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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2009 SEMESTER

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 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.

Add/Drop Period Through This Week, January 12-21

Students may add or drop course continuously through the next week via the web, <https://my.american.edu/> at any time if spaces are open. Students must register for externships or independent studies in the law school Registrar's Office, Suite 304. Signed contracts are required to do so. The deadline for registering for independent studies and externships is January 27, 2009.

Holidays

Monday, January 19 and 20 are holidays for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance and Inauguration Day consecutively. Classes will not meet and administrative offices will be closed.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2009 GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in May 2009, please complete an Application to Graduate as soon as possible. Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/grad.cfm> under Office of the Registrar.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on my.american.edu under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). Students may also find previous semesters' grading numbers here.

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. Please read all instructions carefully. You are responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

Attention Bar Exam Applicants: Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application, please request as soon as possible (for most states, applying early means avoiding late fees). Please be sure to carefully read **all** instructions before filing your bar exam applications. Each state has different requirements and procedures. Go to www.barexam.org to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSING OF THE UNIVERSITY:

The decision to close the university or have a delayed opening is made by the Provost in consultation with the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management. In case of overnight snow and ice, the decision is made by 6:00 am. In cases of snow during the day, the decision to close for evening classes will be made by 3:00 pm. Decisions to change a delayed opening to a closing will be made by 8:30 am. Decisions are made as early as possible, but often are affected by rapidly changing conditions. Circumstances considered in taking such decisions are: (1) conditions of campus, (2) conditions of roads and public transportation, and (3) predicted weather. All major TV and Radio stations will be notified as soon as decisions are made. The University Hotline number for information on closing is 202-885-1100. For individual cancellations of law classes students please call 202-274-4400.

SPRING 2009 COURSE OPENINGS

Enroll Now!

International & Comparative Copyright Law (LAW-698-001)

In addition to covering the basics of **International and Comparative Copyright**, Prof. Jaszi's spring course will include a special focus on multinational and domestic options for the **legal protection of traditional culture**. In place of a final exam, students will submit a **research paper** on an aspect of this featured topic. This paper can be used to satisfy the Upperclass Writing requirement. Space is available, and students without prior coursework in IP are welcome. The first session is Tuesday the 13th at 3:00 PM. Feel free to e-mail pjaszi@wcl.american.edu with questions.

SPRING 2009 COURSE POLICIES

Advanced Environmental Law: Liability and Torts (Law 844-001) (Mr. Breen): The course grade is based on a final examination (75% of the grade) and class participation (25% of the

grade). Class participation includes regular classes and an in-class legislative exercise near the end of the semester.

Advanced Corporate Law: Corporate Governance (Professor Effross)- Attendance Policy: Students are required to attend 75% of our regularly scheduled classes (i.e., those classes held as scheduled at 1:30 - 3:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and those classes held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to submit the final paper for the course.

E-Commerce Law & Drafting (Professor Effross)- Attendance Policy: Students are required to attend 75% of the regularly scheduled class sessions (i.e., those held as scheduled at 9:00 - 10:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and those held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to take the final examination.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Course Packet Distribution Center is open for the Spring 2009 semester. The Course Packet Distribution Center is located in Room 465, and is where supplemental course packets are available for purchase.

Operating Hours:

Days: Monday through Friday

(closed weekends - except special Saturday hours posted below)

Hours: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Special Hours:

January 12 - 16 and January 21 - 23

9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 10, January 17, and January 24

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Purchasing Course Packets:

It is recommended that students purchase materials only for the classes in which they are enrolled. Please do not purchase materials for classes BEFORE enrollment.

Checks, money orders, traveler's checks, Visa, and MasterCard are the only accepted forms of payment. Cash, Discover, and American Express are NOT accepted.

Materials are not sold by telephone, facsimile, U.S. Mail, Federal Express, or courier service.

Refunds:

Course packets are non-refundable. An exception can be made if a class is dropped and course packets are returned:

- within three weeks of the original date of purchase;
- with the original receipt, and;
- with a copy of the old and new class schedules.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Lunch with the Dean!

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman begins on **Thursday, January 29 at 12:30pm**. Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

The lunch is limited to 14 students on a first-reply, first-invited basis. Requests to be included are addressed to djaffe@wcl.american.edu and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Please await a return e-mail to confirm your space.

ADA Accommodations

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

It is the law school's desire to identify entering students with disabilities early in your time at WCL, in order to review information and documentation, determine appropriate accommodations, and provide those accommodations in a timely fashion. Depending on the nature and onset of a disability, many state boards of bar examiners are reluctant to provide accommodations on the bar exam if an applicant first seeks accommodations during the bar application process. A record of receiving accommodations in law school may be helpful.

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.**

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

WELCOME BACK TO SPRING SEMESTER!

Washington Middle School for Girls (WMSG) Winter Warmer Project – Thanks to all who assisted in the project as either volunteer or donor. Laura Hartz, Vanessa Anthony, and Sherry Weaver delivered the warmers that you all so generously donated to WMSG on Friday, December 12. We, as WCL reps, were the program for that day's Community Kudos Assembly so we were welcomed with an introduction that included very well-researched background information about WCL and its origins. After a few words and the showing of our video holiday greeting, we presented WCL's gifts. The WCL community ultimately donated sufficient complete sets of hats, gloves, and scarves to outfit every girl in the school, as well as lots of other warm things. The director of the school said she knew exactly with whom to share the extra clothing. So Laura, the

fabulous coordinator of this effort, and I thank all of you who contributed your time, talent, and/or Winter Warmer donation. We'll be back in touch with you soon about the next step: the Law Club.

10th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Program

Thursday, January 15, 2009—4:00 PM—Room 603-- Prof. Perry Wallace, who delivered the very first speech in the series, will give the tenth. His speech will focus on the Obama election and its place among other apparent civil rights breakthroughs. As many of you know, Prof. Wallace integrated the Southeastern Conference as a member of the Vanderbilt basketball team and has since been honored for his courage and character by having been named to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame; designated an SEC Living Legend; and having had his jersey retired. In addition to that amazing background, Prof. Wallace brings expertise in corporate law and minority economic development. Therefore, his speaking about President-Elect Obama on the occasion of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King seems entirely appropriate. Mrs. Barbara Williams, director of financial aid, led the very first group reading and this year will lead nearly twenty students and members of faculty and staff in the tenth reading: excerpts from "I Have a Dream." A reception will follow the formal program. Please join us for this very special moment.

An abbreviated list of other spring events to watch for:

- Dean's Diversity Council Speaker's Luncheon – February 0
- DiscoverLaw Program for high school and early college students – February date TBA
- Hispanic Law Conference – March 5
- Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law – April 2

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Welcome Back!

Spring Disbursements

Spring semester aid has been disbursed. Check your "snapshot" at **my.american.edu** for confirmation of payment. Stafford funds, WCL grants and Mussey-Gillett awards posted if enrollment in six credit hours was confirmed and file requirements satisfied. Outside loan funds (Grad PLUS and private) are posted daily as payments arrive.

Refunds are issued when a credit balance exists on your student account, i.e, aid is fully disbursed and all charges are paid. A refund request **must** be filed each semester; submit your request through your **my.american.edu** account. The timeline for processing refunds is established by the Student Accounts Office; checks are generally available the first week of classes. Refund activity can be monitored through your "snapshot".

Dean's Fellow Payments

The first payment of spring semester Dean's Fellow awards (non work-study appointments) will be issued January 30. The Payroll Office has asked that new appointments or changes to existing appointments be submitted by the close of business **January 12** for checks to be issued on time.

Consortium Agreements

If you are visiting another institution this term a Consortium Agreement may be required and should be completed as soon as possible for your aid to be processed and transferred. Check with the office for details.

2009-2010 Financial Aid Priority Deadline - March 1, 2009

FAFSA applications can now be filed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The **Need Access** application for WCL grant aid is available at www.needaccess.org. ***Please note that the Access Group has re-instituted an application processing fee.*** Additionally, the FAFSA must be on file for summer aid to be processed. Don't delay.

Public Interest/Public Service Information

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

Outside Scholarships

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

Staff Contact Information

- Derek Thompson A – H Advisor
- Judi Amey I – P Advisor
- Barbara Williams Q – Z Advisor
- Richard Legendre – Dean's Fellow processing
- Chauntee Thrill – General Inquiries

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! - Equal Justice America Fellowships Available for Spring and Summer 2009

Equal Justice America provides fellowships of **up to \$1,500** for Spring 2009 and **up to \$4,000** for Summer 2009 to students who work for organizations providing direct civil legal assistance for the poor. Spring semester applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Summer applications must be postmarked by **March 23, 2009**. 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS:

NEW! - Finding Your Public Interest / Government Summer Internship – Thursday, January 15, 12-12:50pm, Room 602

Many public interest/public service employers do not participate in formal on-campus recruiting programs. As a result, students must often take a “Do it Yourself” approach to the job search. This program will highlight resources available at WCL and other organizations to assist students in their search. A panel of upperclass students will share their own public interest/public service job search experiences and success stories. **Pizza will be provided for those who RSVP on CareerLink.**

NEW! - How to Prepare for the Externship Fair and Public Service Career Fair – Tuesday, January 27, 12-12:50pm, Room TBA

The Externship Fair (1/28) and Public Service Career Fair (1/30) are excellent opportunities to find your next public interest/public service experience. This program will explain how both events work and how students can come prepared to speak with employers. Avis Sanders, Director of the Externship Program, will be present to answer questions.

NEW! - WCL Externship Fair – Wednesday, January 28, 4-6pm, 6th Floor Dining Area

The annual Externship Fair provides an opportunity for students to meet with a wide variety of employers offering externships, for information- gathering, networking, and informal interviewing. The Externship Program places hundreds of students each year in unpaid externships with government agencies, not-for- profit organizations, courts and law firms engaged in pro bono work. Students earn academic credit for participating in an externship seminar while performing substantive legal work under the supervision of an attorney. The organizations benefit from the services of skilled law clerks who commit to working for the semester. Last year, more than 110 employers and 400 students participated in the Externship Fair, and many organizations were able to complete their summer recruitment in this relaxed environment. Past participants include the Public Defender Service for DC, VA & MD; the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; the U.S. Department of Justice; the Organization of American States; and many more! **Students:** resumes and business casual attire recommended.

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. **Students can register at <https://law-dcpscf-csm.symplicity.com/students>.**

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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PLEASE REGISTER FOR EVENTS!!!!!!

It only takes two minutes at the most and it means that we can have accurate counts for seating, food, and attendance. You can register for all the upcoming spring events at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration>

Jurisprudence of the Military Commissions

Friday, January 23 (9am-4:00pm, Room 603)

With the start of a new administration, American University Washington College of Law and the National Institute of Military Justice will present a day-long conference examining the jurisprudence of the military commissions under the Military Commissions Act of 2006. No matter what fate the military commissions face after the inauguration, whether the next administration ends them completely or reforms them in some manner, over twenty individuals have been charged, two convicted in contested trials and one pled guilty under the system since 2007. A significant body of law emerged from the military commissions that will be of interest to military and civilian attorneys, students and historians for years to come. For more information and to register, please visit the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, American University Washington College of Law, 202.274.4075 or www.wcl.american.edu/secle.

Embracing Non-Traditional Families: The Annual Symposium of the Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law *CLE*

Monday, January 26 (10am-5:15 pm)

The Symposium will consist of three panels all focused around themes arising from Professor Nancy Polikoff's groundbreaking book "Beyond Gay (and Straight) Marriage". The panels will address the feminist and comparative family law perspectives on non-traditional families, and an activist/policy perspective on what approaches should be pursued in the aftermath of the multiple state-level bans on gay marriage, the California gay marriage decision, and the passage of Proposition 8. *Presented by Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law*

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 10

[Obama, Washington and the World](#)

JANUARY 15

[10th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration](#)

SAVE THE DATES: JANUARY 2009

- **JANUARY 21**
[Patentable Subject Matter after the Bilski Decision - An Address by Chief Judge Michel - United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit](#)
- **JANUARY 22**
[Opportunities Day](#)
- **JANUARY 23**
[Jurisprudence and the Military Commissions](#) **

- **JANUARY 24**
[Alvina Reckman-Myers First Year Moot Court Competition](#)
- **JANUARY 26**
[Valuing All Families Under the Law](#) **
- **JANUARY 28**
[The WCL Externship Fair](#)
- **JANUARY 29**
[Information Policy in the New Administration](#)
- **JANUARY 30**
[The Role of Presidential Leadership in Advancing Civil Rights](#)

**** Indicates that CLE credit will be applied for**

**FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FOUNDERS PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT
WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE/FOUNDERS/2009**

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

PIJIP INTERNSHIPS FOR SPRING 2009

The Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP) offers one-semester internships related to our grant-funded research on public interest topics. PIJIP internships are open to all students, and 1Ls who are unable to receive Deans Fellowships are encouraged to apply. Interns will be assigned include both research and administrative tasks.

Fair Use in Copyright Internship:

The Fair Use in Copyright Intern will assist PIJIP's work to strengthen fair use protections for documentary filmmakers in South Africa. This joint project with South African filmmaker organizations aims to explore

(1) the problems that current interpretations of South African copyright law may pose to the development of the documentary film industry, and

(2) opportunities to address those problems through changes in law or the practice of filmmakers.

The intern will work with Deans Fellows who began the project in the fall semester. Research tasks will center on international copyright and fair use legal issues. For more information about the project, see PIJIP's webpage: www.wcl.american.edu/pijip/go/internationalfilm

International Access to Medicines Internship:

In Spring 2009, the PIJIP International Access to Medicines Intern will work on an ongoing project focused on Africa, and a new project focused on Latin America The Human Rights and Access to Medicines Legal Education Initiative – a joint project with the University of Pretoria – trains practitioners and Parliamentarians in Africa on the use of WTO-compliant use of generic medicines – begins its second year in 2009.

Intern tasks related to this project will include compiling and reviewing documents for the syllabus of a short course to be co-taught in Pretoria by WCL professor Sean Flynn, as well as research into intellectual property issues associated with access to medicines internationally. For more information about this particular international health project, see PIJIP's webpage: www.wcl.american.edu/pijip/go/humanrights.

PIJIP will also begin a new collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization this spring to study alternate funding mechanisms for medical research into diseases prevalent in Latin America. Intern tasks will include researching various existing proposals to address flaws in the current international patent system that lead to its failure to promote R&D into so-called "neglected diseases."

Domestic Health Intern:

PIJIP's work on domestic health issues is funded by groups of state and local legislators concerned with the rising cost of brand-name pharmaceuticals for both individuals and regional governments. One area of particular interest is legislation regulating or banning the collection of and sale of physicians' prescribing records to pharmaceutical companies for marketing purposes (and defending state legislation against industry lawsuits). The PIJIP Domestic Health Intern will assist a Dean's Fellow who began work on this and related issues in the fall semester. Research tasks will center on the protection of confidential data and the cost of healthcare. Additionally, the intern may help compile news stories about domestic pharmaceutical access issues for a biweekly newsletter published by the National Legislative Assembly on Prescription Drug Prices (NLARx). More information on the issue is available at the NLARx website: www.reducedrugprices.org.

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.

SPECIALIZED HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM, May 25 – June 12, 2009

Are you interested in Human Rights? If you are then you should participate in this program that is open to lawyers, advocates, and law students in the United States and abroad. You can choose from 10 courses in English and 7 in Spanish taught by 33 leading experts in the field. Last year we had more than 180 participants from 35 countries. If you have questions, please contact us at hrcademy@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4070.

Faculty and Courses in English:

ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

ASBJORN EIDE, Professor Emeritus, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway

SCOTT LECKIE, Executive Director, Center on Housing Rights and Evictions, Geneva, Switzerland

EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

LEO ZWAAK, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM), Utrecht University, Netherlands

ELECTION OBSERVATION AND THE RIGHT TO POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

LARRY GARBER, Executive Director, New Israel Fund, Washington, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

JAMIE WILLIAMSON, Legal Counsel, International Committee of the Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

YVES SANDOZ, Professor, University of Geneva, Switzerland

INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

ELIZABETH ANDERSEN, Executive Director, American Society of International Law (ASIL), Washington, D.C.

DOUGLASS CASSEL, Director, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame, Indiana

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT

PATRICK VAN WEERELT, Human Rights Adviser, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), New York

REGIONAL APPROACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW: AMERICA, ASIA, AND AFRICA

ANTONIO CANÇADO TRINDADE, Judge-Elect, International Court of Justice, Netherlands

JONAS GRIMHEDEN, Senior Researcher, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden

CHRISTOF HEYNS, Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa

TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS

JOSEPH ZOGBY, Chief Counsel, Senator Richard Durbin, US Senate Judiciary Committee, Washington, D.C.

REED BRODY, Counsel and Spokesperson, Human Rights Watch - Brussels, Belgium

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM

MANFRED NOWAK, Special Rapporteur on Torture, United Nations

FRIED VAN HOOFF, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM), Utrecht University, Netherlands

WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

ELIZABETH ABI-MERSHED, Deputy Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States (OAS), Washington, D.C.

REBECCA COOK, Co-Director, International Program on Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, University of Toronto, Canada

Faculty and Courses in Spanish:

DERECHO INTERNACIONAL HUMANITARIO

ALEJANDRO VALENCIA VILLA, Advisor, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Colombia

IMPLEMENTACION DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS EN EL DERECHO INTERNO

VICTOR ABRAMOVICH & FELIPE GONZÁLEZ, Members, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

RODRIGO UPRIMNY, Director, Research Center for Law, Justice and Society, Colombia

IMPUNIDAD Y JUSTICIA

JUAN MÉNDEZ, President, International Center for Transitional Justice, New York

FABRICIO GUARIGLIA, Senior Appeals Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court, The Hague

SYLVIA STEINER, Judge, International Criminal Court

LITIGIO Y ACTIVISMO EN DERECHOS HUMANOS

CARLOS AYALA, Former President, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (OAS)

VIVIANA KRSTICEVIC, Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), Washington, D.C.

MUJERES Y EL DERECHO INTERNACIONAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS

LUISA CABAL, International Director, Center for Reproductive Rights, New York

SISTEMA INTERAMERICANO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS

SANTIAGO CANTÓN, Executive Secretary, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (OAS)

CLAUDIO GROSSMAN, Dean, American University Washington College of Law

CLAUDIA MARTIN & DIEGO RODRÍGUEZ-PINZÓN, Co-Directors, Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law

SISTEMA DERECHOS HUMANOS DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

FEDERICO ANDREU-GUZMÁN, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists, Switzerland

FERNANDO MARIÑO MENÉNDEZ, Professor, Public International Law, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

Center Announcements

JOIN THE CENTER'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Center's Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of highly qualified, creative students committed to human rights advocacy. The SAB provides students interested in and committed to human rights the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementation of Center programming, to learn tangible skills beyond the classroom for effective advocacy and activism, and to attend special SAB-only events and receptions. SAB members meet weekly with Center staff and participate in monthly skills development seminars that focus on topics like grant proposal

writing, public speaking, lobbying and more. SAB members are also available to answer questions about Center activities or working and interning in human rights as law students.

Learn more about the SAB on *Opportunities Day*, scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009.

To apply, download the application from the Center's website at

<http://WCLCenterforHR/sab.cfm>, and submit it to aparker@wcl.american.edu by 5pm on

Monday, January 26, 2009. Interviews will be held the same week. We encourage you to apply!

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

War Crimes Speaker Series: Barbara Mulvaney

On **January 21st**, the WCRO will host **Barbara Mulvaney**, lead trial attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in the "Military I" case involving four senior officers of the Rwandan army in 1994: Colonel Théoneste Bagosora, Director of Cabinet in the Rwandan Ministry of Defence; General Gratien Kabiligi, head of the military operations bureau (G-3) of the army general staff; Major Aloys Ntabakuze, commander of the Para Commando Battalion; and Colonel Anatole Nsengiyumva, commander of the Operational Sector of Gisenyi. As the highest authority in the Rwandan Ministry of Defense in 1994, with authority over the Rwandan military, Col. Bagosora, 67, is considered the "mastermind" behind the genocide in Rwanda in which more than 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in just 100 days. In December, the ICTR was convicted him, along with Maj. Ntabakuze and Col. Nsengiyumva, of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. All three were given a life sentence.

January 21st, 12-1:30 pm, in the 50th Street Conference Room (4301 50th Street, NW, 2nd floor).

Summer Law Program in The Hague

The WCRO is accepting applications to the Third Annual Summer Law Program in The Hague, scheduled for June 1 – June 28, 2009.

Join us for this rare opportunity to learn and live in the heart of the international justice community. Examine critical issues of international criminal law and international legal approaches to terrorism while spending a month in the "International City of Peace and Justice" among the practitioners, courts and tribunals making history today. The Program has a maximum enrollment of 40 students. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as we expect the program to fill up quickly.

Participants enroll in two courses, *International Criminal Law: In Search of Accountability* and *International Legal Approaches to Terrorism in the 21st Century*, and visit international tribunals like the International Criminal Court (ICC), International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY). In 2008, students had the opportunity to observe proceedings in the Charles Taylor case, the former president of Liberia who is being tried in The Hague by the Special Courts for Sierra Leone (SCSL).

The brochure and online application are available online at www.wcl.american.edu/hague .

WCRO Dean's Fellows Positions for Spring 2009: 2Ls, 3Ls and LLMS

The War Crimes Research Office 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 a minimum of 20 hours a week; this position is remunerated at \$12/hour. 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 **Friday, January 16, 2009 at 5 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4301 50th Street, NW, just a few blocks from WCL, call us at 202-274-4067, or e-mail at warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413
(202) 274-4200
www.wcl.american.edu/externship
M, W: 9-5pm
T: 10-6pm
Th: 9- 6pm
F: 9 – 4pm
externship@wcl.american.edu
Avis Sanders, Director
Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

EXTERNSHIP REGISTRATION

Important information for Spring Externs:

- **Seminars:** **If you are planning to receive credit for your field placement, you must register for a seminar immediately or we may not be able to accommodate you.** If you are unable to find a seminar that fits your schedule, please contact our office **right away**. *Students who fail to register for a seminar may be ineligible to receive academic credit for their externship.*
- If you are interested in environmental law, and are looking for an externship, please contact Professor Snape for assistance.
- **Fieldwork: To obtain the forms you will need to apply for your field work credits, please follow the instructions on the Externship Program homepage (www.wcl.american.edu/externship).** Entering your information does not register you for the fieldwork credit. You must manually add the fieldwork credit by submitting your application online, signing the online contract, and bringing your add/drop form to the Externship Office for signature. The signed add/drop form must then be turned in to the Registrar's Office.
- **All 3 credit externships meet for two hours plus an additional hour every other week in small groups.**
- ***You must submit your application for fieldwork credits by January 16th. However, earlier submission is advisable as not all applications are approved.***

2009 EXTERNSHIP FAIR

The annual WCL Externship Fair will be held on January 28th, 2009. Sections 1 and 2 will attend from approximately 4:00 to 5:00 and sections 3 and 4 will attend from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Section 5 may attend from 4:00pm until 6:00 pm. Every year over 120 employers from not-for-profits,

government agencies, courts, and law firms engaged in pro-bono work come to the Fair. Many students get their externships as a result of attending the fair. Please prepare your resumes prior to the Fair. The Office of Career and Professional Development has excellent resources on their website. Software for resume formatting is available at <https://wcl.optimalresume.com/>. This software will enable you to create a professional-looking resume quite easily. You may also make an appointment to meet with one of OCPD's counselors to discuss your resume.

PAID HELP WANTED

The Externship Office needs WCL students to work during the Externship Fair on January 28th. We will need students available to work at some time during the hours of 10am-6pm. You do not need to be available to work the entire time. You will be paid as a WCL Dean's Fellow. Because of tax and employment paperwork, past or current Dean's Fellows are preferred but not required. You will be assisting employers and externship staff with setup and registration.

INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING

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

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.

SPRING SEMESTER 2009 CARREL LOTTERY INFORMATION A limited number of Library carrels are assigned by lottery from a pool of eligible students for the semester. To be eligible for a reserved carrel, you must be a 2L, 3L, 4L or LLM student and working on an upper level writing requirement or writing a journal article or comment due this semester. **Registration for the lottery will open at midnight on January 12, 2009. The deadline for registering for the online lottery is 12 noon on January 22, 2009. Students selected will be notified by email of their carrel assignment.** Any waiting list for carrels will also be generated by the lottery.

To view our carrel policies and to sign up for the online lottery, go to <http://library.wcl.american.edu> and link to Carrel Reservations. Questions? Contact John Smith, Access Services Librarian, at jasmith@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4354.

ENHANCEMENTS TO POWER AND DATA CONNECTIVITY IN THE LIBRARY Over the semester break we've added power and data connections to Library carrels and added hubs with ethernet cables in the group study rooms. Data connections through cables are faster and more secure than over wireless. If you expect to remain in the same spot for a while, plug in. Please leave the cables in the ports for other users. WCL Technology will be sending more information in another email. Questions? Contact Technology at comptech@wcl.american.edu.

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, the title of the article, and the journal name to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources at bkaufman@wcl.american.edu. The Library will host a reception on March 2 to honor student scholarship efforts and we don't want to leave anyone out!

RESEARCH SERVICES Are you starting your research paper or comment and need help identifying possible topics? Are you spading for a journal and unsure of what a citation means or where it can be located? Are you lost using the Code of Federal Regulations? There is help available at the Reference Desk. Stop by, call 202-467-4352 or email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu

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.

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 comptech@wcl.american.edu.

We have a new Lexis Representative, Amanda Deatherage. If you have problems accessing Lexis or have specific Lexis questions, contact her at 202-857-8298 or email her at amanda.deatherage@lexisnexis.com.

Attention New Students! Don't Forget to Register Your Lexis and Westlaw Passwords! You should have received your activation codes during Orientation, and you must register them or they will be turned off. For Lexis, go to <http://lawschool.lexis.com> and lick on **Register Your Activation Code** in the sign-on box. For Westlaw, link to <http://lawschool.westlaw.com> and click on **Register your Password Here**. If you have not received an activation code, stop by the Reference Desk to pick one up.

The Pence Law Library is looking for a few good law students to work in the library. Work up to 20 hours a week in various schedules processing books and materials. Email your resume and a short note detailing your interest to Mimi Games at mgames@wcl.american.edu. Part-time first year and upper level students with library experience preferred.

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 both Library copy rooms. An online form is also posted at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm>.

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!

Have a great semester!

IN SEARCH OF

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): Volunteer to assist low-income individuals prepare their tax returns and often to obtain critically needed income supplement benefits available with return filing (earned income credits). We have arranged for volunteer training at WCL on **Saturday, January 17, beginning at 9:00 am in Room 602**. Please save the date and consider training to provide this important pro bono service. To register as a volunteer, please go to www.dceitc.org/signup to complete the online volunteer application.

Interpreters/Translators

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.

If you were a volunteer in Fall 2008 and you would like to be available for the Spring 2009 semester, please stop by Room 417 to fill out a new schedule form for the semester. Thank you!

Case Investigators

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.

The Office of Admissions is seeking volunteer JD Student Ambassadors to communicate with admitted students and assist at spring Admitted Students Events. You can select the activities you prefer and the time commitment could be a few emails or leading a luncheon discussion at an on-campus event. Volunteers can be first-year or upper-level JD students. Positive contact with current students can be the deciding factor when admitted students are selecting a law school. If you have had a productive law school experience and would like to share your “words of wisdom” please complete the brief **Student Ambassador Volunteer Form** on-line at https://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/volunteer_form.cfm. If you have any questions about the time commitment, please contact Associate Director Brooke Sandoval at sandoval@wcl.american.edu.

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

PART-TIME ASSISTANT

Human Rights Legal Education Project

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law – Human Rights Legal Education Project is looking for one part-time assistant for the Spring 2009 semester. The assistant will be required to work 15-20 hours per week to provide support in the implementation of research and educational projects in the US and Latin America (especially Venezuela, Nicaragua and Bolivia) and conduct research in international human rights law as needed. Excellent writing skills in English and fluency in Spanish are essential. Part-time 1Ls are encouraged to apply. The salary for this position is \$12/hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your cover letter, résumé and short (10 pages max.) writing sample as soon as possible to Matias Hernandez, matias@wcl.american.edu, indicating “Part-Time Assistant Spring 2009” in the subject line.

The Office of Admissions is seeking an upper-level JD student to join our team of student workers who currently work part-time in our office. The duties include covering the Admissions reception desk, giving tours, speaking at information sessions, processing mailings to prospective students and other general office duties. The pay rate is \$12.00/hour and is paid bi-weekly. Ideal candidates should be active in the WCL community and be able to work both of the following shifts:

Monday 9-1pm

Wednesday 9-1pm

There may be other opportunities to pick up additional hours during the semester covering a colleague’s shift or if we need additional tour guides for a special event. The schedule would start immediately and run through April 28th. Law student staff are not required to work during spring break, reading period or finals, but there will be hours available if their schedule permits.

If you are interested in the position, please email a copy of your resume and note confirming your availability to Assistant Director of Admissions Meghan Walter at mwalter@wcl.american.edu.

DEAN'S FELLOWS

Professor Brenda V. Smith and the Project on Addressing Prison Rape seeks Dean's Fellows for the Spring of 2009 semester, to work 10-20 hours per week. Dean's Fellows will provide research and assistance with projects on legal issues related to sexual abuse in correctional facilities and implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Excellent work ethic, and research and writing skills a must. Office hours required. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to bvsmith@wcl.american.edu and jyarussi@wcl.american.edu.

Professor Diane F. Orentlicher is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the Spring 2009 semester. She would like to hire either one Dean's Fellow for 20 hours/week or two for 10 hours/week. Students will assist Professor Orentlicher on a range of international law projects, including a research project on the impact of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in Bosnia. Applicants should send a cover letter indicating their interest, principal qualifications and the number of hours/week they are available, to Professor Orentlicher c/o her administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, at rthompson@wcl.american.edu (Room 475) as soon as possible, along with a resume and short writing sample.

Professor Robert Tsai is looking to hire 1-2 Dean's Fellows for the spring to help him with his research on the presidency, civil rights, and obscure constitutions. Strong research and writing skills a must. Please submit c.v. and references to: rtsai@wcl.american.edu.

Dean's Fellow, Specialized Human Rights Program

The **Specialized Human Rights Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** is looking for two Dean Fellows to work 10-20 hours a week primarily in the coordination of the 2009 program. These positions will work closely with the Program Coordinator. Knowledge of Spanish and familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite is highly desirable. The positions are only available to Washington College of Law students. Full time 1Ls are not eligible to apply. Please email a cover letter and resume to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu with the subject "Dean's Fellow – Spring 09". In your letter please indicate the number of hours you would be interested in working.

Dean's Fellow, Professor Claudia Martin

Academy Co-Director and Professor Claudia Martin seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Spring 2009 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate "Prof. Martin Research Assistant Dean's Fellow Spring 2009" in the subject line.

Dean's Fellow, Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon

Academy Co-Director and Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Spring 2009 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and

resume to hracademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate "Prof. Rodriguez-Pinzon Research Assistant Dean's Fellow Spring 2009" in the subject line.

Dean's Fellow, Inter-American Moot Court Competition

The Competition is looking for two highly-motivated Dean's Fellows for the Spring 2009 semester to help organize the 14th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Join us as we recruit students, faculty and attorneys from around the world. Tasks will include implementing various marketing strategies, researching the Bench Memorandum, helping with fundraising efforts, designing the website, planning fun events, and much more. We are looking for a native (or extremely fluent) Spanish speaker for 10-20 hours a week (students will be compensated at \$12/hour). Please send a cover letter and résumé to the Competition at iamoot@wcl.american.edu **as soon as possible**. Please highlight any translation experience you may have in your cover letter. All students, particularly LLM students & former Competition participants, are encouraged to apply!

Jane Stoever, Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic and Practitioner-in-Residence, seeks to hire one Dean's Fellow for 10 hours/week for the spring semester. Candidates with a background or interest in criminal law, immigration law, and professional responsibility are strongly encouraged to apply. This is a research position and candidates must have strong research and writing skills. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and brief writing sample by e-mail to jstoever@wcl.american.edu by January 23, 2009. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so please apply early.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO LOOK FOR A SUMMER JOB -- Prof. Ira Robbins seeks to hire one or more Dean's Fellows/Research Assistants to work this summer (and perhaps into next academic year) in one or more of the following areas: criminal law, prisoners' rights, habeas corpus, death penalty, judicial process, and pro se litigation. Interested students should apply by putting a cover letter, résumé, photocopy of unofficial law school transcript/grade report, and writing sample in Professor Robbins' mailbox in Room 467 (or slip it under his office door, Room 322). In addition, please indicate the nature of your other commitments for the summer and next academic year. The work will be substantially full time in the summer and 15-20 hours a week during the school year. (The positions are primarily intended for 1Ls, but 2Ls will also be considered.) Please email Professor Robbins if you have any questions: robbins@wcl.american.edu.

The Legal Rhetoric Program is looking for Dean's Fellows to fill Classroom Fellow, Writing Fellow, and Research Fellow positions beginning fall 2009. We are looking for students who are committed to student mentoring, Bluebook citation, research, comfortable in a leadership role, and interested in working closely with Rhetoric faculty and staff. Classroom Dean's Fellows will teach citation and other discrete topics as selected, developed, and supervised by the instructor. All Dean's Fellows are required to participate in First Year Orientation in August 2009 (right before classes start) and in semi-regular Dean's Fellow meetings. The positions are for 7.5 hours per week with some 15 hour per week positions available. Compensation is estimated at \$12.00 per hour (through tuition remission or biweekly paychecks, depending on student Federal Work Study eligibility). If you are interested, drop off your cover letter, resume, and writing sample (7-10 pages

printed) to the Legal Rhetoric Office (room 129), in the designated box by Monday, February 16, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. If possible, please use two-sided printing for your writing sample to save paper. Please indicate in your cover letter your preference, if any, for the Classroom Fellow, Writing Fellow, or Research Fellow position, and the grade you received in Rhetoric for the fall semester. For further information, pick up a handout from the Legal Rhetoric office.

Dean's Fellow - Spring 2009 - current JD students only

Professor Cathy Schenker, the associate director of the **International Legal Studies Program**, is looking for a current **JD student** to work as a Dean's Fellow in the spring semester. The fellow will research legal issues, create fact patterns and write two sample memos for Prof. Schenker's legal research and writing class – a class designed for LLM students from non-common law backgrounds. Strong writing skills are a must. International experience is preferred. 10 hours/week – the hours are front-loaded towards the beginning of the semester. Candidates must be **currently enrolled as JD students** in order to be eligible for this position. Interested students should submit a writing sample and transcript to Cathy Schenker in room 345 or via e-mail to schenker@wcl.american.edu.

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project at WCL would like to hire one Dean's Fellow for the semester to research and write a moot court problem that will be used in the 2009-2010 academic year. The problem would be used for the moot court competitions we organize for the high school students in Marshall-Brennan classes in the D.C. area. Applicants should have completed constitutional law and criminal procedure and must have strong research and writing skills. The problem must be completed by the end of this semester. The Dean's Fellow will work under the supervision of Steve Wermiel, associate director of the Marshall-Brennan Project. The number of hours will be determined with the individual who is selected. To apply, submit a cover letter explaining why you are interested and why you are a good candidate for this job and submit a resume to Steve Wermiel in Suite 515. You may e-mail the materials, as well, to swermiel@wcl.american.edu. If you have questions about the position, please e-mail or call Prof. Wermiel at 202-274-4263.

Macarena Sáez, International Programs Coordinator, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the spring semester. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing on issues of comparative family law (gender discrimination, same sex marriage) as well as administrative tasks related to international programs and gender initiatives in Latin America. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, but is not required. Interested students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via email to msaez@wcl.american.edu.

The **International Arbitration Program** is seeking to hire a Dean's Fellows (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the Summer Session on International Arbitration, Founder's Arbitration Event, and other related activities. This year's spring activities will provide **networking opportunities** with partners at law firms, principals at leading organizations in the field of arbitration, arbitration practitioners, and government representatives.

Interested students should apply by submitting a resume, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample in our office mailbox in Room 465 or by email to arbitration@wcl.american.edu by **Friday January 23rd**. Questions can be directed to Susana Castiglione at 202-274-4321 or arbitration@wcl.american.edu. Prior office experience is preferred.

The **Impact Litigation Project** is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the spring with the potential to continue through the summer semester to work on a freedom of expression case currently pending before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project on a variety of matters including strategizing, preparing for hearings, interviewing witnesses and expert witnesses, etc. Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 15 hours per week researching and drafting legal memoranda as well as providing administrative support for the office. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow spring 2009" in the subject line.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Student Group Leaders:

Are you looking for alumni speakers and panelists? Do you want to invite alumni to an event? Contact the **Office of Alumni Relations** at alumni@wcl.american.edu as far in advance as possible. We will contact the alumni for you and assist with your program. (Please do not contact alumni directly.) Looking forward to working with you this semester!

BREATHE IN AND OUT AND MEDITATE

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm (Starting January 7)

WITH Linda Lazarus of the Center to Advance Human Potential, LLC, an experienced teacher of meditation, yoga and qigong who has made presentations for many organizations, including the American Bar Association, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia Mediation Service, Gold's Gym, and numerous law firms.

Questions: 202-364-2744 or lindalazarus@starpower.net

We're excited to announce the upcoming tip-off of the **Winter Lady Lawyers League** (basketball), January 14th at the Georgetown Law Center!

When? Registration begins December 29th and runs through January 9th, or until we hit capacity. The league will tip-off on Wednesday, January 14th and will run through Wednesday, March 25th. Games will be played on Wednesday nights between 7-11PM.

Where? We will again play at [Georgetown Law Center](#). Georgetown Law is conveniently located between Judiciary Square and Union Station on Metro's red line, and features a sparkling, new gym.

How much? \$85 for a lawyer/person with a real job. \$65 per law student.

How do I register? Space is always very limited. Players will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Registration closes on January 9th, or when the league fills. Head to the website for online registration: www.getinthegamehoops.com

Do I have to be a serious baller? All abilities are welcome and encouraged!

Can I try a new team? Most definitely. A player can register as an individual and we will place you with a team, or you can specify a team preference.

Got Questions? Email us at DCLadyLawyers@gmail.com or check out the website at www.getinthegamehoops.com

The International Business Department of the Kogod School of Business is now offering

Geopolitical and Business Dimensions of Hi-Tech Israel

New course offering for Spring open to all AU graduate students: IBUS-744-002

This is an inter-disciplinary course which combines seven weeks of classroom work in the first half of the Spring 2009 semester with a one-week travel component to Israel over Spring break.

The course includes briefings and discussions with Washington, D.C. diplomats, experts and policy makers. The travel component combines visits to Israeli government sites, hi-tech companies, research institutions and universities, and NGOs with cultural visits in Tel Aviv, Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem.

For more information, please contact Jonathan Post at post@american.edu or visit <http://kogod.american.edu/israel>

SJD candidate Ms. Esther Kisaakye will defend her dissertation on Friday, January 16 from 10 AM-12 PM in room 103 (in the Pence Law Library). Ms. Kisaakye will present her doctoral dissertation entitled, "Employment Discrimination Against Women in Uganda: A Case Study of Women Lawyers"

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Chasantia Preer at cpreer@wcl.american.edu.

Graduating Class of 2009 Class Gift Committee - Get involved with the Graduating Class Gift Committee and help leave the Class of 2009 legacy! Great opportunities to network with alumni and support your soon-to-be alma mater. For more information, please email Dianne Buckley, Assistant Director of Annual Giving at dbuckley@wcl.american.edu or call on 202.274.4056.

The **International JD Dual Degree Programs** application deadline is **January 30, 2009** for Spain, France, Canada, and Australia. Visit: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/dualdegree.cfm> 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.

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

PMF ASSESSMENT PREP SESSION REMINDER

Please remember, there will be a PMF assessment preparation session on **Wednesday, January 14th from 4:45 – 5:30pm** in the **Mary Graydon Center, Room #203**. Please note, this session is being coordinated by the American University Career Center and will be held on American's **MAIN CAMPUS**. You can RSVP to this preparation session through the following link: http://eagleeye.american.edu/careercenter/details.cfm?event_ID=4636.

SPRING RECRUITMENT INFO SESSION:

FINDING YOUR PUBLIC INTEREST/GOVERNMENT SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Thursday, January 15, 12-12:50pm, Room 602

Many public interest/public service employers do not participate in formal on-campus recruiting programs. As a result, students must often take a “Do it Yourself” approach to the job search. This program will highlight resources available at WCL and other organizations to assist students in their search. A panel of upper-class students will share their own public interest/public service job search experiences and success stories. **Pizza will be provided for those who RSVP on CareerLink.**

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 employers for students from six area law schools. **Registration, Interview Bidding, and Resume Collection have now closed, but students are still welcome to attend the Table Talk portion of the fair without having registered.**

FCBA FOUNDATION NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING OF UNPAID LEGAL INTERNSHIPS AT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

For the sixteenth consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation will award stipends to law students from its Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund. In 2009, the Foundation will award at least five \$5,000 stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other government agencies or entities with a connection to the communications industry (i.e., broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellite, wireless, and information technology).

In addition, the Foundation will select one outstanding intern among those chosen to receive an additional stipend of \$600 for the summer—the “Max Paglin Award.” Mr. Paglin was the former General Counsel and Executive Director of the FCC, and the founder of the Golden Jubilee Commission on Telecommunications, which compiled a definitive legislative history of the Communications Act.

Requirements

Applicants will be selected on the basis of: (1) a demonstrated interest in the communications field, (2) having secured or having pending, an unpaid summer position (internship) for at least 8 weeks in communications with a government agency, (3) dependence on financial assistance in order to accept the unpaid internship in a government agency or entity involved in communications; and, (4) community activities. To the extent a recipient receives unanticipated funding for the unpaid internship, the FCBA Foundation’s general policy is to reduce its scholarship awards by any amount that a recipient’s total funding (including all sources) for the internship would otherwise exceed \$7,000.

Applications for a Lee Fund scholarship should be submitted to Kerry Loughney, FCBA Foundation, 1020 19th Street, N.W., Suite 325, Washington, D.C. 20036, by Friday, March 6, 2009. Applicants may be asked to interview with members of the Foundation Board; interviews may be conducted by telephone. Winners will be notified by Friday, April 17, 2009.

To see the application, go to: http://www.fcba.org/foundation/internship_stipends.shtml

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.

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 employers for students from six area law schools. **Registration, Interview Bidding, and Resume Collection have now closed, but students are still welcome to attend the Table Talk portion of the fair without having registered.**

JOB SEARCH RESOURCES!!

It's not too late to line up a fall internship or externship. Also, you should begin thinking about summer and post-graduate opportunities. Visit the following websites for a jumpstart on your job search.

1. **CareerLink** – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options** to receive regular email updates. Also remember to check CareerLink regularly for post-graduate and internship opportunities!
2. **PSLawnet** (www.pslawnet.org) – Recently updated, the Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Postgraduate Fellowship" section. It also provides excellent resources in the "Career Central" and "International Resources" sections.
3. **Idealist** (www.idealist.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship and employment opportunities, not only in the legal field.
4. **Opportunities in Public Affairs** (www.opajobs.com) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Log onto CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. **The Government Honors & Internship Handbook**. The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to the CareerLink homepage to access the online version and username and password.

JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS & CLERKSHIPS

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

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. **Application deadline is January 16, 2009.** For more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam at Musallam@wcl.american.edu.

ARENT FOX DIVERSITY \$15,000 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The firm will award three 1Ls **\$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>

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 in OCPD 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

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.

DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE 1L DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP; three scholarships (two positions in the Seattle office and one position in the Portland office), which consist of a paid Summer Clerkship and **\$7,500** for the student's second year tuition and expenses. **Applications for the coming year must be received on or before January 21, 2009.** For complete details on criteria and the application process, please email OCPD career counselor Eliza Park Musallam at musallam@wcl.american.edu.

PORZIO, BROMBERG & NEWMAN DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP: Are you a first-year law student, a legal or permanent resident of the US, a resident of New Jersey, a leader in your community, committed to advancing diversity, and have a 3.3 or higher undergrad GPA? If so, then Porzio, Bromberg & Newman invites you to apply for its \$5,000 Diversity Scholarship. **The deadline to apply is February 28, 2009.** For application materials and more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at musallam@wcl.american.edu.

DORSEY & WHITNEY DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP FOR 1Ls: for placement in the firm's Denver, Minneapolis, and Seattle offices during the summer of 2009. **Applications will be accepted between December 1, 2008 and January 22, 2009, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.** Recipients will be selected by February 27, 2009. Three fellowships – one each in Denver, Minneapolis and Seattle – will be awarded for 2009. Each fellowship recipient will be a first-year law student of a diverse background who has a record of academic achievement and commitment to promoting diversity. Each recipient will work as a 2009 Dorsey summer associate and, at the end of the summer, will receive \$10,000 toward law school tuition and expenses during the 2009-2010 school year. For more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at musallam@wcl.american.edu.

WOMEN'S LAWYERS DIVISION OF THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION LEGAL INTERN PLACEMENT PROGRAM (LIPP) LIPP is designed to provide minority law students with summer employment that will develop their professional skills and marketability by partnering with legal employers to offer students professional legal experience. In addition, LIPP interns are partnered with attorney mentors as well as educational and professional development opportunities. Previous employers who have participated in LIPP include solo practitioners, law firms, not-for-profit corporations, government agencies, trade associations, and unions in the areas of housing, employment, litigation, and general law practices. **Deadline for application is January 30, 2009.** For more information and complete application materials, please email Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at Musallam@wcl.american.edu.

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER LLP \$15,000 DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP is offered to current 1L or part time 2L minority students with a demonstrated commitment to a career in IP law. The scholarship recipient will also accept an offer to join the firm as a summer associate in one of our domestic offices (Atlanta, Cambridge, Palo Alto, Reston or Washington). For more information and complete application materials, please email Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at Musallam@wcl.american.edu.

NASHVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION DAMALI BOOKER 1L MINORITY JOB: Open to 1L Minority Students on **February 27-28, 2009 in Nashville, TN.** This year's career fair will be held at Miller & Martin, 150 Fourth Ave., North, Suite 1200, Nashville, TN 37219. **The deadline to register is January 28, 2009.** For registration packet and more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at musallam@wcl.american.edu.

WOLVERINE BAR ASSOCIATION (Detroit, MI) 2009 SUMMER CLERKSHIP PROGRAM: places first-year minority law students in clerkship positions that will provide opportunities to establish a network of contacts, develop practice skills, and acquire other intangible benefits gained from the experience of working in a challenging professional environment, all of

which are critical to the launch of a successful legal career. For more information on the program, eligibility, and application requirements, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at musallam@wcl.american.edu. **Materials need to be submitted by regular or electronic mail no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009.**

ABA SECTION OF BUSINESS LAW 2009 DIVERSITY CLERKSHIP PROGRAM:

Applicants must meet the following criteria: (1) be currently enrolled as a **first or second-year student in good standing** at an ABA accredited law school J.D. program; (2) be minority group member (students of color, women, students with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered students) or have overcome a social or economic disadvantage such as a physical disability, financial constraints, or cultural impediments to becoming a law student; (3) demonstrate financial need; and (4) be a member of the ABA Law Student Division and the Section of Business Law. Law students selected to participate in the program will receive a clerkship with a judge in either the Pennsylvania, Delaware, Florida, or New York areas and a **stipend of \$6,000**. Recipients will be notified in March 2009. **All application materials, including letters of recommendation, must be received by Friday, January 30, 2009.** For a complete application and more information about the program, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at musallam@wcl.american.edu.

RECEPTIONS

ARNOLD & PORTER 1L MINORITY RECEPTION from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the Washington, DC offices of Arnold & Porter LLP (located at 555 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20004). Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The reception will provide attendees with a great opportunity to meet and network with both minority attorneys working at Arnold & Porter LLP and other minority law students. If you plan to attend the reception, **please RSVP by Thursday, January 15th to Stefanie Sinn at 202-942-5331 or Stefanie.Sinn@aporter.com**. Please visit www.aporter.com for more information on Arnold & Porter LLP and its diversity initiatives.

*** For more listings on DIVERSITY INITIATIVES, please visit the OCPD webpage under "DIVERSITY EVENTS" at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/jobfairs.cfm> ***

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LLM STUDENTS

FROM ADRIANA VITO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER PROGRAMS

**International Student Interview Program (ISIP) - NYU Job Fair for LL.M. Students
Important Updates**

**CONGRATULATIONS FOR BEING SELECTED FOR INTERVIEWS IN SUCH A
COMPETITIVE PROGRAM!!**

WHAT'S NEXT?

Registered students who obtained interview invitations through ISIP this year should keep in mind the following calendar of activities:

WCL will offer 2 ISIP Information Sessions to prepare you for your trip to NY and your interviews during ISIP

Learn what to bring, when to arrive in NY and other interviewing tips and details. Choose one of the sessions below and sign up by emailing avito@wcl.american.edu

*Remember to include your full name and which session you wish to attend on your RSVP email.

- **Next Wednesday, January 14 2009, from 12:00pm- 1:00pm, Room TBA**
- **Next Thursday, January 15, 2009, from 12:00pm- 1:00pm, Room TBA**

Refreshments (soft drinks) will be offered during these two sessions. Students are welcome to bring their lunch/snacks (brown bag event).

Thursday, January 22, 2008: Students who are participating in ISIP Interviews this year should arrive in New York City for early student registration at New York University. Student registration is open on Thursday, January 22 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm. During this time, students should present their **AU ID cards** as form of identification and pick up their final interview schedules and information package about the ISIP 2009 program, including interview locations and detailed information about the interviewers. More information about on-site registration will be given during WCL's information sessions on January 14 and 15 at 12:00pm (see above).

Friday and Saturday, January 23 & 24, 2008: International Student Interview Program: students will participate in interviews according to their individual schedule. Interviews will happen all day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Questions about ISIP? Contact Adriana Vito by email: avito@wcl.american.edu

Africa Career Café: The Africa Council will be hosting its second annual African Career Night on Thursday, January 22, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kreeger Lobby of the Katzen Arts Center. The Africa Council would like to connect students interested in African and global affairs with organizations that do work on the African continent. For more information, e-mail africastudiescouncilau@gmail.com. Please note: this event is organized by the Africa Council. Any questions should be directed to the email listed above. Thank you.

Attention foreign students graduating in May 2009:
OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) WORKSHOP

Tuesday, January 27, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Room TBA

Pizza will be served

Are you a F1 (student) visa holder? If so, please plan to attend this session to learn more about how to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), the work authorization granted to you after your graduation from WCL programs. During this session, Immigration Specialist **Lori Reynolds**

will address the procedure to apply for OPT and give you time frames and deadlines you need to know before applying. **Registration is mandatory.**

Please register by accessing: http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/employment_opt_sessions.html - Click on: "[SIGN UP FOR AN OPT SESSION](#)" and choose the session for WCL students. **Registration closes on Friday January 24 so remember to register early and guarantee your spot!**

BASIC RESUME AND COVER LETTER WORKSHOP FOR FOREIGN ATTORNEYS (Mandatory for all foreign LL.M. students): Friday, January 30, 12:00pm to 2:30pm-Room TBA**

Foreign students are invited and encouraged to attend our next Resume and Cover Letter Drafting Workshop for Foreign Attorneys on **Friday, January 30 from 12:00pm– 2:30pm (room will be announced next week).**

This workshop will teach you basic resume drafting skills to help you avoid common mistakes when drafting your resume and cover letters. This session is open for all foreign students and alumni (including foreign LL.M., foreign JD and foreign SJD students) who wish to refresh their resume drafting skills or acquire the basic knowledge necessary to draft good job/internship application materials.

**** Please remember that foreign LL.M. and SJD students are required to attend one Resume and Cover Letter Workshop before scheduling an individual counseling session with OCPD for career counseling or resume and cover letter review. Since the workshops are mandatory, the earlier you attend the better! New students encouraged to attend! ****

RSVP: registration is required. If you plan on attending this session, please send an email including your name, country of origin and the name of your program to avito@wcl.american.edu . You will receive an email confirmation right away.

Attention JD Students: Dean's Fellow Needed – Apply by January 16

The Assistant Director for International Career Programs at the Office of Career & Professional Development seeks a Dean's Fellow for the spring semester. This is a temporary assignment for 10 hours per week from January to May 2009.

Duties will include: collecting job postings from several websites and resources, updating and organizing bi-weekly career newsletter with new job postings, formatting word documents as needed, drafting business letters as part of an outreach program, assist with various administrative projects in the office.

Requirements: Candidates must be current JD students. This job requires excellent English drafting skills. Knowledge of a foreign language is helpful. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel preferred. Knowledge of publishing software is helpful. Experience living and working abroad is a plus. Candidates must have an interest in working with international individuals in a multicultural and diverse environment. Interest in other countries and other cultures is fundamental for this job.

To apply: please send your resume and cover letter to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu by January 16, 2009.

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.** Our first Resume and Cover Letter Workshop this year will happen on Friday, January 30. All **foreign** LL.M. students (current and new students) are welcome to attend. Stay tuned to your emails for more detailed information and instructions on how to register for this session.

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 January 12, 2009

Monday, January 12

Tuesday, January 13

Wednesday, January 14

12-1pm, Room TBA, ISIP Information Session

Thursday, January 15

12-12:50pm, Rm 602, Finding Your Public Interest/Government Summer Internship

12-12:50pm, Rm 602, Spring Recruitment Info Session: Finding Your Public Interest/Government Summer Internship

12pm-1pm, Room TBA, ISIP Information Session

4-6pm, Rm 603, 10th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration

Friday, January 16

10am-12pm, Rm 103, Dissertation Defense, "Employment Discrimination Against Women in Uganda: A Case Study of Women Lawyers"