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## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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

### 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:

On Monday, November 10th, at 10:00 a.m., pre-registration for spring 2009 courses will begin. There will be an initial window of 2 hours for each lottery group.

Each group will begin based upon the last digit in the student ID, beginning with those ending in “0”. (this is based upon the order of previous years’ lotteries) The priority order is: (1) 4<sup>th</sup>-year part-time, 3<sup>rd</sup>-year full-time, and LLM students; (2) 3<sup>rd</sup>-year part-time, 2<sup>nd</sup>-year full-time; and 2<sup>nd</sup>-year part-time. The first group will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, with new groups being added at 2 hour intervals, i.e., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. A new group will begin the next morning, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. and new groups will be added at 2 hour intervals through 5:00 p.m. (a schedule is attached and lists each lottery group, within priority).

Pre-registration for the second priority group will begin on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and run at 2 hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and continues on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2 hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please check the attached schedule to be certain of the time of your registration based upon the last digit of your 7 digit AU ID number.

Students may register for ANY section of Legal Ethics and, once a student has registered, he/she may continue to make course changes and add or drop courses from the time of initial registration through the first week of classes.

*Sufficient spaces will be held in evening section of classes that have more than one section for part-time students through December 5 at noon (part-time students WILL get into evening sections of their required courses). If a class closes, it will remain closed to all except students graduating in May. That class will remain reserved for these students through December 5 at noon.*

### **PREPARE...**

The web portal is <https://my.american.edu/>. You must know your EagleNet ID and password to gain access to the registration process. Be aware that your password will expire every 60 days, so you may need to renew it to proceed. If you cannot remember your password or your password has expired, you can reset your password through the web or contact the Help Desk at 202-885-2550.

**You must clear any stops on your account before registering.** You may check these stops on your snapshot on <https://my.american.edu/>. (**View STOPS**). These include financial, parking, library, immunization, billing address, visa, etc. You should check with appropriate offices to clear these stops. All international students must check with the International Student Services Office on the main campus (Butler Pavilion 410 – Tel: 202-885-3350) to be cleared for registration. Non-degree, SJD, transfer students and students who have taken a semester off should check with the registrar's office for registration.

### **SELECT CLASSES...**

Check the course schedule carefully (course schedules are available in our office and on-line at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> and prepare a conflict-free schedule of courses. Take the time to make your course selection prior to logging on to the web site. The portal will time out after 10 minutes, so it will help to have all the course numbers of your classes prior to logging on. The web registration will allow conflicting classes; however, students cannot receive credit for any class that overlaps with another. It is essential that you change one of these classes to avoid conflicts. Permission is required for registration for externship, clinic and independent studies. Instructor permission may also be required for some other courses.

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

### **REGISTER...**

Go to [https://my.american.edu](https://my.american.edu/) and log on using your Eaglenet ID and password. If you need help, click on the link provided.

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

You will be asked to AGREE or DISAGREE with the initial statement of Student Responsibility, and then another statement on Parking Policy. If you AGREE, you may proceed to registration; if you DISAGREE, you will be unable to register.

Proceed to the section in green on the left – REGISTER/ADD COURSES. Carefully enter data for each block. You must enter “Law” in the first block, then the course number (three digits), then course section (usually “001” or “002”) in the next block, then choose the semester (Spring 2009) and, finally, the grade type. Graded courses may not be taken Pass/Fail. You must enter this information for EACH COURSE you choose.

Once you have entered all course information, **click on SUBMIT one-time only**. Warning: clicking on SUBMIT more than once may cause you to be thrown out of the queuing process and you will have to begin again. You are strongly urged to print out your schedule once you have completed the process to be absolutely certain of your class schedule.

**SPRING 2009 SEMESTER**

**PRIORITY AND LOTTERY GROUPS**

**Priority Group #1 – 4<sup>th</sup>-year part-time, 3<sup>rd</sup>-year full-time, LLM**

Monday, Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 0)
	12:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 2)
	2:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 5)
	4:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 8)
	6:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 3)
Tuesday, Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 4)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 1)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 7)
	3:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 9)
	5:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 6)

**Priority Group #2 - 3<sup>rd</sup>-year part-time, 2<sup>nd</sup>-year full-time, 2<sup>nd</sup>-year part-time**

Thursday, Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 0)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 2)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 5)
	3:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 8)
	5:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 3)
Friday, Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 4)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 1)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 7)
	3:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 9)
	5:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 6)

**NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:**

A Wait List process will again be utilized for the spring 2009 pre-registration period. It will begin during pre-registration once a class closes and will be available through December 23rd, at which point all classes will be opened up for students to register on a first come basis, throughout the holidays and until the end of the first week of classes in January 2009.

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

You will now be able to check course availability directly on our web site on the course schedule at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> to see how many students are registered for each class. Once a class that has closed and has generated a wait list shows open spaces again, you will see a notice on this site that this is a wait-listed class. If you are not already on the wait list for the course and wish to put yourself on the wait list, you may then attempt to register for the course on the <https://my.american.edu> site to put yourself on the wait list.

**Students will be able to wait list for a maximum of 3 courses throughout the wait list process, which closes on December 23. Once you are placed on the wait list, no changes may be made.**

**MAIN CAMPUS HAS A SEPARATE WAITLIST PROCESS, SO IF YOU RECEIVE EMAILS FROM THE MAIN CAMPUS ON WAITLISTING, PLEASE IGNORE THEM.**

**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).

**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.dcbar.org/for\\_lawyers/bar\\_services/counseling/](http://www.dcbar.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](mailto:sandra.c.freeman@gmail.com)).

### **WCL Business Cards**

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

## **OFFICE OF 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](mailto: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.

**Graduating Class of 2009 Class Gift Committee** - Commemorate your accomplishments at WCL by coming together as a class! Get involved with the Graduating Class Gift Committee and help determine the mark that the Class of 2009 will make before you graduate!! For more information, please email Dianne Buckley, Assistant Director of Annual Giving at [dbuckley@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dbuckley@wcl.american.edu) or call on 202.274.4056.

## **OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES**

Sherry A. Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – [sweaver@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Dean's Diversity Council Annual Program and Dinner—Thursday, November 20**

“The Intersection of Media, Law, and Politics, Part II: What Could/Should Communities of Color and/or Disadvantage Expect from the Obama Administration?”

The program portion of the day –4:00-6:00 PM—continues a conversation on the meaning of the current political year for the African-American community, which began at last April's Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law

Now that this historic election is over, we will broaden the participation in the conversation to focus on the election's legal, political, and social ramifications for disadvantaged communities and communities of color. Topics to be considered may include education, immigration, the Supreme Court, criminal justice, social justice, and the environment.

Joe Johns, of CNN and a 2000 WCL alumnus, will again act as moderator. Other confirmed participants are:

Jim Asendio, News Director, WAMU (returning)

Midwin Charles ('99), Midwin Charles & Associates LLC, DDC member (returning)

Deepa Iyer, Executive Director, South Asian Americans Living Together

WCL Professor Cynthia Jones ('87), DDC member

WCL Professor Jamin Raskin

Robert Raben, the Raben Group

Judy Smith ('86), Impact Strategies

Prof. Steven Taylor, AU School of Public Affairs (tentative, returning)

Craig Thompson, Owner Thompson Communications and Partner, Venable LLP (returning)

Jacqueline Trescott, the *Washington Post* (returning)

A reception for program participants will follow the program. The day will end with the annual dinner for DDC members and students only, where the topic of bar passage will be taken up in an informal discussion. No fee is required, but participants must register.

Please register at [http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm)

For more information, please contact:

**Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education,**

**American University Washington College of Law**

**Phone: 202.274.4075; Fax: 202.274.4079; or [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu)**

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

### **Restricted Scholarship Notice**

Committee deliberations have been unexpectedly delayed. Updates on the decision timeline will be provided as the process proceeds.

### **Supplemental Loans**

**Private (non-federal) loan funding is disappearing. If you plan to borrow to meet remaining school or bar prep costs, apply now. Information and links to private loan lenders can be found at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/finaid/alternativeloan.cfm>.**

*Note: Federal Stafford and Grad Plus loans remain available to meet in-school costs.*

### **Last Work Day ~ Dean's Fellows**

The last day of work for the term is the last day of classes, December 4.

### **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.**

### **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.

### **Public Interest/Public Service Information**

Updates on the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program are available at: [www.ibrinfo.org](http://www.ibrinfo.org).

### **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](http://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/>

## **OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

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

### **Announcements:**

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

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

### **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](mailto: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.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

**NEW! - 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series, Thursday, November 20:** 1Ls are invited to join Professor Anthony Varona for lunch on Thursday, November 20 from 12:00-1:20 p.m. in room 524. Prof. Varona (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/faculty/varona/>) will discuss his work as legal director for the Human Rights Campaign and founding chairperson of the AIDS Action Council's Legal Advisory Board. He will also share his thoughts on pursuing a career in public interest law and answer student questions. You must RSVP to [wcl.1l.roundtables@gmail.com](mailto:wcl.1l.roundtables@gmail.com) by Monday, November 17. Registration is limited. Food will be provided.

### **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

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

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### ***WELCOME***

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

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **NOVEMBER 14**

**[Dangerous Products – From Lead Toys to Tainted Drugs, A Discussion for Consumer Protection Professionals and the Media](#)**

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

#### **FALL 2008**

**NOVEMBER 14**

**[Dangerous Products – From Lead Toys to Tainted Drugs, A Discussion for Consumer Protection Professionals and the Media](#)**

**NOVEMBER 17**

**[Justice and the New Administration](#)**

**NOVEMBER 20**

**[Global Governance and the WTO: A Conversation About the Evolution of the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism and its Future](#)**

**NOVEMBER 21**

**[The Bailout Bill and the Rule of Law: A Public Participatory Roundtable on Plugging the Bill's Procedural Leaks](#)**

**NOVEMBER 21**

**[Dean's Diversity Council Program & Dinner](#)**

**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 Event**

#### **KATRINA/RITA AWARENESS WEEK AT AU/WCL FEATURING THE KATRINARITAVILLE EXPRESS**

**November 10 - November 14**

*Co-sponsored by Student Activists for Katrina/Rita Survivors (SAKS), Action for Human Rights, AU Alternative Spring Break, and Campus Progress*

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.

Throughout the week, the KatrinaRitaVille FEMA trailer will be on campus to educate the campus community as well as the larger DC community about ongoing housing issues on the Gulf - brought by Gulf Coast activist **Derrick Evans**, founder and executive director of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives (TCCI), an organization serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast community settled by freed African-American ancestors in 1866. 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](mailto:aparker@wcl.american.edu) or visit the Center's website at [www.wclcenterforhr.org](http://www.wclcenterforhr.org).

- **Bakesale for Gulf Coast Recovery**

**Monday, November 10, All Day, WCL Lobby**

On Monday, November 10th please support our bake sale, proceeds of which will help send WCL students to the Gulf Coast to do public service work over Winter Break. For additional info, email [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

- **Human Rights, Housing and Education: A Panel Discussion Exploring New Orleans 3 Years After Katrina**

**Wednesday, November 12, 12pm - 1:20pm, WCL Room 603**

How is the Gulf Coast dealing with the devastation Hurricane Katrina wrought on the Gulf Coast three years ago? Join us for a discussion with Derrick Evans, founder and executive director of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives (TCCI), an organization serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast community settled by freed African-American ancestors in 1866; filmmaker Broderick Webb; and others about the ongoing human rights concerns plaguing the Gulf Coast.

- **Cut Off (runtime - 45 minutes)**

**Wednesday, November 12, 6pm, WCL Room 603**

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**. *Dinner will be served.*

- **When the Levees Broke (runtime - 64 minutes)**

**Thursday, November 13, 5:30pm, AU Weschler Theatre**

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.

**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 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), WCL 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: WCL Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, 202.274.4075 or [www.wcl.american.edu/secle](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle).

## **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413; (202) 274-4200

[www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://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](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu); Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

**International Externship Orientation:**

**The International Externship Workshop will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Fund for Agricultural Development:** The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was established to finance agricultural development projects primarily for food production in the developing countries. The position is in Rome, Italy.

**-Friends of the Earth, Middle East:** Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Their primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect a shared environmental heritage. In so doing, they seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in the region. FoEME has offices in Amman, Bethlehem, and Tel-Aviv.

### **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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship) to download an application. **The deadline for applications is November 16<sup>th</sup>.** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

**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. See [library.wcl.american.edu/circulation.cfm](http://library.wcl.american.edu/circulation.cfm) (scroll down for the exact language) for details on the use of these rooms.

**Help the Library Go Green! Turn off your carrel lights when you stop studying and use duplex printing whenever possible.** Library printers **Yoda, Dilbert, Rocky and Researchtoo printers can print on both sides of paper.** To set this utility up on your laptop follow these instructions: To check to make sure that your printer driver is configured for duplexing click on your 'Start' button, then choose (depending on your start menu setup) 'Printers and Faxes' OR 'Settings', then 'Control Panel' then 'Printers and Faxes'. You should see a list of installed printers. Right click on the printer you wish to print to and choose 'Properties' from the right click menu. Then click on the 'Device Settings' tab. Towards the bottom of the list of available settings you will see 'Duplex Unit' this should be set to "Installed" then click 'OK'. **To Print:** Click on 'File' then choose the 'Print' option. Click on the 'Properties' button near the top right. Under the 'Layout' tab there will be options for 'Print on Both Sides' just choose the style you want either flip on long or short edge. Click on the 'OK' button to set your choice and click 'OK' again to send your print job to the printer. Step by step instructions are also posted at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/technology/ipp.cfm> and include special instructions for Apple computers. Questions? Stop by the Student Computer Help Desk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Library or email [comptech@wcl.american.edu](mailto:comptech@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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT:

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behalf of the House seeks to compel former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten to comply with House oversight. Mr. Nathan, a former senior partner at Arnold & Porter, was named general counsel to the House by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Lunch will be served.

## WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

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

**June 2009**

**Information Session on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 – 1:20 pm, WCL Room 401**

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. In the meantime, past program information can be found on our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hague](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hague); interested students are encouraged to email [hague@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hague@wcl.american.edu) and request to be added to the listserv. **Please RSVP by emailing [hague@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hague@wcl.american.edu).**

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

**Monday, November 10, 12-1pm**

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; Second Floor Conference Room, 4301 50<sup>th</sup> Street building. **Please RVSP by emailing [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu).**

## WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

### **Question & Answer Discussion with Gender and Law Faculty**

**Monday, November 10, 3:00 – 4:00 pm, Room 401**

**Sponsored by the Women and the Law Program**

This is your chance to gender and law faculty members how they navigated (or wish they had navigated!) law school, what the classes they are teaching next term will cover and anything else that is on your mind.

For more information, please email the Women and the Law Program at [wilp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wilp@wcl.american.edu) or visit the Women and the Law Program website at [www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp](http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp).

**Seeing the Invisible: Spotting Gender Issues in First Year Courses**  
**Thursday, November 13, 4:00 - 5:00pm, Room 314**

Sponsored by the Women and the Law and Integrated Curriculum Programs, featuring Professor Ann Shalleck, Director of the Women and the Law Program.

What does the law you learn in your first year have to do with gender inequality? Does gender impact the law of Torts, Contracts, Property and Civil Procedure? Does the law you discuss in those classes enforce or challenge traditional gender roles?

By re-reading cases you have already covered in your classes, Professor Shalleck will help students focus on how to spot the often overlooked impact of gender in many areas of the law.

This session will be capped at 20 participants.

Priority will be given to current first year (or second year part-time) students.

Reservations are REQUIRED. Please indicate your class year in your RSVP.

RSVP to [wilp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wilp@wcl.american.edu).

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

### **Action for Human Rights**

#### **Alternative Winter Break to the Gulf Coast: APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Applications are available on the Action for Human Rights TWEN site or you can send a request for an application to [ahr@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ahr@wcl.american.edu) and one will be forwarded to you. Applications are due **November 14, by 12:00pm**. Submit all completed and signed applications to Jarrod Shirk in the Office of Career and Professional Development, suite 122. Please contact [ahr@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ahr@wcl.american.edu) if you have any questions. We hope you join us!

#### **Alternative Winter Break Information Session!**

Can't make up your mind about Alternative Winter Break? Still have some questions about the trip? We're having one last general information session for anyone who is interested in going but perhaps couldn't attend our previous meetings. We will meet next **WEDNESDAY at 4:30pm**, room TBA. Contact [ahr@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ahr@wcl.american.edu) if you have any questions

### **BLSA**

BLSA Week: November 17-21

Monday Bake Sale

Tuesday: Alumni Dinner 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, please RSVP to [blsa@wcl.american.edu](mailto:blsa@wcl.american.edu)

Wednesday: Internship/Exam Panel

Thursday: Join the Diversity Services at the Deans' Diversity Counsel Event. Register through special events

Friday: BLSA Happy Hour

General Body Meeting: November 10, 12pm Room TBA

### **Criminal Law Society**

**Summer job panel - Tuesday, November 11 at 12:00 p.m. in room 502.**

Are you interested in an internship, externship, or job in criminal law this summer? Join the Criminal Law Society for our summer job panel. You'll hear from students who spent last summer working for judges, Federal and local prosecution offices, and public defense offices. Come hear about these students' experiences working in these environments and learn how to land a similar position of your own.

**EJF**

**EJF Bookstore Discount Card Sale and Auction Theme Competition. Tuesday, Nov. 11 10am-7pm. Wednesday, Nov. 12 11am-7pm. Thursday, Nov. 13 10am-7pm.**

Equal Justice Foundation will be selling our Discount Cards Tuesday through Thursday of this week. Buy a \$10 discount card and **save 10% on purchases \$50 or greater at the American University Campus Store!** The card is good for the full school year (think spring semester books!). Also save on goods from local merchants including Chicken Out Rotisserie, Neisha Thai Cuisine, Pizza Hut, Robeks Fruit Smoothies, Tenley Liquor and Wagshals Delicatessen. EJF is also holding a **theme competition** for our Annual Auction. Have a great idea for a theme? Please submit it at our table next week!

All proceeds from Discount Card Sales will go to support the EJF Grant, which provides scholarships to WCL students who have obtained unpaid summer positions with public interest organizations in the United States and abroad. EJF enables WCL students to gain valuable experience in the public interest sector, while providing critical services to underrepresented members of our communities.

**Israel & Law Society and Society for Justice in Palestine**

Present: "**Between Compromise and Principle: Different Perspectives on the Refugee Issue in the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict**"

**Tuesday, November 11 @ noon in room 601.** Will Youmans, a fellow at the Palestine Center, will be presenting the Palestinian perspective and Noam Shelef, from Americans for Peace Now, will be presenting the Israeli perspective. Dean Jaffe will moderate the discussion and will open the floor for questions for both speakers. Falafel will be served.

**JD/MBA Club**

**JD/MBA club meeting! Wednesday, November 12th, 12:15-1:15pm. Room 504.**

Please come to our second meeting of the year to meet with our faculty advisors of both the business and law school to discuss the current JD/MBA program and suggest improvements. Students interested in learning more about the program who are not yet enrolled are invited as well. Lunch will be provided. Contact [msanocki@gmail.com](mailto:msanocki@gmail.com) if you have any questions

**Jewish Law Students Association**

presents "**Litigating Jewish-Interest Cases in the Supreme Court**" a Lunch and Learn with Nathan Lewin; a trial and appellate lawyer who has argued in front of the Supreme Court.

**Thursday November 13 Room 627. 12 - 1pm.** Lunch will be served! All are welcome!

Mr. Lewin argued the three principal Jewish religious-rights cases decided by the Supreme Court in

the past quarter century: The right to wear a yarmulke in the military; the right to display a Chanukah menorah on public property; and the right to maintain a public school for handicapped children in a Hasidic community.

### **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](mailto: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

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](mailto:kara.fischer@gmail.com) with "Law Revue - musician" in the title.

### **Legislation and Policy Roundtable**

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**. Efforts to protect the integrity of elections have been paralyzed by the debate over whether it should be easier for voters to register, to protect against disenfranchisement, or whether voters should have to verify their identity, to protect against fraud. Although this debate did not play a huge role in the outcome of the Presidential Election, it became an important issue in the campaigns and likely will continue to affect future elections. Speakers will address the arguments from both perspectives. Dessert will be served.

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Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten to comply with House oversight. Mr. Nathan, a former senior partner at Arnold & Porter LLP, was named general counsel to the House by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Lunch will be served.

### **The Modern American**

A Publication Dedicated to Diversity and the Law

Apply :

-Junior Staff

-Articles Editor

-Publication and Design Editor

Start date: Nov. 10 End date: Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, midnight

\*Applications online @ <http://www.wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/applications.cfm>

Email [tma@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tma@wcl.american.edu) with questions or concerns.

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> **until November 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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 the canned food drive and the Capital Area Food Bank, please contact Andrea McCall, Community Service Chair at [pad@wcl.american.edu](mailto:pad@wcl.american.edu).

**Phi Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting Tuesday, 11/11/2008 5-5:50 PM in Room 401.** Refreshments provided.

Help those in need this Holiday season. Phi Alpha Delta will be holding a **bake sale** benefitting **Bread for the City**. Baked sale goods will be sold in the lobby on **Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 9:00am to 6:00pm**. For further information, please contact Andrea at [am2493a@student.american.edu](mailto:am2493a@student.american.edu).

### **SALSA**

Join us for delicious Indian food and lots of dancing with all area law schools!

Over 100 students attend every year! Tickets on sale NOW!

(12pm - 5pm in the lobby) **LAST DAY FOR TICKET SALES: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Washington College of Law, George Washington and Georgetown Present:

**SALSA'S ANNUAL BANQUET THE INDIAN EXPERIENCE**

**1708 L St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036**

**Date: 11/14/08 7:30 - 12:00**

\$20 for students, \$25 for guests, \$30 at the door Look for the SALSA table in the lobby!

SALSA Encourages Everyone to Wear South Asian Attire! (Not Required)

Questions or Comments: [Poddar.Shivani@gmail.com](mailto:Poddar.Shivani@gmail.com)

### **Women's Law Association**

**First 1L Roundtable Lunch!**

## **Tuesday, November 11th from 12 - 1:20 in Room TBA**

Come join us for a lunch with Professor Carle as we talk about being a woman in our first year of law school. The lunch is limited to the first 20-25 people who RSVP with their 1L section reps and will be a good time to ask questions you might have and explore discussions that may not have yet been explored. Lunch will be provided and questionnaires will be handed out to ask you of future topics to focus on in the next WLA roundtable lunch.

## **IN SEARCH OF**

**Prof. Amanda Frost** is looking for a Dean's Fellows to conduct research for approximately 10 hrs/week on the relationship between the federal and state judiciaries, as well as to assist in preparing materials for her Civil Procedure and Legislation courses.

## **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](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu).

**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 2:45P.M. – 4:00 P.M. SEMIFINAL ROUND. You may sign up for one or more rounds by contacting Steve Wermiel.

**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.

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **International JD Dual Degree Programs--Info Session**

Save the date: **Thursday, November 13, from 12pm-1pm.** Please join us for more information on the International JD Dual Degree Programs in Spain, France, Canada, and Australia. Location: TBD—Please watch the WCL Calendar. Event will be podcast. Contact Macarena Sáez at [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu) or Jamie Welling at [jwelling@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jwelling@wcl.american.edu) with questions.

**Turkey Summer Law Program** will hold a **Question-and-Answer session on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at noon** in room TBA.

Have you ever been to Istanbul, Ephesus, Ankara or the Aegean Sea?

Istanbul's location is prime, the education first-rate, extracurricular activities abound, and the opportunity to travel after the program awaits. This unforgettable experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law.

Turkey Summer Law Program participants earn six credits for the two courses:

(1) International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey, Central Asia and the Middle East and (2) Legal Perspectives on Business and Investment Issues in Turkey. Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment and security issues. For additional information please see the Turkey Summer Law Program's brochure at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey>

## 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>

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**\*\*Upcoming Professionalism Series Programs\*\***

**Professionalism Series #3: Become an Opportunity Maker:**  
**A Program on Effective Networking, featuring Attorney Ari Kaplan**  
*Wednesday, November 12, 12:00-1:20pm in WCL Room 602*

Ari Kaplan, author of *The Opportunity Maker: Strategies for Inspiring Your Legal Career Through Creative Networking and Business Development* (Thomson-West, 2008), will teach students about harnessing the power of building organic relationships, becoming involved in the community and generating opportunities to stand out in today's stagnant economy. This is a must attend program for learning the power of networking! Please register to attend on CareerLink under the "Events" section. Pizza will be provided.

**\*2008 Fall Recruitment Program Reminders\***

**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: DOJ, Office of Justice Programs** – 2009 SMART Summer Internship. OJP runs its own summer intern program; law students would be brought on by OJP and could then be assigned to the SMART Office. **Deadline to Apply: Friday, November 21, 2008 via <http://www.usajobs.gov>** (Search title: "Grants and Program Support Intern (OA)")

**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.symphlicity.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](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu).

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### **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](mailto: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](http://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](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.idealist.org](http://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](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.

#### **Judicial Clerkships & Internships**

##### **ATTENTION 1Ls/2Ls:**

**Interested in obtaining a judicial internship/externship for summer 2009?** Hear from WCL students who worked within federal and state courts on Tuesday, November 18 **from 12-1 in Room 401**. Pizza will be provided, so an RSVP in the Events section of CareerLink is required. Get all the information you need to apply.

#### **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](http://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](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](mailto:killoran@wcl.american.edu) to let her know if you have secured a judicial clerkship!

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**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**

**Procter & 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 Procter & Gamble Company/Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship Program, please visit

[www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship](http://www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship) or send inquiries to [dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 BYC, 350 Broadway, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10013 from 3:30-5:30 pm. Please RSVP to:

[diversitycommittee@LegalServicesNYC.org](mailto: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](http://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.symphlicity.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**

**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](mailto: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](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 November 10, 2008**

**thru November 14**, Phi Alpha Delta School-Wide Canned Food Drive

Nov 11-12, 9am-6pm, Starbucks parking lot across from WCL, KatrinaRitaVille Express FEMA trailer

Nov 11-13, EJF Bookstore Discount Card Sale and Auction Theme Competition table

### **Monday, November 10**

All Day, WCL Lobby, Bakesale for Gulf Coast Recovery

12-1pm, [warcrim@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcrim@wcl.american.edu), Update on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

12pm, [blsa@wcl.american.edu](mailto:blsa@wcl.american.edu), BLSA General Body Meeting

3-4pm, Rm 401, Q&A Discussion with Gender and Law Faculty

### **Tuesday, November 11**

12pm, Rm 601, Between Compromise & Principle: Different Perspectives on the Refugee Issue in the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict

12-1:20pm, [kt7110a@american.edu](mailto:kt7110a@american.edu), Women's Law Association First 1L Roundtable Lunch

12pm, Rm 502, Criminal Law Society Summer job panel

5-5:50pm, Rm 401, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting

8-9pm, [externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu), Evening Students' Externship Orientation

### **Wednesday, November 12**

12-1:20pm, Rm 603, Human Rights, Housing and Education: A Panel Discussion Exploring New Orleans 3 Years After Katrina

12-1:20pm, Rm 401, Summer (June 2009) Law Program In The Hague Information Session

12pm, 6th fl stu lngs, Election Recap: How Voter Disenfranchisement or Voter Fraud Impacted the Election

12-1:20pm, Rm 602, Become an Opportunity Maker: A Program on Effective Networking

12:15-1:15pm, Rm 504, JD/MBA club meeting

4:30pm, [ahr@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ahr@wcl.american.edu), Alternative Winter Break Information Session

6pm, Rm 603, Cut Off with post-screening discussion led by director

7-10pm, [kara.fischer@gmail.com](mailto:kara.fischer@gmail.com), Law Revue auditions

### **Thursday, November 13**

9am-6pm, Phi Alpha Delta bake sale

12pm-1pm, [jwelling@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jwelling@wcl.american.edu), International JD Dual Degree Programs Info Session

12 - 1pm, Rm 627, Litigating Jewish-Interest Cases in the Supreme Court

4-5 pm, Rm 602, International Externship Workshop

4-5pm, Rm 314, Seeing the Invisible: Spotting Gender Issues in First Year Courses

7-10pm, [kara.fischer@gmail.com](mailto:kara.fischer@gmail.com), Law Revue auditions

### **Friday, November 14**

9am-2pm, Rm 603, Dangerous Products – From Lead Toys to Tainted Drugs: A Discussion for Consumer Protection Professionals and the Media