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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Thurs.	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2009: Advance registration for spring 2009 will begin on Monday, November 10 and be in lottery order. The schedule for courses will be available in our office by October 31. Any student who has a stop on their account will be unable to register on-line during their time allotted period, so should check with the appropriate offices to clear stops prior to pre-registration. Instructions for pre-registration and lottery priority will be in the next Docket and on-line on our web site. Student pre-registering for the first time on-line may also pick up shorter instructions in our office at that time (suite 304).

ATTENTION FEBRUARY BAR EXAM APPLICANTS:

Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application should request the document as soon as possible. Each state has different requirements and procedures: Go to: <http://www.barexam.org/> to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines and fees.

ATTENTION MARYLAND BAR APPLICANTS:

You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify pre-legal education. You are also responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on:

<https://my.american.edu/>, under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number).

SPRING 2008 and SUMMER 2008 EXAMS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP For those professors who have returned their exams for spring 2008 and summer 2008 to our office, these exams/papers are now available for pick-up during office hours. Exams are filed by anonymous grading number (for that semester) under the name of the instructor and are in cabinets and drawers in the office. A listing of all available exams is posted for review.

OFFICE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Attention December 2008 Graduates:

Dean Claudio Grossman and the Faculty of the Washington College of Law

Invite you to a Reception in Honor of Your Graduation

Monday, December 8

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

In the residence at:

4745 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20016

Please respond for you and a maximum of two guests by December 3 to:

202.274.4163 or alumni@wcl.american.edu

Please park in the WCL Garage (guests will not be charged)

*If you require special accommodations, we will make every effort to meet your needs. Please make your request when you respond.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program

The Office of Student Affairs seeks students to serve on a focus group for an ongoing discussion of issues involving alcohol/substance abuse and mental health issues within the law student community. Focus group students will meet with the student liaison to the D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program (see http://www.dcbbar.org/for_lawyers/bar_services/counseling/) 1-2 times per semester, to brainstorm on ways to assist the community. Students will also become knowledgeable about resources available to classmates who may be in crisis.

Students asking to be involved in the focus group do not need to be in recovery. To apply for this focus group or to request additional information, please email your student liaison, Sandy Freeman (sandra.c.freeman@gmail.com).

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 well before the Fall exam period 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. You are advised to submit your documentation as soon as possible.

WCL Business Cards

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

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Please join Associate Dean Christine Farley, WCL Faculty, Staff, and Students for a lunchtime presentation by Dean Mike McConville, Chinese University of Hong Kong, on *Some Lessons of Empirical Research and the Long March to China* **Wednesday November 5, 2008 at 12:30 pm in the International Student Lounge**

This Lecture will review what has been learned about the values and challenges of empirical research undertaken over the past thirty years based upon studies carried out in the general area of criminal justice including the rights of suspects, police interrogation and plea bargaining. The Lecture will include an account of attempts to undertake empirical research on criminal justice in China and some of the lessons learned.

The event is open to students, but space is limited. Please RSVP to secl@wcl.american.edu.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

Recruitment Travel—Sherry Weaver will be recruiting in mid-November at North Carolina A&T and Bennett College. Should you have prelaw friends at either school please let them know that WCL will be represented at GAPS Days on the November 12th and 13th.

This Saturday--Career Day for 1Ls—9:15-2:30—Hyatt Regency Bethesda—If you need directions, check with the Office of Career & Professional Development, suite 122—**please arrive on time.**

SAVE THE DATE: Dean's Diversity Council Annual Meeting—Thursday, November 20

“The Intersection of Media, Law, and Politics, Part II.” The post-election November will focus on the legal, political, and social ramifications of the election’s results on disadvantaged communities and communities of color. Topics to be considered may include education, immigration, the Supreme Court, criminal justice, and the environment. Confirmed roundtable participants are Jim Asendio, news director, WAMU; WCL Professors Cynthia Jones and Jamin Raskin; Robert Raben, the Raben Group; WCL alumna Judy Smith of Impact Strategies; Craig Thompson, owner of Thompson Communications and partner at Venable; and Jacqueline Trescott of the *Washington Post*. Joe Johns (WCL 2000) of CNN is scheduled to moderate again, and Prof. Steven Taylor of AU’s School of Public Affairs is tentatively expected to participate. The annual dinner for DDC members and students will follow the program at 6:00. Information on registration will follow soon.

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

The **Black Women’s Bar Association** of Suburban Maryland, Inc. will award two(2) \$500 book scholarships. The scholarship competition is open to 1L and 2L African-American, female law students, who will be enrolled in a full-time course of study for the fall 2008 semester. Also, please note that chosen finalists will be required to have a brief interview. Applications are available in DS. **Deadline: November 3**

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Account Stops

Contact the office if you have a financial aid-related “stop” on your student account.

Supplemental Loan Update

Private (non-federal) loans are slowly disappearing and eligibility criteria for offerings still available are increasingly stringent. Lenders have indicated that spring disbursements on approved loans are secure; funding for new loans cannot be guaranteed. This places Bar Study loans at risk. Likely borrowers are encouraged to apply now – disbursement can occur later. Check with your counselor for details. Please note that federal Stafford and Grad Plus loans are not affected and remain available to meet in-school costs.

Funding Needs

If you plan to borrow additional funds (*up to the cost of attendance*) and have eligibility remaining for the year you are encouraged to submit your request/application now. Check with your counselor for guidance.

Full-time Students - Spring Course Load

Please notify the office if you will take a reduced course load spring term. For financial aid purposes fewer than 12 credits constitutes part-time study and limits aid to the part-time cost of attendance allotment. Aid must be adjusted if your status changes. (*Full-time cost of attendance = \$29,960 per semester; part-time = \$23,942.*) **Note: full-time enrollment is a condition of award for need-based grant eligibility.**

Dean's Fellows

The final payment for the term (for non work-study fellows) will be issued November 26. New appointments or adjustments must be received by **November 5** for payment to be received this semester. Additionally, direct deposit is the preferred payment method. You are encouraged to sign up for the service if you have not done so. Information is available in the Finance Office, Suite 370.

Computer Purchase Notice

Computer purchase receipts are due by December 1. Documentation is required to retain funds allotted for purchase.

Prospective Graduates - December 2008

Notify the office if you will graduate this December. Federal loan borrowers must complete Exit Interview requirements prior to leaving the university. Details will be provided later.

2009-2010 Financial Aid

The time is drawing near. Although processing does not begin until after January 1, FAFSA renewal notices will soon be issued by the Department of Education. You must reapply to receive financial aid, i.e., Stafford and Grad Plus loans. Be sure your contact information is current with the processing center. Updates can be made at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Call (800) 4-FED-AID if you have questions.

Outside Scholarships

Information is available at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/>

Financial Aid Counselors ~

A – H Derek Thompson

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Q – Z Barbara Williams

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: publicinterest@wcl.american.edu

Announcements:

Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv

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

NEW! – Alternative Winter Break Applications Now Available – Due November 14

Three years later, the Gulf Coast continues to deal with the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and now Hurricane Ike has dealt a similar blow to the region. Your service is needed as much now as ever. Last year's trip to the Gulf Coast saw WCL take the largest group of law students in the country. Help make this year's trip even more successful!! The due date this year is **November 14**, by 12:00pm. Priority will be given to the first 40 students to return the application!

Applications can be picked up and returned to Suite 122. Please contact ahr@wcl.american.edu if you have any questions.

Equal Justice America Fellowships Available for Spring Semester

Equal Justice America provides fellowships of **up to \$1,500** to students who work during the Spring 2009 semester for organizations providing direct civil legal assistance for the poor. Students must secure a part-time (at least 120 hours) placement for Spring 2009 working for a legal services organization. Students may also apply for a fellowship if they are unable to work a full 120 hours. The grant would be reduced on a pro-rated basis. Visit the Equal Justice America website at <http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org> for more information.

Read Up on Public Interest Salaries and Benefits

The 2008 edition of the NALP Public Sector & Public Interest Attorney Salary Report has arrived. The biennial report provides salary information for employers in five categories: civil legal services, public defenders offices, local prosecuting attorney offices, attorney general offices, and public interest organizations. Stop by the Office of Public Interest to view the report and learn more about salaries and benefits at various public interest employers.

Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference – Program Materials Review

A copy of the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference program is available for review in OPI. The program contains employer descriptions and available internships and full-time positions for all employers who participated in the career fair.

Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program:

“Getting Involved in Pro Bono” PowerPoint Available Online

If you missed the “Getting Involved in Pro Bono” program, you can now download and review the PowerPoint presentation. It explains the Pro Bono Honors Pledge requirements, how to find a placement, and the various honors for students who meet the pledge. The presentation (along with other pro bono materials) is available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/probono.cfm>.

Suggested Pro Bono Placements Booklet Updated for Fall 2008

The OPI Suggested Pro Bono Placements booklet has been updated. The booklet includes over 100 nonprofit organizations who accept student volunteers. The information is organized in alphabetical order and by practice area. Please contact the Public Interest Coordinator with any questions about placements. The booklet (along with other pro bono materials) is available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/probono.cfm>.

Did you know? The Office of Public Interest maintains a list of over 100 suggested Pro Bono Placements in the DC Metro area. In addition, pro bono hours may be accrued through a variety of on-campus activities, including but not limited to:

- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan (teaching hours)
- Alternative Winter Break
- Students United
- Election Protection
- LINK Tutoring Program
- Clinical Program Translators

Volunteering with the War Crimes Research Office
Volunteering with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
Volunteering with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

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.

Center Events

MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS

*****CANCELLED*** November 5**, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 602: *The Inter-relationship of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Situations of Armed Conflict*, Professor Robert Goldman, Co-Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

NINTH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES CONTINUES!

October 15-November 14

Like to go to the movies? This fall, the Washington College of Law's Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, in conjunction with the American University's Center for Social Media, the Center for Global Peace, the Kay Spiritual Life Center, and School of International Service will sponsor the 9th Annual Human Rights Film Series. The film series explores ways in which film and media can be used to promote and protect human rights. This year's theme emphasizes human rights issues here in the United States, including a special event focused on the social and economic impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf Coast. Films will be screened twice, first on Wednesday nights at the Washington College of Law and again on Thursday nights at the Wechsler Theatre on American University's Main Campus. All screenings are free and will feature post-screening discussions with award-winning filmmakers and human rights advocates.

A complete list of the films featured in this year's film series is listed below. For more information contact Amelia Parker at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or visit http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/humanrights_festival08.cfm

Cut Off (2008; 45 min.)

Public hospitals, schools, and housing in New Orleans are being eliminated and radically redefined. How will this shape the "New City" and affect those who live there? Special visit with filmmaker **Broderick Webb**.

Washington College of Law: Wednesday, November 12, 6:00pm, WCL Room 603.

When the Levees Broke (Part 3) (2008; 45 min.)

Join Oscar-nominated producer **Sam Pollard** for Part 3 of *When the Levees Broke*, an examination of the U.S. government's role in the response to Hurricane Katrina and the disastrous series of events that devastated the city and its people.

American University Main Campus: Thursday, November 13, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor Mary Graydon Center.

SAVE THE DATE: KATRINA/RITA AWARENESS WEEK AT AU/WCL FEATURING THE KATRINARITAVILLE EXPRESS

November 10 - November 14

Beginning the week of November 10th, the 9th Annual Human Rights Film Series will shift its focus to the human rights concerns still plaguing the Gulf Coast area three years after Hurricane Katrina. Local New Orleans filmmaker **Broderick Webb** will screen his new film "Cut Off," dealing with the massive public housing demolitions that followed Hurricane Katrina and will lead a discussion about ongoing access to housing issues. On Thursday, AU's Center for Social Media will screen the third part of *When the Levees Broke* and host a discussion with Oscar-nominated producer **Sam Pollard** at the AU Weschler Theater. In addition to the two film screenings, several events are planned for the week, including a lunchtime discussion with four-time Emmy Award winner **Mike Walter**, an anchor/reporter with Channel 9 News, who documented the hardships that news reporters at the *Times Picayune*, the local New Orleans newspaper, faced following the hurricane in getting the news out.

During the last week of the series, Gulf coast activist **Derrick Evans**, founder and executive director of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives (TCCI), a Mississippi Gulf Coast community settled by freed African-American ancestors in 1866, will bring a FEMA trailer (the "KatrinaRitaVille Express") from the Gulf Coast in order to educate the campus community as well as the broader DC community about the ongoing housing issues on the Gulf. More than 150,000 Americans lived in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Today, more than 36,000 remain in them three years later. The tiny 8 ft x 30 ft (240 sq ft) trailers - found to have elevated and dangerous amounts of the cancer causing gas Formaldehyde - were intended to house families of up to 6.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this important week of activities. All screenings and discussions are free and open to the public. For more information contact Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu or visit the Center's website at www.wclcenterforhr.org.

SAVE THE DATE: REALIZING THE PROMISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS: EXAMINING THE FIRST 60 YEARS AND BEYOND

Tuesday, December 2 (9am-5pm, Room 603)

As part of the global celebration of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), American University Washington College of Law and the American Society for International Law will present a day-long conference examining the past, present, and future of this landmark document. Yale Law School Dean **Harold Koh** will deliver the keynote address, *The Politics of Implementation: The Role of Human Rights in Foreign Policy*. For more information and to register, please contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, American University Washington College of Law, 202.274.4075 or www.wcl.american.edu/secl

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

M, W, F: 9 am – 6:15 pm; T, Th. 10:25 am-6:00pm; (evening hours available on request)
externship@wcl.american.edu Avis Sanders, Director Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

International Externship Orientation:

The International Externship Workshop will be held on November 13th from 4-5 pm in room 602. Learn how to access extensive international externship opportunities! This event will be co-hosted by the Office of Career and Professional Development. Please RSVP to externship@wcl.american.edu.

Specialized Evening Students' Externship Orientation:

Evening students interested in learning about the Externship Program and getting academic credit for legal work should attend the Evening Students' Externship Orientation. It will be held on **November 11th from 8-9pm (room TBA soon)**. This will be an informal informational meeting, and students may come in at any time during the session.

Many Spring 2009 Externships are Still Available:

Many employers are currently seeking WCL spring externs. The Externship Program recently contacted all employers in the database to determine whether they were accepting applications for the spring 2009 semester. Employers who have responded affirmatively can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the Externship Database page and clicking on "Recent Employer Request." Note: Almost all employers are anxious to hire externs at this time as the number of field placements is much greater than the number of applicants during the spring semester.

-U.S. Government Agencies, including the Securities & Exchange Commission & DOJ all have early deadlines; please prepare your applications accordingly.

Prestigious Summer 2009 International Externships: The International Chamber of Commerce – Court of Arbitration and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica have agreed to accept qualified. *Students interested in these or other international externships should stop by the Externship Office and fill out an international externship Questionnaire.*

-International Chamber of Commerce-Court of Arbitration: The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the world's leading organization in the field of international commercial dispute resolution. Established in 1923 as the arbitration body of ICC, the International Court of Arbitration has pioneered international commercial arbitration as it is known today. *Students must have professional or educational background in arbitration. 2Ls preferred.*

-Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Created by the Organization of American States in 1979 as an autonomous judicial institution charged to apply and interpret the American Convention on Human Rights, a treaty drafted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1967 and adopted by the OAS in 1969. *Fluent Spanish is required. 2Ls and LLM students preferred.*

International Externship Information:

The Externship Program is proud to offer many diverse legal opportunities abroad. Placements are available at international courts and tribunals, non-profits, governments, law firms, and worldwide NGO's and IGO's. Students participating in the International Externship Program receive up to 3 academic credits for working in legal placements around the world and three credits for the concurrent Long Distance Externship Seminar (required) for a total of six credits. To apply to the International Externship Program, come by suite 413 to pick up an application or go to the Externship Program website at www.wcl.american.edu/externship to download an application. **The deadline for applications is November 16th.** After you have submitted the application, you will meet with the Director of the Externship Program to discuss your interests and to determine to which externships you should apply.

Externship Database

To learn about externship employers, search the Employer Database. This is not the same database as Careerlink. It specifically provides information on externship employers who have hired WCL students in the past or have indicated an interest in hiring WCL students. The Database is searchable on keyword, as well as by employers who are “recently looking.” The Database is available on the Externship website: <https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

24 hour access to the Library is available to currently enrolled WCL students, faculty and staff by using your ID in the card swipe at the entrance.

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

Be a good library citizen and classmate and keep your personal conversations in the Library to a minimum or leave the library to chat with friends and associates. Set your cell phone to vibrate or text. Need an absolute quiet place to study? Use the Quiet Study Room on the first floor of the Library. Your fellow students are studying and deserve your respect!

Are you conducting research for a paper or for a clinic client? Take a look at the many databases available through the Pence Law Library website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/resources.cfm>. Our databases include the Making of Modern Law, which contains over 22,000 American and British legal treatises published between 1800 and 1926, the CCH Business and Finance Network, which covers securities, banking, products liability, intellectual property, computer and internet law, government contracts, federal energy, transportation law and much more. If you need advice about what sources to use for your research, email a reference librarian at reflib@wcl.american.edu, IM us, or stop by the Reference Desk.

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

Some tips for using PDF's on Westlaw: Be sure to turn off your Pop-up blocker for both **Internet Explorer** and **Firefox**. In **Internet Explorer** the blocker is listed right under Tools. IE also requires you to do the following:

Step 1

Go to Tools, then select Internet Options

Select Security Tab

Select trusted sites, then select Custom Label

Scroll down (about 1/3 of the way) to Downloads and select **Enable Automatic Prompting for file downloads** and close and return to Internet Options/Security Tab

Step 2

Choose Internet (globe in dialog box), Select Custom Label

Scroll down to adjust Downloading to Enable as above (there may be two enables here) and close

For **Firefox**, you **MUST** turn off the Pop-up blocker to view and print pdf's on Westlaw. To turn off Pop Up blockers on Firefox, go to Tools, then select Options, then Content and UNcheck the box for pop up blockers. You can also use the control key and hold it down while opening the pdf as for IE.

Another option for both Firefox and IE is for you to hold down the control key while opening the pdf – from Westlaw and in the pdf dialog box. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar at apostar@wcl.american.edu

Do you want to suggest something to add to the Library's collection or make a comment suggesting an improvement to our services? Suggestion boxes are available in the 2nd floor copy room and at the Security Desk at the entrance to the Library. An online form is also posted at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm>. Fill it out and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

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; interested students are encouraged to email hague@wcl.american.edu and request to be added to the listserv.

War Crimes Speaker Series: Update on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

Monday, November 10

On November 10th, the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) War Crimes Speaker Series presents Stuart Ford, Assistant Prosecutor at the ECCC. Mr. Ford will discuss the current progress of the ECCC, which is a joint court established by the Royal Government of Cambodia and the United Nations to try senior members of the Khmer Rouge for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide. Lunch will be served; location TBA. For more information, contact the WCRO at warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Immigrant Rights Coalition*

Domestic Violence Outreach Training

When: **Saturday, November 1st, 9:30am-5:00pm** Room: **JD Student Lounge on the 6th Floor**

What: This event gives students an opportunity to learn about domestic violence advocacy and how to do outreach to various communities in the DC area. The training includes: the basics of domestic violence, specific outreach needs of immigrant communities in DC, interactive exercises about barriers that survivors of domestic violence face, and more. Participants of the training will start the process of creating outreach plans and leave with various tools for getting started with those plans. This is a great way to promote safety for survivors of domestic violence, get connected to the local DC area, and provide a much-needed service to our community!

****Breakfast and lunch will be provided****

Who: All WCL students are invited to be a part of this training, whether you are new to the issue of domestic violence or a seasoned advocate.

RSVP to shiwali.patel@gmail.com no later than *October 29th* to reserve a spot.

*Co-sponsored by: Domestic Violence Clinic, and Women and the Law Program

Israel and the Law Society

"Women and Orthodoxy in Israel: The Case of Sexual Segregation in Public Transportation." It will be held in **Room 524 on 11/6 from 12-1 pm.**

Law and Government Society

The National Popular Vote Plan: Is It Time To Change The Electoral College As We Know It?

Join us **Monday November 3rd from 12pm - 1:20pm in Room 601** for a luncheon and debate with: WCL Professor and Maryland State Senator Raskin, who got passed the first Popular Vote Plan in the nation John Samples, Director of the Center for Representative Government at the CATO Institute.

The National Popular Vote Plan: Maryland became the first state to enact state legislation to guarantee that the presidential candidate who receives the most votes in all 50 states will win the Presidency. The Maryland bill takes effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes enact identical legislation.

Law Revue

REMINDER! American Law Revue will be holding **auditions November 12 and 13 from 7pm - 10pm**. We'll ask you to sing 30 seconds or less of a song so we can see what your abilities are (a cappella, no sheet music or background music required), do a little dance, and maybe read a few

lines. That's it! If you have any questions please email producer Kara Fischer at kara.fischer@gmail.com.

American Law Revue is seeking musicians for its spring 2009 musical satire! Law students pretending to be on Broadway? Satire aimed at esteemed professors and not-so-esteemed law students? What could be better?

What do we need: piano/keyboard, drums, guitar, bass, and various other instruments as need arises

What type of music: Popular music from pop culture as well as Broadway

When is it: Time commitment is as follows:

- Feb. 22-28 Sun-Wed 6-11pm, with shows on Thurs, Fri, and Sat night, as well as a 2pm matinee on Saturday

- Additional time needed in order to learn the music - this may be done according to your own schedule

- We may need various musicians to attend a few rehearsals (either Fri 6-10 or Sun 3-7) in order to work out timing issues

Where is it: WCL - Washington College of Law at American University, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue (right down the block from AU main campus)

How much do I get: Compensation is available. But really, you're doing it for the good times and the chance to make fun of people.

If you are interested or have any questions, please email producer Kara Fischer at kara.fischer@gmail.com with "Law Revue - musician" in the title.

Your favorite troupe of singing soon-to-be lawyers is also seeking some behind-the-scenes help! We are currently in need of:

Stage Manager- Deals with the soundboard/lights and generally making sure the technical aspect of the show is covered

Media Assistant- Aids in production of posters, playbills, tickets, and other media needs as they arise

Production Assistant - Aids the producer in producing the show

Propmaster - In charge of the numerous (but not too numerous) props used throughout production

If you are interested in or have any questions about any of these positions, please email producer Kara Fischer at kara.fischer@gmail.com.

Legislation & Policy Roundtable

SAVE THE DATE: The Legislation & Policy Roundtable invites you to **attend "Election Recap: How Voter Disenfranchisement or Voter Fraud Impacted the Election" on Wednesday, November 12th at 12:00 noon in the 6th floor student lounges.** Dessert will be served.

Mock Trial Honor Society

1L Closing Argument Competition - Information Sessions on Wed., 11/5 at Noon (pizza will be served!) at 10 PM, Room 503

ATTENTION 1Ls -- Are you interested in criminal law? Private litigation? Do you want to become a prosecutor or public defender? Plan on trying your hand at courtroom work during the

1L Closing Argument Competition! The Mock Trial Honor Society will host TWO information sessions on Weds., Nov. 5th at NOON and at 10 PM. We will discuss the details of Mock Trial, the competition, and a little bit about making a closing argument. Sign-ups for the 1L Closing Argument Competition will be held November 17 - 21 at the Mock Trial/Moot Court table in the lobby. The 1L Closing Argument Competition will take place the weekend of January 31, 2009 (preliminary rounds on Sat., 1/31, final rounds on Sun., 2/1).

Look for our announcements in the lobby. Please email mocktrialhonorsociety@gmail.com with any questions!

Moot Court Honor Society

Alvina-Reckman Myers 1L Competition Information Session. Come learn about your opportunity to compete in an appellate advocacy competition and watch a sample moot (only during the afternoon session). **12-1pm Wednesday, November 5** (Pizza will be served!) and **8-9pm Wednesday, November 5** (Cookies will be served!) Both sessions will be in **Room 401**.

Phi Alpha Delta

School-Wide Canned Food Drive!!!

Phi Alpha Delta invites all students, faculty, and staff to participate in our school-wide food drive which will be held from **October 27th until November 14th**. Donations will benefit the Capitol Area Food Bank. Please place your non-perishable food donations in the boxes located in the first floor lobby and on the sixth floor. This is the perfect opportunity to help out those in need, especially with the Holiday season drawing near.

For more information on canned immunity and the Capital Area Food Bank, please contact Andrea McCall, Community Service Chair at pad@wcl.american.edu.

Women's Law Association

Summer Employment Panel

Join the Executive Board of the WCL Women's Law Association as we share our diverse 1L summer experiences. Learn how we got our jobs, what we did, and what we learned.

Lunch will be served **Monday, November 3rd, at noon in Room 602**

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. David Aaronson seeks two or three second and third year Dean's Fellows for 10-20 hours per week for research and related assistance on one of the following projects:

1. Research on a supplement for a book on Maryland criminal law and jury instructions; research consists primarily of reviewing recent appellate court cases in the criminal law area and preparing drafts of case summaries and related changes to the manuscript;
2. Research and administrative support as Chair, ABA, Criminal Justice Section, Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Police Practices; research involves identifying proposed changes to the federal rules of criminal procedure and evidence and certain proposals relating to reform of police policies and practices;
3. Assistance with materials for Criminal Procedure I class and police ride-a-longs; and, possibly research on another project, such as drafting an op ed article on ways to reduce mistaken eyewitness identification.

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; Room 410.

VOLUNTEERS

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project needs your help!!!! We will host our annual fall Moot Court competition for the high school students in our D.C.-area classes on Saturday, November 22, 2008. The day-long event will take place at the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Courthouse at 3rd St. and Constitution Ave. NW. We need **1Ls** to help out with a wide variety of tasks on November 22. For 1Ls, this is a great way to learn more about the program, to get to greet and observe the high school students in the Marshall-Brennan Project and to meet and talk with this year's Marshall-Brennan teachers, most of whom are current 2Ls. You can sign up for the whole day or any part of the day. Contact Steve Wermiel, associate director of the Marshall-Brennan Project, at 202-274-4263 or swermiel@wcl.american.edu.

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project also needs **2Ls, 3Ls and 4Ls to act as judges**. You can judge if you have taken constitutional law. The judging shifts are as follows: 9:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. ROUND ONE; 12:30 P.M. – 2:15 ROUND TWO; and 2:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. SEMIFINAL ROUND. You may sign up for one or more rounds by contacting Steve Wermiel.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professor David Aaronson's Criminal Procedure I (Law-508-001) make-up class will be held on Saturday, November 1, from 1 - 3 pm in Room 402.

MPRE REVIEW

All students taking the November administration of the MPRE are invited to attend a review session taught by WCL Legal Ethics Professor Gene Shipp. The review will take place on Wednesday, November 5 from 6-8 pm in Room 503. At the request of the professor, this session will not be recorded. Please e-mail nr8013a@american.edu with any questions.

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Upcoming Programs, Dates & Deadlines & Important Reminders

ATTENTION 1Ls!!!! REGISTRATION FOR CAREER DAY IS CLOSED!!!! Students who were unable to attend will be able to access the password protected Career Day materials through CareerLink after they attend one of the Resume and Cover Letter Workshops below.

In addition to Career Day, please plan to attend the following OCPD programs:

CareerLink Training for 1Ls: Join OCPD for an introduction to **CAREERLINK**, the comprehensive job search and legal recruiting software used to communicate job opportunities, advertise upcoming career-related events, and administer the fall and spring recruitment programs. The program will instruct 1Ls on how to *Log On & Complete Profile, Search for Jobs, Register for Events, Find Online Resources*, and more! Pizza and instructional materials will be provided based on the number of registrants. Please RSVP to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu

Thursday, October 30 from 8-9pm in Room 603

Friday, October 31 from 12-1pm in Room 100

1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops*: OCPD career counselors will lead a highly informative program on drafting legal resumes and cover letters. Pizza and instructional materials will be provided based on the number of registrants. Please RSVP to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu

**Failure to attend a Resume & Cover Letter Workshop will result in loss of access to the CareerLink system. Students who attend will be given priority when scheduling individual counseling appointments. If you are unable to attend, please contact OCPD as soon as possible indicating the reason that you will miss the workshop at careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4090 for more information.*

To those who have submitted RSVPs, thank you for registering in advance for your session. The session requested has been confirmed. Any first year students who still need to register should consult the following schedule to determine which session to attend. If you have a conflict, please contact careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu:

SECTION 2: Monday, Nov. 3 from 12-1:20pm in Room 401

SECTIONS 1 & 4: Thursday, Nov. 6 from 12-1:20pm in Room 602

SECTION 5: Thursday, Nov. 6 from 5-5:50pm in Room 401

SECTION 3: Friday, Nov. 7 from 12-1:20pm in Room 401

Patent Law Information Session featuring Attorney John White

Wednesday, November 5th from 4:30-5:45pm in Room 402

OCPD invites students interested in a patent law career to attend this information session featuring Attorney John White. Mr. White is a patent lawyer and has prepared applicants for the Patent Bar Exam since 1988. He is the Director of Patent Professional Development at the Practising Law Institute (PLI) and will discuss tips for the job search, passing the exam, and practice. To attend, please register on CareerLink under the “Events” section. *Pizza will be provided*

2008 Fall Recruitment Program Reminders

Resume Collection: Cooley Godward Kronish – The law firm is recruiting 2L-Day and 3L-Evening students with a strong interest in a career in Intellectual Property for its 2009 Summer Associate Program. For hiring criteria and to apply, log on to CareerLink and visit the “Jobs & Resume Collection” tab. **Deadline: Friday, Oct. 31 at 11:59PM**

Direct Application: Natural Resources Defense Council – The organization is recruiting 2L-Day and 3L-Evening students for its 2009 Summer Legal Internship in the following locations: Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Washington, DC, and Chicago. **Deadline to Apply: Friday, Nov. 14 at 11:59PM**

Direct Application: Cleveland Clinic's Office of General Counsel is now accepting applications for the 2009 Summer Associate Program. Special consideration will be given to 2Ls and those law students who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the health care field. **Deadline to Apply: Sunday, November 30 at 11:59PM**

Notice Regarding 2008 Summer Evaluations and the Student Professional Network

Many thanks to those who joined OCPD's Student Professional Network by adding 2008 Summer Employment Evaluations to CareerLink. OCPD is currently collecting information regarding students' summer and academic year employment experiences for the purpose of updating the Student Professional Network, which current WCL students can use to reach out to one another and inquire about specific employers and employment experiences.

As a law student, your peers are some of the most valuable professional contacts you have. If you have not already done so, please contribute to this valuable job search resource by completing a brief evaluation on CareerLink. You can choose whether to share your contact information with current WCL students or to remain anonymous. By sharing employment experiences, WCL students can create a professional network in which to seek out and provide information regarding a particular employer, practice area, or geographic location.

Instructions for accessing the evaluation: Log on to CareerLink at <http://law-american-csm.symlicity.com/students>. You will find the link "Student Summer Evaluation" under "Quick Links" on your CareerLink homepage. Click that hyperlink, and select "Add New" on the subsequent page. If you do not know your log in information, please send an email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

Public Interest & Government

Public Interest Committee Dean's Fellow Announcement

The Public Interest Committee is seeking a **Dean's Fellow** to work **10 hours/week** on a number of projects, including outreach to students, public interest employers and WCL alumni; programming; revisions to public interest student materials; among other tasks. The Dean's Fellow will work closely with the Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career & Professional Development. Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter (stating that you are applying for the Public Interest Committee Dean's Fellow position) to Jarrod Shirk, Public Interest Coordinator, at jshirk@wcl.american.edu. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

ATTENTION 2Ls & 3Ls - ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR YOU!

INTERESTED IN Government Employment?

Please make sure to review the **Government Honors & Internship Handbook** on the home page of CareerLink regularly, as many deadlines for **post-graduate government Honors Program** for **3Ls** are quickly approaching. Similarly, deadlines for many **summer internship opportunities for 2Ls** are approaching quickly. **Tables 3 and 4 in the Handbook** provide the best guidance regarding upcoming deadlines. Agencies such as the Department of Commerce, GAO, EPA, HHS, SEC, NLRB, and DHS, among many others, have October deadlines. If you have any questions about government job search strategies, please contact OCPD to make an appointment with a career counselor.

Paid Internship Opportunity at American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

The AFSCME Office of the General Counsel seeks a law clerk for the fall and winter 2008 semesters. A successful candidate should possess good research and writing skills, demonstrated academic excellence and a serious commitment to work for the labor movement. AFSCME is the fastest growing union in the country with over 1.4 million members and primarily represents employees within the public sector. 2Ls are preferable and will receive \$20/hour. Please go to CareerLink for additional details.

ATTENTION 3Ls - INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!!

Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIPS!

Interested in pursuing a postgraduate public interest fellowship opportunity? Visit www.pslawnet.org for a comprehensive listing of fellowship opportunities and deadlines. Some big deadlines are just around the corner. If you are in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact OCPD at 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment to review your application materials and/or discuss questions.

JOB SEARCH RESOURCES!!

It's not too late to line up a fall internship or externship. Also, you should begin thinking about summer and post-graduate opportunities. 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. Also remember to check CareerLink regularly for post-graduate and internship opportunities!
2. **PSLawnet** (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.idealist.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship and employment opportunities, not only in the legal field.
4. **Opportunities in Public Affairs** (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.

Judicial Clerkships & Internships

Paid Judicial Internship Opportunity for 2Ls

The American Bar Association's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is a full-time, six-week minimum, summer internship program open to all first- or second-year minority and/or financially disadvantaged law students who want to do legal research and writing for state or federal judges in participating cities. Participating judges are from Illinois; Texas; Miami, FL; Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA; and Washington DC. Students may indicate geographic location preferences on their applications. Interns will receive an award of \$1,500.

The program seeks to provide internship opportunities for minority or financially disadvantaged law students, those who are members of traditionally underrepresented groups in the legal profession. Candidates are considered on a rolling basis, so it is best to apply ASAP before the December 31 deadline. For additional information about this internship, please see the posting in CareerLink or visit www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop.

3LS/4Ls: Planning to apply for state judicial clerkships for the 2009 term? Many state judges have been accepting applications (and hire on a rolling basis) or have deadlines very soon!

For state clerkships, judge-specific hiring information for more than 20 states is listed within the “jobs & resume collection” section of CareerLink. Choose “Judicial Clerkship” as the “Position Type” to find these postings. To download addresses for many state judges, go to the “clerkships” section of CareerLink. You will have to complete a Clerkship Registration the first time you access this section.

Clerkships and Clerkship Interviews

If you have interviewed for any judicial clerkships this fall, please fill out a questionnaire about your experience at http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/survey/clerkship_interview_form.cfm. We will keep this information private until you have secured a clerkship.

Once you have lined up a judicial clerkship, be sure to let us know about your success!

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.

Contact the OCPD to schedule an individual counseling appointment with Amy Killoran, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator. Email Amy at killoran@wcl.american.edu to let her know if you have secured a judicial clerkship!

Diversity Job Fairs, Scholarships, Fellowships & Other Initiatives

*** Please be sure to update your profile on CareerLink and subscribe to the Diversity Listserv for the most up-to-date announcements, events, and scholarships relating to diversity outreach and initiatives. ***

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Proctor & Gamble Company and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship Program:

This scholarship is offered to law students who are members of groups traditionally under-represented in the legal profession, or individuals who contribute meaningfully to diversity in their communities. The chosen scholar will gain valuable experience in P&G's legal department for six weeks, followed by six weeks in Dinsmore & Shohl's Cincinnati office. The scholarship winner also will be assigned mentors from both organizations, providing a dedicated resource to assist with professional development.

The selected applicant **will receive a salaried summer clerk position and a \$10,000 scholarship.** To be eligible, law students must be admitted or already attending an ABA-accredited law school as a first-year law student, have a record of academic or professional achievement, and display leadership qualities through past work experience, community involvement, or student activities.

1L students must submit all information between December 1 and December 31, 2008.

For more information regarding eligibility requirements or the Proctor & Gamble Company/Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship Program, please visit www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship or send inquiries to dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com.

2009 Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law: Sponsored by the New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section & the New York Bar Association Committee on Environmental Law - Open to minority 1L, 2L and evening 3L students who are enrolled in a NY State law school **OR** a permanent resident of NY and currently enrolled in law school in the US. Selected applicants will: 1) receive a \$6000 stipend to spend the 2009 summer (10 weeks minimum) working on legal matters for a government environmental agency or public interest environmental organization in New York State; 2) be invited to the New York State Bar

Association's Environmental Law Section's Annual Meeting; 3) participate in monthly dinner meetings on NYCBA's Committee on Environmental Law; and 4) be assigned a mentor from the environmental bar.

Application deadline is November 17, 2008. For complete details and an application form, stop by the OCPD office (Suite 122) OR email kplog@nysba.org

PAID JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP FOR 1L's & 2LS!!!!!!!

The Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is a full-time, six-week minimum, summer internship program open to all first or second year minority and/or financially disadvantaged law students who want to do legal research and writing for state or federal judges in participating cities. Participating judges are from Illinois; Texas; Miami, FL; Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA; and Washington DC. Students may indicate geographic location preferences on their applications. Interns will receive an award of \$1,500.

The program is only open to students who have not previously participated as an intern in the program. Students applying to the program must submit a completed application, resume, legal writing sample and a statement of interest. Students may rank location preferences on their application; however students may not request particular judges or courts.

For more information, visit: <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop> to download and complete an application. **The deadline for registration is December 31, 2008.**

RECEPTIONS

Legal Services NYC's Diversity Committee's Annual Recruitment Open House: Legal Services NYC is devoted exclusively to providing free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers. The open house is set for November 13, 2008 and is an opportunity to discuss employment, fellowships, and internships at the organization. The event will be held at Legal Services NYC, 350 Broadway, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10013 from 3:30-5:30 pm. Please RSVP to: diversitycommittee@LegalServicesNYC.org.

WBA Diversity Committee & Young Lawyers Committee Presents: REAL WORLD TRAINING FOR FUTURE SUCCESS! This reception was designed specifically for minority women entering the legal workforce to discuss the challenges and solutions faced in the workplace. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. The event is set for Saturday, November 8 from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at the offices of Howrey LLP, 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20004 Please RSVP to www.wbadc.org. The cost is \$20 for WBA members, \$30 for non-members.

*** 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.***

Announcements for LL.M. Students
From Adriana Vito
Assistant Director for International Career Programs

Electronic tool will help you draft your resume:

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! All registered students can use this tool for free. We suggest you use Optimal Resume *after* attending our basic resume workshop.

The Office of Career & Professional Development offers resume software called OptimalResume© to LL.M. students. The software is available at <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and can also be accessed through the hyperlink on the CareerLink homepage. OptimalResume is a user-friendly system that will help you create a great resume quickly and easily. Start today by creating an account, and work on your customized resume at your leisure. It's easy! This service is sponsored by OCPD and is free to you as an LL.M. student at the Washington College of Law.

OptimalResume will allow you to access your resume via the web and to keep it updated on an as-needed basis. There are numerous examples and wording to help you throughout the process and plenty of resume output formats to choose from. Spell check and format assistance is also provided. OptimalResume does the hard work; all you have to concentrate on is content.

To begin using OptimalResume: Go to: <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and select the “Get Started” function on the OptimalResume homepage and create an account. As a WCL LL.M. student you are pre-registered in the system, so just enter your full @*american.edu* email address and create a personal password. If you have any questions or comments regarding this software, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:

I am available to meet with you for resume and cover letter review and to answer your job search questions. **You are required to attend a Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop before meeting with me for an individual counseling appointment.**

To schedule an appointment, please contact the OCPD front desk at (202) 274-4090 or stop by Suite 122. After obtaining an appointment with our front desk, please make sure you send me an email with your resume and/ or cover letter at least 48 hours prior to your appointment. My email address is avito@wcl.american.edu. Also, you may include information about your career goals in your email message. This information will help me better evaluate your needs and help you in a personalized manner.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 3, 2008

Phi Alpha Delta Canned Food Drive- Thru November 14

Monday November 3

12-1:20pm, Rm 601, The National Popular Vote Plan: Is It Time To Change The Electoral College As We Know It?

12pm, Rm 602, Women's Law Association Summer Employment Panel

12-1:20pm, Rm 401, SECTION 2: 1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops

Wednesday, November 5

12-1pm, Rm 401, Alvina-Reckman Myers 1L Competition Info Session

12pm, Rm 503, Mock Trial Honor Society 1L Closing Argument Competition Info Session

12:30 pm, RSVP secle@wcl.american.edu, Criminal Justice/Empirical Research in China

4:30-5:45pm, Rm 402, Patent Law Information Session featuring Attorney John White

10pm, Rm 503, Mock Trial Honor Society 1L Closing Argument Competition Info Session

6-8 pm, Rm 503, MPRE Review

8-9pm, Rm 401, Alvina-Reckman Myers 1L Competition Info Session

Thursday, November 6

12-1 pm, Rm 524, "Women and Orthodoxy in Israel: The Case of Sexual Segregation in Public Transportation"

12-1:20pm, Rm 602, SECTIONS 1 & 4: 1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops

5-5:50pm, Rm 401, SECTION 5: 1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops

Friday, Nov. 7

12-1:20pm, Rm 401, SECTION 3: 1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops