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The Docket is also accessible at [www.wcl.american.edu/docket/](http://www.wcl.american.edu/docket/)

## SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT

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

Complete details about Commencement may be found at

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

JDs who are concerned that your name might be mispronounced should see Associate Dean Jaffe in the Office of Student Affairs (suite 300); LLMS should contact the International Legal Studies Program in Room 338.

### FOR CAP & GOWN ORDERS:

**The 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.

The hours of the regalia rental and distribution are as follows:

Friday May 16	9am-6pm
Saturday, May 17	11am-5pm
Sunday, May 18	10am-6pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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

### REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, April 21 9:00am – 6:30 pm

### READING WEEK

April 22 - 25 9:00am – 5:00 pm

### EXAMINATION PERIOD

Monday, April 28-Thurs. May 1 8:30am – 7:00 pm  
Friday, May 2 9:00am – 6:00 pm\*\*  
Saturday, May 3 9:00am – 5:00 pm\*\*  
Sunday, May 4 10:00–11:00am and 4:00-5:00pm(2hoursonly)  
Monday, May 5-Thurs. May 8 9:00am – 7:00 pm  
Friday, May 9 9:00am – 6:00 pm\*\*  
Saturday, May 10 9:00am – 5:00 pm\*\*

\*\* Please note closing times and plan your pick up and return of take-home exams/papers accordingly.

\*\* To make other arrangements or schedule appointments outside regular office hours, please call 202-274-4080.

### SUMMER INTERCESSION

Monday, May 19 -Friday, May 23 9:00am-5:00pm

**THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, MAY 19 AND MONDAY, MAY 26 FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

### IMPORTANT – TAKE HOME/FINAL EXAMINATIONS INFORMATION:

1. Examinations and papers may NOT be submitted by FAX. Hard copies of either must be provided in person.
2. Any materials submitted after the close of business will be considered as having been submitted at the time the office opens the following day.

**EXAMINATION DEFERRAL REQUESTS: Requests for deferrals are due now! If you need to request an exam deferral, you must do so as soon as possible. Copies of the spring 2008 examination schedule are available in the WCL Registrar's Office, Room 304 and on our web site at: [http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/exam\\_info.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/exam_info.cfm).**

Faculty policy for examination deferral is included on the form and is printed in the WCL catalogue.

Advance registration continues for fall 2008. Once you have pre-registered, you may continue to add/drop courses continuously up through the first week of classes.

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 at 10:00 a.m.

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.

#### **NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:**

A Wait List process will again be available for the fall 2008 pre-registration period. (There is NO WAIT LIST for summer 2008) 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 at 10:00 a.m.

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).

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

## OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

### **ADA Accommodations**

If you are a student with a permanent or temporary disability, have documentation of your disability, and wish to request accommodations for this semester's exams, contact the Senior Academic Counselor, Ann Kreske, immediately at 202-274-4031 or [akreske@wcl.american.edu](mailto:akreske@wcl.american.edu). Your privacy will be protected. However, please note that the length of the accommodations request process varies depending on the nature of the disability and extent of documentation.

### **WCL Business Cards**

The Office of Student Services is pleased to extend to the student community an opportunity to order business cards with the AU and WCL imprint.

Students may find these cards useful during networking sessions and other opportunities when outside the law school.

The law school receives no income through purchase of the business cards. Please use the link provided to order yours today!

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/businesscards.pdf>

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

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

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

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

## THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

Is Proud to Host...

**Exam Refreshers For Students!**

**April 28-30, May 1-2, May 5-9**

**8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**OUTSIDE ROOM 603**

Good luck on exams!

## OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

**12<sup>th</sup> Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law** – Thanks to all who attended and participated in this annual event. It was a fantastic day. Watch for information about Part II in the fall.

**Kente Cloth Graduation Stoles** – The Black Alumni Association and some members of the faculty and staff have once again contributed to the purchase of a limited number of stoles. If you want one, please contact the Office of Diversity Services as soon as possible.

**PASOS 2008** – The Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Foundation will hold Pasos 2008 here at WCL on Friday, May 16 at 7:30. Invitations should be available in the Office of Diversity Services by May 1. Don't forget to stop by and pick up yours.

**First-Year Diversity Day** – If you're interested in planning next fall's event, and you are able to attend an evening meeting or two this summer, contact Ms. Weaver.

**GOOD LUCK WITH EXAMS AND PAPERS.  
CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!!!!  
HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, EVERYONE.**

## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

### **Graduating Students Note: Exit Counseling Requirement**

***Stafford Loan Borrowers*** must complete Exit Counseling prior to graduation. The requirement can be completed on line at <http://mappingyourfuture.org/sgx> . Notice of completion will be forwarded to the university when all is finalized. Alternatively, you may attend an in-person Exit Counseling session hosted by the main campus financial aid office Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30pm in Ward Circle Building, Room 2. All are invited. ***Note: A podcast of the Loan Information Session held Tuesday, April 15 will be posted on the WCL website within the next few days.*** Contact the office if you have questions regarding Exit Counseling.

### **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.

### **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**

Applications are available on line and in the office.

- Summer award decisions will be available beginning May 1. 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.
- All requirements must be satisfied by **May 1** for funds to be available when classes begin.
- Summer loan 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.

If you plan to borrow supplemental funds and need help in determining the amount to borrow pick up a **Supplemental Loan "Q and A"** sheet from the office. **Special Note: The new Grad PLUS processing site is not yet operational but should be up and running by May 1. Continue to check the financial aid website for updates.**

### **Study Away**

If you will study elsewhere during the summer, a *Consortium Agreement* must be completed to allow for release of funds to your host school. The form is online and in the office.

### **Summer Research Assistants**

File your FAFSA right away if you are considering work as a Research Assistant. Federal Work-Study aid is 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. Citibank has been the designated lender for AU Stafford loans in the past and continues as a lender option.

Grad PLUS loans will be initiated through a different agency and site - details to be announced shortly. Do not attempt to apply now. A too early filing can lead to expiration of your credit check and prompt a new inquiry and review at certification time. The filing deadline is July 1. 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/>

**Be sure to check with the office prior to your departure to make certain your file is complete for next year.**

~BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS ON YOUR EXAMS AND FOR A PLEASANT SUMMER~

### **OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: [publicinterest@wcl.american.edu](mailto:publicinterest@wcl.american.edu)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to [listserv@listserv.american.edu](mailto: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 30, 2008: The Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Educational Fund (AEF) supports law students who undertake unpaid summer internships in the non-profit or public sector. Applications are available at [www.aefdc.org](http://www.aefdc.org).

April 30, 2008: Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund, Funding, [www.aabany.org](http://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](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](mailto:slevine@ciwmb.ca.gov).

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

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

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

Rolling: The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Scholarship, [www.becketfund.org](http://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**

Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079  
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Website [www.wcl.american.edu/secle](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle)

**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 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FOUNDERS PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE)**

## ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

### **SPECIALIZED SUMMER PROGRAM**

This summer the Academy will offer 10 courses in English and 7 in Spanish taught by 35 experts in the human rights field. The program annually attracts about 140 students from over 30 countries. Participants vary from experienced lawyers, human rights professionals as well as students from the US and abroad. The Academy also hosts special social events for participants to network with peers as well as the professors. Concurrent with the courses the Academy sponsors Human Rights Month which features conferences, panels and a film festival, providing participants with additional educational opportunities.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH**

Human Rights Month is an annual event sponsored by the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law featuring conferences, workshops, a film festival. This year Human Rights Month will take place from May 19 – June 13. Through this month long event, the Academy provides a forum for the education on and discussion of human rights theory. Participants have the opportunity to share first hand experiences, as well as network with fellow practitioners, scholars, and activists in the field. All panels are open to the public and we hope you will join us. Additional information will be available on our website <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/activities.cfm>

## CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

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

**Monday, April 21, 7:00pm; 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 [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu) or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm).

## **AGENDA:**

Monday, April 21

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

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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

Impact Litigation - Dean Claudio Grossman, AU WCL and Ali Beydoun, AU WCL  
UNROW Clinic

Clinics - Prof. Peter Rosenblum, Columbia University (invited)

HR Centers - Prof. David Weissbrodt, University of Minnesota

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

Prof. Teng Hongqing, South China University of Technology, China

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

Jorge Contesse, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile (invited)

Prof. Rick Wilson, American University Washington College of Law

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

Richard Goldstone, Former Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa

Elizabeth Anderson, Executive Director, American Society for International Law  
(invited)

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

5:00pm - 5:30pm Next Steps

5:30pm - 7:00pm Reception

To register or for additional information, please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education at (202) 274-4075 or register online at [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm).

## Center Announcements

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

Keep up-to-date on human rights events, activities, and resources at WCL and in the community by joining the Center's listserv! You will receive occasional updates (maximum one per week) from the Center about human rights goings-on right in your inbox. To subscribe, follow the instructions at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm>. To submit a human-rights related event or announcement to the listserv, please send an email to [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SUMMER SESSION

### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER? SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

#### **Register NOW!**

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

Course offerings include:

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

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

## EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

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

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

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

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

### **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.

#### **SPRING 2008 EXTERNSHIP FIELD PLACEMENT EVALUATIONS**

Spring 2008 Externs **must** fill out field placement evaluations. These evaluations give future externs crucial information about field placements, and they allow students to make informed decisions regarding field placement choices. You will not receive a grade for your externship until you fill out a field placement evaluation online. You may log in to the evaluation system beginning Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at [wcl.american.edu/externship](http://wcl.american.edu/externship).

#### **SUMMER/FALL 2008 REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN**

To register for your externship:

**First:** Register for the externship seminar of your choice on [my.american.edu](http://my.american.edu) as you would any other seminar.

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

#### **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.

#### **LONG DISTANCE EXTERNSHIPS**

Students who plan to extern outside of the DC area or in other countries must participate in the Long-Distance Seminar. The class will meet for three days in mid-May (beginning May 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>) and three days in mid-August (beginning August 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup>). If you believe you will be

enrolling in this seminar, please email the Externship Office to let us know ([externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu)).

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

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

## **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

### **ILSP YouTube Premiere**

*Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:00PM*

*Student Lounges*

Take a break from studying and come see the world premiere of the ILSP YouTube video featuring our very own ILSP students: Maheta Molango, Tatiana Rodrigues Nascimento, Oladiran Ajayi, Jorge Paoletti Martinez, Insaaf Cherif, Maria Jose Veramendi, Marie-Claire Argac, Timur Shakirov, Juan David Viveros, Nori Takezawa, Nikola Koritz, Vladislav Michalcik and Jina Lee. Snacks will be provided and awards will be given. We hope to see you there!

## **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**

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

### **INTERESTED IN EARNING UP TO FIVE CREDITS IN THREE WEEKS?**

### **Register NOW!**

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

students choose to take more than one course, they will find that the courses complement each other, rather than overlap.

Course offerings include:

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

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

#### **EXAM INFORMATION:**

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

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

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

#### **REGISTRATION:**

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

#### **PENCE LAW LIBRARY**

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

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

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

#### **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](mailto:apostar@wcl.american.edu) or John Smith at [jasmith@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jasmith@wcl.american.edu) .

**LIBRARY AMNESTY CONTINUES 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**

**Summer Carrel Reservations** If you are a WCL student enrolled in a WCL summer class, writing a journal article or comment, or are a 2008 WCL graduate studying for the July bar examination you may have the use of a reserved carrel this summer. **To obtain one of these carrels, eligible students must participate in a lottery May 12 to May 19 and students selected for a carrel will be notified by email by May 21.** All reserved carrels will expire on August 1. The link for the lottery will be available on the Pence Law Library website on May 12 at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/> For questions about reserved carrels, contact John Smith, Access Services Librarian at [jasmith@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jasmith@wcl.american.edu).

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

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

**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.**

**BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR EXAMS AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER !  
CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

## 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 L.L.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](mailto:tacosta@wcl.american.edu).

To: All 1Ls, 2Ls, and LLM students in the Program on Law and Government

From: The Program on Law and Government

Please join Program Director, Professor Jamin Raskin, and celebrate the end of the spring semester, and meet a new adjunct professor, Lisa Jabaily, who will describe her upcoming course for fall 2008:

**Local Government Law:** An intensive theoretical and practical inquiry into the history, theory, meanings, and possibilities of local government in American society. The Event will be this **Monday, April 21st at 4 pm in Room 351**. Refreshments will be served. Ms. Jabaily is currently in the General Counsel's Office at Johns Hopkins University. She received her JD degree from Georgetown University Law Center and her LLM from Harvard Law School. She was a judicial clerk for the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan, United States District Court for the District of Columbia in 2005-2006. Please RSVP to Chasantia Preer at [cpreer@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cpreer@wcl.american.edu)

Here is additional information on the course:

Local Government Law: The course will explore the relationships between local governments and state and federal governments, as well as local governments' relationships with the individuals and communities within and around them. Specific themes include the possibility and desirability of decentralization of power, the potential of local governments to become isolated or exclusive, and the impact of local governments on the metropolitan political economy. In addition to examining

relevant statutes and cases that affect local government, the course will draw upon political/social theory and urban planning/development literature.

## WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO)

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

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

### **War Crimes Speakers Series** *International Criminal Court Alumni Tour*

On **Friday, April 18th**, WCL alumna **Chante Lasco** will discuss her experience as an intern at the International Criminal Court, the world’s first permanent court set up to try persons accused of the most serious crimes of international concern. This talk is being presented by the War Crimes Research Office in conjunction with Amnesty International’s ICC Alumni Tour. The talk will take place at **12:30 PM at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue**. Please e-mail [warcrimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcrimes@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](mailto: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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/essay_contest.cfm)

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

### **Jewish Law Students Association**

**Passover Seder** featuring Rabbi Scott Mathias. **Monday, April 21 at 5:30 pm in Room 600.** The cost for the event is \$5 and proceeds will go to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. All are welcome.

### **The Modern American**

**Staff Applications** - Are You Interested In Cutting Edge Legal Issues Affecting Race, Gender, Class, Religion, And/Or Sexuality?

Do you want to be a part of one of WCL's fastest growing publications? Then come join our staff!

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

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/>.

## IN SEARCH OF

**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* (3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**The Office of Admissions** is seeking upper-level JD students to work at our reception desk this summer (May 25th– August 22nd). We are looking for students who have been active on campus and who could share their experiences with prospective students. Duties will include; leading tours for prospective students, presenting at small information sessions, greeting visitors, answering the main phone line, responding to general email inquiries, assisting with mailings, shipping recruiting materials, helping with the Housing Conference for incoming students, and other office duties as assigned. Typically, summer student workers are scheduled for either 2-3 half day shifts (9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm) or work 2-3 full day shifts of 9am-5pm. Candidates for the position must be able to work at least 2 shifts per week or between 10-20 hours per week. The pay rate is \$12/hour and will be paid bi-weekly. If you are interested, please email your resume to Meghan Walter, Assistant Director of Admissions, at [mwalter@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mwalter@wcl.american.edu). In your email, please be sure to include your WCL activities on your resume, provide your availability (ie preferred days and shifts you could work), and your potential start date. We hope to interview people the week of April 21st.

**The Legal Rhetoric Program** seeks two Research Dean's Fellows to work part-time (each Dean's Fellow would work 7.5 hours per week) during the summer. The Dean's Fellow will work on various research projects pertaining to future writing assignments and the research and citation curriculum. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Professor Paul Figley or Professor Jamie Abrams by Friday, May 2, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. In your letter, please indicate the hours and weeks that you are available, including a start date.

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

**The 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](mailto:kellyd@wcl.american.edu) by April 30th, 2008.

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](mailto:angiem@wcl.american.edu) with "Summer Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

**The International Arbitration Program and the Office of Grant Administration and Program Development** are seeking Dean's Fellows for summer 2008. As a Dean's Fellow you will have the opportunity to provide, from May 26 to June 13, support to faculty experts and foreign visitors participating in the International Arbitration Summer Session and help with summer extracurricular events. This is a great opportunity to network with leading experts and attorneys from all over the world. **Priority will be given to people arbitration summer courses.** After June 15, you will be working with the Yeditepe and Ritsumeikan Washington Seminar Programs, preparing for the International Arbitration Fall Seminar and Annual Lecture, and assisting in Grant Administration evaluation. The [Washington Seminar Programs](#) bring law students from Turkey and Japan to WCL for several weeks to take classes and participate in site visits. The Dean's Fellow will help with course preparation, logistics, and planning extracurricular activities for these groups. Please send a resume and brief cover letter to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) by Friday May 2. Please include your dates and hours of availability as well as noting if you have an interest in a particular project mentioned above. Please contact us at 202-274-4321 with any questions.

**Prof. Nancy Abramowitz** Seeks Summer 2008 Dean's Fellows: Professor Abramowitz 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 in addition to other duties. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Kelly DiBisceglie, Senior Administrative Assistant for Professor Abramowitz at [kellyd@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kellyd@wcl.american.edu) by Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

The **Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law – Specialized Summer Program** is looking for an Assistant Program Coordinator to provide critical administrative support in the

coordination of the 2009 summer program and Human Rights Month. This position will work closely with the Program Coordinator in all the aspects related to the program. This is a unique opportunity to interact with the faculty that will teach our courses as well as with the participants that come from around the world. Experience with event planning is a plus since during Human Rights Month the Academy hosts over 15 events that include panels, a film festival, and social activities. This position requires excellent organization skills, flexibility, capacity to multi-task, close attention to detail, ability to work as a team, and good customer service. The salary for this position is \$14 dollars an hour for 27 hours each week. Applicants must be legally eligible to work in the US and commit to working through the end of July or August of 2009. Please send your letter of interest, brief writing sample and your résumé to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu) indicating “SPAssistant Fall 2008”. Application review will begin in mid to late August.

The **Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law – Oxford Project** seeks a **Legal Researcher** to take a high level of responsibility to assist the Academy's Co-Directors, Claudia Martin and Diego Pinzo 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 [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@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.

The **Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law – Human Rights Legal Education Project** is looking for one part-time assistant for the Fall 2008 semester, with the potential to continue in the Spring semester. The assistant will be required to work 15-20 hours per week to provide support in the implementation of research and educational projects in the US and Latin America (especially Venezuela, Nicaragua and Bolivia) and conduct research in international

human rights law as needed. Excellent writing skills in English and fluency in Spanish are essential. Part-time 1Ls are encouraged to apply. The salary for this position is \$12/hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your cover letter, résumé and short (10 pages max.) writing sample, before September 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Matias Hernandez, [matias@wcl.american.edu](mailto:matias@wcl.american.edu), indicating “Part-Time Assistant Fall 2008” in the subject line.

**The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law - Specialized Summer Program** seeks a Dean Fellow to work 20 hours a week primarily in the coordination the 2009 Summer Program as well as other special projects which can include legal research. This position will work closely with the Program Coordinator and the Assistant Program Coordinator. Knowledge of Spanish and familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite is highly desirable. This position is only available to Washington College of Law students. 1Ls are not eligible to apply. Please send your cover letter and resume to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu) indicating “Dean’s Fellow - SP Fall 2007”. Application review begins in late August.

*Academy Co-Director and Professor Claudia Martin* seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2008 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu). Please indicate “Prof. Martin Research Assistant Dean’s Fellow Fall 2008” in the subject line.

*Academy Co-Director and Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon* seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2008 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu). Please indicate “Prof. Rodriguez-Pinzon Research Assistant Dean’s Fellow Fall 2008” in the subject line.

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

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

Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, research the Bench Memorandum and plan the various events of the Competition. The Competition particularly seeks Spanish and Portuguese speaking volunteers (but not exclusively!). If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to the Competition at [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt).

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

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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]

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:w Snape@wcl.american.edu) for more information.

### **ATTENTION STUDENTS: NEW SUMMER ABROAD OPPORTUNITY IN ITALY.**

WCL and Monash University in Australia are offering to 5 WCL students the opportunity to earn 6 credits over the summer while studying in the beautiful city of Prato, near Florence.

Dates of the program: There are classes available to WCL students starting as early as May 15 and as late as June 20. WCL students can take up to two classes for a total of 6 credits.

Tuition: Tuition is paid to WCL . \$8,100 per 6 academic credits.

Housing and living expenses: Monash University and WCL will offer a housing subsidy of \$1,000 to each of the five students applying to the program.

For more information contact Macarena Saez at [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu) and visit

<http://www.law.monash.edu.au/internships/prato/index.html>

5 available spots on a first-come first-serve basis

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Suite 122**

#### **Hours**

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

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

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

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

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

**Reminder OCPD Summer Office Hours**

OCPD is open over the summer break during regular business hours (M-F 9am-5:30pm). Please feel free to contact the OCPD front desk at 202-274-4090 to schedule either in-person or telephone counseling appointments.

**Leaving town for the summer but have housing to sublet? Consider participating in one of the following Summer Housing Programs:**

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

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

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**PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT**

**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](http://www.pslawnet.org).

**Summer Internships Are Still Available!:** The Women's Sports Foundation<sup>®</sup>, 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](http://www.pslawnet.org)) – The Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the “Fellowship Corner.”
3. Idealist ([www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested a public policy experience.
4. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook (<http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm>) – The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

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**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS**

**ATTENTION 3Ls/4Ls:** 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.symplicity.com/>) for details on this and the few other clerkship positions for which applications are still being accepted.

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

**To subscribe to the Judicial Listserv:**

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

**Check out the Judicial Clerkship Alumni Survey Database!** Link to this database from the main page of the judicial clerkship website. Use this database to locate and review feedback from alumni who clerked with federal judges, state judges/justices, and administrative law judges around the country. The alumni surveys include information about:

- Clerkship experience (role in chambers, main duties, and judge’s demeanor)
- Interview process (format, length, and even specific questions asked)
- Application advice specific to the judge or court
- Alumni contact information so you can call or e-mail with further questions

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

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## ***DIVERSITY RECEPTIONS & WORKSHOPS***

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### ***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](http://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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/career)) and return it along with your resume and college and law school transcripts (if available) no later than Monday, April 21, 2008 to the Job Fair Administrator. Please see the detailed posting on CareerLink for more information.

**DuPont Minority Job Fair:** DuPont is proud to announce the 15th Annual DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs, 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](mailto: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 Symlicity’s web site at <https://law-indybar-csm.symlicity.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](http://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**.

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

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

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

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 21**

**Monday, April 21**

**4 pm, Rm 351, Local Government Law**

**5:30 pm, Rm 600, Passover Seder**

**7pm - Four Levels of Understanding in Clinical Human Rights Teaching**

**Tuesday, April 22**

**9am – 5pm, Rm 603, The Role of the Law School in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights**

**Friday, April 25**

**3-5PM, Student Lounges, ILSP YouTube Premiere**

