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## Graduating Students!!

All information regarding Commencement is available at  
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm>

**\*For those of you who missed the Herff-Jones regalia ordering, please visit**  
<http://www1.herffjones.com/college/graduation/index.cfm> to order online.

**GRADUATION SURVEYS:** Prior to graduation, please remember to complete the brief, but very important, Graduation Survey administered on CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symlicity.com/students>). Each year, WCL must report employment statistics to the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), the American Bar Association and US News & World Report for recent graduates. To that end, OCPD asks that *all graduating students* complete the short survey (whether Employed, Enrolled in a Full-Time Degree Program, NOT Seeking Work, or Seeking Work) before Commencement. You will have the opportunity to indicate any extenuating circumstances surrounding your employment status (such as delayed or rescinded offers, temporary fellowships arranged as a result of modified offers, etc.). *Questions? Contact Robin Fulton: [rfulton@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rfulton@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4095.*

**\*\*To ensure that your name is pronounced correctly at Commencement, please contact Dean Jaffe at 202-274-4052 or stop by his office in Suite 300 to touch base.**

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

[registrar@wcl.american.edu](mailto:registrar@wcl.american.edu)

### REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, April 27                      9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 28                     9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### READING PERIOD

April 29 – May 1                      9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **EXAMINATION PERIOD**

Mon May 4 – Thurs May 7	8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 8	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
Saturday, May 9	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
Sunday, May 10	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (2 hours only)
Mon May 11 – Thurs May 14	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 15	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
Saturday, May 16	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**\*\*Please note closing times and plan your pick up and return of take-home exams/papers accordingly.**

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

### **SUMMER INTERCESSION**

Monday, May 18 -Friday, May 22      9:00am-5:00pm

**THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED, MONDAY, MAY 25 FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**

### **IMPORTANT – TAKE HOME/FINAL EXAMINATIONS INFORMATION:**

1. Examinations and papers may NOT be submitted by FAX. Hard copies of either must be provided in person.
2. Any materials submitted after the close of business will be considered as having been submitted at the time the office opens the following day.

**EXAMINATION DEFERRAL REQUESTS:** Requests for deferrals are due now! If you need to request an exam deferral, you must do so as soon as possible. Copies of the spring 2009 examination schedule are available in the WCL Registrar's Office, Room 304 and on our web site at: [http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/exam\\_info.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/exam_info.cfm).

Faculty policy for examination deferral is included on the form and is printed in the WCL catalogue.

Advance registration continues for fall 2009. Once you have pre-registered, you may continue to add/drop courses continuously up through the first week of classes.

Sufficient spaces will be held in evening sections of classes with multiple sections for part-time students through April 30 (part-time students WILL get into evening sections of their required courses).

All students who have been admitted to clinics must register on-line for their clinics. Clinics and clinic seminar course numbers are listed on the fall schedule on the web. Permission is required for clinics, but students who have been admitted will already have permission and be able to register on-line.

## NOTES ON THE NEW WAITLIST PROCESS:

A new Wait List process will be available for the fall 2009 pre-registration period. It will begin during pre-registration once a class closes and will be available throughout the summer and up through the end of the add/drop period in August.

If a class you would like to take is already closed when you register, you can add yourself to the waitlist for the class by marking the 'Waitlist?' box with a 'Y' in the portal's registration system and completing the entire registration transaction. You will receive a confirmation screen that lists all classes for which you are registered or waitlisted. [You may check your waitlisted sections on the my.american.edu portal under Academics, Personal Links, My Waitlisted Sections.](#)

**Please note that if you waitlist for multiple sections of the same course and get into one of those sections off the wait list, you will automatically be removed from the other waitlisted sections of that course. You may add yourself back to the other sections on the wait list, but you will move to the end of the queue.**

Classes with active waitlists will be noted on the course schedule at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> (click on 'fall 2009'), where it will also show the limit for courses and the number of students currently enrolled.

The new waitlist process is scheduled to run notifications of admission to classes at 11:00 a.m. every Monday through Thursday until the beginning of the fall term (excluding the holidays listed below). **You will have until 11:00am the day after you receive permission to register to add the class to your schedule.**

**The update process WILL NOT be run on the following holidays:**

**Memorial Day Week: May 25-May 29**

**Independence Day Week: June 29-July 3**

If a space becomes available for you, your status will change from 'Active' to 'Permission to Register' on your 'My Waitlisted Sections' page in the my.american.edu portal. We encourage you to check this page frequently. You should also receive an e-mail from WCL.Waitlist informing you that a space has become available.

**Please be aware that if you forward your AU gmail account to another e-mail account, our waitlist e-mails may get caught in your spam folder.**

Once your waitlist status changes to 'Permission to Register,' you may add the course to your schedule following the same course registration process you used to originally register for summer or fall courses. **You will have until 11:00am the day after you receive permission to register to add the class to your schedule.**

If you miss your opportunity to register for a course, you may add yourself back to the waitlist. You will move to the end of the waitlist queue. *We will not hold available spots for students longer than the normal one-day permission period.*

**REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2009 CLASSES:** Registration for summer 2009 classes continues through the first week of classes, May 26 – June 1. A schedule of summer courses is available on-line at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html>. (there may be additions and/or changes). Click on “summer 2009” at the top of the page. There is no lottery or priority system for summer pre-registration. Students who have stops of any kind will be unable to register unless they clear these stops with the appropriate departments.

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

**FALL 2008 EXAMS READY FOR PICK-UP:** Many exams from the fall 2008 semester are now available for pick-up in room 304. If we do not yet have the exams for your class, you may contact the instructor directly.

## **OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS**

**Do you have family members who are alumni of WCL?** If so, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations for an invitation to a pre-graduation brunch for you and the alumnus. Contact us at [alumni@wcl.american.edu](mailto:alumni@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4163 today!

THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS  
*is Proud to Host...*

**Exam Refreshers For Students!**  
**May 4 – 8 & May 11 – 15**  
**8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**OUTSIDE ROOM 603**

Good luck on exams!

### **Members of the Class of 2009,**

In a little more than a month, your names will be added to the list of distinguished Washington College of Law alumni. Last week, you received a letter from your colleague Tiana Butcher, describing the Graduating Class Gift Campaign. By participating in this campaign, your donation will help ensure that the activities and programs, which enhanced your law school experience, will also be available for future generations of proud WCL students. On behalf of the Office of Annual Giving, I congratulate you on your academic achievement at WCL and thank you in advance for your contribution. I encourage you to contribute on-line at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/alumni/online.cfm> by April 30th. Contact the [Office of Annual Giving](#) or [Tiana Butcher](#) if you have any questions if you have any questions.

## OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

**WCL Business Cards** are available and can be a great networking tool. Purchase yours through <http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/businesscards.pdf>

## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

### **Graduating Students ~ Exit Counseling Requirement**

Federal Stafford and Grad PLUS Loan Borrowers must complete *Exit Counseling* prior to graduation. The requirement is completed on line at:

<https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/CounselingSessions.do?cmd=initializeContext>.

Results will be forwarded to AU upon completion. Contact the office if you have questions.

### **IMPORTANT – Loan Repayment Change - IMPORTANT**

Income-Based Repayment (IBR) is a new payment option available to federal loan borrowers beginning July 1, 2009. For most, loan payments will be lower and more manageable under IBR.

All are encouraged to consider this new plan as it also includes a provision for debt forgiveness.

Details can be found at [www.ibrinfo.org](http://www.ibrinfo.org).

### **Bar Study Loan Update - New Lender Introduced**

**PNC Bank** has joined Citibank and Sallie Mae in offering Bar Study Loans for qualified borrowers. Loans up to \$15,000 are available. Apply at: [www.pnconcampus.com](http://www.pnconcampus.com).

### **Dean's Fellows - Last Day to Work is April 28.**

### **Summer Financial Aid – Application Deadline – May 1**

All forms must be submitted by **May 1** for funds to be available when classes begin. For aid to be processed you must:

- have a FAFSA on file
- file the WCL Summer Aid Application
- submit a WCL Grad Plus application for supplemental funding
- enroll in a minimum of six credit hours, and
- meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards.

Decisions will be issued beginning May 1. Funds will be disbursed on the earliest date permitted by federal regulation and are expected to post by the start of classes.

### **Summer Study Away**

If you will study elsewhere, a *Consortium Agreement* must be completed to allow for release of funds to your host school. The form is online and in the office.

### **Summer Research Assistants**

Be sure to file your FAFSA if you plan to work as a Summer Research Assistant. Federal Work-Study is the funding source for research positions and eligibility for federal assistance is a consideration for appointment. Contact the office for details.

### **Grad PLUS Process for 2009-2010**

***DO NOT APPLY for Grad PLUS assistance with an “outside” lender.*** A WCL Grad PLUS application is filed to obtain funding for uncovered costs. The application is online and in the office

### **Reminder Notice - Grant Applicants**

The *Verification Worksheet/Supplemental Information Form* and 2008 tax return are due **May 1**.

### **Important Application Information**

If you have not filed your FAFSA for next year, do so immediately. Funding for federal loans will be available but processing will be delayed if you file late. Need Access applications filed after March 1 will be considered only if funds remain after on-time applications are reviewed.

### **2009-2010 Award Decisions**

Awards for the coming year will be issued after spring grades are recorded. Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements must be satisfied before aid can be renewed. Decisions are generally available by mid June and are posted on **my.american.edu**.

**Outside Scholarship** information is available at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/>

**Check with the office before your departure to make certain your file is complete**

~Best wishes for success on your exams and for a pleasant summer~

## **OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES**

Sherry A. Weaver, Director—202.274.4032—Room 300—sweaver@wcl.american.edu

### **APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 30**

- Charles Hamilton Houston Scholarship—Essay required
- AEF Fellowships
- AEF Bar Assistance Grants

Hard copies are available in the Office of Diversity Services.

### **South Asian Summit – Friday, Saturday--April 25, 26**

The Summit will convene South Asian organizations and advocates including lawyers, service providers, students, elected officials, and community leaders to focus on (1) opportunities for policy impact in the new Administration; (2) intersections between community organizing and traditional forms of legal advocacy; and (3) skills-building opportunities for new advocates who work in immigrant and civil rights organizations. The Summit will provide a unique learning opportunity for students to connect with immigrant and civil rights advocates and lawyers, provide an opportunity to develop articles for a publication about the Summit, and enable participation in the related workshops. Presented by WCL's South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) and South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), registration is required through the SECLE website.

**HBA-DC Foundation Presents PASOS 2009—Friday, May 22, 2009 @ 7:00pm- 9:00pm—Dining Room**

On behalf of the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia Foundation (HBADC Foundation), we would like to extend an invitation to all Latino law graduates to participate in this year's PASOS activities. As you know may know, the HBADC Foundation hosts an annual PASOS graduation celebration to recognize and honor the achievements of our graduating Latino law students and their families. The PASOS event is also used as an opportunity for the Foundation to raises funds for the Foundation's summer public interest fellowship program.

PASOS is a free of charge event to all graduates and their guests. For additional information about the PASOS event or for further information about our fellowships please contact Brigida Benitez at (202) 663-6678 or via email at [brigida.benitez@wilmerhale.com](mailto:brigida.benitez@wilmerhale.com).

### **First-Year Diversity Day Planning Meeting**

Individuals or organization representatives interested in attending a summer planning meeting—date to be determined—please indicate your interest by sending an e-mail to [sweaver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu).

**GOOD LUCK WITH EXAMS AND PAPERS &  
HAVE A SPECTACULAR SUMMER, EVERYONE.**

### **OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

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

***GOOD LUCK ON FINAL EXAMS! BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2009!!!***

### **Announcements:**

#### **Attention 3Ls/4Ls - Take Advantage of the New Federal Loan Repayment Program**

***Lower your loan payments!*** Beginning July 1, 2009, Income-Based Repayment (IBR) will be available as a new loan repayment option for federal loans (undergraduate and graduate). IBR uses a sliding scale to determine how much borrowers can pay on their loans. For most borrowers, IBR loan payments will be less than 10% of their income. Borrowers must qualify for a “partial financial hardship” to receive a reduced payment. Based on program guidelines, many WCL graduates will qualify. Remaining debt, if any, will be forgiven after 25 years of qualifying payments. For graduates working in the public sector, the new Public Service Loan Forgiveness program will forgive remaining debt on federal loans after 10 years of qualifying payments.

WCL has debuted a new [podcast series](#) about recent developments in federal debt relief assistance. In conjunction with Equal Justice Works, the series discusses both IBR and Public Service Loan Forgiveness. The first podcast is a general program overview. Subsequent podcasts will discuss specific portions of this federal program and other debt assistance programs. Graduating students with questions about this program or other debt relief assistance programs should contact Jarrod Shirk, Public Interest Coordinator, in the Office of Public Interest at [jshirk@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jshirk@wcl.american.edu).

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

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to

[listserv@listserv.american.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.american.edu). Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type “subscribe pi\_wcl” without the quotes.

**Public Interest/Government Career Counselor Joins OCPD:** Christina Jackson has joined the Office of Career & Professional Development as Assistant Director, Public Interest Specialist. Christina has several years of counseling experience with a focus on public service career opportunities. She can be reached at [cjackson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cjackson@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4098. Welcome, Christina!

### **Public Interest Job Listings for Deferred Law Firm Associates**

PSLawNet is *the* online resource connecting public interest law job-seekers with their ideal opportunities in the public interest or government arena. Recently, PSLawNet became a national clearinghouse for non-profits seeking to hire deferred law firm associates. To search these postings, create a free account and then “Search Opportunities” and select “Law Firm Associate Host” as the job type. Over 150 job postings were added in the first week, including 17 in Washington, DC. Visit [www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org).

### **NALP Summer Apartment Exchange**

Are you living in a different city this summer and need a place to stay? Are you looking to sublet your apartment in DC? The NALP Apartment Exchange is an online resource for law students who wish to advertise/search for housing. Visit [www.nalpexchange.org](http://www.nalpexchange.org).

### **Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program:**

#### **“Getting Involved in Pro Bono” PowerPoint Available Online**

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

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

- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan (teaching hours)
- Alternative Winter Break
- Students United
- Election Protection
- LINK Tutoring Program
- Clinical Program Translators
- Volunteering with the War Crimes Research Office
- Volunteering with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Volunteering with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

## **INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

## **Last chance!**

Join the Humphrey Fellows as they discuss various legal issues from their respective countries.

**Limited space!** Please RSVP to [humphrey@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humphrey@wcl.american.edu) by this **Friday at 10am** if you would like to join.

**Presentations will be in Room 526 from 12pm-1pm.**

Monday, April 27

Domestic Violence in Brazil – Andrea Souza, Brazil

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

### **Center Announcements**

#### **THE LATEST EDITION OF THE *HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF* NOW AVAILABLE**

The latest edition of the *Human Rights Brief* has been released and is now available for download and in hard copy. This issue includes articles on the human rights implications of Mexico's War on Crime, an analysis of the ICTY's impact in Serbia, the state of corporate liability under the Alien Tort Statute, and many others. Updates from the international human rights community and NGOs are also included. The *Human Rights Brief*, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law established in 1994, maintains a strong commitment to supporting human rights practitioners and strengthening the community of human rights advocates around the world. Pick up your copy around WCL or view online at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/16/162.cfm>

#### **SCHOOL IS ALMOST OUT, BUT STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE CENTER!**

*Via Facebook:*

Stay up-to-date on events and activities and network with other students, faculty, alumni, and community members via our Facebook page. Search “Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law” and join today!

*Via Listserv:*

Sign up at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm> to receive a weekly e-mail with the event information, job opportunities, and other information related to the human rights community at WCL and in Washington, DC.

*Via Fall 2009 Newsletter:*

Keep an eye out in August for the Fall 2009 Center Newsletter which will be sent to your e-mail. It will contain information about activities and events sponsored by the Center, professional development and volunteer opportunities, and human rights/humanitarian law course listings offered at WCL.

#### **WATCH ALL OF THE CENTER'S EVENTS ON DEMAND AT OUR WEBSITE**

Missed a conference because of class? Visit the Center's website to watch all of our events and conferences from throughout the year on demand. View them at:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/webcast.cfm>

## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

**FALL 2009 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW EXTERNSHIP SEMINAR:** For those who have not already, contact Professor Snape ([wsnape@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wsnape@wcl.american.edu)) for excellent hands-on training and academic credit. Previous externs have worked at non-profit environmental groups, government agencies, legislative committees and public interest firms. Class time focuses on practical skills as well as case studies on timely environmental litigation, legislation or rulemaking.

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### **HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER? SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW Register NOW!**

Taught by leading practitioners from government, business and non-governmental organizations, the summer session provides law students and practitioners with three-week intensive environmental law training.

Course offerings include:

- International Law of Biodiversity (1 credit)
- International Business and Environment (1 credit)
- International Institutions and Environmental Protection (2 credits)
- Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (1 credit)
- Environmental Law and the U.S. Congress (1 credit)
- Climate Change and Emissions Trading (1 credit)
- European Union and Climate Change (1 credit)
- Climate Change Litigation (1 credits)
- [Comercio y Medio Ambiente: Lecciones en América Latina](#) *Taught in Spanish* (1 credit).

No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other class at WCL. For more information please email: [summerenvironment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:summerenvironment@wcl.american.edu) or call 274-43

## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

### **STAYING IN DC FOR THE SUMMER? REGISTER NOW!**

**May 26 - June 11, 2009  
International Arbitration Summer Session**

Earn up to 5 credits in summer session courses such as Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration; Investor-State Arbitration: Current Developments; International Arbitration and Choice-of-Law Issues; Advanced Seminar: Practical Skills and Cross-Examination in International Arbitration and Salient Issues in ICC Arbitration. A Spanish alternative to the “Nuts and Bolts” course, *Arbitraje Comercial Internacional* will also be offered. Several courses are offered in the evening making them the perfect compliment to your summer working experience.

All courses are taught by leading practitioners in the field such as: **Stanimir Alexandrov**, Sidley Austin LLP; **Jose I. Astigarraga**, Astigarraga Davis; **Nigel Blackaby**, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP; **Janis Brennan**, Foley Hoag LLP; **Marinn Carlson**, Sidley Austin LLP; **Claudia Frutos-Peterson**, Counsel, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID); **Ronald Goodman**, Foley Hoag LLP; **Jennifer Haworth McCandless**, Sidley Austin LLP; **Suzana Medeiros Blades**, Arnold and Porter LLP; **James Mendenhall, Partner**, Sidley Austin LLP. **Jean Kalicki**, Arnold & Porter LLP; **Loukas Mistelis**, School of International Arbitration, Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London.; **Eduardo Silva Romero**, Dechert LLP; **David Wagoner**, International Arbitration Chambers; as well as a team of ICSID experts.

*Registration starts April 7, 2009. No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other classes at WCL. For more information, email [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) or call (202)274-4321.*

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***Interested in learning more about Arbitration? Want to fulfill your Upper Level Writing Requirement this Summer?***

Consider taking **The Federal Arbitration Act in Practice (LAW-799)** with Janis Brennan, Partner, Foley Hoag LLP.

This course offering will follow WCL’s independent study guidelines and will be introduced by four hours of class time that will take place June 1, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The lectures will cover the structure of the FAA, how it works in practice, and current "hot topics" in the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in the United States. The course will conclude with a brief case study of the U.S. courts role in an international commercial arbitration dispute between U.S. and Latin American companies involving a commodities shipment from a third country.

To earn one credit students will be required to write a 20 to 25 page paper which will be due on July 20, 2009. To register for the Independent Study, please visit the Registrar’s Office at WCL 304. If you have any questions about the course, please contact Amelia Duroska, Assistant Director of the Program on Law and Government., WCL 515E or at 202- 274-4368.

*Note:* Students that wish to fulfill the upper level writing requirement will have to write a single topic paper on the subject matter of not less than 30 pages. For more information please go to the web site below:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/writingreq.cfm>

**CLE credit available for practitioners**

Sponsored by the International Arbitration Program and the Program on Law and Government

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### **Independent Study: The Federal Arbitration Act (LAW-799) (1 credit)**

This course offering will follow guidelines for credit determined by **WCL's independent study guidelines** and will be introduced by four hours of class time that will take place June 1, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The lectures will be presented by Janis Brennan, Partner, Foley Hoag, and cover the structure of the FAA, how it works in practice, and current "hot topics" in the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards in the United States. The course will conclude with a brief case study of the U.S. courts role in an international commercial arbitration dispute between U.S. and Latin American companies involving a commodities shipment from a third country."

**To earn one credit students will be required to write a 20 to 25 page paper** (see [wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/independentstudy.cfm](http://wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/independentstudy.cfm) for details) which will be due on July 20, 2009.

## **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413  
(202) 274-4200

[www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)

M, W: 9-5pm T: 10-6pm Th: 9- 6pm F: 9 – 4pm

[externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu)

Avis Sanders, Director

Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

### **Still Seeking a Fall 2009 Externship?**

If you are looking for a fall externship, contact [externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu) to schedule a meeting as soon as possible. Program staff can assist you in your externship search. Additionally, go to the Externship Database at [www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp).

### **Externship Open House**

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm in room 413

Take a study break, and come by the Externship Office to learn about exciting Fall 2009 externship opportunities. Refreshments will be served.

### **SUMMER & FALL EXTERNSHIP Registration:**

- Seminars for Summer Semester and Fall Semester have been posted – all are listed under LAW-769.
- To register for your field placement, go to the Externship Website at [wcl.american.edu/externship](http://wcl.american.edu/externship). (Please register for your seminar before registering for your field placement).
- If you have not yet obtained an externship for the summer semester, search the externship database by recent requests (be sure to sort by date).

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## EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the time required to obtain security clearances for students working as an extern with the U. S. Department of State, students wishing to participate at an externship at that agency during the Academic year 2010 should forward their resume package as soon as possible. The agency has indicated it will be reviewing applications on a running time basis. Please apply as soon as possible. The U.S. Department of State has requested students should apply no later than May 22, 2009 for consideration. It is likely that applicants applying late may find that all positions have been filled.( as happened regarding applications for the Spring 2008 Semester).

### U.S. Department of State/Office of the Legal Adviser

Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. [This externship is confined to U.S. citizen] The work involves 210 to 420 hours over the Fall 2009 or Spring 2010 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Department include subjects in the fields of Economic & Business Laws, Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugee Laws, etc.

Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they will have taken by the end of the Spring Semester 2009 or will have taken by the end of the Fall semester 2009, should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter indicating the semester for which they are applying as soon as possible to allow for security clearance. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other Tuesday between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students] If a student does not qualify under these requirements a student will still be eligible to participate in an externship at the U.S. Department of State under the Externship Programs LAW-899 or LAW-754.

## HEALTH LAW PROJECT

### *Summer Session:*

*Health Law and Policy Institute*

Washington DC, June 15-19, 2009

**Want to earn as many as three (3) academic credits in one week?**

Attend WCL's 2009 Summer Session **Health Law and Policy Institute!**

This year, the Summer Session *Health Law and Policy Institute* will offer seven introductory health law courses, providing JD and LL.M. students with an opportunity for intensive training in various aspects of health law and policy, while having the option to earn academic credits. The custom-developed courses will be taught by leading practitioners from private practice, health care organizations, government, and non-governmental organizations. The Summer Session *Health Law and Policy Institute* will provide multiple *networking* opportunities with leading national Health Lawyers.

We're now accepting applications on line – check out the Summer Programs link on the WCL website. For the full brochure, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/health/institute.cfm> for more information, or contact us at [cparver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cparver@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4136.

**Courses:**

**INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

Introduces students to the substance and theory of human rights law through a focus on public health. Exploring the linkage between human rights, international public health policy, and international law, the course examines the right to health vis-à-vis other human rights, as framed by international treaties and covenants.

**INTRODUCTION TO MEDICINE FOR LAWYERS**

Teaches up-to-date information in an introduction to basic medical principles and practices, and reviews medical negligence law for those students interested in medical liability issues.

**INTERSECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND HEALTH CARE**

Provides significant exposure to the many relationships between U.S. patent, trademark, and copyright laws and health care, including access to medicines, data privacy, genetics, and biotechnology.

**LEGAL ISSUES IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE**

Examines fraud and abuse in the delivery of health care through discussions of the criminal and civil laws and regulations that combat various forms of health care fraud. Course includes a False Claims “Boot Camp,” as well as Stark and Anti-kickback statute issues, health care anti-fraud enforcement efforts, sanctions, and compliance.

**INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH CARE AND LIFE SCIENCES FUNDAMENTALS**

Addresses the unique issues attorneys face in counseling health industry clients, including coding, coverage, reimbursement, billing, compliance, and other regulatory matters. Includes Congressional and state legislative initiatives, and recent Federal government regulatory actions.

**INTRODUCTION TO BIOETHICS**

Considers legal, ethical, and public policy problems posed by developments in health care financing, allocation, and delivery. Topics include bioethics, federal reform of health policy, health care dispute resolution, health care transactions, managed care medical liability, health law legislative and regulatory process, and public health law.

**INTRODUCTION TO GENETICS**

Introduces students to the many ways in which the legal system, construed broadly, is influenced by and influences the science of genetics. This course also aims to introduce students to the ethical and societal concerns raised by new genetic technologies and how the law addresses these issues or may do so in the future.

**Faculty:**

**Jack Boese:** Partner, Fried Frank Harris Shriver and Jacobson, LLP

**Prof. Robert Dinerstein:** WCL Faculty

Sean Flynn: PIJIP  
Jennifer Geetter: Partner, McDermott Will & Emery  
Heidi Gertner: FDA  
Prof. Lewis Grossman: WCL Faculty  
Gwendolyn Majette: Global Health Law Scholar, Georgetown University  
Maureen McTeer: University of Ottawa Law School  
Joel Michaels: Partner, McDermott Will & Emery  
Corrine Parver: WCL Practitioner-in Residence  
Steve Pavsner: Partner, Joseph Greenwald & Laake  
Lynn Shapiro Snyder: Partner, Epstein Becker & Green  
Carrie Valiant: Partner, Epstein Becker & Green  
Javier Vasquez: PAHO

## PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

The Program on Law and Government recognizes the outstanding achievements of its graduates. The following list includes a brief description of each award and the requirements necessary to put yourself in contention for receiving it.

1. **The Best LLM in Law and Government Paper Award** recognizes the 15-20 page paper that best demonstrates excellent academic writing and thorough and compelling analysis of a law and government issue. A committee from the Program on Law and Government will select a student's paper that best exemplifies the above requirements. The recipient of this award will be announced at both the LLM on Law and Government Spring Graduation Dinner and at Commencement. If you want to be considered, please submit your paper to the Program on Law and Government suite (515) by the close of business Friday, May 1st. Please place your paper in the appropriately marked manila envelope at the front desk.
2. **The Judge Jerry M. Hermele Book Award** is awarded by the Program on Law and Government each spring to a JD or LLM student who demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to service in the public sector. The award was founded by Ben Firschein, an LLM in Law and Government graduate who clerked with Judge Hermele at the National Labor Relations Board. Current and past government externship students are encouraged to apply. To apply, please submit a resume and cover letter explaining your public service experience and interest to Tabitha Acosta, Associate Director, Program on Law and Government, in Suite 515 or via e-mail at [tacosta@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tacosta@wcl.american.edu) by close of business Friday, May 1st.

### Exciting Political Discussion

Professors **Jamin Raskin** and **Michael Avery** will discuss their new book – *We Dissent: Talking Back to the Rehnquist Court, Eight Cases that Subverted Civil Liberties and Civil Rights*

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 1:30 pm

6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounges

*Excellent Lunch Provided*

*Book Signing of New Release - Talk with the Authors!*

The outstanding lawyers and legal commentators who contribute to this volume critique the Rehnquist Court's majority opinions by writing their own dissents. Each chapter focuses on a different case — ranging from torture to search and seizure, and from racial profiling to the freedom of political expression — with contributors summarizing the case and the decision, and then offering their own dissent to the majority opinion. For some cases featured in the book, the Court's majority decisions were unanimous, so readers can see here for the first time what a dissent might have looked like. In other cases, contributors offer alternative dissents to the minority opinion, thereby widening the scope of opposition to key civil liberties decisions made by the Rehnquist Court.

Taken together, the dissents in this unique book address the pressing issue of constitutional protection of individual freedom, and present a vision of constitutional law in the United States that differs considerably from the recent jurisprudence of the United States Supreme Court.

**Contributors:**

Michael Avery, Jamin Raskin, Abbe Smith, Erwin Chemerinsky, Marjorie Cohn, Tracey Maclin, Eva Paterson, David Rudovsky, Susan Kiyomi Serrano.

## WOMEN & THE LAW PROGRAM

### **ATTENTION WCL STUDENTS WHO ARE STAYING IN D.C. THIS SUMMER**

#### **You're Invited to an International Conference on *Gender and Justice: An International Inquiry* June 14-16, 2009 at American University, Washington College of Law**

Join the Washington College of Law's Women and International Law Program and the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress for an international conference. Women judges from Afghanistan, Australia, Bahrain, Bhutan, Cameroon, North Cyprus, India, Sri Lanka, Israel, Europe and South America will join U.S. judges from the Federal and State Courts to examine the challenges they face and the opportunities to use the law to change women's lives.

Participants will consist of United States Federal and State Court Judges, United States Attorneys, law school deans, bar association presidents, and practitioners. This is an excellent networking opportunity for students interested in women's rights, law and justice.

Topics to be discussed will include:

- The Status of Women in the Judiciary: A Report from Around the World
- The Impact of Religion, Tradition and Culture on Judging
- Religious Law and Women's Rights: A New Era?
- The Role of the Courts in Ending Violence against Women
- Maintaining Judicial Independence
- Prosecuting Gender-Based and Sexual Crimes against Women: The Role of International Courts and Criminal Tribunals
- Eliminating Gender Bias in the Courts

For a full [list of confirmed speakers](http://www.ajcongress.org) and conference program, visit the American Jewish Congress website at <http://www.ajcongress.org>.

*Please note: Student scholarships are available.* If you are interested in attending this conference, please email the Women and International Law Program at [wilp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wilp@wcl.american.edu).

## 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.

### READING PERIOD AND EXAMINATION HOURS

The Library will be open 24/7 to WCL students with ID cards, WCL faculty and staff beginning at 8 am on Monday, April 27, the first day of the Reading Period. The WCL Library is open only to WCL and AU Main Campus students, faculty, WCL alumnae and patrons using U.S. government documents from April 27 through May 16. All non-WCL students must exit the Library at 12:00 am during this period. Questions about hours and access to the Library should be directed to Adeen Postar at [apostar@wcl.american.edu](mailto:apostar@wcl.american.edu) or John Smith at [jasmith@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jasmith@wcl.american.edu).

### LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Summer hours at the Pence Law Library will begin May 17, 2009 and run through July 31, 2009.

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 10:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

The Library will be closed May 23 – 25, 2009

**Summer Carrel Reservations** If you are a WCL student enrolled in a WCL summer class, writing a journal article or comment, or are a 2009 WCL graduate studying for the July bar examination you may have the use of a reserved carrel this summer. **To obtain one of these carrels, eligible students must participate in a lottery May 20 to May 27 and students selected for a carrel will be notified by email by May 29.** All reserved carrels will expire on August 1. The link for the lottery will be available on the Pence Law Library website on May 20 at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/>. For questions about reserved carrels, contact John Smith, Access Services Librarian at [jasmith@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jasmith@wcl.american.edu).

**FINDING EXAMS AT THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW** All exams that are available to students are posted on the Library's webpage at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/exams/> **The WCL Exams Database** contains all examinations that have been provided to the Pence Law Library by WCL professors since 1990. If there are sample answers they will be linked to the appropriate examination. Some exams require a password for access that is available only from the professor of the course in question, but most do not. Please note that professors are not required to post their exams in

the **WCL Exam Database** and many choose not to do so. The Library does not maintain any paper copies of exams.

**SUMMER ACCESS TO LEXIS AND WESTLAW** Over the summer, **LexisNexis** and **Westlaw** traditionally cut off access to student passwords, as law students have the use of their summer firm's commercial Lexis and Westlaw accounts. However, students with **academic research needs** (summer classes, moot court/journal work, dean's fellow position, unpaid internship, externship etc.) may request an extension of their passwords. Request a **Lexis** extension at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/login.aspx> using the link Extend your LexisNexis ID over the summer. Request an extension from **Westlaw** at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com> and select the left button for "Need your Westlaw Password this Summer?" Do this right away or both services will cut off your use on June 1.

**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. Remember - your fellow students are studying and deserve your respect! Need an absolute quiet place to study? Use the Quiet Study Room on the first floor of the Library. If you can't find a quiet area, stop by the Circulation Desk and we'll help you find one.**

**GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!**

## IN SEARCH OF

### National Institute of Military Justice

Building 4301, 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 102

Phone: 202-274-4322 - Email: [jtracy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jtracy@wcl.american.edu).

The National Institute of Military Justice is seeking a 2L/3L/LL.M dean's fellow to work 10-20 hours/week during the summer 2009. The Dean's Fellow will work on editing and indexing National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) updates to publications to include the Guide to the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Military Commission Reporter. The Dean's Fellow will also conduct research and write memorandums on issues of military justice, military commissions, and other detainee issues. To apply submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Jonathan Tracy, Assistant Director, National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) at [jtracy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jtracy@wcl.american.edu).

### **Research Assistant Position**

**Prof. Ann Shalleck** seeks a summer research assistant to work up to 20 hours per week on issues of narrative theory, jurisprudence, the relationship of social welfare law and family law, feminist theory and clinical theory. Please bring a resume and cover letter to Kathleen in room 417 or send them as attachments to an email to [khudson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:khudson@wcl.american.edu) by Friday, April 30, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

**Prof. David Snyder** needs one or more dean's fellows for research assistance in the fields of contracts and commercial law, especially international transactions and comparative law. Specific projects are likely to relate to the international sale of goods. There are also likely to be projects on more general matters of international and comparative private law. No foreign language expertise is necessary, but

French or German is a plus. Positions are available during the summer and during the academic year. Please send a CV, and if possible, an unofficial law school transcript, by email to [dsnyder@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dsnyder@wcl.american.edu).

**The General Practice Clinic** is seeking several deans' fellows to assist with case management this summer. The General Practice Clinic handles a wide variety of cases, including bankruptcy, divorce, child custody, and consumer protection. Duties will involve maintaining contact with clients, interviewing clients, assisting with hearings, preparing research memoranda and documents for court filings, and other matters. These positions will be available for from three to five days a week. Positions may have staggered start dates and will be available beginning May 27 and continuing until classes begin in August. Current second year students are preferred, but we will consider any student with legal or non-legal experience who is interested in learning about the general practice of law. Interested applicants should e-mail a cover letter describing their interests and a resume to Professor Kate Bunker at [kbunker@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kbunker@wcl.american.edu). The positions may be filled on a rolling basis so it is important to apply as soon as possible.

**Prof. Nancy Polikoff** seeks a part-time Dean's Fellow for the summer and/or the fall to research family law issues, especially related to gay and lesbian families. Please give a resume, transcript (unofficial is fine!) and one paragraph statement of interest to Sharon Wolfe in Room 475. If you want more information, email Prof. Polikoff at [npoliko@wcl.american.edu](mailto:npoliko@wcl.american.edu).

**The Glushko-Samuels Intellectual Property Law Clinic** is seeking summer Dean's Fellows for IP research and to help monitor pending clinic cases. Hours worked and schedule are extremely flexible. There will also be an opportunity to continue for 10hrs per week during in the school year to play a client role in our year-long clinic IP simulation. If you are interested-- please email a resume and letter of interest to both Prof. Josh Sarnoff, [jsarnoff@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jsarnoff@wcl.american.edu) and Prof. Vicki Phillips, [vfphillips@wcl.american.edu](mailto:vfphillips@wcl.american.edu).

**Professor Dodd** is looking for Dean's Fellows willing to work 10-20 hours/week this summer. The Dean's Fellows will be helping Prof. Dodd research the strategies of rights organizations like the NAACP, ACLU, and National Lawyers' Guild, as well as conduct other research for a book project on the development of civil rights litigation under Section 1983. Please email [ldodd@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ldodd@wcl.american.edu) with information regarding your availability and prior research experience.

**Prof. Meetal Jain** seeks to hire two Dean's Fellows for 10 hours each per week this summer to assist with research regarding (1) domestic implementation of human rights norms within an immigration context and (2) comparative strategies for building local human rights advocacy campaigns. Preference will be given to students with a demonstrated interest in federalism, human rights, immigrants' rights issues and/or comparative law. If interested, please email your resume to [mjain@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mjain@wcl.american.edu) by Friday May 1, 2009.

**DEAN'S FELLOWS OPPORTUNITY WITH THE IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT:** The Impact Litigation Project is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the summer with the potential to continue through the fall semester to work on international human rights cases. The Project seeks to promote the rule of law and democracy within the Latin American region through international litigation of pivotal cases selected by experts for maximum ability to shape and change policy and legislation. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights. 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 and gain experience in human rights international litigation. Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 10 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 and resume to Agustina Del Campo at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow summer 2009" in the subject line.

The **International Arbitration Program** is seeking Dean's Fellows for summer 2009. As a Dean's Fellow you will have the opportunity to provide, from May 26 to June 11, support to faculty experts and foreign visitors participating in the International Arbitration Summer Session and help with summer extracurricular events. This is a great opportunity to network with leading experts and attorneys from all over the world. **If you are taking Arbitration Summer Courses you will be assisting the professors (power point, attendance list, etc).** The rest of the summer you will be helping with the everyday operation of the Program. Please send a resume and brief cover letter to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) by Friday May 1. Please include your dates and hours of availability as well as noting if you have an interest in a particular project mentioned above. Please contact us at 202-274-4321 with any questions.

The **Office of Grant Administration and Program Development** is seeking Dean's Fellows for summer 2009. You will be working with the Yeditepe and Ritsumeikan Washington Seminar Programs, preparing for the International Arbitration Fall Seminar and Annual Lecture, and assisting in Grant Administration evaluation. The [Washington Seminar Programs](#) bring law students from Turkey and Japan to WCL for several weeks to take classes and participate in site visits. The Dean's Fellow will help with course preparation, logistics, and planning extracurricular activities for these groups. Please send a resume and brief cover letter to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) by Friday May 1. Please include your dates and hours of availability as well as noting if you have an interest in a particular project mentioned above. Please contact us at 202-274-4321 with any questions.

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

### **BLSA OPEN MIC NIGHT:**

It's here!!! BLSA's Open Mic Night is an annual event during which WCL students and members of the DC community showcase their talent in an exciting evening of artistic entertainment. **This year's event is entitled, "Chocolate High: A Night of Poetry, Song, Soul, and Dessert."** **This event will be held in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge on Thursday, April 23, beginning at 8pm (doors open at 7:30pm).** Come and enjoy *soulful poetry, moving music, and dramatic readings*, while enjoying the delicious chocolate desserts that were inspired by this year's Open Mic theme. Guests will receive one free alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverage with their ticket, and a cash bar will also be available. Tickets are \$8. All ticket proceeds will go towards the Wade A. Dennis Award, a scholarship that will be awarded to a deserving Marshall-Brennan high school student in remembrance of a gifted WCL alumna.

**Got talent? Please e-mail what you would like to perform @ OMN ASAP to [blsa@wcl.american.edu](mailto:blsa@wcl.american.edu). Performers can also sign up at the door.**

## SMOOTHIE SALE

The BLSA smoothie sale will continue in the WCL Dining Hall today (in the space closest to the 6th floor vending machines). Smoothies are selling for **\$2 and \$4 for small and large sizes, respectively**. ALL proceeds from the smoothie sale will go towards the Wade A. Dennis Scholarship, which will be awarded to a deserving Marshall-Brennan high school student for the purpose of assisting their college tuition expenses. Enjoy a refreshing fruit smoothie while supporting a worthwhile cause! Thank you!

The *Intellectual Property Brief* is now accepting applications for the 2009 - 2010 school year. JD, LL.M, and Alumni students are encouraged to apply. The application may be accessed on the Intellectual Property Brief TWEN Site. Please email any question to [intellectualpropertybrief@gmail.com](mailto:intellectualpropertybrief@gmail.com).

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Professor Angela Davis** still has space in her “Criminal Defense: Theory and Practice” class. Please submit a brief (no more than 2 double-spaced pages, 12 point Times New Roman font) essay describing your interest in and commitment to criminal defense. Please also include whether you are a 2L or 3L. Although Evidence is not a pre-requisite for the course, indicate whether you have taken Evidence or whether you will be taking it in the Fall semester. Essays should be sent via e-mail to Professor Davis at [angelad@wcl.american.edu](mailto:angelad@wcl.american.edu).

Prof. Nicholas Kittrie will be offering his **SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE** during the **Fall 2009 semester**. Class will be held on **Wednesdays (6:00 - 7:50PM, Room (TBA))**. This seminar will survey: (1) The growing number and types of international crimes, including human rights violations, law of war violations; international, environmental business, financial and commercial violations; and governmental corruption; (2) International enforcement, adjudication and sanctions against offenders; and (3) National enforcement, adjudication and sanctions against offenders, emphasizing U.S. practices. The seminar will deal with both the substantive crimes and enforcement procedures. Student will receive two credit hours. Additionally, students may register for one or two additional credits by writing a more comprehensive research product. A research paper, required in lieu of an exam, will count towards the WCL upper level writing paper requirement. All interested students, including Dr. Kittrie's former students, are encouraged to register or place their names on the waiting list, if necessary. **For more information**, contact Dr. Kittrie in his office - **Room 354**, or by telephone - 202-274-4217 or via his administrative assistant, Sharon Wolfe, at 202-274-4123.

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Good Luck with Finals and congratulations to graduating students!!**

### **Important Reminders**

#### **OCPD Summer Office Hours**

OCPD is open over the summer break during regular business hours (Monday – Thursday, 9:00am - 5:30pm and Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm). Please feel free to contact the OCPD front desk at 202-274-4090 to schedule either in-person or telephone counseling appointments. Evening counseling sessions can be arranged upon request by contacting the front desk.

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#### **Attention Graduating Students: Graduation Surveys**

Prior to graduation, please remember to complete the brief, but very important, Graduation Survey administered on CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>). Each year, WCL must report employment statistics to the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), the American Bar Association and US News & World Report for recent graduates. To that end, *all graduating students* should complete the short survey before Commencement (whether Employed, Enrolled in a Full-Time Degree Program, NOT Seeking Work, or Seeking Work). Students will have the opportunity to indicate any extenuating circumstances surrounding their employment status (such as delayed or rescinded offers, temporary fellowships arranged as a result of modified offers, etc.). *Questions? Contact Robin Fulton: [rfulton@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rfulton@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4095.*

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#### **Personal Coaching Sessions Available To Graduating Students Today (spaces still available!) and Monday, April 27**

Feeling anxious about your career or feeling stressed out about the economy's impact on your career? You are not alone! Many lawyers and law students are experiencing anger, frustration and a lack of motivation when addressing the career planning process.

In addition to career counseling services provided by OCPD, Ursula Bass, a WCL alumna and former DC lawyer who advises executives, lawyers and other professionals about life and career issues, has been retained by OCPD to provide a limited series of personal coaching sessions to graduating students.

Coaching sessions are free, confidential and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please visit CareerLink to register.

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## **Attention Students Who Missed Fall Recruitment Workshops and Panels**

If you missed the four Fall Recruitment 101 Workshops offered this semester, please listen to the podcast of Fall Recruitment 101 available on the WCL website at [www.wcl.american.edu/podcasts](http://www.wcl.american.edu/podcasts). The 2009 Fall Recruitment Program guide can be found online on OCPD's website under "Handouts." Similarly, webcasts of OCPD-sponsored Fall Recruitment panel discussions are available on OCPD's website. In addition to listening to and/or viewing these programs, students are strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment to discuss Fall Recruitment with an OCPD career counselor in advance of the program this summer.

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## **2009 Spring Recruitment Program**

Remember to check the CareerLink system frequently for new postings of summer 2009 and post-graduate employment opportunities. Direct Application and Resume Collection positions can be found under the "Jobs & Resume Collection" tab. Spring Recruitment will continue through the month of May 2009.

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## **Attention 1Ls!**

OCPD continues to communicate with students during the summer months regarding opportunities to network, late breaking employment announcements, and other useful information. Please be sure to check the email account specified on your CareerLink profile to ensure timely receipt of such messages. To that end, you may want to consider subscribing to one of our practice-area or topic-specific listservs (such as Public Interest, International, Judicial, Professional Development, etc.). To do so, log on to CareerLink and utilize the "Profile" tab to access your Academic Information.

In addition to general announcements, OCPD's Recruitment Coordinator will communicate with 1Ls throughout the summer regarding 2009 Fall Recruitment Program dates, deadlines, and other important information for those interested in participating in the process. It is imperative that your CareerLink account is up to date if you wish to receive such communications.

At the conclusion of final exams, 1Ls should watch for an email from OCPD with the annual guide on "Finding a Job for Your 2L Summer: 2009 Fall Recruitment and Beyond." This document includes timelines for various practice areas, helpful tips on resources and opportunities to expand your professional network, as well as a glossary of job search related terms.

OCPD is open throughout the summer months, Monday-Friday, with counseling available by appointment only. To schedule an in-person or telephone appointment, contact the OCPD front desk at 202-274-4090.

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## Notice Regarding Program and Counseling Surveys

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

## Public Interest & Government

### PUBLIC INTEREST JOB SEEKERS:

President Obama signs legislation tripling AmeriCorps national service program: If you plan to answer the “call to serve,” your options have just broadened. Through the AmeriCorps program, there are many opportunities to serve the public good from direct client representation at a legal services organization to helping those surviving at the poverty line find a better life and everything in between. For more information, go to <http://www.americorps.gov/Default.asp>.

### **REMINDER: Spring Recruitment/ Direct Application Law Clerk Volunteers of America (Alexandria, VA)**

Volunteers of America, Inc., one of the nation’s largest and most comprehensive nonprofit social services organizations with a consolidated annual budget of almost \$800 million, seeks a full-time summer law clerk to work in its Office of General Counsel. Tasks will include researching a wide range of issues including nonprofit law, tax-exempt, employment, fundraising, copyright and trademark liability, and contract issues; drafting bylaw amendments, corporate filings and general correspondence to government agencies; preparing legal alerts for Volunteers of America affiliates; and monitoring litigation. Hourly salary negotiable; part-time work during following academic year a possibility. For more information and to apply, please see the complete posting on CareerLink.

*Additional general postings can be found on CareerLink by searching keywords “Spring Recruitment” or the level of position (summer full-time, summer part-time, etc.)*

*In addition to CareerLink postings, please make sure to conduct your own directed job search to identify employers of interest. Please schedule an appointment with a counselor for individualized assistance.*

**International public service:** If you are interested in crossing borders to make a difference (even if it’s into Virginia or Maryland), then Lawyers Without Borders is a resource you might want to consider. LWOB seeks to connect students and practicing lawyers with pro bono opportunities and job opportunities working especially with rule of law issues. To view opportunities and get more information, go to <http://www.lwob.org/Pages/Default.aspx>.

### **JOB SEARCH RESOURCES!!**

1. **CareerLink** – WCL’s on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options** to receive regular email updates. Also remember to check CareerLink regularly for post-graduate and internship opportunities!
2. **PSLawNet** ([www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org)) – Recently updated, the Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information

found in the “Postgraduate Fellowship” section. It also provides excellent resources in the “Career Central” and “International Resources” sections.

3. **Idealist** ([www.idealists.org](http://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](http://www.opajobs.com)) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Log onto CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. **The Government Honors & Internship Handbook.** The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or go to the Job Search Skills & Resources page of the OCPD website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/searchskills.cfm> to access the “Government Honors & Internship Handbook 2008-2009” link and view the online version. Click the link, enter your “my.american.edu” login to obtain the username and password for the handbook, and login.

*Please make sure you are checking CareerLink and other resources (see the Public Interest "Jump Start" handout in the document library, a link to which can be found on the OCPD website) to identify positions and/or employers to target for jobs in DC and beyond.*

### **INTERESTED IN Government Employment?**

**Potential attorney advisor positions:** The Social Security Administration is accepting resumes for potential Attorney-Advisor positions at the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review in Washington, DC. They are recruiting potential candidates for Attorney-Advisor positions in the event that they will be able to hire in the near future.

### **REMINDER: Spring Recruitment/Direct Application - Program Assistant U.S. EPA- Office of the Inspector General (Washington, D.C.)**

EPA-OIG, Office of Counsel (OC) is interested in a summer law school intern to work on a variety of legal matters. The law student should be a second year fulltime student, or a second or third year part-time student. The individual will respond to FOIA and Privacy Act requests, conduct legal research related to the Inspector General Act and federal environmental laws, assist with administrative and federal court litigation, respond to congressional inquiries, and answer legal questions raised by investigation and audit clients. The ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing is required. A government clearance is desirable but not necessary. For more information and to apply, please see the complete posting on CareerLink.

*Additional general postings can be found on CareerLink by searching keywords “Spring Recruitment” or the level of position (summer full-time, summer part-time, etc.)*

*In addition to CareerLink postings, please make sure to conduct your own directed job search to identify employers of interest.*

**Consider the state and local level:** The call to government service is commendable. Most people, especially in DC, think only of the federal government. However, there is a world of opportunity at the state and local levels. *The Government Honors and Internship Handbook* (link on CareerLink under Resources) has many listings for state and local governments. Many of the opportunities at the federal level are replicated at both the state and local level. So, don’t limit your options. Explore all avenues of government service. To discuss these career options, contact the OCPD front desk for an appointment with a counselor.

*Please make sure you are checking CareerLink and other resources (see the Government "Jump Start" handout in the document library, a link to which can be found on the OCPD website) to identify positions and/or employers to target for jobs in the federal government and beyond. Don't forget about state and local government.*

## **Judicial Clerkships & Internships**

### **Attention 2Ls/3L Evening Students Interested in Judicial Clerkships:**

If you were unable to attend one of the three nuts and bolts workshops held over the course of the past several weeks, please make sure you are registered on the Judicial Listserv. The handout from the workshops can be found under the "judicial" materials in the Handouts section on the OCPD website. Please note that the sessions were intended to supplement - not substitute for - individual counseling appointments about your applications.

### **Attention 2Ls: OSCAR Version 5.0:**

The OSCAR Help Desk has notified us that the scheduled date for the roll out of OSCAR Version 5.0 is May 18, 2009. At this time, 2010 law school graduates will be able to access OSCAR to post their application materials, search for clerkships, and begin submitting their applications. A webcast walking students and alumni through how to use OSCAR Version 5.0 will be sent out via the judicial listserv this summer.

### **Clerkships and Clerkship Interviews:**

If you have interviewed for any judicial clerkships during the past academic year, please fill out a questionnaire about your experience at:

[http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/survey/clerkship\\_interview\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/survey/clerkship_interview_form.cfm). We will keep this information private until you have secured a clerkship. **Once you have lined up a judicial clerkship, please 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.

*During Amy Killoran's maternity leave, contact OCPD's front desk to schedule a counseling appointment with another counselor and email [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu) to let OCPD know that 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.  
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## **SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NAPABA) LAW FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS:** Each fall NAPABA proudly offers several scholarships to law students from all backgrounds who demonstrate a commitment to serve or contribute to the Asian Pacific American community as future leaders. The following scholarships are available: Anheuser-Busch NAPABA Law Foundation Presidential Scholarships (two \$7500 awards); NAPABA Law Foundation Scholarships (two \$2500 awards); Lim, Ruger & Kim Scholarship Created (\$2500 scholarship); Diane Yu Loan Repayment Assistance Program (\$5000 award for recent law graduates). Only one application is needed to be considered for all scholarships. **The deadline to apply is September 5, 2009.** For more information and complete application materials, please visit: <http://www.napaba.org/napaba/showpage.asp?code=scholarships>.

**AEF SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS:** AEF awards two summer fellowships, The Robert E. Wone Fellowship and the The Anheuser-Busch Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship each year to law students from around the nation to fund an internship with a public interest organization that benefits either the metropolitan Washington, D.C. community-at-large and/or the Asian Pacific American community. Such organizations include governmental organizations and other non-profits serving the public interest. The internship must be unpaid (except for nominal payment for such items as transportation), arranged by the student, and extend at least ten weeks or a total of 400 hours. **Deadline to apply for funding is April 30, 2009.** For more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**THOMPSON HINE DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP:** Recipient will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship and be in consideration for a 2010 summer associate position with the firm. **Applications will be accepted from rising 2Ls starting June 15, 2009 through September 1, 2009.** For full application materials and information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER (APALRC) FALL 2009 DC EXTERNSHIPS:** APALRC works with low income and limited-English proficient Asian immigrant communities across the Washington D.C. metropolitan area by providing legal representation and policy work in language access, immigration, domestic violence and family law, employment, housing, community development, and other areas. APALRC has a number of legal externship opportunities available for Fall 2009, as well as internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students through the Language Access Project and the Housing and Community Justice Project. For more information and a full description of externship opportunities with APALRC, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**DRI LAW STUDENT DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP:** The DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarship program is open to incoming second and incoming third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Incoming second and incoming third-year female law students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. **Two scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 each will be awarded to applicants who best meet the criteria. Application deadline is May 8, 2009.** To learn more about the scholarship and its criteria, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**MILBANK DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM:** Milbank selects law students who will receive a **salaried summer associate position for their second year summer and a \$50,000 scholarship** (\$15,000 to be distributed during the students' third year of law school, and payment of the additional \$35,000 contingent upon receipt and acceptance of a Milbank permanent offer, to be paid upon the students' joining the Firm). Students who are members of groups traditionally underrepresented in large law firms are encouraged to apply. Candidate must be in good standing at an ABA accredited law

school and have successfully completed their first year of a full-time JD program. Joint degree candidates must have successfully completed two years of a JD program. **All applications must be postmarked by September 15, 2009.** For more information and complete application materials, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**ROBERT T. MATSUI ANNUAL WRITING COMPETITION** through AEF seeks to encourage legal scholarship on issues of importance to the Asian Pacific American legal community and, more generally, the publication of law review articles on topics of relevance to racial and ethnic minorities and the law. The Competition is open to all law students in the United States. The winner will receive a monetary award of **\$1,500**, and the winning entry will be published by UCLA School of Law's *Asian Pacific American Law Journal*. **Submissions due by June 1, 2009.** For application materials and more information, please visit <http://www.aefdc.org/>.

**MICHAEL GREENBERG 2009 STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION:** presented by the National LGBT Bar Association is open to all students enrolled in an accredited ABA school for the 2008-2009 academic year. The topic needs to cover a cutting edge legal issue affecting the LGBT community. First, second, and third place winners will receive \$3000, \$2000, and \$1000 (respectively), **PLUS** airfare, registration, and lodging for the 2009 LGBT Annual Career Fair in Brooklyn, NY.

**Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2009.** For more information and complete details, please visit: <http://www.lgbtbar.org/competition.html>.

**AEF BAR ASSISTANCE GRANT: a \$1500 grant** is being offered to a graduating student who has formally accepted an offer to work full-time at a public interest or government organization that benefits either the Asian Pacific American community and/or the metropolitan DC community-at-large. Eligible applicants cannot be paid a salary exceeding \$50,000 per year nor receive any other bar-related financial assistance from their employer. **The deadline is April 30, 2009.** For more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

### RECEPTIONS & EVENTS

#### **7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MENTORING & NETWORKING EVENT FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:**

The Committee of 100 proudly present *Bridge to a Bright Future* on **May 2, 2009** from 2-4:30 pm at the US Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC. This is a fabulous opportunity to learn and network with distinguished Chinese Americans in academia, consulting, finance, entertainment, and the law.

Opening remarks will be given by international figure skating star and Olympic medalist Michelle Kwan. Registration is open and seats are limited. **Registration deadline is April 27, 2009** and can be completed online by visiting: <http://conference.committee100.org/2009/index.php?page=mentoring>.

Please direct questions to Mike Jee at [mjee@committee100.org](mailto:mjee@committee100.org) or visit [www.c100mentoring.org](http://www.c100mentoring.org).

#### **SAVE THE DATE!!!! MID ATLANTIC BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION JOB**

**FAIR** is set for **August 22, 2009** in Washington, DC. **Student registration will open in July 2009.**

More information to follow soon!

#### **THE BOSTON LAWYERS GROUP (BLG) WASHINGTON, DC CAREER FAIR FOR**

**DIVERSE STUDENTS:** BLG is a consortium of over 40 of the largest firms, government agencies, and organizations committed to the recruitment and retention of diverse applicants in the Boston legal market. Employers will be at the fair interviewing second year law students for summer 2010 summer associate positions. There will be a few opportunities for third year students to interview for post graduate positions as well. **Student registration starts on April 1, 2009 and ends on July 8, 2009.**

The fair will take place at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC on **August 20, 2009.** To register, please visit: <https://law-blg-csm.symplicity.com/students>. For

more information about the career fair and BLG, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ABA NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF LAWYERS WITH DISABILITIES:**

This groundbreaking program encourages large legal employers to sign pledges to promote diversity and inclusion within the workplace with an emphasis on hiring and retaining lawyers with disabilities, and identify legal employers that are models for the legal profession. The conference will take place on June 15-16, 2009 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC. **Scholarships for students to attend now available online. Early bird registration available until June 1, 2009.** For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://www.abanet.org/disability/conferences/09conference.shtml>.

**2009 BAY AREA MINORITY CAREER FAIR:** This year's career fair will be held at the Hilton San Francisco, Financial District, San Francisco, California on **August 8, 2009**. The Bay Area Diversity Career Fair attracts hiring representatives from the Bay Area's most prominent law firms and government legal departments. Only law students who will have completed their first year of law school by the time of interviews are eligible to participate. **Student registration starts on May 4, 2009 and ends on June 15, 2009.** For more information on how to register and FAQs, please email Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL IMPACT CAREER FAIR:** Come join us for the annual career fair for law students and attorneys with disabilities. This year the event will take place on **August 7, 2009** at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA (1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, 703-486-1111). Registration is now open and the **deadline to register is July 5, 2009**. For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://www.law.arizona.edu/Career/Impact/studentregistrationintro.cfm>

**THE NATIONAL LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION'S 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CAREER FAIR:** will run from **September 10-12, 2009** in Brooklyn, NY. Last year's fair had over 169 employers represented with over 590 student attendees. The LGBT Bar Association is committed to promoting diversity within the legal profession. For more information, please visit: <http://lgbtbar.org/Annual/>.

**NATIONAL BLACK PROSECUTORS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL JOB FAIR:** will be held on **Tuesday, July 21, 2009** at the Marriott Memphis Downtown in Memphis, Tennessee. The goal of the National Black Prosecutors Association's (NBPA) Job Fair is to promote diversity in prosecutors' offices by providing a forum where prospective employers can meet and interview law students, recent law graduates, and experienced attorneys. After March 31<sup>st</sup>, the registration fee will be \$50.00 for law students and 2009 graduates. For more information, list of employers, and application, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in OCPD at [musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:musallam@wcl.american.edu).

**HEARTLAND DIVERSITY LEGAL JOB FAIR (HDLJF):** The 5th Annual Heartland Diversity Legal Job Fair (HDLJF) will be held **August 7-8, 2009, in Kansas City, Missouri**. Students who will be returning to school in August, those graduating in May, and who are interested in becoming part of Kansas City's dynamic legal community should strongly consider attending this event as employers will be interviewing for both summer and post-graduate positions. The HDLJF is designed to expose law students of diverse backgrounds to both traditional and non-traditional legal employers from the area's leading legal employers. **Registration runs from March 26 – June 20, 2009.** Students who register before May 25th will be entered into a drawing for exciting prizes. **Students can register on-line and find more information about the Job Fair at <http://www.heartlanddiversity.org/StudentReg.htm>.** You may also contact Emily Perry at 816-474-4322.

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

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

**ELECTRONIC TOOL WILL HELP YOU DRAFT YOUR RESUME**

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! All registered students can use this tool for free. We suggest you use Optimal Resume *after* attending a 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](mailto:@american.edu) email address and create a personal password. If you have any questions or comments regarding this software, please email: [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu).

**GENERAL REMINDERS FOR FOREIGN LL.M. STUDENTS**

I am available to meet with you for resume and cover letter review and to answer your job search questions. **You are required to attend a Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop before meeting with me for an individual counseling appointment.** All foreign LL.M. students (current and new students) are welcome to attend these workshops. Stay tuned to your emails for more detailed information and instructions on future sessions and how to register for them.

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

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 27, 2009**

**Monday, April 27**

**All Day, OCPD:** Personal Coaching Sessions for Graduation Students (*register on CareerLink*)

**12:00-1:00pm, Room 526:** Humphrey Fellows Discussion: “Domestic Violence in Brazil”

**12:00-1:30pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounges:** “We Dissent: Talking Back to the Rehenquist Court, Eight Cases that Subverted Civil Liberties and Civil Rights.” Book discussion with authors, Profs. Raskin & Avery.

**Tuesday, April 28**

**8:45am-4:30pm, Room 603:** Privacy Protection After Twenty Years Under *Reporters Committee*

**Wednesday, April 29**

**2:00-4:00pm, Room 413:** Externship Open House