



Women and International Law Program Listserve

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1. Women's Law Association Welcome Back Lunch, Thursday, September 1, 12pm, Room 524

Please join the Women's Law Association for their welcome back lunch. If you have a scheduling conflict that day, feel free to drop-in for a late lunch. At this lunch, WLA will detail upcoming events and ways to get involved, introduce some WLA faculty who work on gender and women's issues in the law, and hold elections for remaining WLA Board positions: Communications Director, Fundraising Director, Events Coordinator and Section Representatives. These positions are a great way to get involved in women's rights advocacy on campus and meet students from other years and sections. Also, WLA involvement is important for anyone considering applying for the WLA Fellowship for public-interest work next summer. If you are interested, please email Sarah Leinicke, at sarah_leinicke@yahoo.com, a short introduction before Monday, August 29th, telling her about yourself and why you are interested in the position. She will compile this information and post it on the listserv before elections. You can then introduce yourself at the lunch meeting on Sept 1st before everyone votes. If you are worried about the time commitment, keep in mind that people who work in these positions will be working with the board and other WLA members on all tasks. We currently meet about twice a month. Also, we will be completely flexible about helping each other during busy periods and would not expect anyone to commit time once finals study period begins.

2. Women's Law Association Happy Hour, Thursday, September 8, 6-8pm

Come out and meet other students interested in women's issues at the Women's Law Association happy hour. This will take place on Thursday, September 8, from 6-8pm at Café Citron, located at 1343 Connecticut Avenue in Dupont Circle.

3. Lambda Law Society Welcome Back Lunch, August 30, 12pm, Rm 401

Please join Lambda for a welcome back lunch on August 30, at noon in room 401. The Lambda Law Society is a political, educational, and social organization that serves to provide information on gay-related legal issues, eliminate stereotypes about homosexuals, and foster a positive image of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people throughout the law school community. To sign up for the Lambda listserv, email lambda-law-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Lambda is currently matching peer mentors with new students. If you would like to either be a mentor or be paired with one, email Brett at brett.edwards@gmail.com.

4. Take the Hogan Challenge to Raise Money for EJF Grants

For the second year in a row, Hogan & Hartson offers the Hogan Challenge an online game open to current students to raise money for summer public interest grants at law schools. To play, visit the careers section of the Hogan website at www.hhlaw.com. Once you have played, you can register on behalf of WCL. At the end of the recruiting season, the

number of registered players from each of the law schools at which the firm recruits will be tabulated. The firm will make contributions totaling \$20,000 to the public interest scholarship funding programs at the law schools with the most and the highest percentages of students participating. **You must provide your WCL email address in order to earn points for WCL.**

5. SIS Master's Course: Current Issues and Research in Women's and Gender Studies (WGST-500)

For students interested in taking classes at main campus: this course involves the exploration of the philosophies, methods, and theories entailed in doing scholarly work in women's and gender studies. It consists of close examination of selected current works in the discipline, collaborative work developing bibliographies and designing course activities, and individual work in the field. Each student spends the semester working on an original research project—the course has included art, political science, international relations, law, philosophy, literature, history, anthropology, journalism, filmmaking, and art history—all sorts of wonderful projects have come out of the course. Each student ends up extremely invested in the projects of other students. A fabulous feminist intellectual /political community is invariably formed throughout the course of the semester.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. Fall 2005 Advocates Program Internship with Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP) is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1995 in response to the lack of linguistically and culturally appropriate services for Asian/Pacific Islander (A/PI) battered women in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. DVRP's mission is to address and prevent domestic violence in A/PI communities in the DC area. DVRP believes in providing culturally appropriate tools, support, and resources for women to make their own life choices. DVRP is a non-hierarchical organization structured around mutual respect, shared responsibility, trust and equality, and supported by a collaborative style of leadership. Description of Internship: DVRP is currently searching for a part-time Fall intern for the Advocates Program. Recognizing that A/PI victims of domestic violence have a variety of needs in order to attain safety for themselves and their children, DVRP advocates provide direct assistance on an individual level, with special consideration for cultural and linguistic needs. Trained volunteer and bilingual advocates provide referrals, victim advocacy, and peer support. The intern will work closely with the Advocates Program Co-Directors in performing the following duties: assist in the recruitment of volunteer and bilingual advocates, organize training materials for the Advocates Fall '05 training, update resources for the Advocates Program, and perform administrative tasks. Applicants should be enrolled in a two-year or four-year college program, and be willing to commit to a minimum of 10hrs/wk, starting in early September through mid-December. Although we are unable to provide a stipend, academic credit can be arranged. To apply, please submit your resume, cover letter, and two references by 5:00pm on **August 29, 2004** to info@dvrp.org or fax (202) 986-9332.

CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

1. Building for the Future: Women's Role in Conflict Resolution and Reconstruction, Tuesday, September 13, 2005, 9:00am-1:15pm, 6th Floor Auditorium, Woodrow Wilson Center

The conference will provide an in-depth look at the positive roles women have played in peace building and the impact of individual women, women's organizations, and women's civil society networks in aiding reconstruction. Panelists include Sanam Anderlini, Independent Consultant on Gender, Peace, and Security Issues; Cheryl Benard, Senior Political Analyst and Director of the Initiative for Middle Eastern Youth, RAND Corporation; Eulalie Nibizi, President, Burundi Trade Union, Bujumbura, Burundi; Ala Noori Talabani, Member of the Iraqi Interim National Assembly, Baghdad, Iraq; and Jenni Williams, Coordinator, Women of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA), Bulwayo, Zimbabwe. The first panel will focus on the activities of women based in areas currently facing conflict, including Iraq and Zimbabwe. The second panel will examine the role women have played and continue to play in countries emerging from conflict, including Afghanistan, Burundi, and Rwanda. Panelists will reflect on women's activism in both formal and informal peace processes, and will provide insight into the most effective ways in which women are involved in reconstruction activities. This event is cosponsored by the Middle East Program and the Project on Leadership and Building State Capacity (formerly the Conflict Prevention Project). Seating is limited. Please RSVP to conflictprevention@wwic.si.edu or fax (202) 691-4184. A valid photo ID is required for entry. The Woodrow Wilson Center is located in the Ronald Reagan Building (Federal Triangle stop on Blue/Orange Line). Public parking is available underneath the Reagan Building, however we recommend coming by metro or taxi. <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/directions>

2. Decentralization and Women's Rights in South Asia Research Competition

The Gender Unit of IDRC is launching a research competition on the theme Decentralization and Women's Rights in South Asia. The competition is to support empirical research in any country of South Asia that will document and

analyze specific state decentralization reforms that have worked to promote women's rights, and/or reforms that have created barriers to the protection and realization of these rights. The competition is aimed at experienced researchers, who may choose to work in teams with women's rights organizations and/or with less experienced colleagues in one or more South Asian countries to study the specific country experience. It is hoped that the research competition process will encourage greater collaboration between traditional research institutions, academics and grassroots organizations working on various aspects of decentralization. South Asian countries and states within these countries continue to advance complex processes of decentralization. It is further that results and issues emerging from this competition research will help integration of women's concerns into broader decentralization agendas and debates that could inform emerging public policies. Full details of the competition can be found on the Gender Unit website at www.idrc.ca/gender. Please note that the deadline for the competition is September 15th, 2005.

3. Change in Climate: Prospects for Gender Equity in Universities--2006 ATN WEXDEV International Conference, Call for Abstracts, Stamford Plaza, Adelaide, South Australia, April 11-13, 2006

The Australian Technology Network is an influential alliance of five distinctive and prominent Australian universities located in each mainland state. In 1996 they launched the Women's Executive Development Program (ATN WEXDEV) to support women in senior positions in their universities. They now invite submission of abstracts to be presented at a 2006 International Conference on Gender Equity in Universities, sponsored by the Australian Technology Network (ATN) Women's Executive Development Program (WEXDEV). It is designed for academics, administrators, equity practitioners and researchers. Building on the 1998 international conference "Winds of Change", which brought 500 women to Sydney to discuss the cultures of universities, the 2006 conference "Change in Climate" will provide an opportunity to consider the current issues facing women working in higher education throughout the world. It will enable participants to report on findings from recent research and to exchange information and ideas from successful programs around the world. The Conference, co-hosted by the University of South Australia, is to be held in beautiful Adelaide, with its parks, beaches, wineries, culture and excellent food. For further information please visit the conference secretariat <http://www.sapmea.asn.au/wexdev2006>. Abstract submission deadline: Monday, October 24.