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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: 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.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 – Classes cancelled and offices closed.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2009:

Please note:

Sufficient spaces will be held in evening sections 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.

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).

REQUEST FOR EXAM DEFERRALS ARE DUE BY NOV. 21:

These should be submitted as soon as possible up until Nov. 21, unless illness or a family emergency comes after that time. The grounds for deferring an exam are available on the back of the request and listed below:

1. Two or more examinations scheduled on the same day;
2. Three examinations scheduled on three consecutive days, in which event one of the three may be deferred;
3. An examination scheduled on the morning (9.00 a.m.) following an examination the evening before (6.00 p.m.) **THERE IS NO '24 HOUR' RULE.**
4. Physical inability to take the examination;
5. Personal necessity, which includes emergency situations and religious observances.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

WCL Business Cards

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

ADA Accommodations Deadline!!

Washington College of Law students with permanent or temporary disabilities may be eligible for special accommodations to facilitate their study of the law. Eligibility for accommodations requires that students self-identify and present documentation of their disabilities. Please note that state boards of bar examiners consider whether a student received accommodations in law school when determining whether to grant accommodations on the bar exam.

In order to be considered for accommodations during the Fall exam period, students must provide sufficient documentation by **December 1**. 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.

Winter Warmers Drive Benefiting the Washington Middle School for Girls

Winter has come to D.C.! Student and staff volunteers will be in the lobby Monday through Wednesday next week (November 24-26) handing out “Winter Warmers” gift tags to the WCL community. Each tag will state the child’s first name, age, and size. The job is simple: go out and buy the child a pair of gloves, a scarf, and a hat. Your generous gifts will be given to the students of the Washington Middle School for Girls (WMSG) located in Southeast D.C. The Office of Diversity Services and the Office of Student Affairs, in collaboration with interested student groups, including BLSA and the Women’s Law Association, have adopted WMSG and will continue to have a partnership with the girls’ school. The WMSG is designed to increase academic achievement and retention rates of African American girls as they make the transition from elementary and middle school to high school. The majority of students at WMSG come from single parent, low income homes. To learn more about WMSG, go to their website at:

<http://www.washingtonmiddleschoolforgirls.org/>

Donations will be collected in the WCL lobby the first week of December. Please do not wrap your donations. Cash donations are also accepted and will go toward the purchase of Winter Warmers for a special child at the Washington Middle School for Girls. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Laura Hartz in Student Affairs, lhartz@wcl.american.edu

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

Washington Middle School for Girls (WMSG) Holiday Project

As you may have heard, the Office of Diversity Services and the Office of Student Affairs are collaborating in an “adoption” of the WMSG. It’s a tiny girls’ school in Anacostia—far southeast DC—and its primary goal is to increase academic achievement and retention rates of African-American girls as they make the transition from elementary and middle school to high school in this

underserved area of DC . For more information about WMSG, please see their website at <http://www.washingtonmiddleschoolforgirls.org/> .

Laura Hartz, who recently joined the staff as senior academic counselor, and director of DS, Sherry Weaver, are coordinating this effort; Laura's put in a lot of time on it this fall. In fact, she's named our first project "Winter Warmers," in which we're asking the entire community to support us in giving a holiday gift to each of the 66 girls at WMSG. We'll be handing out gift tags in the lobby next week (November 24-26). Each tag will give the child's first name, age, and size, and everyone who picks up one is being asked to buy the child a new pair of gloves, a scarf, and a hat. They will be collected in the WCL lobby the first week of December and delivered to WMSG's holiday party on December 12.

Don't have time to buy the gift? Cash donations also will be accepted and will go toward the purchase of Winter Warmers. And you don't need to worry about wrapping them; the Admission Office is supplying the wrapping paper. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Laura Hartz in Student Affairs, lhartz@wcl.american.edu .

Spring activities with WMSG will include formation of a "law club" and opportunities to act as mentors to the girls. You'll hear more about these later. Meanwhile, please join in the Winter Warmers project next week.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Restricted Scholarship Notice

Updates on the decision timeline will be provided as the process proceeds.

Important Notice - Loan Repayment Session – December 3

December graduates are encouraged to come out for an update on loan repayment on Wednesday, December 3 beginning at 11:30am in Room 603. A loan representative will be available to answer individual questions from 11:30 until noon and again following the formal presentation held from 12-1:00pm. All are welcome.

Spring Disbursements

Spring funds are scheduled for disbursement beginning January 5, 2009. Stafford loans and institutional aid, including WCL need-based grants and Mussey-Gillette awards, will be posted if record and enrollment criteria are satisfied. Lenders will release outside loan funds (Grad PLUS and private) beginning January 2. You **must** submit a new refund request for your spring refund. Submit your request through your **my.american.edu** account early on so that processing can begin as soon as aid is posted *Note: Aid is subject to adjustment if enrollment changes.*

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.

Computer Purchase Notice

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

Public Interest/Public Service Information

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

2009-2010 Financial Aid

Be on the lookout for your FAFSA renewal notice. You must reapply to receive financial aid for the coming year. Update your contact information if necessary at: www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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

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! – Washington, DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair – January 30, 2009

The 7th Annual Washington, D.C./Baltimore Public Service Career Fair will be held Friday, January 30, 2009 from 9:30am-4:30pm at George Mason University School of Law. This event features individual interviews as well as table talk opportunities with students from six area law schools. Last year's fair brought more than 75 employers and 400+ students together to meet and discuss public interest and government opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area. **Student registration opens Friday, November 21 at <https://law-dcpscf-csm.symplicity.com/students>.**

KEY DATES:

- Friday, November 21 – Student Registration Opens
- Friday, December 19 – Interview Bidding and Resume Collection Opens
- Wednesday, January 7 – Bidding Closes

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.

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 to find out how we can help you plan your program

NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 2

[Conference in connection with the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

**FOR ALL UPCOMING PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT
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.

Center Events

**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 visit the Center's website at <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org> or contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, American University Washington College of Law, 202.274.4075 or www.wcl.american.edu/secle or visit the Center's website at www.WCLCenterforHR.org

Center Announcements

THE CENTER SEEKS A FEW GOOD DEAN'S FELLOWS- Please see under "In Search OF"

*****Applications Due Monday, December 1, 2008*****

The Center for Human Rights has exciting opportunities for several Dean's Fellows this spring. We are a fast-paced office, and we always have fun! Available positions focus on different areas of Center programming. Please check below for additional information on these positions as well as instructions on applying. We hope to fill the openings by the end of the Fall semester, so apply soon!

Note: While part-time 1Ls are eligible for Dean's Fellowships, full-time 1Ls are not. Full-time 1Ls should keep your eyes open later in the year for great summer opportunities at the Center!

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.

Thanksgiving Weekend Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 27, 2008 the Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, November 28, 2008 the Library will be open 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday, November 29 - 30 the Library will be open regular hours
9:00 am – 12:00 am

During reading period and exams, December 5 - 20, 2008, access to the Pence Law Library will be limited to WCL and AU students, faculty, and staff, and WCL alumni and Government Depository users.

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.

Finding exams at the Washington College of Law All exams that are available to students are posted on the Library's webpage at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/exams/>
The WCL Exams Database contains all examinations that have been provided to the Pence Law Library by WCL professors since 1990. If there are sample answers they will be linked to the appropriate examination. Some exams will require a password for access that is available only from the professor of the course in question, but most do not. Please note that professors are not required to post their exams in **WCL Exam Database** and many choose not to do so. The Library does not maintain any paper copies of exams.

You can also do exam prep with CALI lessons at

<http://www2.cali.org/index.php?fuseaction=lessons.home> to see links to the list of available lessons. Your password for CALI is **AMERICstu4**. **AudioCasefiles** at www.audiocasefiles.com will also be helpful to prep for exams. You can download cases from various casebooks and listen on the go. When you register select American University, Washington College of Law and be sure to use your WCL email address.

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 (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 2nd floor of the Library or email compotech@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.

Happy Thanksgiving and good luck on exams!

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

SJD candidate Yi-Yuan Su will defend his dissertation on Wednesday, November 26 from 2-4 PM in room 103 (in the library). Mr. Su will present his doctoral dissertation entitled, "Negotiation and Implementation of an "Asian Bubble" under the Global Climate Change Regime."

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Chasantia Preer at cpreer@wcl.american.edu.

Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project

The **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** wants to thank the dozens of people in the WCL community who have helped to make possible the fall high school moot court competition this Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the U.S. Courthouse at 3rd St. and Constitution Ave. NW. Please feel free to come out and see high school students from 12 schools argue a First Amendment case. Rounds start at 9:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:45 p.m. **The final round, from 4:45 p.m. to 6 p.m., will be held in the ceremonial Courtroom on the 6th floor.** It will be judged by U.S. District Court Judges Emmet Sullivan, Ellen Huvelle, and Richard Roberts and U.S. Magistrate Judge Deborah Robinson.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

The WCRO invites you to apply to compete in the Jean-Pictet International Humanitarian Law Competition

The WCRO has begun preparing for the 2009 Jean-Pictet Competition. Unlike a moot court competition, the Jean-Pictet competition is a week-long international humanitarian law exercise involving simulated diplomatic negotiations. It's an excellent opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the study and practice of the laws of war and international criminal law.

We are looking for three students (J.D. or LL.M) who are interested in representing WCL in this year's competition, which will be held in Evian-les-Bains (in the French Alps, on the shores of Lake Geneva) from March 28 through April 4. WCL's participation in the Jean-Pictet Competition is dependent on the qualifications of its team members. Therefore, selection is competitive. Students with experience in humanitarian or international criminal law are particularly encouraged to apply for our team. Interested applicants should send us their names, year, resume, transcript (unofficial is fine), and a description of any experience with international criminal / humanitarian law, as well as answers to one of the following questions:

On May 30, 2008, a Convention on Cluster Munitions was adopted. Draft a critical assessment of this new treaty: what are the main contributions of the Convention to International Humanitarian Law, and what are its weaknesses?

During a non-international armed conflict on State X's territory, an organized armed group captures three members of the government armed forces. The organized armed group decides to transfer those detainees to the authorities of State Y, the neighbour of State X.

What is the status of the detainees on the territory of State Y?

Responses to each question should be limited to 500 words.

Note, applicants who will be 30 years old or older on the day the competition begins do not qualify for the competition. Any person who has previously attended the Competition is also ineligible to compete.

Email your application to warcimes@wcl.american.edu. **The deadline for applications is Monday, November 24th at 10 am.**

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

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 or call on 202.274.4056.

**Alternative Winter Break
Bakesale for Gulf Coast Recovery
Tuesday, November 25, All Day, WCL Lobby**

On Tuesday, November 25 please support the 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 ahr@wcl.american.edu.

Phi Alpha Delta

Thank you to all who donated non-perishable foods and money for the Capital Area Food Bank. As the holiday season approaches, your donations are appreciated. Special recognition goes to Professor Vaughn's Torts and Civil Procedure classes, Professor Morrison's Civil Procedure class, and Professor Abramowitz's Contracts class for donating a substantial amount of non-perishable foods.

IN SEARCH OF

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking Dean's Fellows for Spring 2009. JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be 20 hours per week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is Monday, December 1st.

Center For Human Rights Dean's Fellow: We are looking for an enthusiastic student to help carryout the Center's exciting programming for the Spring semester. The Dean's Fellow will assist with marketing Center events, managing the Center listserv, and providing support to our many fun events and projects. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure and web design are a plus. There are two positions available so the minimum time commitment is 10 hours however up to 20 hours per week are available.

To Apply: send a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample (max. 5 pages) to Center Program Coordinator Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate that you are applying for the Center Dean's Fellow position in the subject line AND in your cover letter. Applications are due by Monday, December 1, 2008.

Project On Human Rights And Gender In Pakistan Dean's Fellow: 20 Hours Per Week

The Center seeks a Dean's Fellow for its project on human rights and gender with the University of Peshawar in Peshawar, Pakistan. The University of Peshawar and WCL have partnered for a 4-year program of capacity building, academic exchange and program development to help enrich both

faculties in the implementation of human rights and gender education and law. The Center seeks a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative support to the Project as well as assistance planning and organizing conferences and events both at WCL and the University of Peshawar. Students with a particular interest in international law and/or Pakistan and its legal traditions are particularly encouraged to apply. The time commitment for this position is 20 hours per week.

To Apply: send a cover letter, resume, and short writing sample (max. 5 pages) to Center Program Coordinator Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate that you are applying for the Pakistan Project Dean's Fellow position in the subject line AND in your cover letter. Applications are due by Monday, December 1, 2008.

Project On International Humanitarian Law Dean's Fellow (In Conjunction With The Icrc): 10 Hours Per Week

Support the work of the Center and the ICRC in expanding and improving the teaching of International Humanitarian Law at law schools both here in the United States and abroad. The time commitment for this position is 10 hours per week.

To apply: send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Hadar Harris at hharris@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate that you are applying for the IHL Dean's Fellow position in the subject line AND in your cover letter. Applications are due by Monday, December 1, 2008.

Project On Human Trafficking And Forced Labor Dean's Fellow: 10 Hours Per Week

We are seeking a 2L, 3L or graduate student with a background in human rights, labor, women and/or migrant's rights and who is an enthusiastic self- starter, has excellent research and writing skills and is able to multitask. The Fellow will work closely with the Director but will also have responsibilities over discrete projects. The Program will focus on the U.S., Mexico and Central America so fluent Spanish is preferred but not mandatory. The time commitment for this position is 10 hours per week.

To apply: send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages) to Project Director Ann Jordan at ajordan@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate that you are applying for the Human Trafficking Dean's Fellow position in the subject line. Applications are due by Monday, December 1, 2008.

VOLUNTEERS

The Clinical Program is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation and simulation role-playing. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, please contact Maribel Yamat at myamat@wcl.american.edu 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 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.

**Want To Join The Center Student Advisory Board? Applications Available In Early January
Application Available for download December 4th**

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of highly qualified and committed students interested in human rights and humanitarian law who work closely with the Center over the course of a year. The SAB focuses on assisting the Center in developing programming that reflects student interests and priorities. SAB members meet with the executive director weekly and commit to at least 15 hours of work with the Center per month. SAB members are selected in January and are active through the Spring, Summer and subsequent Fall semesters.

In exchange for the time and energy that the SAB provides, the Center organizes monthly skills development workshops for SAB members. Past skills workshops have explored public speaking, op-ed writing, and grant writing. SAB members also receive special invitations to many outside events, including awards dinners and meetings with human rights advocates.

Applications for the 2009 Student Advisory Board will be available for download from the Center's website on the last day of classes, Thursday, December 4th and will be due on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 3pm. Questions? - email the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or stop by our table at the WCL 2009 Opportunities Day, scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd in the WCL Cafeteria.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The International JD Dual Degree Programs application deadline is **January 30, 2009** for Spain, France, Canada, and Australia. Visit: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/admissions.cfm#dualdegreejd> and choose the specific program you are interested in for more information, requirements, and applications. Please contact Macarena Sáez at: msaez@wcl.american.edu Ste. 373A or Jamie Welling: jwelling@wcl.american.edu Ste. 355 with any questions. Any 2L interested in the Australia program with Monash University (who would be able to leave for Melbourne by August 2009) should see Macarena or Jamie directly for more information and the application.

Environmental Externship Seminar w/ Professor Snape- Spots are still available for the Environmental Externship Seminar (769-007), where you can gain 4-6 credits working for such exciting places as Natural Resources Defense Council, Greenpeace, Department of Justice, E.P.A., the D.C. Government, Capitol Hill, National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife or any other public interest entity (including pro bono firms or arms of firms). The externship is supplemented by practical teaching by a twenty-year veteran of environmental legal policy battles, and includes guest speakers who are leaders in the field. Please contact wsnape@wcl.american.edu with a resume for more information.

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

Upcoming Programs, Dates & Deadlines & Important Reminders

2008 Fall Recruitment Program Reminders

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**

Direct Application: District of Columbia Public Schools Office of the Chancellor 2009 Summer Associate Program. Apply now to be an Urban Education Leadership Associate in the Office of General Counsel. **Deadline to Apply: Friday, December 12 at 11:59PM**

Notice Regarding Student Professional Network and 2008 Summer & Academic Year Employment Evaluations on CareerLink

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 Professional Network" 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.

Notice Regarding Program and Counseling Surveys

The Office of Career & Professional Development now emails electronic surveys to students following OCPD-sponsored programs and individual career counseling sessions. Your feedback is

valuable to us, so please complete each survey you receive for those programs and/or counseling sessions you attend. The comments we receive are very helpful for future programming and counseling initiatives.

Public Interest & Government

Save the Date – Washington, DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair

Washington, DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair – January 30, 2009

The 7th Annual Washington, D.C./Baltimore Public Service Career Fair will be held Friday, January 30, 2009 from 9:30am-4:30pm at George Mason University School of Law. This event features individual interviews as well as table talk opportunities with students from six area law schools. Last year's fair brought more than 75 employers and 400+ students together to meet and discuss public interest and government opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area. **Student registration opens Friday, November 21 at <https://law-dcpscf-csm.symplicity.com/students>.**

KEY DATES:

- Friday, November 21 – Student Registration Opens
- Friday, December 19 – Interview Bidding and Resume Collection Opens
- Wednesday, January 7 – Bidding Closes

INTERESTED IN Government Employment?

Please review the **Government Honors & Internship Handbook** on the home page of CareerLink regularly. There are still opportunities for 3L/4Ls, as well as summer opportunities for 1Ls (starting December 1) and 2Ls. Depending on student level, **Tables 2, 3 and 4 in the Handbook** provide the best guidance regarding upcoming deadlines. If you have any questions about government job search strategies, please contact OCPD to schedule an appointment with a career counselor.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING GOVERNMENT APPLICATIONS:

The Food & Drug Administration has filled its spots for the *Summer Intern Program*. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook originally published a deadline of December 1st (after speaking with the FDA over the summer), but recently learned that the deadline was changed to November 1st. As the number of government employment applicants continues to grow, this may be a more common occurrence and **students are encouraged to APPLY EARLY.**

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.idealists.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 the CareerLink homepage to access the online version and username and password.

Judicial Clerkships & Internships

Paid Judicial Internship Opportunity for 1Ls/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. 1Ls may begin applying December 1. 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

DELAWARE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION MINORITY JOB FAIR FOR 1Ls!!!!

Are you interested in working in Delaware? This is your chance to interview with all sizes of Delaware law firms, public sector and public interest employers, learn about diversity opportunities, and have breakfast with distinguished members of the Delaware Bench and Bar! The job fair is set for **January 17, 2009** at Widener University School of Law. There is NO FEE to attend the fair, but **YOU MUST APPLY FOR AN INVITATION TO ATTEND no later than December 10, 2008**. For more information and application materials, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at Musallam@wcl.american.edu.

WMACCA CORPORATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM!!!!

Interested in working in-house? WMACCA, the regional chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, announces the sixth annual *2009 Corporate Scholars Program*, which will place 8-10 students in summer internships at major, corporate in-house legal departments. **Each student will receive a scholarship award of up to \$7500!** The program is open to students who will be either 2Ls or 3Ls in the Fall Semester 2009. Internships must be a minimum of 10 weeks and start no later than June 1, 2009. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and must be postmarked no later than January 23, 2009.** For more information and a full application, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at Musallam@wcl.american.edu.

AMERICAN HEALTH LAWYERS ASSOCIATION DIVERSITY SUMMER

INTERNSHIP!!!! A \$3500 stipend for an eight week internship (June-mid August) is being offered for either a diverse 1L or 2L student for this summer. The intern will assist the VP and Managing Editor of Professional Resources and Manager of Public Interest, network with local health law attorneys from all legal sectors, and attend the annual AHLA meeting in Washington, DC. For more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam at Musallam@wcl.american.edu.

\$7500 1L DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP!!!!!! Davis Wright Tremaine LLP is offering three scholarships (two positions in the Seattle office and one position in the Portland office) which consists of a paid Summer Clerkship AND \$7500 towards the students' second year tuition and expenses. For more information and full application materials, please contact Eliza Park Musallam

at Musallam@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4339. The deadline for application submissions is **January 21, 2009**.

ARENT FOX DIVERSITY \$15,000 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The firm will award three **first-year law students \$15,000**. The scholarship recipients will also join Arent Fox's 2009 Summer Associate Program; one will summer in Los Angeles, one in New York City and one in Washington, DC. **Applications will be accepted from December 1, 2008 through January 15, 2009 only**. For more information, including information regarding program eligibility and application requirements, please visit <http://www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship>

FAEGRE & BENSON DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1LS!!!! The firm will offer **two \$12,000 scholarships** as well as a Summer Associate position in one of the U.S. offices between the students' first and second years of law school. To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must be currently enrolled in a J.D. program in 2008-2009 with an anticipated graduation date of 2011. Scholarship recipients will receive \$6,000 for their second year of law school and an additional \$6,000 for their third year. Scholarship recipients will be chosen partly on the basis of a short essay that explores how diversity has influenced their lives and how it affects the legal profession. **Applications are due January 9, 2009**. The Diversity Scholarship Announcement and Application Form on the firm's website at <http://www.faegre.com/diversityscholarship>.

1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM!!!! Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, a leading West Coast law firm, is offering two first-year law students with **salaried summer associate positions** (one in the Sacramento office and one in the San Francisco office) and a **\$7,500 fellowship** for use during the student's second year of law school. For **FULL** information about the necessary application materials and candidate requirements, please contact Eliza Park Musallam at Musallam@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4339. All students applying for the 2009 Law Student Diversity Fellowship Program must submit their application **no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009**. For more information on Bullivant Houser Bailey PC please visit www.bullivant.com

PROCTOR & GAMBLE COMPANY and DINSMORE & SHOHL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: 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 or send inquiries to dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com.

HARTER SECREST & EMERY LLP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP for 1LS!!!!!!
TWO 1L law students will be award a **\$7500** scholarship each to be applied to the student's second year tuition AND a paid 10-week summer associate position between the student's first and second year of law school either in the Rochester or Buffalo office. The Diversity Scholarship **application must be received by Harter Secrest & Emery LLP on or before Friday, January 23, 2009**. The

Diversity Scholarship winners will be selected by February 13, 2009. For full scholarship and application information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at Musallam@wcl.american.edu.

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. **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.**

*** 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 24, 2008

Tuesday, November 25

All Day, WCL Lobby, Bakesale for Gulf Coast Recovery

Wednesday, November 26

2-4pm, Rm 103 (in the library), SJD dissertation defense