



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. The Immigrants' Rights Coalition Introductory Meeting, Wed., Sept. 7th, 12:30pm, Rm. 402

Come learn more about the work that we do, our various committees and activities for the semester, and how you can get involved. We will also be accepting applications for IL board members. Pizza will be served!

3. 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.

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. Opportunity to Submit Articles on Minority Issues! The Modern American Seeks Writers for its Spring Issue

The Modern American--a new publication, out of American University Washington College of Law, that is dedicated to the legal analysis of race, sexuality, ethnicity and the law--seeks articles that look at the way minority groups have been treated by the legal system, and which present a critical analysis of the current social and legal remedies for minority issues. Since it is currently a publication and not a full-fledged legal journal, articles may also include other relevant information to educate the interested reader, such as an examination of upcoming legislation, upcoming books or movies relevant to the minority community, and a spotlight on leaders in these respective communities. The publication strives to present a balanced perspective on critical issues of the minority community, including both liberal and conservative views. The inaugural issue can be found online at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>. The publication is actively seeking articles for the Spring issue and is asking for potential authors to let the editors know by mid October if they intend to write an article, and would like the actual article by mid January. If you are interested in submitting an article for the publication, contact Chris McChesney at cmchesney82@yahoo.com or any of the editors at tma@wcl.american.edu.

6. Women's Law Association Announces Six New Board Members

WLA welcomed six new members to its Board: Sarah Brown, Events Coordinator; Maria Simon, Fundraising Director; Daniela de la Piedra, Section 1 Representative; Elizabeth Howard, Section 2 Representative; Martha K. Plante, Section 3 Representative; and Erin Scheick, Section 4 Representative. The new members bring great enthusiasm and experience to their positions, and will help WLA forge relationships with 1L students.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. Reproduction Freedom Project Fellowship—Notice to Third-Year Law Students and Recent Graduates

Through litigation, advocacy, and public education, the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project works to protect access to the full spectrum of reproductive health care, from sexuality education and family planning services to prenatal care and childbearing assistance to abortion counseling and services. The Fellow will function as an integral part of the Project's litigation teams. The Fellow will provide legal research and analysis; draft pleadings, affidavits, and briefs; may interview clients and experts; and participate in discovery. The Fellow may also participate in public speaking and attend relevant conferences. The Fellowship is unique among reproductive rights positions in that it involves working with the ACLU's nationwide network of affiliates and other attorneys in the organization who specialize in other civil liberties areas, including free speech, race and poverty issues, and lesbian and gay rights. The Fellowship is for one year. Applicants must have excellent legal research, writing, and communication skills. Knowledge of reproductive rights law is not required, but an interest in reproductive rights, civil liberties, racial and social justice, and issues affecting low-income women is essential. Applicants should be self-motivated, hard working, and have the proven ability to work with a wide range of people. Third-year law students and recent graduates are invited to apply. For more information on additional qualifications, salary and benefits and how to apply, see the full posting at <http://www.idealists.org/en/jobs/15471-270/150588-56>.

2. Decentralization and Women's Rights in South Asia Research Competition: Deadline Sept. 15th

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Forum on Child Marriage in Developing Countries at the U.S. Department of State, Sept. 14th, US State Department, 2201 C Street, N.W. Room 1912

The International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State International Office of Women's Issues, Save the Children and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF, invites you to attend a Forum on Child Marriage in Developing Countries on Sept. 14, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, N.W., Room 1912. Panelists will include: Charlotte M. Ponticelli, Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State; Karin Landgren, Chief of Child Protection, U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF); Winifred Mwebesa, Family Planning and Reproductive Health Adviser, Save the Children; Geeta Rao Gupta, President, International Center for Research on Women.

3. Subscribe to the PEACE X PEACE Listserve to Receive Weekly Updates on Women's Peace Building Efforts

PEACE X PEACE is a nonprofit organization supporting the efforts of women to build peace locally and globally, through education, connection, and recognition. Visit www.peacexpeace.org for more information about our projects. The PEACE X PEACE news service culls and presents stories that highlight and affect the status of women around the world, their efforts towards gender parity and building peace, their inclusion in peace negotiation and implementation, and their progress, or lack of, in related issues. Also included in this news service are stories that highlight conflict resolution and restorative justice that may educate and support the work of peacemakers. This service aims to present stories that may not get wide coverage in major news media outlets. For questions, email resources@peacexpeace.org. To subscribe to the listserv, go to <http://www.peacexpeace.org/news.htm>.