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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

The United Nations Committee Against Torture Project: Presentation and Information Session

Tuesday, February 10, 12:15-1:15pm, lunch provided: Room 100

Advance registration required at www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration

Come learn about the law school's remarkable United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT) Project, as well as how to apply this spring for the fall 2009 Project. Panelists **Dean Claudio Grossman** (Chair of the United Nations Committee against Torture), UN CAT Project Coordinator **Jennifer de Laurentiis**, Professors **Jamie Raskin** and **Darren Hutchinson**, and student participants **Alexandra Bradley**, **Anna Cabot**, **Gillian Chadwick**, **Amalia Greenberg**, **J. Hess** and **Solomon Shinerock**, will discuss the UN CAT Project as well as the upcoming application process.

Message from Dean Grossman: Bar Exam Accelerated Training (B.E.A.T.)

I encourage all WCL May 2009 graduates to take advantage of our bar preparation program (B.E.A.T., or Bar Exam Accelerated Training), which WCL is offering, free of charge, to all graduating students this spring. The first B.E.A.T. event will take place on January 23.

WCL created B.E.A.T. several years ago in partnership with BAR/BRI, to give our students an important "head start" on understanding what to expect from the bar exam and related preparatory courses. Past participants have praised B.E.A.T. for "demystifying" the bar exam and preparatory process.

While B.E.A.T. is open to all WCL graduating students, the first 150 students who complete perfect attendance in the program (as evidenced by entrance and exit attendance sheets) will receive a \$150 honorarium to be applied to bar examination preparation. You may register for the program at http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/bar_preparation_registration.cfm. This year's classes will take place on Fridays. If you have additional questions, please contact the Associate Dean of Students, David Jaffe, at djaffe@wcl.american.edu.

On behalf of the law school community, I wish you much success in this important endeavor and in your ongoing professional development.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
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REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2009 SEMESTER

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| 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 Tuesday, January 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 fir 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.

Attendance Policies:

Advanced Corporate Law: Corporate Governance (Professor Effross)- Attendance Policy: Class members are required to attend 75% of our regularly scheduled sessions (i.e., those classes held as scheduled at 1:30 - 3:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and those of our class sessions 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: Class members are required to attend 75% of our regularly scheduled sessions (i.e., those classes held as scheduled at 9:00 - 10:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and those of our class sessions 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: 9am-6pm

Special Hours:

January 12-15 and January 21-23: 9am-7:30pm

January 16: 9am-5:30pm

Saturday, January 10, January 17, and January 24: 10am-2pm

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 DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

Dean's Diversity Council Speaker's Luncheon – Monday, February 9, Noon, Student Lounge: Ms. Shirley Rivadeneira, '04, will give the spring speech. The title of her speech is "Safeguarding the Voting Rights of Minority Voters: The Potential Impact of Law Students & Lawyers on the 2012 Elections." Ms. Rivadeneira's remarks are based on her recent experience as a front-line volunteer with the Obama campaign. Registration is required to insure a seat at this luncheon: www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration. For other questions, please contact Ms. Weaver.

DiscoverLaw Program – Thursday, February 19, 4:00 PM: Formerly National Minority Student Recruitment Month, this event is sponsored annually by the Law School Admission Council. Under the auspices of this program, law schools are invited to hosting activities targeted to high school and early college students. The Office of Diversity Services and the Office of Admissions are collaborating on this event and will be seeking student volunteers to support the effort.

An abbreviated list of other spring events to watch for:

- Hispanic Law Conference – March 5
- Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law – April 2
- The Modern American Symposium – April 7

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

FAFSA Renewals – Deadline March 1

Renewal-eligible students will receive 2009-2010 reminder filing notices beginning January 11. Students who provided an e-mail address on their 2008-2009 FAFSA record will receive an e-mail notice. If no valid email address is on file, the notice will be mailed.

FAFSA applications are filed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The **Need Access** application for grant aid at filed at www.needaccess.org. **Note a processing fee is charged to file the Access application.** **Keep in mind that the new FAFSA is required for summer aid processing.**

Spring Disbursements

Spring semester aid has disbursed. Check your "snapshot" at my.american.edu for postings.

You must file a refund request to receive funds for living expenses; submit your request through your **my.american.edu** account.

Dean's Fellow Payments

The first payment of spring semester Dean's Fellow awards (non work-study appointments) will be issued **January 30**.

Consortium Agreements

Check with the office if you are visiting another institution this term. A *Consortium Agreement* may be required for your aid to be processed and transferred.

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/>

OFFICE OF GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Apply by March 1st for the Fall Semester!

Continued success in today's society is increasingly dependent on the ability of people to think and work globally. WCL believes that the unique challenges that students encounter while studying abroad will enhance their legal education, preparing them to meet the needs of our global society. WCL programs are offered in English and the language of the country – current offerings include **20 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America. Program opportunities include studying International Business Law in Hamburg, Environmental Law in Scotland, Human Rights Law in the Netherlands, or Intellectual Property in Hong Kong to name a few.

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

The deadline to apply for a Semester Exchange for Fall 2009 is **March 1**. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad or contact us at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu or stop by the Semester Exchange table at Opportunities Day, Thursday January 22, 4-6 pm in the dining room.

INTEGRATED CURRICULUM PROGRAM

Spring Semester Preview & Summer Options

Date: Friday January 23

Time: 11-12:30pm (Sections 2& 3) 1-2:30pm (Sections 1 & 4)

Room: 6th Floor Student Lounge

Please RSVP at www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration by January 21.

Trying to decide between an externship and study abroad? Can you do journal and moot court? When are tryouts? When should you do clinic? We are here to give a student perspective to help with these hard decisions. Come hear about what to expect during Spring Semester. The Dean's Fellow will also discuss strategies for joining activities and the benefits of different summer job options.

Seating and food are on a first-come, first-serve basis. This event will be podcasted for students who are unable to attend.

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is preparing to start the application process to select Marshall-Brennan Fellows for the 2009-2010 academic year. Marshall-Brennan Fellows teach constitutional law with a partner typically three days a week in D.C. public high schools or public charter schools or in one Montgomery County, MD public high school. The Fellows/teachers are part of an academic program that includes a yearlong weekly seminar, writing requirements, curriculum planning and participation in moot court events for the high school students.

The application process will require completion of an information sheet, submission of a cover letter and resume, a visit to one of our high schools to guest teach for 20-30 minutes, an evaluation of the visit and an interview. The application process will generally last until the start of spring break, so don't delay getting started. ***Information about the application process will be available starting January 22 in numerous ways:*** at Opportunities Day on January 22; at an info session on January 29 from 12 noon to 12:55 p.m. in Room 602; at Bake Sale tables in the lobby on February 5; by checking our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/marshallbrennan/>; by e-mailing our special application e-mailbox at marshallbrennan@gmail.com; or by contacting or meeting with Prof. Steve Wermiel in WCL Suite 515 or swermiel@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4263.

Program on Law and Government and SJD Program

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.

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>

Upcoming Events!

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

Save the Dates:

January 2009

- **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](#)

- **FEBRUARY 2**
[The Waite Court and the Legacies of Reconstruction](#)**
- **FEBRUARY 4**
[The First Annual Lambda Law Society Symposium on Marginalized Issues in the LGBTQ Community: Race, Class and Domestic Violence](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 5**
[What Makes a Best Law Firm for Women?](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 9**
[Dean's Diversity Council Speaker Series with Shirley Rivadeneira](#)
- **FEBRUARY 10**
[United Nations Committee against Torture Project](#)
- **FEBRUARY 11**
[Russia and the Rule of Law: New Opportunities in Domestic and International Affairs](#)

- **FEBRUARY 12**
[Second Annual Criminal Law Brief Symposium](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 16**
[Indian Nations and Institution Building](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 17**
[The Iraqi Refugee Crisis](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 17**
[The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest Celebration](#)
- **FEBRUARY 18**
[Secrets of Small and Mid Size Employer Hiring](#)
- **FEBRUARY 18**
[The Financial Stability Forum \(FSF\) as the New Negotiating Block for International Economic Law](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 18**
[The Third International Trade and Investment Trade Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner](#)
- **FEBRUARY 19**
[Elites and American Conservatism](#)
- **FEBRUARY 19**
[EJF 16th Annual Public Interest Auction](#)
- **FEBRUARY 20**
[Civil Rights Litigation in the Roberts Court Era](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 23**
[The Prevention of Torture and Other Ill-Treatment](#) **
- **FEBRUARY 24**
[Kauffman Foundation Distinguished Lecture in Antitrust, Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#)
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- **FEBRUARY 26**
[American University Law Revue](#)

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

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

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

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY PROGRAM

Apply for the Public International Law & Policy Program

Would you like to provide legal advice to peace negotiators in Sudan, Georgia, or Burma? Are you interested in being involved with drafting constitutions for states like Kosova, Iraq, or Montenegro?

Would you like to write memos for high-level foreign government officials and advisors? PILPP offers all of this and more! As a research associate in the Public International Law & Policy Program, you will be involved in cutting edge issues of public international law. Research associates gain hands-on experience, researching and drafting documents that have a significant impact on their clients. In the past, research associates have assisted in the drafting of constitutions, human rights legislation, and cease-fire agreements. PILPP is currently looking for first- and second-year students with an interest in international law and strong writing skills to serve as research associates for the 2009-2010 academic year. Come visit us at Opportunities Day and look out for upcoming information sessions and coffee hours to hear about our work and learn how you might be considered for a position on next year's program.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

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

Center Events

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: THE SAB (part of WCL Opportunities Day)

Thursday, January 22, 4pm - 6pm, Rm. TBA

One of WCL's unique opportunities for students (1Ls through LL.Ms) is the Center Student Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB is a group of seven highly qualified and committed WCL students interested in human rights and humanitarian law who work closely with the Center over the course of a year to plan programming and provide advice. The SAB also participates in special "inside" activities of the Center and have access to SAB-only events and skills development seminars. Come learn more about the opportunity to join the SAB at Opportunities Day.

Applications for the SAB are available at <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org> and are due on January 26 at 5 pm. For more information, call 202-274-4180 or e-mail humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

REGISTER NOW! BEYOND LITIGATION: EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERS

Friday, February 6, 9:30am - 4:30pm, Rm. 401

Effective public interest lawyers understand that advocacy goes beyond litigation. Please join us for an interactive, day-long workshop on effective advocacy beyond litigation. The workshop will be conducted by two seasoned, effective activists: University Chaplain **Joe Eldridge** and AU Adjunct Professor **Robert Tomasko**. Register online at www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm. For more information, call 202-274-4180 or email humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

Center Announcements

HELP IMPROVE THE CENTER'S WEBSITE

The Center is always looking for new ways to improve our website to help you get the information and resources that you need. Please take a moment to fill out our 6 question, confidential survey about the site. The survey should take no longer than five minutes to complete but your responses will greatly help us fulfill the needs of our diverse group of online visitors. To access the survey, please visit http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=3yCkXudsuSOB3Q0vnQiRng_3d_3d.

The survey can also be accessed via the Center's homepage at <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org>.

WANT TO JOIN THE CENTER STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD? APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 26!

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

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

Applications for the 2009 Student Advisory Board are due on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 5pm. Questions? - email the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or stop by our table at the WCL 2009 Opportunities Day, scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd in the WCL Cafeteria.

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.

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

2009 EXTERNSHIP FAIR: OVER 130 EMPLOYERS HAVE REGISTERED FAIR WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH FROM 4 – 6 PM AT WCL

Over 130 public interest organizations, government agencies, courts and law firms engaged in pro bono work will be attending the annual WCL Externship Fair. The Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 28th, 2009 from 4 – 6 pm at WCL. First Year Students: Sections 1 and 2 attend from approximately 4:00 to 5:00 and sections 3 and 4 attend from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Section 5 and all second and third year students may attend at any time. Many students obtain their internships and externships as a result of attending the Fair. In addition, it is an excellent opportunity to learn about legal jobs in Washington DC and to network with a wide variety of attorneys. There is no need to pre-register but students should bring copies of their updated resumes and dress professionally. A list of employers attending the Fair is available on the Externship Website. An expanded list, including descriptions of each organization will be available next week.

The Office of Career and Professional Development has excellent resume resources on their website, including a sample that provides a very helpful guide. In addition, 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.

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.*

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. **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.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT USING WIRELESS THROUGHOUT WCL. Your wireless connectivity **MUST** be set to infrastructure mode. Instructions are available under "Infrastructure Mode Configuration" at http://www.wcl.american.edu/technology/wireless_setup.cfm. If you need assistance, go to the Help Desk on the 2nd floor of the Library or 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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. (It is not essential that you have a major interest in these areas; the research skills you develop on these projects will be transferrable.) 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.

Prof. Daniel J. Metcalfe and the Collaboration on Government Secrecy (CGS), together with Professor Robert Vaughn, seek two Dean's Fellows to work as CGS research assistants for 5-10 hours per week during the remainder of the Spring 2009 semester and through the next academic year. Candidates may be either day or evening students capable of becoming senior research assistants as of the Fall 2009 semester. Part-time work during the summer may also be included. To apply, or for unclassified descriptions of the full range of responsibilities, please see current CGS senior research assistants Natalia Medina and Celisse Pinkney, who now are completing their fourth semester as CGS Dean's Fellows and will be interviewing candidates during the month of February. For further information, please see the CGS Web site, through this link on Professor Metcalfe's faculty page (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/faculty/metcalfe/>), and consider attending all or part of CGS's first of four academic programs for 2009, a conference entitled "Information Policy in the New Administration," on January 29 in Room 603 (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/founders/2009/documents/01.29.09.InformationPolicyintheNewAdministration.pdf?rd=1>).

The **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** would like to hire a Dean's Fellow for the new semester, for up to 20 hours per week, to draft a moot court problem to be used in the

Marshall-Brennan local public high school moot court competitions in November 2008 and March 2009. Preference will be given in the application process to 2L's. The individual who is selected will choose a topic and a fact scenario in consultation with the staff of the Marshall-Brennan Project. The individual will be expected to research and write briefs for petitioners and respondents and to prepare paragraph summaries of the major cases used in the briefs. The position requires a commitment to finish the project by the end of this semester in May, 2008. Strong research and writing skills are essential for this job. The author must also be able to write in a way that will make the moot court problem understandable to high school students. Apply with a cover letter and resume, including a statement of what your other commitments are for next semester. Decisions will be made quickly so that the project can get underway. Your application should go to Steve Wermiel, Associate Director of Marshall-Brennan, either by e-mail at swermiel@wcl.american.edu or in person to WCL Suite 515.

The Program on Law and Government seeks a student who can dedicate 10 hours per week to serving as a Dean's Fellow. This position includes administrative assistance, program management, and some legal research and writing. The ideal candidate will be a full-time or part-time JD or LLM student who has office experience and wants to be part of a collaborative team. Interested students should submit a resume and cover letter to Associate Director Tabitha Acosta in Suite 515 or at tacosta@wcl.american.edu no later than **January 21**.

The Program on Law and Government is accepting applications for one Dean's Fellow who will work 8 hours per week and perform the following tasks associated with the SJD Program. Responsibilities include coordinating application information, performing research, and assisting the infrastructure of the Program. 3L and LLM students are encouraged to apply for this position. To apply for this positions please submit by **January 21** 1) a cover letter indicating interest and availability, and (2) a resume to Tabitha Acosta, Associate Director of the Program on Law and Government in Suite 515 or at tacosta@wcl.american.edu.

SJD Program Dean's Fellow The WCL SJD Program is looking to hire one or possibly two 2L, 3L, 4E or graduate law student(s) with excellent writing and research skills to help SJD candidates edit dissertations, correct citation form, and polish language (but do no initial writing or research). Additional work assisting SJD Program Director Prof. Tony Varona, and Associate Director Tabitha Acosta, with Program administration to be anticipated. Position(s) to start as early as possible in January. Please apply by Email with a covernote explaining interest, resume, writing sample and transcript (unofficial OK) to tacosta@wcl.american.edu by no later than January 21, 2009 (although earlier would be better). Standard \$12/hour dean's fellow pay scale, and 15-18 hours per week of work expected.

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.
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.

Dean's Fellow, Inter-American Moot Court Competition

The Competition is looking for two highly-motivated dean’s fellow 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!

Women & International Law Program Are you interested in helping to advance and shape WCL’s feminist legacy? Working for the Women and the Law Program is an excellent way to tap into the gender resources of WCL and to have an impact on future programs and opportunities for students interested in gender issues. Responsibilities will include:

- Helping organize our upcoming conferences and academic roundtables on; *Human Trafficking, Comparative Family Law, IP/Gender, and Gender & Justice*.
- Managing the list serve, website, and database we use to communicate with the campus community, potential students, and women’s rights groups around the globe.
- Preparing materials for students about WCL’s gender programming, and communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study gender and the law at WCL.
- Administering the Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest.
- Assisting with research on issues in gender and law.

Organizational and writing skills are important. A 10 hour/week commitment is preferred.

To apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to Angie McCarthy, Program Coordinator of the Women and the Law Program, to angiem@wcl.american.edu with “Spring Dean’s Fellow” in the subject line.

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.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: 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.

VOLUNTEERS - THE CLINICAL PROGRAM

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 or email Maribel for a fillable PDF of the Spring 2009 volunteer form. 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.

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.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Executive Secretary Santiago Cantón and staff attorney Daniela Salazar are looking for WCL students to conduct research and help draft the Bench Memorandum for the 14th Annual Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. This Competition will be held at WCL May 17-22, 2009. Mr. Cantón and Ms. Salazar composed this year's hypothetical case; this is a fabulous research opportunity for WCL students interested in human rights law, as well as an outstanding networking opportunity. To learn more about the hypothetical case topic and to read a brief bio on the authors and/or the hypothetical case itself, please visit the Competition website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt/hypo.cfm>. Anyone interested should send a statement of interest and their resume to iamoot@wcl.american.edu with email subject title "Bench Memo Volunteer 2009."

Calling for Volunteers Roots & Wings Intl is planning a black tie fund raising dinner at the Museum of the Organization of American States. All proceeds will go towards university scholarships for indigenous youth in rural Guatemala (www.rootsandwingsintl.org). Email if you are interested, there will be an informational meeting on Thursday January 22nd at 12pm. erik@rootsandwingsintl.org or call (202) 747-4946.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Energy Law Society

General Body Meeting All students are invited to attend a general body meeting of the Energy Law Society on **February 2 at 5:00pm**. This meeting will involve a review of the Energy Law Society's mission and direction. We will discuss potential energy law-related lecture topics and begin to prepare to execute a lecture series during the semester. If you are interested, please join us with any ideas you might have. **Location: TBA** (check The Docket on January 22 and signs in the elevators on February 2). Please contact Scott Johnson (scottjohnson@gmail.com) or Jesse Sommer (jesse.sommer@american.edu) with any questions.

Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law

"Valuing All Families Under Law" January 26, 9:00am–5:15pm, room 603

Symposium will consist of three panels all focused around themes arising from Professor Nancy Polikoff's

groundbreaking book *Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage*. The panels will address feminist and comparative family law perspectives on nontraditional families, and an activist 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.

The Human Rights Brief (HRB) is looking for students interested in human rights to participate in two new projects that the HRB has undertaken this Spring. We encourage all interested full-time and part-time JD students, as well as LLMs to apply. The following two opportunities to help are available:

Rapporteurs for the Prevention of Torture and Other Ill Treatments Conference, February 23, 2009 – The HRB will publish a special issue in conjunction with a high-level conference that Dean

Claudio Grossman's office is organizing along with the Geneva-based Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT). As a rapporteur, you will sign up to attend one or more panels during the conference, transcribe the proceedings, and then work with the HRB staff to edit and finalize your transcription. The conference will convene a diverse group of high-level international experts, including policymakers, lawyers, civil servants, NGOs and scholars, to analyze key national, regional, and international legal frameworks and review detention practices that can prevent torture and other ill-treatment. Issues to be discussed include: whether adequate legal frameworks are in place at the domestic level; how laws are applied and detention practices are reformed; and the access of independent experts to all places of detention.

Bloggers, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Hearings, March 16-27, 2009 – Bloggers will be responsible for attending two or more selected hearings in either English, Spanish, Portuguese or French before a panel of commissioners at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) here in Washington, DC. Bloggers will be responsible for summarizing the hearings and writing a brief reflection/commentary that focuses on the interaction between the commissioners, the State parties and the petitioners; the importance of the legal issues addressed at the hearings and general observations of the session. You may listen to past hearings at the following link: <http://www.cidh.oas.org/Audiencias/select.aspx>

Application

To apply for either position, please send a cover letter, a resume, and a writing sample (not to exceed three double spaced pages with one inch margins, 12 pt font in Times New Roman) to chief_hrb@wcl.american.edu.

Dates and Deadlines

The application is due January 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. and should be submitted electronically to chief_hrb@wcl.american.edu. If selected, please be prepared to attend an orientation meeting on February 13, 2009.

JD/MBA Club

Thursday Jan 22, Rm 524, 12:15-1:15: Informational session with Director of Admissions at Kogod regarding the application process to the MBA program. Students already enrolled in the dual degree are also encouraged to attend and ask any questions they have about the program. Lunch will be provided.

LaLSA

Enjoy a meal at Chicken Out and support a local college-bound student! The Latino/a Law Students Association (LaLSA) asks for your support in our efforts to give back to the community. We are currently fundraising for a scholarship that we will award to deserving Latino high school student(s) in the area. We need YOUR help! Come out to Chicken Out on Thurs. Jan. 22, from 4-8 p.m. Tell them you are supporting LaLSA, and they will award us 20% of their profits from those sales. For more information, e-mail lalsa@wcl.american.edu. Thank you for your support!

Latino/a Law Students Association (LALSA) 1L Summer Internship Panel

Come to a panel discussion with LALSA 2Ls/3Ls to learn about how they approached their 1L summer job search, Monday, January 26, from 12:00 p.m. -1:15 p.m. We will serve lunch. Room to be announced.

Legislation & Policy Roundtable

You are invited to join the Legislation & Policy Roundtable to take a behind-the-scenes tour of the

Maryland State House with our advisor, Professor and MD State Senator Jamie Raskin. During this trip, we will sit in on the legislative session, tour the historic rooms and chambers of the MD State House, and meet with the Department of Legislative Services to discuss career opportunities. We are also attempting to arrange a lunch with other MD Delegates before returning to DC. The trip will occur on Friday, January 23rd and we anticipate leaving from DC at 8:30 or 9:00am by carpool and returning by approximately 4:00pm.

There is no cost to participate although spaces are extremely limited. If you are interested in attending, please email roundtable@wcl.american.edu by Friday, January 16th, although spaces will be given out on a first come first serve basis. This is also a great opportunity to meet the editors and learn about our group if you have an interest in applying for a position on the staff for next year.

The Modern American

Call for Class Papers- *The Modern American*, WCL's publication dedicated to diversity and the law, is expanding to promote publication opportunities for WCL students. Many law professors now require class papers instead of exams in complex theory courses. The paper length requirements (10-45 pages double spaced including footnotes) as well as the conversational tone and reader-friendly citations conform easily to our publication standards.

We believe that issues of race, gender, class, religion, and sexuality are pervasive throughout all legal fields and we welcome class papers from all classes so long as the scope of the paper includes an aspect of diversity. We also welcome and encourage diversity in ideology and politics.

Submissions will be considered for publication in the Spring 2009 issue.

For more information, please see our publication on the stands and check out our website at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>. Submissions should be emailed in Word format to tma@wcl.american.edu.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Turkey Summer Program Reception at the Turkish Embassy

All students interested in the Turkey Summer Law Program are invited to a reception at the Turkish Embassy on 29 JAN 09 at 6:30pm. There will be a presentation on Turkey and then a brief Q&A on the Turkey Summer Law Program. Students will meet at 6:20pm at the door of the Embassy (2525 Massachusetts Ave NW). Please RSVP to ozideniz@gmail.com.

Babysitter Needed for afternoons

Professor Michele Pistone is seeking one or more babysitters for her 4 year old daughter – who loves crafts, going to the park, singing, reading and playing princess. We are looking for babysitting help Mon – Fri in the afternoons, starting at 12:30 or 1pm, until around 5pm and sometimes during the evenings and weekends. In the past, we have used several people to cover these times periods, so feel free to apply if you can babysit as little as a few hours one day a week. To apply, please email mpistone@wcl.american.edu

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

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

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

2009 SPRING RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

As the spring semester commences, OCPD strongly encourages students seeking summer or post-graduate employment to participate in Spring Recruitment.

Spring Recruitment is the informal process by which many employers, including public interest organizations, government agencies, judges, small and mid-size law firms, and corporations, interview for summer and post-graduate legal positions. Spring Recruitment extends from January until the end of May and consists largely of applying directly to employers for consideration, with a few opportunities to apply through Resume Collection and On-Campus Interviews (OCI). Students are strongly encouraged to also conduct job searches independent of postings.

All students will receive an email from OCPD today with additional information regarding Spring Recruitment, as well as a 2009 Spring Recruitment Program Guide.

You may schedule an individual appointment with an OCPD career counselor to discuss your summer/post-grad job search strategy. To do so, please contact the OCPD front desk at 202-274-4090 or stop by Suite 122.

A student panel discussion regarding Spring Recruitment will be held on the following date:

Finding Your Private Sector Summer Internship

Friday, January 23, 12-1:20pm, Room 101

A panel of upper-class students will share their own job search experiences and success stories as they relate to the private sector. This program will highlight proactive strategies for seeking employment with small and mid-size firms, as well as other private sector employers, and helpful resources to aid in the job search. **Pizza will be provided for those who RSVP on CareerLink.**

Notice Regarding Program and Counseling Surveys

The Office of Career & Professional Development now emails electronic surveys to students following OCPD-sponsored programs and individual career counseling sessions. Your feedback is valuable to us, so please complete each survey you receive for those programs and/or counseling sessions you attend. The comments we receive are very helpful for future programming and counseling initiatives.

Calling All 3Ls: The WBA Initiative on Retention and Advancement of Women Presents: Hit the Ground Running: Practical Skills You Need to Succeed:

Feb 07, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Howrey LLP: 1299 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Law Student Project of the Women’s Bar Association of DC Initiative on Advancement and Retention of Women invites 3Ls from area law schools to join the WBA for an all-day practical skills training course that will provide you with the tools necessary to hit the ground running when you begin legal practice. The day will include multiple group training lectures followed by hands-on workshops with professional trainers and leaders in the DC legal community. Topics to be covered include communicating in a confident, effective manner; what it means to network as a newly practicing lawyer; getting the most out of your assignments; and positioning yourself for success. This program is limited to third year law students at area law schools. The cost is \$40 for law student members and \$50 for law student non-members. To RSVP call: 202-639-8880. For more information, contact Consuela Pinto at consuelapinto@verizon.net or Linda Chanow at linchanow@cox.net.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, DC/BALTIMORE PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER FAIR

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.

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JOB SEARCH RESOURCES!!

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

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

5. **The Government Honors & Internship Handbook.** The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to the CareerLink homepage to access the online version and username and password.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

NEW! Are you interested in obtaining a judicial internship/externship? Sign up to attend the Judicial Internship Panel Discussion on Wednesday, January 21 at 5 pm. Hear from WCL students who worked within federal and state courts as interns and get the information you need to apply. To ensure enough pizza and handouts, we need an accurate headcount, so an RSVP in the Events section of CareerLink is required (<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/>).

NEW! Want to Know More About Clerkships? Sign up to attend the Judicial Clerkship Panel Discussion on Wednesday, January 28 at noon. Current law clerks and WCL alumni will speak about their clerking experiences and the application process. To ensure enough pizza and handouts, we need an accurate headcount, so an RSVP in the Events section of CareerLink is required (<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/>).

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.

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 our Seattle office and one position in our 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). **The application deadline is February 27, 2009.** 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: Thursday, January 22 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.

The Boston Lawyers Group Career Conference for Students of Color: The Boston Lawyers Group ("BLG") invites diverse students to its annual Career Conference, **Charting Your Legal Future**. The Conference will be held at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates, 1440 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC on **February 11, 2009 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** BLG is a consortium of over 40 of the largest law firms, government agencies, and corporations in the City of Boston. This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to dine and network with associates and partners from participating member organizations. **Please RSVP by January 30, 2009 to Lisa McKinley at lmckinley@sandw.com.**

Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP Minority Associates Affinity Group invites you their annual Resume Writing and Interview Workshop for Diverse 1Ls. **Only 5 slots are available for WCL students and are on a first come first serve basis.** This is an educational program only and a fantastic networking opportunity to meet with the firm's associates and gain valuable interviewing advice. The event will be held on **Thursday, February 19, 2009** from 4:30 pm – 7:30 at the offices of Ballard Spahr, 601 13th Street, NW, Suite 1000 South, Washington, DC 20005. To RSVP to the event, please go to the CareerLink "Events" section. For any other questions, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at musallam@wcl.american.edu.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher's Diversity Committee Panel Presentation for 1Ls: Join firm attorneys on **January 27, 2009** for an interactive discussion on jump-starting your job search and career. Topics will include targeting your job search, understanding the recruiting process, achieving work/life balance, and taking charge of your career track. The panel will take place at Willkie Farr's office located at 1875 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006. **Please RSVP by January 22, 2009 to recruiting-dc@willkie.com.** Food and drinks will be served; business casual

attire.

Bingham McCutchen Spring Diversity Reception: Join the firm's appellate practice group for a discussion on arguing and issues pending before the Supreme Court. Learn more about the firm, its diversity initiatives, and the summer associate program. The event will take place on **February 9, 2009** at the firm's office located at 2020 K Street, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20006. **Please RSVP to Mieko Rechka, Legal Recruiting Manager, at mieko.rechka@bingham.com.**

*** 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 LL.M. STUDENTS
FROM ADRIANA VITO
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER PROGRAMS

DEAR STUDENTS: WELCOME BACK!! HAPPY 2009!!

**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!!***

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 19, 2009

Wednesday, January 21

11:30am-1:00pm, room 603 - Patentable Subject Matter after the Bilski Decision

12-1:30pm, 50th Street Conference Room (4301 50th Street, 2nd floor) - War Crimes Speaker Series: Barbara Mulvaney

5:00- 5:50pm, room 601 - Judicial Internship Panel: RSVP required (<https://law-american-csm.symlicity.com/>)

Thursday, January 22

12:00pm-1:30pm; 4:00pm-6:00pm, room 603, Dining Room - Opportunities Day

12:15-1:15, room 524 - Informational session on JD/MBA w/Kogod Admissions Director

4-8pm, Chicken Out – Support LaLSA

Friday, January 23

8:30am, email roundtable@wcl.american.edu - Tour of the Maryland State House

9:00am-5pm, room 603 - Jurisprudence and the Military Commissions

11-12:30pm; 1-2:30pm (see announcement in Docket) Spring Semester Preview & Summer Options by the Integrated Curriculum Program

12pm – 1:20pm, room 101 Finding Your Private Sector Summer Internship

1-3pm, room 100 – Bar Examination Overview for Graduating Students

Saturday, January 24

9–5pm, multiple rooms - Alvina Reckman Meyers Moot Court Competition

10am-noon, room 100 – Bar Examination Overview for Graduating Students