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## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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

### **ADD/DROP PERIOD NOW THROUGH SEPT 2, 2008**

Students may add or drop classes via the web: <https://my.american.edu/> until Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008. Students must register for externships or independent studies in the law school Registrar's Office, Suite 304. Signed contracts are required to do so. The deadline for registering for independent studies and externships is September 9.

**CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS** are posted on the bulletin board outside the office of the Registrar, on the WCL web site and are listed on course schedules. As there may be some changes in classroom assignments, it is important that students check this information.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st IS LABOR DAY** IT IS A UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY AND CLASSES WILL NOT MEET.

### **REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES ONLY**

Monday, August 25	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 26	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 28	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 29	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

**ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER GRADUATES:** If you plan to graduate in December 2008, please complete an Application to Graduate as soon as possible. Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/grad.cfm>.

**ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS:** All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. For those students in Legal Rhetoric who require

grading numbers for earlier examinations, these will be available after the first week of classes on <https://my.american.edu/> under Person Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). For students who are not 1L students, these are available now.

## OFFICE OF THE DEAN

**Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean**, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing (topics include the prohibition of torture) as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but is not required. Interested second or third year law students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to [jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu) and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

## OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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

The Fall series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman begins on **Thursday, September 11 at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

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

### **ADA Accommodations**

Washington College of Law students with permanent or temporary disabilities may need special accommodations to facilitate their study of the law. If you are such a student and have documentation of your disability, and have not already self identified previously, please consider doing so. Of course, you are not required to disclose your disability or request an accommodation if you do not wish to do so.

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

Your privacy will be protected. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need more information. You may contact the Senior Academic Counselor, Laura Hartz, at 202-274-4031; [lhartz@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lhartz@wcl.american.edu). **You are advised to submit your documentation as soon as possible.**

### **WCL Business Cards**

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

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

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

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

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

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

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

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

## **OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES**

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

### **WELCOME**

The Office of Diversity Services welcomes everyone to the 2008-09 academic year. Be sure to watch the *Docket* and our bulletin board for announcements of programs and opportunities sponsored by our office. All are welcome to visit and to participate in our offerings. Please feel free to drop in. Have a wonderful semester!

**First-Year Diversity Day**—Thanks to everyone who attended and helped to make this year’s Diversity Day a huge success.

**Diversity Services Listserv**—To join, send an e-mail to [sweaver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu) with “DS Listserv” as the subject. You’ll receive between-Docket information as it becomes available.

### **Coming Events:**

#### **Saturday, August 23—Noon-5:00PM—Room 601**

“What I Wish I Would Have Known--Designed by the Latina/o Alumni Association of the Washington College of Law (WCL), this one-day workshop is intended for incoming WCL students with little to no exposure to the law school experience. Information provided by alumni, professors, and current law students will demystify the law school experience and provide students with practical information that will improve their academic performance and allow them to get the most out of their law school experience. It will also introduce the students to the Association as an added support network during law school and beyond.” Contact Carlos Quintana:

[cqboricua4@hotmail.com](mailto:cqboricua4@hotmail.com)

#### **Friday, August 29—Noon-2:00PM—Room 600**

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BLSA Faculty/Staff Day – BLSA and members of the African-American faculty and staff present a potluck luncheon and a brief introduction-to-law school program. Contact Renee Wallace: renee.o.wallace@gmail.com

**Saturday, September 20—6:00-9:00 PM**

Black Alumni Association Annual Reception and Book Award Presentation -- “At this event, we bring first year students and returning students together with faculty members, administrators, and alumni to meet on an informal basis, to establish new friendships, and to renew old ones.” BAA also presents two \$300 book awards—the Renee Hamilton-Gwaltney Book Awards—at the reception. The invitation and book award application are available in the Office of Diversity Services.

**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**The Financial Aid Staff welcomes you and wishes you a successful academic year!**

**Your Financial Aid Counselors are:**

A – H Derek Thompson  
I – P Judi Amey  
Q – Z Barbara Williams

Richard Legendre, Financial Aid Assistant assists with general inquiries and document processing.

**Special notice**

Myers Law Scholarship applications are available in the Financial Aid office Monday, August 25th. The scholarship covers 125% of tuition and is available to needy full-time JD students who show “promise.” A Need Access application must be on file for consideration. Deadline: 5:00 pm Friday, September 5, 2008.

**Call for Applications \*\*United Methodist Scholarship\*\***

Additional funds have been received and must be awarded right away. Funding is available for full-time law students affiliated with the United Methodist Church for at least two years. Check with the office for application and details.

**Disbursements**

Academic year awards are disbursed by federal regulation in equal installments; half each semester. Funds are disbursed continuously throughout the year as payment requirements are satisfied. The following conditions must be met for aid to be released:

Award is accepted (awards are accepted at my.american.edu).

Master Promissory Note (MPN) is complete. All Direct Loan borrowers must file a MPN at <http://dlenote.ed.gov> (New for continuing students this year.)

Entrance Counseling/Right and Responsibilities results are on file for entering students. Complete the requirement at: <http://www.mapping-your-future.org>

Enrollment in a minimum of six credits is confirmed.

All other file requirements are satisfied.

Fall disbursements are underway. Check your student account “snapshot” for payment.

To obtain living expense money you must request a refund from the Student Accounts Office. Refund requests are filed through your my.american.edu Student Account link. A refund can only be issued when a refundable credit exists on your account i.e., aid is posted and all charges are paid. Checks are available beginning the first week of classes but processing may take several days. Be prepared to cover expenses out of pocket the first few days.

### **Billing**

The Student Accounts Office is responsible for billing and processing payments. Your financial aid is applied to cover university charges first. You are billed periodically until your account is settled in full. If payments exceed charges a refund can be obtained.

### **Deferments - Entering Students**

Confirmation of enrollment for deferment purposes is routinely provided to the lender *Clearinghouse* by the Registrar's Office. Deferment forms received from your lender are also completed by the Registrar, Suite 304.

### **Dean's Fellows/Mussey-Gillett Fellows**

Dean's Fellows and Mussey-Gillette Fellows are compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour and (unless compensated under the Federal-Work Study program) are paid twice during the semester. The first paycheck will be issued September 26, the second November 30. Fall/academic year appointment (authorization) forms must be submitted by September 12 for the first scheduled payday. Applicable withholding is deducted prior to disbursement. Make certain that all necessary payroll forms including I-9 requirements, if necessary, are completed before beginning work. Contact Richard Legendre if you have questions.

Looking for additional financial aid?

Take advantage of the *Outside Scholarship* information found at:

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

## OFFICE OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### **Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Apply by October 1<sup>st</sup> for the Spring Semester!**

Continued success in today's society is increasingly dependent on the ability of people to think and work globally. WCL believes that the unique challenges that students encounter while studying abroad will enhance their legal education, preparing them to meet the needs of our global society. WCL programs are offered in English and the language of the country – current offerings include **20 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to live and study abroad. You will have the chance to learn about comparative legal systems, gain a greater understanding of different cultures AND make yourself more competitive in the job market!

The deadline to apply for a Semester Exchange for Spring 2009 is **October 1**. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: [www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad) or contact us at [grants-programs@wcl.american.edu](mailto:grants-programs@wcl.american.edu)

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

### **WELCOME BACK!**

The Office of Public Interest (OPI) seeks to educate law students about their professional responsibility to perform public service work as practicing attorneys, thereby fostering a lifelong commitment to public service. OPI also helps highlight student achievement in public interest and pro bono and provides recognition for these accomplishments.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Dean's Fellow Opportunity**

**The Office of Public Interest Seeks Fall Semester Dean's Fellow:** The Office of Public Interest is seeking a Dean's Fellow to work 20 hours/week on a number of projects including the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, outreach to students, public interest employers and WCL alumni, the updating of a public interest handbook, and the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter to Heather Fine at [hfine@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hfine@wcl.american.edu). Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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

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

#### **Attn 3ls: Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIP deadlines Approaching!**

Interested in pursuing a postgraduate public interest fellowship opportunity? Visit [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org) for a comprehensive listing of fellowship opportunities and deadlines. Some big deadlines are just around the corner:

**Equal Justice Works: September 16<sup>th</sup>**, application and information available at [www.equajusticeworks.org](http://www.equajusticeworks.org).

**Skadden: October 6<sup>th</sup>**, application and information available at [www.skadden.com](http://www.skadden.com).

If you are already in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact Heather Fine, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career and Professional Development, at [hfine@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hfine@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment to review your application materials and/or discuss questions.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

**Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program "Getting Involved in Pro Bono" Session Coming up in October!**

WCL's volunteer pro bono program encourages students to complete 75 hours of pro bono and community service work at organizations assisting underprivileged and underrepresented populations. While at least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours in non-legal community service work, enabling first-year law students to begin participating in the program immediately. The "Getting Involved" session is an opportunity to hear from current students about the advantages of participating in the pledge. Watch the Docket for additional details in the weeks to come.

### **1L Public Interest Roundtable Series**

Called by some, "The most fascinating hour I have had at WCL," the Public Interest Roundtables provide an opportunity for first-year students to discuss the public interest aspects of the core courses with faculty members over lunch. The group is kept small to foster interactive discussion. Fall 2008 Roundtables will be scheduled in the near future, so please keep your eyes open for more announcements on this front!

### **2008 Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair!!**

The 2008 EJW Career Fair will be held on **October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **Omni Shoreham Hotel** in Washington, DC. Student registration is now open. Please go to the EJW website, [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org) to register.

## **OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

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### ***WELCOME & WELCOME BACK***

The Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education (SECLE) provides support in creating exciting and unique programs, workshops and seminars at WCL. We support the students and faculty of WCL with conferences and programs addressing key issues of our time. Whether you are planning a small event or a large conference, we can assist you. Please contact our office at 202.274.4075 or [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu) to find out how we can help you plan your program

### **FOUNDERS 2009**

A request for program submissions for Founders' Celebration 2008 will shortly be sent out – if you have a suggestion for a program, please contact Jennifer Dabson, Director, Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education at 202 274-4077 or e-mail [jdabson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdabson@wcl.american.edu).

### **Upcoming Events!**

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

### **FALL 2008**

**September \*CLE\***

**SEPTEMBER 15**

**[Countering Terrorism through domestic and International Sanctions Listing: A Rule of Law Perspective"](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 15-19**

**[International Week](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 17**

**[Constitution and Election Day: The Stakes for Justice in 2008](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 18 \*CLE\***

**[Free Exercise, Historic Religious Properties and Sacred Sites: The Effect of RFRA & RLUIPA](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 19 \*CLE\***

**[Looking Past Guantanamo: Are New Concepts Needed for Terrorist-Related Detentions?](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 24 \*CLE\***

**[Constitutional Interpretation and Litigation After \*Heller\*](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 25 \*CLE\***

**[Third Annual Lecture on Commerical Arbitration: Establishing Claims for Damages, Costs and Interest in International Arbitration](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 25**

**[Just the Beginning Foundation: Robes for the Judges Program](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 26**

**[Just the Beginning Foundation: Pathfinders Panel and Lunch](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 29**

**[International Right-to-know Day](#)**

**FOR ALL UPCOMING PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT**

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

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

For additional information on any of the events or announcements listed below, please contact the Center by calling 202-274-4180 or by emailing [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

**Center Announcements**

**The Center For Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is Looking for a FEW GOOD Dean's FellowS!!**

***The most fun you will ever have as a Dean's Fellow!***

This is a great time to get involved with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. This fall, the Center is looking for several Dean's fellows to assist in the Center's exciting new initiatives. Dean's fellows will work alongside Center staff to provide support to many of our new exciting programs such as the **new Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons**, the **Human Rights Treaty Video Project**, the **Pakistan Initiative on Human Rights and Gender**, the **Project on International Humanitarian Law with the ICRC**, and many more! Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs, and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flyer design are a plus. Available positions range from 10/hours per week to 20/hours per week. **To apply:** send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Amelia Parker at [aparker@wcl.american.edu](mailto:aparker@wcl.american.edu) by **Fri., August 29**. Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

**JOIN THE STAFF OF WCL'S PRESTIGIOUS STUDENT-RUN HUMAN RIGHTS PUBLICATION: THE HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF!**

The *Human Rights Brief*, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on developments in international human rights and humanitarian law and provides concise legal analyses of current human rights issues. The *Brief* publishes short articles (3,000 words, with few or no footnotes) on cutting-edge developments in human rights and international humanitarian law written by students, academics and leading human rights practitioners from around the world. The *Brief* is highly regarded around the world and reaches over 6,000 subscribers in more than 90 countries. It is published three times a year and provides an excellent opportunity for students to publish their work. The *Brief* will be accepting applications for staff writers and articles editors during the first few weeks of the semester. Importantly, and unlike many other publications, the *Human Rights Brief* welcomes applications from 1Ls. This is an excellent opportunity for student authors to have their work published and widely read. For more information, contact Co-editors Adriàn Alvarez and Katherine Marshall at [chief\\_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu](mailto:chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu). To consult the submission guidelines, please go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>.

**GET YOUR COPY OF THE CENTER'S NEWSLETTER TODAY!**

At the beginning of each semester, the Center distributes both hard copies and electronic copies of its newsletter. The Newsletter contains contributions solicited from all other human rights organizations at WCL and includes course listings in human rights and humanitarian law, provides a coordinated calendar of events and highlights ways for students to be involved with human rights and humanitarian law activities at WCL. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please contact the Center at [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu) or by calling 202-274-4180.

**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 [WCLCenterforHR.org/listserv.cfm](http://WCLCenterforHR.org/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).

## **Center Events**

### **WHAT IS THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS @ WCL?:**

#### **How to Get Involved in Human Rights Activism at WCL**

**Wednesday, September 3, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBD**

Come learn about the variety of Center projects, student initiatives and opportunities for involvement that the Center provides. Represented projects will include the *Human Rights Brief*, the Human Rights Film Series, Election Protection 2008, Student Activists for KatrinaRita Survivors, the Center Student Advisory Board, Experiential Learning Projects and more.

### **WANT A TASTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS?**

#### **JOIN US FOR "MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS"!**

Interested in human rights but stuck studying civil procedure and torts? Munching on Human Rights is an introductory program designed to educate and engage students, especially 1Ls, about basic issues in international human rights and humanitarian law. Held once a month, Munching gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL's internationally-known faculty and get a "taste" of international law. The first session will take place on **Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 12pm** (Rm. TBD) and will feature **Hadar Harris**, Center Executive Director. Please visit the Center's website or check the listserv for more details. All students are welcome. *Pizza will be served.*

### **NUTS AND BOLTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS LUNCHTIME SERIES**

Is human rights work as glamorous as it seems??? Coming up this fall, the Center introduces a new informative (and entertaining) lunchtime series: *The Nuts and Bolts of Doing Human Rights Work*, which promises to demystify the world of international human rights work. Check the Center's website or listserv for upcoming dates and times.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UDHR Speaker Series**

This fall, the Center will host a series of events to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The events include panel discussions as well as interactive activities designed to foster meaningful discussion about the current state of human rights around the globe and the potential impact that the UDHR has had and will continue to have. Check the Center's website or listserv for upcoming dates and times.

## **DINING SERVICES**

EagleBuck\$ Housing and Dining Programs is pleased to announce the launch of the new EagleBuck\$ website for all AU community members. On the new site, you can

- check your account balance

- instantly add funds to your account using your credit card

- immediately freeze your account if your AU ID card is lost or stolen

- view your transaction history

- sign up to receive e-mail notifications if your balance gets low

allow parents and guests to make deposits into your account  
view the locations of on- and off-campus merchants that accept EagleBuck\$  
Visit [www.eaglebucks.com](http://www.eaglebucks.com) to take advantage of all the features mentioned above. If you have any questions, please contact the Housing and Dining Programs office at [housinganddiningprograms@american.edu](mailto:housinganddiningprograms@american.edu) or x3370.

## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

### **Update on Lobby Construction**

At the start of the Lobby project we knew that it would be a very tight schedule for such a significant renovation project to be done in a period of a 3 month construction window. In our bid process we indicated a completion date of August 20, 2008. Many bidders felt that they could not meet this and were hesitant in bidding. Patner Construction felt that they could take on the challenge and they have done a great job in getting us close to that date. However, as with all projects the General Contractor can not always guarantee the production of materials needed to be exactly in line to their construction schedule and deadlines.

Based on our latest construction meeting, the sections below show which parts of the construction work will not be completed by August 20 and need to be continued into September. The completion of these sections depends on the delivery times of the materials and determining the best times to do the work to minimize the disruption to the WCL daily business requirements.

- 1 The old front entrance doors will need to stay in place until the new glass doors arrive on site during the period of 9/15- 9/29. Once here, two days will be required for installation. We will work out a convenient time to have this done to minimize the disruption to the WCL daily business requirements.
- 2 Interior Glass, this includes the glazing and door for OCPD, the Library Main Door, the side door to the Library and the glass door to the Legal Rhetoric Suite - is scheduled to arrive on site the week of 8/25 and will require a week of installation - we will work on a time frame that is best for those departments and the general business cycle of WCL
- 3 Full Glass Panels on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor library – at this time the glass contractor indicated that they would be on site 8/21-8/26 – since this installation will require work to be done from both the lobby and the library floor side we will need to coordinate the use of the lobby space so that students are not in the area of the work being done. The contractor is planning to do as much of the work as possible in the early morning hours prior to student arrival.
- 4 Elevator Floor Coverings - the floor covering for the elevators will ship on 9/18 and will require 2 days for installation - elevators will be done two at a time to permit elevator use - this work will be scheduled at a time to minimize disruption to the daily WCL business cycle.
- 5 Water Walls – the water walls at the front entrance may not arrive in time for the 8/20 deadline but the contractor is looking to change that
- 6 Lobby Dome – the planning and fabrication of the back lit dome at the entrance of the lobby is still in progress and completion is anticipated to be late October. Since the dome installation will require several days of work in the center of the lobby, it may be necessary to postpone the installation for the Thanksgiving Break when lobby traffic can be stopped.
- 7 Information Screens – The installation of the information screens and other IT equipment is in progress. Completion dates will be coordinated with IT. It is anticipated that these information

screens in the lobby will be ready for installation in about 4 weeks. Once in place, these screens will be the primary means of providing event and student organization information to the WCL Community and easels or posters may no longer be placed in the main lobby area or in the main elevator lobby. Easels may still be used on floors 4,5, and 6 to as a means of disseminating information for events that will be taking place on the specific floor. During the academic year additional plasma screens will be placed at each floor elevator lobby to provide an additional avenue of advertising events or other information.

These are some of the major construction items that will not be completed by August 20. There are other smaller items that will also need to be finished.

We will continue to provide updates on the progress of the lobby renovation on our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/facilities/construction.cfm>

We thank you for your continued patience as we work to make the Washington College of Law a better educational place.

Sincerely,  
Facilities Management

### **WCL Parking**

LLM, 2L, 3L and part-time 1L students will be able to pick up their parking permits starting August 18, 2008 in the facilities management office in room 383. An application can be filled out at [wcl.american.edu/facilities](http://wcl.american.edu/facilities). Full-time rates are \$455 per semester or \$910 for the year. Part-time rates are \$174 for the semester and \$347 for the year.

Full-time 1L students that plan to drive to school will need to purchase a permit from main campus transportation services. The application and other details can be found at <http://www.american.edu/finance/ts/>. Full-time 1L students can only park in the Katzen Garage and Nebraska Lot.

## **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413  
(202) 274-4200

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

M, F 9:00 am-3:00pm T, W, Th. 9:00 am-6:00pm;  
(evening hours available on request)

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

Avis Sanders, Director  
Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

### **Important information for Fall Externs:**

**Seminars:** Many of the externship seminars are almost full. If you are planning to receive credit for your field placement, you must register for a seminar immediately or we may not be able to accommodate you. If you are unable to find a seminar that fits your schedule, please contact our office right away. *Students who fail to register for a seminar may be ineligible to receive academic credit for their externship.*

If you are interested in environmental law, and are looking for an externship, please contact Professor Snape for assistance.

Fieldwork: To obtain the forms you will need to register for your field work credits, please follow the instructions on the Externship Program homepage ([www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)). Entering your information does not register you for the fieldwork credit. You must manually add the fieldwork credit by getting your contracts signed by your supervisor and the Externship Office and by filling out an add/drop form for the Registrar.

All 3 credit externships meet for an additional hour every other week in small groups.

The Externship Office will be open for students to have their Add/Drop forms signed on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

### **Still seeking a Fall 2008 Externship?**

Many organizations are still seeking fall externs. Go to the Externship Database at [wcl.american.edu/externship](http://wcl.american.edu/externship) and search for externships based on *your* interests. For example, students interested in 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment freedom of press issues can search for “press” and see results such as the **Student Press Law Center**, which is currently seeking fall 2008 externs. Students interested in Title VII work can type in “employment law” and see results such the **Law Office of Gary M. Gilbert**, which is also seeking fall 2008 externs.

### **WELCOME to new students and WELCOME BACK to returning students!**

#### **New students:**

The Externship Program provides opportunities for law students to gain academic credit for unpaid legal work with not-for-profit organizations, governmental agencies, courts and pro-bono projects at law firms. Externship are not available to first-year students until the summer immediately following their first year, however please come by the office or see our website([wcl.american.edu/externship](http://wcl.american.edu/externship)) to learn more about future possibilities. You will also learn more at the Externship Workshops held in the fall.

#### **Returning students:**

We hope you had a wonderful summer. If you have not yet secured an externship for the fall, there is still time, if you move very quickly. Many employers were added over the summer, and others have specifically placed requests for WCL externs for the fall. Please see the database or the bulletin board outside of room 413 to learn more about new placements. The Externship Program staff is happy to assist you in obtaining and selecting an externship as well. Check out our binders of placement reviews (located in our office) for past students’ opinions of placements.

### **NUTS AND BOLTS**

The fall “Nuts and Bolts” Manuals are now available. Please pick one up from outside of the Externship Office, Room 413. It explains everything you have to do to apply for, and register for an externship. This information is also available on our website.

### **INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS: Summer 2009**

There are many International Externships available for the summer of 2009. If you are interested, please stop by the office to fill out a questionnaire, and let us know.

## **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM BULLETIN BOARD**

Check the bulletin board outside the Externship Office for new listings, but please--**do not rely solely on the board, as it does not reflect all of the available opportunities!**

Search the Employer Database for opportunities, and/or to retrieve the complete listing for positions on the bulletin board. The Database is searchable on keyword, as well as by employers who are “recently looking.” The Database is available on the Externship website [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship).

## **HEALTH LAW PROJECT**

The Health Law Project, LLM Program on Law and Government, and the WCL Health Law and Justice Initiative, together with the District of Columbia Bar Health Law Section, present an “Off the Record” Brown Bag Lunch Program:

### ***Health Care Reform in China***

This program will cover an historical overview, including the past and present aspects of the country's health care system, as well as future planning. Such topics as the current cost of hospital care and the new rural cooperative medical system will be discussed, among other topics.

#### ***Speakers:***

Yan Zhou, Associate Professor, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China

QuJun Li, Juris Doctor Candidate, American University - Washington College of Law (Interpreter)

#### ***Moderator:***

Prof. Corrine Parver, Practitioner-in-Residence and Executive Director, Health Law Project; LL.M. Program on Law and Government, American University - Washington College of Law

***Date:*** September 3; ***Time:*** 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

***Location:*** D.C. Bar Conference Center

1250 H Street NW, B-1 Level (Metro Center) Washington DC 20005

***Cost:*** Washington College of Law Students: \$3.00

Other Law Students: \$5.00

***To register for this program or for a printable registration form, please visit:***

[https://www.dcb.org/for\\_lawyers/events/registration/login.cfm?sessionAltCD=200871&link=Web](https://www.dcb.org/for_lawyers/events/registration/login.cfm?sessionAltCD=200871&link=Web)

***For more information, please visit:***

[https://www.dcb.org/for\\_lawyers/events/details.cfm?sessionAltCD=200871&link=email](https://www.dcb.org/for_lawyers/events/details.cfm?sessionAltCD=200871&link=email)

## **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

### **ILSP Orientation**

***Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am-7:00pm***

***Room 401***

ILSP is excited to welcome its incoming class for the Fall 2008 semester. This semester introduces approximately 70 new LLM students from over 34 countries around the world and 11 exchange students. At orientation, students will have the opportunity to meet other students, faculty and staff and learn more about the Washington College of Law.

## 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.

**The Library will be open Labor Day, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Welcome and Welcome Back!**

**Need some Research help? Directions?** Are you starting your research paper or a comment and need help identifying possible topics? Are you spading for a journal and unsure of what a citation means or where it can be located? Are you lost using West's Key Number system? There is help available at the Reference Desk located on the first floor of the Library!

**Reference Desk Hours:**

Monday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Reference librarians are also available to students and faculty for research consultations by appointment. Stop by, call 202-467-4352 or email us at [reflib@wcl.american.edu](mailto:reflib@wcl.american.edu) . IM service will resume on August 25. We look forward to working with you!

**Access Pence Law Library Electronic Resources from Home** Do your research from anywhere in the world by linking to the library webpage at [library.wcl.american.edu](http://library.wcl.american.edu) The WCL community can log into subscription databases on the library website by linking to one of the database listings under Research Tools or Information Resources. Enter the same user ID and password that you use to access the law school network and my.american.edu.

**Wireless Internet and printing is available in the Library.** Please see [www.wcl.american.edu/techres/wireless.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/techres/wireless.cfm) for additional information or contact the Help Desk located on the second floor of the Library if you need assistance.

**The Reserve Room** is where you will find study aids and materials your professor has put on course reserve and other high-use library materials. You can check out items from Reserve for a three hour period and can renew them as necessary.

**Student Convenience Centers** are located in the first and second floor copy rooms and provide many services, including photocopying, printing, faxing, EagleBuck\$ vending machines, and many other amenities.

**Group Study Rooms** Groups of current WCL students can sign up for one of our 14 study rooms up to one week in advance at the Circulation Desk. Please see [library.wcl.american.edu/circulation.cfm](http://library.wcl.american.edu/circulation.cfm) for details on the use of these rooms.

**Pardon our Dust!** As a byproduct of the lobby construction project some carrels on the second floor of the Library are not available. We expect this to be remedied shortly after the beginning of the semester. The carrel lottery for eligible upper class JD's and LLM students will take place after the carrels are reinstalled.

**Attention New Students! Don't Forget to Register Your Lexis and Westlaw Passwords!** You will receive your activation codes during Orientation, but you must register them or they will be turned off. For Lexis, go to <http://lawschool.lexis.com> and click on **Register Your Activation Code** in the sign-on box. For Westlaw, link to [lawschool.westlaw.com](http://lawschool.westlaw.com) and click on **Register your Password Now**.

**Student Writing Competitions** Announcements on writing competitions and fellowship opportunities can be found on <http://library.wcl.american.edu/writing/>; hard-copies are posted on the Pence Law Library Student Writing Competitions bulletin board. Awards range from \$250 to \$10,000, with publication of the winning essays in the sponsor's journal and website.

**Download audio files of cases, casebooks and much more to your MP3 player with AudioCaseFiles – and listen on the go!** Register at [www.audiocasefiles.com](http://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](mailto:apostar@wcl.american.edu) or at 202-274-4377.

Please be a good library citizen and keep your personal conversations in the Library to a minimum and set your cell phone to vibrate. Your fellow students are studying! Need an absolute quiet place to study? Use the Quiet Study Room on the first floor of the Library.

Do not leave your laptop or any valuable personal item unattended on a Library table or carrel for any period of time. Unclaimed items found by the Library staff may be retrieved from the Security Desk in the Lobby.

Always Read the Docket and the Library webpage for Pence Law Library News! Pick up a Library Guide at the Circulation Desk to learn more about the Library and its services and resources.

HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!

## WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE**

**August 27, 12:00-1:15 pm, Room 601**

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.

Several opportunities with a wide range of time commitments exist at the Office, including participation on Status Updates teams (great for 1Ls and other students who are new to issues in international criminal law), discrete research projects and assistance with our online database. 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." Additionally, please see below for details about Fall 2008 Dean's Fellow opportunities.

The Office will host a general information session on **Wednesday, August 27 at noon** in WCL Room 601. Please join us to meet the staff of the WCRO, get an introduction to current topics in international criminal law and learn about opportunities available at the Office. Refreshments will be served.

## **SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN THE HAGUE**

**June, 2009**

**Information Session TBA**

Now in its third year, the Summer Law Program in The Hague is a six-credit program offered in collaboration with the T.M.C. Asser Institute, one of the most prominent institutes of international law in Europe. The program offered two three-credit courses: *International Criminal Law* and *International Legal Approaches to Terrorism*. During the 2008 session, program participants received course lectures from nearly thirty practitioners and other experts, including judges, prosecutors and other staff from legal organizations located in The Hague. Participants also visited the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the International Court of Justice and other institutions critical to the development and enforcement of these areas of international law.

The 2009 program will be open to J.D. students who have completed one year of legal education, LL.M. students and graduates of ABA-accredited law schools. Stay tuned for information about applications and an in-depth information session, which will be offered this fall. In the meantime, past program information can be found on our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hague](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hague).

## **IN SEARCH OF**

**Prof. Richard Ugelow** is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of research and assistance (topics include employment discrimination, General Practice Clinic cases, and the WCL Honor Code). Interested second or third year law students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to [rugelow@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rugelow@wcl.american.edu).

**Prof. Walter Effross** invites applications from second- and third-year students for the position of his research assistant (10 hours per week; approx. \$3,360 for the academic year) for this academic year, on projects in corporate governance, e-commerce law, and intellectual property law. If you are interested, please submit your resume, transcript, and a statement of your other anticipated

obligations during the academic year to Professor Effross's administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, in Room 475 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3.

**Prof. Brenda V. Smith** and the NIC Project on Addressing Prison Rape seeks Dean's Fellows for the Fall of 2008 semester, to work 10-20 hours per week. Dean's Fellows will provide research and assistance with projects on legal issues related to sexual abuse in correctional facilities and implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Excellent work ethic, and research and writing skills a must. Office hours required. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to [bvsmith@wcl.american.edu](mailto:bvsmith@wcl.american.edu) and [jyarussi@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jyarussi@wcl.american.edu)

**Professor Ala'i** is seeking a deans fellow that will be working 10 hours a week to start immediately in the Fall semester with the possibility of continuing throughout the Spring semester on scholarship associated with the World Trade Organization, "good governance" or transparency in governance, and trade and development. The work involves research but also editing and preparing papers for publication. Students with some journal experience are particularly encouraged to apply!

Please submit transcript and resume and list of your classes and other commitments for the Fall Semester immediately to her via e-mail at [palai@wcl.american.edu](mailto:palai@wcl.american.edu) with a copy to Nicolas Mansour at [nmansour@wcl.american.edu](mailto:nmansour@wcl.american.edu) at 202-274-4127. Hard copies can also be delivered to her office in Room 330.

**Prof. Angela Davis** seeks a dean's fellow to work 10 hours per week during the fall semester on several criminal law, criminal procedure and ethics projects. Applicants with strong research, proofreading and editing skills should send a letter of interest, resume and transcript (or list of grades) to [angelad@wcl.american.edu](mailto:angelad@wcl.american.edu) no later than close of business, August 27th.

**Prof. Robert Tsai** seeks 1-2 research assistants for the 2008-09 academic year. Projects include civil rights, presidential authority, and radical constitutionalism. If interested, please submit a letter of interest and c.v. by e-mail: [rtsai@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rtsai@wcl.american.edu)

**Professor Abramowitz** is seeking a Dean's Fellows to work 15 hours per week for the semester. The Dean's Fellows may assist with Contracts class, Tax Clinic, and research 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 September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**Professor Jaszi** is seeking a Dean's Fellow to help with an article tentatively entitled "Copyright and Choice of Law in Virtual Space." Students with backgrounds in IP, choice of laws, and/or foreign and comparative law will be considered. Resumes should be sent to Kristina Hilton at [khilton@wcl.american.edu](mailto:khilton@wcl.american.edu).

**Prof. Susan Bennett** will hire two dean's fellows, for 10 hours each per week, for Fall semester 2008 and possibly continuing through Spring semester, 2009. For the first dean's fellow's position, Professor Bennett needs someone interested in issues touching affordable housing development, community economic development (to include community credit and alternative banking institutions) and community organizing. Familiarity with literature and sources in international housing or community development and with international rules on displaced persons is a plus.

For the second slot, **Professor Bennett** is seeking someone conversant with the practice and theory of "Second Life" to assist in developing the framework for a set of on-line community development classroom materials. Familiarity with or interest in SimCity, urban planning, geography, community development or community organizing is a plus. Work hours are flexible. Professor Bennett will consider combining both positions into one 15 or 20 hour per week position if one candidate meets the criteria for both.

For either position, send a cover letter including a statement of interest and a resume to Susan Bennett at [sbennet@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbennet@wcl.american.edu). Jobs will be open until filled.

**Prof. David Snyder** needs a dean's fellow to help in the development and administration of the Business Law Program. Interest in business law, excellent organizational skills, and willingness to take responsibility are some of the key qualifications. Please submit a short cover letter and a resume to [dsnyder@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dsnyder@wcl.american.edu).

**Prof. David Aaronson** seeks second and third year Dean's Fellows for 10-20 hours per week for the following projects: (1) research on a supplement for a book on Maryland criminal law and jury instructions; (2) research and administrative support for ABA, Criminal Justice Section, Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Police Practices. Research areas include: high speed police vehicle chases; police rules and guidelines on use of firearms; and (3) assistance with materials for Criminal Procedure class and police ride-a-longs; other criminal justice research projects. Interested students should submit the following: (1) resume; (2) copy of transcript; (3) writing sample. For additional information, please contact Prof. Aaronson: 202-274-4201; E-mail: [daarons@wcl.american.edu](mailto:daarons@wcl.american.edu); Room 410.

**Prof. Mary Fan** is accepting applications for a Dean's Fellow. The person selected will research issues in the domains of criminal law and procedure (U.S. and international), privacy, internet security, and immigration. The position will involve between 10 and 20 hours of work per week. A complete application must contain (1) a cover letter, (2) a writing sample, (3) your most recent transcript, (4) a resume, and (5) an estimate of hours of weekly availability. Please place applications in Professor Fan's mailbox in the mailroom on the fourth floor. The deadline for submission of applications is 8 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2008.

**Prof. Wendy Seltzer** seeks a Dean's Fellow to research Internet law questions including digital copyright, network neutrality and innovation, and online free expression. Intellectual property coursework or technology experience would be helpful background. Please send resume and short expression of interest by email to [wseltzer@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wseltzer@wcl.american.edu)

Visiting **Prof. Dean Hill Rivkin** (Room 438) is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the Fall Semester (approximately 10 hrs per week) to assist in researching an article on environmental justice, lawyering, and the resistance movement in Appalachia. If interested, please email a cover letter and resume to [drivkin@utk.edu](mailto:drivkin@utk.edu)

**Prof. Ann Shalleck** seeks a Dean's Fellow for AY 2008-2009. The Dean's Fellow will work up to 20 hours/week and will assist with editing and revising scholarly works relating to clinical legal education, developing materials for the Carnegie/Stanford *Legal Education Reform Project*,

preparing conference presentations, and other duties as assigned. Please bring a resume and cover letter to Melissa Manning in room 417 or send an email to [mmanning@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mmanning@wcl.american.edu).

**Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean**, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing (topics include the prohibition of torture) as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but is not required. Interested second or third year law students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to [jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu) and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

**The General Practice Clinic** (day section) is seeking three dean's fellows for the 2008-09 academic year. Each dean's fellow will commit to working 20 hours per week for the GPC faculty supervisors. Responsibilities will include role-playing for a series of in-class and/or out-of-class simulations, class- and case-related research and other projects, and case file management. Second language skills desirable, but not required. Please submit your resume to Kelly DiBisceglie (GPC Administrative Assistant) in room 417 (Clinic reception area) and designate "GPC" on the resume or cover letter. You may also e-mail your application to [kellyd@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kellyd@wcl.american.edu). Please apply early for these desirable positions. We would like to make selections as soon as possible. First-year part-time students are eligible to apply, along with second and third-year students (full or part-time) and fourth-year part-time students.

**The National Institute of Military Justice** is seeking a 2L/3L/4L dean's fellow to work 10-20 hours/week during the fall semester 2008. The Dean's Fellow will work on editing and indexing National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) updates to publications to include the Guide to the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Military Commission Instruction Sourcebook 3d and 4th. Experience with Microsoft Word and the Bluebook is desired. This position could lead to other military justice/NIMJ work. An interest in military justice and related issues is a plus. Publishing experience is helpful, but not required. To apply submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Jonathan Tracy, Assistant Director, National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) at [jtracy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jtracy@wcl.american.edu).

**The Office of Grant Administration and Program Development and the International Arbitration Program** are seeking to hire two Dean's Fellows (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration (this year's topic is Intellectual Property), WCL's Annual Study Abroad and Summer Session Fair, and other related activities. This year's fall activities will provide **networking opportunities** with partners at law firms, principals at leading organizations in the field of arbitration, arbitration practitioners, and government representatives.

Interested students should apply by submitting a resume, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample in our office mailbox in Room 465 **by Monday, September 8**. Questions can be directed to Aurora Carmichael at [grants-programs@wcl.american.edu](mailto:grants-programs@wcl.american.edu) or (202) 274-4317. Prior office experience is preferred.

**The Library** is looking for a few good student workers! Work up to 20 hours a week in various schedules and learn while you earn. Part-time first year and upper level students with library

experience preferred. Eligible and interested students should contact Mimi Games at [mgames@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mgames@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4348.

**The Impact Litigation Project** is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the fall with the potential to continue through the spring semester to work on freedom of expression cases. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; work with Chilean, Argentinean and Guatemalan students and attorneys and gain experience in human rights international litigation. Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 20 hours per week providing administrative support as well as researching and drafting legal memoranda. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow fall 2008" in the subject line.

**The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO)** is seeking Dean's Fellows for Fall 2008. JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be 20 hours per week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu). The deadline for applications is Friday, August 29th at NOON.

The WCRO also seeks a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative assistance to its Summer Law Program in The Hague. We are looking for students to assist in developing course materials, marketing the program and undertaking administrative tasks. We value attention to detail, strong organizational skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs. Experience or interest in international law, program management and study abroad are all great assets. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter highlighting relevant experience to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu). The deadline for applications is Friday, August 29th at NOON.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4301 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Suite 102, call us at 202-274-4067 or e-mail [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu).

**The Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities (QT)** is interested in having an extern for 15-20 hours per week to assist its lawyers in conducting legal research and other projects. The QT is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy, monitoring, and legal advocacy services for people with intellectual disabilities in the District of Columbia, including, but not limited to, members of the class in the case of *Evans v. Fenty* (DDC) (concerning the rights of former residents of Forest Haven, DC's now closed institution for people with intellectual disabilities). If interested, please contact Prof. Robert Dinerstein, at [rdiners@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rdiners@wcl.american.edu) or x-4141.

**Macarena Sáez, International Programs Coordinator**, is seeking two Dean's Fellows for the fall semester. The positions involve 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing on issues of comparative family law (gender discrimination, same sex marriage) as well as administrative tasks

related to international programs and gender initiatives in Latin America. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, but is not required. Interested students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu)

The **AU Phonathon** is looking to hire WCL student callers for the fall semester. As a student caller, you will serve as an ambassador of the Law School, calling alumni to update records, talk to them about recent events and news, and ask for their financial support for WCL.

You will also gain marketable skills potential employers look for. Ideal candidates will have excellent communication skills, be driven to succeed, have a willingness to learn, and be reliable. The job has a minimum requirement of at least 7 hours per week, with more hours available. You will be paid \$8/hour plus bonuses.

Please contact Meaghan Cassidy at 202-885-3974 for more information or to set up an interview.

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 2nd, 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 Co-Director and Professor Claudia Martín** 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.

The **Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law 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.

The **Office of Admissions** is seeking upper-level JD students to work at our reception desk this fall semester with potential to work spring semester. 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 recruitment materials, and other office duties as assigned. 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.

**The Program on Law and Government** seeks a student who can dedicate 20 hours per week to serving as a Dean's Fellow. This position includes administrative assistance, program management, and some legal research and writing. The ideal candidate will be a full-time or part-time JD or LLM student who has office experience and wants to be part of a collaborative team. Interested students should submit a resume and cover letter (hard copy, please) to Associate Director Tabitha Acosta in Suite 515 by **August 28**.

**The Program on Law and Government** is accepting applications for one Dean's Fellow who will work 20 hours per week and perform the following tasks associated with the SJD Program. Responsibilities include coordinating application information, performing research, and assisting the infrastructure of the Program. 3 L and LLM students are encouraged to apply for this position. To apply for this positions please submit by **August 28** 1) a cover letter indicating interest and availability, and (2) a resume to Tabitha Acosta, Associate Director of the Program on Law and Government in Suite 515.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

**The Clinical Program** is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation and simulation role-playing. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, please contact Maribel Yamat at [myamat@wcl.american.edu](mailto:myamat@wcl.american.edu) or you can see her in Room 417 to get more information and fill out the appropriate forms. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

**The Clinical Program** is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with case investigation in the Criminal Justice Clinic. Examples of case investigation tasks may include gathering documents, attending witness interviews, and visiting places and institutions relevant to the issues in a particular case. If you would like to be available as a volunteer case investigator in the clinic, please contact Maribel Yamat at [myamat@wcl.american.edu](mailto:myamat@wcl.american.edu) or you can see her in Room 417 to get more information and fill out the Volunteer Form. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

**The Impact Litigation Project** is seeking 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This is an ideal opportunity for students who have an interest in international human rights law to become familiar with international organizations in this field. Please let us know if you are interested in the project. For more information or questions, visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/> or contact Agustina Del Campo at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu)

## **Call for Volunteers for Oxford University Press Project**

The Academy is looking for self-motivated WCL students, interested in joining them in an exciting project with Oxford University Press. The project entails drafting summaries in English of the Inter-American Court and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights decisions from their Spanish or

English original versions. Thus we are seeking two types of volunteers: those who will translate and summarize from Spanish to English and those who will summarize from English to English. 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 Academy seeks 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This project is eligible to fulfill your Pro Bono Honors Pledge. If you are interested in applying, please send your cover letter and résumé to [matias@wcl.american.edu](mailto:matias@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Oxford Volunteer Fall 2008" in the subject line.

### **POLL WORKERS WANTED!**

Because democracy is not a spectator sport!

Help Voters, \$ Earn Money \$, Defend Democracy!

Orientation and Info Session August 27, 2008: 3-6pm

Ward 2– Main Campus

For more details, please go to: <http://www.american.edu/ia/cdem/workthepolls/>

This initiative is being organized by SPA's Center for Democracy and Election Management

You can contact CDEM at: [cdem@american.edu](mailto:cdem@american.edu)

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Honor Code Violation Settlement:** A J.D. student has been sanctioned for an admitted Honor Code violation. The publication of this announcement is part of a settlement reached after investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. Referral came from a professor who had reason to believe that the student had plagiarized in violation of Article IV(A)(1) of the Honor Code. The student admitted to a violation of the Honor Code. The student received a failing grade in the course and a note will be placed in the student's official file summarizing the Honor Code violation and the outcome. The Honor Code Prosecution Team is composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard S. Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor Suriya C. Jayanti.

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ADVOCACY SEMINAR-** There are still openings for one of WCL's more exciting opportunities: gaining employment in top public interest environmental law positions for academic credit (from 4-6 credits, no final exam) while simultaneously receiving instruction and mentoring from a long-time Washington, D.C. conservation legal advocate. The Environmental Law Advocacy Externship Seminar (769-002) is taught by Professor William Snape, formerly general counsel at Defenders of Wildlife and now senior counsel at the Center for Biological Diversity. Past students have been placed at diverse institutions such as the Department of Justice, Greenpeace, National Wildlife Federation, various Congressional committees, Department of Energy, Natural Resources Defense Counsel and several pro bono law firms. Both JD and LLM candidates welcome. Domestic and international opportunities are both available. Contact: [wsnake@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wsnake@wcl.american.edu) or 202-536-9351. Have some fun and save the world at the same time!

### **INNOCENCE PROJECT SEMINAR AND FIELD WORK (LAW-754-005 and LAW 754-006)**

There are still openings for one of WCL's most unique opportunities: learning about wrongful convictions law while investigating actual cases under consideration by the Mid-Atlantic Innocence

Project (MAIP). Under the direct supervision of MAIP's Assistant Director, groups of two or three students will be assigned to prisoners' case to help MAIP evaluate whether the prisoner has been wrongfully convicted and, if so, whether there is any way to prove his or her innocence. Students will retrieve and review court files; meet with clients; track down physical evidence; and interview witnesses and others with information about the case. In addition to regular individual meetings to discuss the progress of students' investigations, the class will also meet as a seminar once a week (Mondays from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.) to discuss principles of wrongful conviction theory and practice. The course is for two credits: one graded seminar credit and one pass/fail field work credit. For more information or for permission to enroll in the class, please e-mail the instructor, Eily Raman, at [ERaman@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ERaman@wcl.american.edu). For more information about the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project, visit its web site at [www.exonerate.org](http://www.exonerate.org).

### **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 meeting usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

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

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

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

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

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

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

**WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS!!**

### **Upcoming Programs, Dates & Deadlines & Important Reminders**

**Secrets to Successful Call Back Interviews (2 Parts):** (Part 1) Join OCPD and *Sullivan & Cromwell* Associate Angela Brown (WCL '05) as we look behind the scenes and discuss strategies for a successful call back interview. **Wednesday, September 3; 12 PM - 1:15 PM, Room 602** Sign up at CareerLink.

(Part 2) Attend one of three Westlaw training programs (held in the Computer Lab) on research methods to prepare yourself for the call back interview. **Thursday, September 4; 12 PM – 1 PM; Wednesday, September 10; 12 PM – 1 PM and 2 PM – 3 PM** Sign up at [www.lawschool.westlaw.com](http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com)

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## **Public Interest & Government**

### **Attn: 2ls & 3ls Interested in Government Employment**

Several federal and state government employers are participating in our Fall Recruitment Program. Be sure you log onto CareerLink and select the appropriate week from the drop-down menu to view participating employers. Week 5 application deadline is Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm. Week 6 application deadline is Monday, September 1st at 11:59pm. Employers include: New York County DA, Department of Treasury, Comptroller of the Currency, Philadelphia DA's Office, among many others!

### **Important DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Information!**

2L and 3L students interested in the Attorney General's Honors Program or the Summer Law Intern Program for 2009, remember the application deadline is **September 2, 2008, midnight Eastern Time**. Please go to <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/hp/hp.htm> for more information. Also, do not miss WCL's program, "**Working for the DOJ**" on **August 26, 2008 from 12:00pm-1:20pm in Room 401**. A DOJ representative will discuss the Attorney General's Honors Program, the Summer Law Intern Program, the Volunteer Legal Intern Program, other employment opportunities at DOJ, and will answer students' questions. This is an excellent program that you will not want to miss! **You must Register for this event on CareerLink**. Pizza will be served! Also, please continue to check the Government Honors & Internship Handbook for details on DOJ and other honors attorney programs and keep in mind that several agencies have **deadlines in early fall!**

### **ATTENTION 3Ls – UPCOMING INFORMATION AND EVENTS FOR YOU!!**

#### **Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIP deadlines Approaching!**

Interested in pursuing a postgraduate public interest fellowship opportunity? Visit [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org) for a comprehensive listing of fellowship opportunities and deadlines. Some big deadlines are just around the corner:

**Equal Justice Works: September 16<sup>th</sup>**, application and information available at [www.equajusticeworks.org](http://www.equajusticeworks.org).

**Skadden: October 6<sup>th</sup>**, application and information available at [www.skadden.com](http://www.skadden.com).

If you are in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact Heather Fine, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career and Professional Development, at [hfine@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hfine@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment to review your application materials and/or discuss questions.

#### **Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program Information Session September 10, 2008, 5:00pm-6:00pm, Room 503**

Come learn about this exciting program designed to attract to the Federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in, and commitment to, leadership and management of public policies and programs. We will discuss general information about the program, the internal WCL nomination process, and the formal application process. For more information about this program, please go to <https://www.pmf.opm.gov>.

**Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program**

**September 15, 2008, 6:00pm-7:00pm, American University's Career Center Library on the 5th Floor of Butler Pavilion.**

A representative from the Robert Bosch Foundation will give a detailed presentation about the Bosch Fellowship Program. Law students who are interested in the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship opportunity should attend this program and register via CareerLink. This intensive work study program will allow graduate students to work in the federal government and private sector in Germany for a period of nine months. To learn more about the Bosch Fellowship, please go to <http://www.cdsintl.org/fromusa/bosch.htm>.

**Calling All Public Interest Students!!**

**2008 EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS CONFERENCE & CAREER FAIR Registration Now**

**Open!** The 2008 EJW Conference & Career Fair will be held on **October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at the Omni Shoreham Hotel** in Washington, DC. Student registration is now open. Please go to the EJW website, [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org) to register. 2Ls and 3Ls seeking interviews with employers should submit application materials via Symplicity created on EJW's website by **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, but employers will begin pre-selection for interviews on September 1, 2008. A list of participating employers including available positions is available on the EJW website. Please make an appointment with the Public Interest Specialist in OCPD to have your resume and cover letter reviewed prior to this deadline!

**Equal Justice Works Conference Career Session Information Session!!**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm-1:00pm, Room TBA.** OCPD will present a brief overview of the EJW Conference and Career Fair and answer any questions students may have. Please keep your eye on the Docket for more information!

**Job Search Resources:** It's not too late to line up a fall internship or externship. Visit the following websites for a jumpstart on your job search.

1. **CareerLink** – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options** to receive regular email updates
2. **PSLawnet** ([www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org)) – Recently updated, the Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Postgraduate Fellowship" section. It also provides excellent resources in the "Career Central" and "International Resources" sections.
3. **Idealist** ([www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested in a public policy experience.
4. **Opportunities in Public Affairs** ([www.opajobs.com](http://www.opajobs.com)) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Log onto CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. **The Government Honors & Internship Handbook.** 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**

### **Ending Soon! Fall Judicial Internships**

Many DC-area judges are seeking judicial interns this fall, and have not received as many applications as they had hoped. If you are interested in an internship for a judge this semester, please submit your resume, cover letter, transcript, writing sample, and references to judges before the end of August to ensure that you are considered for the position!

### **Updated! Securing a Judicial Clerkship for the 2009 Term**

For those of you interested in clerking after graduation in 2009, please be sure to attend one of the upcoming sessions of How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2009 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshops (State Court Focus). Workshops will be held on Wednesday, August 27, from 12-1pm in Room 445; Thursday, August 28, from 5-6pm in Room 440; and Tuesday, September 2, from 12-1pm in Room 445. Please RSVP via CareerLink (<http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com>) to attend.

### **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*

**Arnold & Porter** is hosting a reception on **Tuesday, August 26** from 6:30-8:30pm at Gordon Biersch for interested second and third year law students to meet attorneys from the firm’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Affinity Group. They are looking forward to meeting students who may be interested in a firm with numerous openly LGBT attorneys.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Stefanie Sinn ([stefanie.sinn@aporter.com](mailto:stefanie.sinn@aporter.com) or 202-942-5331) by Monday, August 25th.

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***Diversity Job Fairs, Scholarships/Fellowships & Other Initiatives***

**Latham & Watkins Diversity Scholars Program:** A reminder that the deadline for applications is fast approaching. The application form, personal statement, resume and official or unofficial law school transcript must be **received by September 15, 2008**.

Application forms can also be found on the firm's website at [www.lw.com/diversity](http://www.lw.com/diversity) under the Diversity Scholars Program heading.

**McDermott Minority Scholarship:** McDermott Will & Emery has been committed to increasing the number of minority lawyers at the firm for years. They are proud to once again rank among the top 5 firms nationally in number of Minority Partners, as reported in the March 2007 *Minority Law Journal*.

To further their efforts to recruit and retain more racial and ethnic minority lawyers, McDermott is pleased to announce the **McDermott Minority Scholarship**. McDermott awards a \$15,000 scholarship to two second-year minority law students from ABA-accredited law schools who have received and accepted a position in a McDermott Summer Program. Students who meet McDermott's hiring criteria and demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to improving diversity in the legal community should consider applying. Please visit the careers section of the firm's website at [www.mwe.com](http://www.mwe.com) for more details and an application. **The deadline for applying is October 17, 2008.**

**For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit <https://law-american-csm.symlicity.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 August 25, 2008**  
**Fall Recruitment On-campus Interviews, Monday – Thursday**

**Tuesday, August 26**

**12-1:20pm, Rm 401, Working for the DOJ**

**Wednesday, August 27**

**12-1:15 pm, Rm 601, INTRODUCTION TO THE WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE**

**Wednesday, August 27**

**12-1pm, Room 445, How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2009 Term: Workshop (State Court Focus)**

**Thursday, August 28**

**5-6:pm, Rm 440, How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2009 Term: Workshop (State Court Focus)**