no later than 9PM on Saturday April 12.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice

WCL Chapter Executive Board Elections; Rm. 627, April 15, 2008, 5:00 p.m. to 5:50 p.m.

Legislation & Policy Roundtable

The Legislation & Policy Roundtable is hosting a discussion on **Careers in Legislation with Professor and Maryland State Senator Jamie Raskin on Wednesday, April 16th from 12:30 - 1:30 in Room 524.**

Remember that 2008-2009 staff applications are due on Monday April 21st! Visit the Legislation & Policy Roundtable's TWEN Site for more information, or email 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 .

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/>.

SALSA

SALSA and FINNEGAN HENDERSON Present: **Diversity Panel and Networking Reception Getting Started... Valuable Advice from Area Attorneys**

Location: Finnegan Henderson: **901 New York Avenue, NW** Date: **Thursday, April 17, 2008**

Time: 7pm – 10pm Event Description: The Panel/Reception will introduce students from Washington College of Law and other area law schools to various fields of law. Ranging from private practice to public interest, the panelists will provide a minority perspective to getting hired in the DC area. A networking reception will follow the panel discussion with a large number of area attorneys. ALL students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Business attire is recommended. The panelists include associates and partners from the following organizations: Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner L.L.P., Federal Trade Commission, Greenberg Traurig, Offit Kurman, Schertler & Onorato L.L.P., Commodity Futures Trading Commission and Homeland Security. To Attend: Please RSVP by TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008 to salsa@wcl.american.edu.

The South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) cordially invite all WCL students, faculty, and alumni to our Annual Alumni Dinner next **Saturday, April 19th from 630-10PM at Heritage India in Dupont Circle**. Join us for a delicious dinner, a chance to meet Alumni, and to send off our graduates.

Tickets are \$25/student and will go on sale starting Monday, April 9th from 12-2 and 4-6 in the lobby all next week. Please email salsa@wcl.american.edu with any questions. In the meantime, please spread the word about the event. We hope to see all of you there!

Sustainable Development Law & Policy

SDLP DEADLINE EXTENDED: Sustainable Development Law & Policy ("SDLP") is recruiting for Fall 2008. Staff applications are available outside Room 631 and are due by Monday, April 14, 2008 at 8PM.

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

IN SEARCH OF

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.

David Spratt, Academic Coordinator of the Legal Rhetoric Program, 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. The Dean's Fellow may focus on the role of fault and the statutory waiting period for divorcing couples. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Professor David Spratt at dspratt@wcl.american.edu by Friday, April 25, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. In your letter, please indicate the hours and weeks that you are available, including a start date.

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the summer. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing concerning the prohibition of torture, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Interested students should promptly submit a one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

Prof. David Aaronson seeks to hire two Summer Research Assistants for 10-20 hours per week or a total of 30 hours for both students. A priority project is to review and update sections of a manuscript on Maryland *Criminal Jury Instructions and Commentary* (3rd edition). Research assistance is also needed for one or more of these projects: (1) a draft of a law review article on a federal statute about crime victims' rights; (2) an article recommending an amendment to Maryland's death sentencing statute; and, (3) a draft proposal and report for the ABA Criminal Justice Section on guidelines for police engaging in high speed vehicle chases. The ideal student has strong research and writing skills and an interest in one or more of the above topics. Interested students should send an e-mail, attaching a resume, transcript and writing sample. Professor Aaronson's contact information is: Room 410; 202-274-4201; e-mail: daarons@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. Jonathan Baker is seeking a Dean's Fellow to work part time (perhaps five to ten hours per week) during the summer, on projects related to his research on antitrust and competition policy. If you would like to be considered for this position, please submit a letter describing briefly your interest and availability during the summer along with a resume to Professor Baker's assistant, Jeff Barsky, in Room 384. Please make sure these materials include both your e-mail address and telephone number.

Professor Dinerstein seeks a summer research assistant for 20 hours per week for 10 weeks to assist him in research related to disability law and clinical legal education. If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume by e-mail to rdiners@wcl.american.edu.

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 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 Specialized Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law 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 hacademy@wcl.american.edu with the subject SP Assistant.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law seeks an enthusiastic student to take a high level of responsibility to assist the Academy's Co-Directors, Claudia Martin and Diego Pinzon Rodriguez, in various research projects including an exciting collaboration with Oxford University Press and the American University International Law Review. This particular project entails the drafting of summaries of the Inter-American Court and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights decisions, to be done by the International Law Review, which are to be published by Oxford in a new international law online database. The student will oversee the project's execution and act as the liaison between Oxford University Press and the International Law Review. Responsibilities include maintaining delivery schedules, advising on drafts, and assuring the quality and accuracy of the reports. This is a great opportunity for students with excellent writing skills to contribute to wider international recognition of the Inter-American Human Rights System.

The student will also provide support to the Academy's Co-directors for other projects such as researching and editing articles for publication in various scholarly publications, such as the Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights and other academic journals. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs, and an interest in international law issues are essential. Knowledge of Spanish is preferred, but not required. A minimum commitment of 27 hours/week is required, but the student may work additional hours if they prefer or if necessary. The salary for this position is \$12/hour.

Although the position is typically a year-long commitment beginning in the fall, students may start over the summer. Those students who are interested in obtaining work only for the summer are also encouraged to apply, but preference will be given to those who can commit for the entire year.

Position is ideal for evening students who would like to complement their current studies and gain research experience outside the classroom.

To apply: please send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 10 pages) to hacademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate that you are applying for the Academy's "Legal Researcher" position in the subject line and whether you are interested in working during the summer or the full year.

Are you interested in helping to advance and shape WCL's feminist legacy? Working for the **Women and the Law Program** is an excellent way to tap into the gender resources of WCL and to have an impact on future programs and opportunities for students interested in gender issues. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about women's rights: Apply for a part-time Summer Dean's Fellow position with the Women and the Law Program. Responsibilities will include: Preparing materials for students about WCL's gender programming, and helping plan the fall gender and law activities including our annual gender reception and Gender Perspectives seminar. Helping organize our upcoming conference on *Prosecuting Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes in the ICC: Translating Promises into Reality*. Communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study gender and the law at WCL. Managing the list serve, website and database we use to communicate with the campus community, potential students and women's rights groups around the globe. Administering the Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest. Assisting with research on issues in gender and law. Organizational and writing skills are important. A 20 hour/week commitment is preferred. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to angiem@wcl.american.edu with "Summer Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

The JD/MA Program is now accepting applications from rising 2Ls students for a paid position as the **JD/MA Peer Advisor for the 2008-2009 academic year**. The Peer Advisor works closely with

the program's faculty director and the SIS graduate advisor to actively support students both currently enrolled in the program or who are considering enrolling. Peer Advisor responsibilities include holding regular office hours, assisting students in course selection (along with the SIS graduate advisor), coordinating the JD/MA Student Advisory Board (SAB), assisting in the admissions process, and supporting the SAB's student support activities, among others. The JD/MA Peer advisor must be an enrolled JD/MA student, and should be creative, outgoing, and able to commit to working 5-10 hours weekly. This is a paid Deans Fellowship position. To apply, please send your name, resume, and a brief (3-5 sentences) statement describing your interest, to jdmapeeradv@aol.com. Both day and evening students are encouraged to apply. Applications should be received no later than Monday, April 14 at 5:00 pm, and interviews will be held on Wednesday, April 16. Any questions: jdmapeeradv@aol.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

AmeriBar Bar Review is looking for 1L, 2L, and 3L campus reps. Students can earn some extra money and a free review course. For more information please email chris@ameribar.com or visit www.AmeriBar.com.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

iPassBAR - New Time Management Tool- New interactive software program allows users to create customized, daily bar exam study schedules. Based on individual input, the schedules recommend the number of study hours and type of study for each day of bar exam preparation. Check it out at www.iPassbar.com, click Demo iPassBAR to see exactly how the program works <http://ipassbar.com/DemoVideo.aspx>.

For all environmental legal advocates, Professor Bill Snape will be again offering the environmental **Advocacy Externship Seminar for Fall 2008**. Students are placed with non-profit groups, government agencies or Congressional committees. Contact [wsnape@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wsnake@wcl.american.edu) for more information.

An Invitation for Washington College of Law Students Join us for lunch! **Wednesday, April 16, 12-1:00pm, Room 601, Information Session: Combine Your JD with a Master's degree in Justice, Law & Society** offered by the School of Public Affairs at AU (ranked #3 by US News & World Report) Meet faculty and staff as you learn about this exciting and practical degree option for WCL students. To RSVP for lunch on April 16 or for more information on Graduate Admissions contact: Jacqueline M. Linde Assistant Dean School of Public Affairs 202-885-6248 Linde@american.edu

HAIR CUTS FOR CHILD HELP USA- Salon Jean Paul, 4820 Yuma Street NW, Washington, DC 20016. On Sunday April 20, we will be holding a fund raiser to benefit Child Help in the prevention and treatment of child abuse. We will BE cutting all day to help a child and will be discounting our haircut and blow dry to \$50 for AU students. Call the reception at 202 966 4600 and ask for CHILD HELP DAY. All funds received will be donated and will be used locally. Visit www.childhelp.org to find out more about this wonderful charity.

April 17: 6.00-8.00pm, David A Clarke School of Law, University of the District of Columbia Screen Justice Film and Discussion Series presents a panel discussion: **The Impact of Film and Video on Criminal Justice** with excerpts from relevant films: Does courtroom television deny a defendant's right to a fair trial? Can a film change the course of justice? Do media depictions of investigations effect criminal jury trials? Does the use of film and video in depositions and hearings affect those present? Panelists are Dr. Monica Robbers, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Marymount University, who writes extensively on media and criminal justice policy, Debbie Kriegshauser, Chair of the Certified legal Video Specialists CLVS Council U.S. presenting the role of legal videographers and Chip Muller, attorney, Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP, who was an Emmy Award-winning news reporter and producer involved in a court case in which a Frontline story and UNC TV coverage resulted in the release of 21-year-old Terence Garner, sentenced for robbery in North Carolina. Moderated by Professor Joseph B. Tulman, Professor and Clinical Director, David A Clarke School of Law, UDC. Where: Bldg. 39, Room 201, Law School, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. Refreshments from 5:45. All welcome. Admission is FREE.

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>

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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 **Wednesday, April 16th**. One portion of the conference consists of a “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/secle/registration.* If you have any questions, contact Bridget Beirne at (202) 274-4095 or bbeirne@wcl.american.edu.

Professionalism Series Event: Business Etiquette Crash Course

Join OCPD on **Thursday, April 17 at 12pm 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.

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

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.symlicity.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. The final workshops will be held on Monday, April 14, and will be podcast for those who are unable to attend. Space is limited, so RSVP today in the Events section of CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symlicity.com/>). *Lunch will not be served.*

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

TODAY! 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**.

TODAY! 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.

NEW! SALSA & Finnegan Henderson Diversity Panel & Reception: WCL SALSA and Finnegan Henderson cordially invite you to attend their Diversity Panel and Networking Reception, “Getting Started...Valuable Advice from Area Attorneys”. The event will be held on **Thursday, April 17 from 7pm- 10pm at Finnegan Henderson (901 New York Avenue, NW)**. Panelists include partners and associates from the following firms and organizations: Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner L.L.P., Federal Trade Commission, Greenberg Traurig, Offit Kurman, Schertler & Onorato L.L.P., Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please RSVP by **Monday, April 14** to salsa@wcl.american.edu.

DIVERSITY JOB FAIRS, SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS & OTHER INITIATIVES

NEW! The Boston Lawyers Group (BLG) Job Fair for Students of Color: The Boston Lawyers Group (“BLG”) is now accepting registration from Students of Color who are interested in participating in either the Boston, MA, (August 15, 2008) or Washington, DC, (August 21, 2008) Job Fairs. Please visit the BLG website at www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com, and click on Events, where you will find additional information on both fairs, including accessing the job fair brochure. Students have the choice to register for either the Boston or DC Job Fair, but can attend only one fair. Students interested in participating in a Fair should go to <https://law-blg-csm.symlicity.com/students> to register, and upload a resume and transcript. The BLG will accept either an official or unofficial copy of a student’s transcript. The BLG will not accept copies that students download or cut and paste. The Registrar’s office must issue the unofficial copy of the transcript. The deadline to register is **July 11, 2008**.

Delaware Minority Job Fair for 2L & 3L Students: The Seventeenth Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair for Second and Third-Year Law Students 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. To become eligible for an invitation to the fair, 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, which will be held in Houston, TX; Los Angeles, CA; and Wilmington, DE, on **Saturday, August 9, 2008**. Registration for all three 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 11** at kjohnson@wcl.american.edu with “DuPont Job Fair” in the subject line.

Indianapolis Bar Association Job Fair: The Indianapolis Bar Association (IBA) cordially invites second-year (graduating in 2010) law students to participate in the first ever IBA Diversity Job Fair. 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/>. **Student registration deadline is July 1, 2008.** There is no fee for students to register for the IBA Diversity Job Fair.

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 14

Monday, April 14

10am-6pm, Rm 603, International Commercial Arbitration in the Americas: A Look Ahead

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

4-5:30pm, Rm 602, Law & Business Program meeting on the “building blocks” of financial instruments

Tuesday, April 15

9am–3pm, 6thFloor, The Regulation of Adoption: Protecting Children and Families

11am-6pm, 6th fl lounge, Loan Information Session for Graduating Students

12-1:30pm, Rm 602, Murky Waters: Fighting World Bank-Financed Water

5-5:50 pm, Rm. 627, Law Students for Reproductive Justice Executive Board Elections

9:30pm, Rm 524, Business Law Brief Informational Session **OR**

10:10 PM, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, April 16

12pm, Rm 527, Business Law Brief Informational Session

12-1pm, Rm 601, Information Session: Combine Your JD with a Master's degree in Justice, Law & Society

12:30-1:30, Rm 524, Careers in Legislation with Professor and Maryland State Senator Jamie Raskin

2–8pm, 6th Floor, 12th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law

Thursday, April 17

12-1:30pm, Rm 402, Professionalism Series Event: Business Etiquette Crash Course

12-1:30PM, Rm TBD, English for Lawyers Graduation

12:30-1:30pm, Rm 100, FISA Litigation and Legislation: Issues of Immunity & State Secrets

7–11pm, 6th Fl Stu Lnge, “Open Mic Night: A Night of Poetry, Song, and Soul”

Friday, April 18

9am-5:30pm, 6th Floor, Does Red Lion Still Roar? Exploring Public Interest Regulation of Media in Commemoration of the Fortieth Anniversary of Red Lion Broadcasting Co. v. FCC

12:30pm, 4910 Mass Ave, International Criminal Court Alumni Tour