

**CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW
SPRING 2005 NEWSLETTER**

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that you are looking forward to a great Spring semester. As you think about your priorities for this semester, the Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law wants to let you know about courses, activities and projects in which you can participate. Cutting-edge work is being done on a wide variety of projects at WCL – we encourage you to get involved!!!

Included in this newsletter are:

- Upcoming Programs & Events at WCL
- Ways to Get Involved: Volunteer, Dean's Fellow & Other Opportunities
- Professional Development Opportunities: Career Panels & Externships
- Calendar of Upcoming Human Rights Events at WCL
- Spring Course Listings in Human Rights & Humanitarian Law

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS AT WCL**KEEP ON "MUNCHING".....**

Want a little "taste" of human rights in the midst of studying civil procedure and torts? Join us for another great semester of *Munching on Human Rights*, an introductory program designed to educate and engage students, especially 1Ls, about basic issues in international human rights and humanitarian law. Held once a month, *Munching* gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL's internationally-known faculty and get a "taste" of international law. Pizza will be served, so bring your interests and your appetite.



- January 25, 2005: *A Roadmap through the Regional Human Rights Systems*, Prof. Claudia Martin or Prof. Diego Rodriguez-Pinzón, 12pm, Rm. 401.
- February 15, 2005: *The Law of War and the Rules of Occupation: A Primer*, Prof. Robert Goldman, 12pm, Rm. 401.
- March 16, 2005: *The Importance of Using International Human Rights Norms in Domestic Legal Practice*, Prof. Brenda Smith, 12pm, Rm. 401.

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOURS

Action For Human Rights will once again sponsor early morning coffee hours for students, faculty and staff interested in human rights to come and share fair trade coffee and tea, bagels and donuts, ideas and inspiration. The weekly Coffee Hours provide a forum for announcements (at 8:50am & 9:30am), recruitment, campaign information – and a great place to get to know others interested in

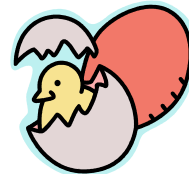
human rights. Come join us every Wednesday throughout the semester in the 6th floor Student Lounge (behind the cafeteria). The first Coffee Hour of the semester will be held on January 19, 2005; stop by any time between 8:30am and 10am.

Also, we are looking for some dependable and generous people to volunteer some time to help with the weekly coffee hours. PLEASE SIGN UP to help at the first Coffee Hour!!

CHALLENGES TO REALIZING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

February 16, 2005, 9:30am - 12pm, Rm. 603

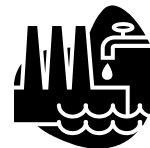
Are social, economic and cultural rights the chicken or the egg? Historically, social, economic and cultural rights have been viewed as secondary to civil and political rights. Over the past decade, the importance of these issues has come to the fore. Center for Human Rights Co-Directors Prof. Rick Wilson and Prof. Herman Schwartz will be joined by noted activists to discuss the status, development and implementation of social, economic and cultural rights in the human rights movement.



OPENING THE FLOODGATES ON A FINITE RESOURCE: THE IMPLICATIONS OF A HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER

March 18, 2005

The Sustainable Development Law & Policy ("SDLP") Publication and the Student Advisory Board of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law present a two-panel, half-day conference focusing on the debate about whether there should be a Human Right to Water. The first panel will present arguments about whether water should be a human right, what form this right should take, and who will have this right. The second panel will explore several former and current disputes over the access to water, look at future sources of water conflicts, and analyze how conflicts over water may change if there is determined to be a "human right to water." The event will conclude with a lunchtime keynote speaker addressing why the international community, in particular the United Nations, has decided to focus the next decade on "Water for Life."



DEFINING CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW

April 15, 2005, 8:30am - 6pm, Rm. 603

At this conference, WCL will host the U.S. unveiling of the International Committee of the Red Cross' long-awaited comprehensive study defining customary international law. As part of the launch of this important study, the Center, the War Crimes Research Office and the ICRC will hold a day-long conference to discuss this report and its insight on which conventional provisions of international humanitarian law constitute customary international law.

HARMONIZING HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING

May 6, 2005, 8:30am - 6pm, Rm. 603

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, in collaboration with a number of local and international NGO partners, will host a one-day substantive training workshop for lawyers and activists on how to integrate human rights principles into their domestic social justice advocacy. Growing out of our successful training, *Strengthening Criminal Justice Using International Human Rights Norms*, the conference will focus on a particular area of law and

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delve deeply into the relevance of international standards and best practices from around the world. This training will be open to students and will also be offered for CLE credit.

***ARE YOU EXPERIENCED? PARTICIPATE IN ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS'
NEW EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROJECTS***

Action for Human Rights' Experiential Learning Project (ELP) takes students from the classroom into the field to interact with the real people that live the issues we often discuss in the law school classroom. Our goal is to humanize the learning experience, complicate participants' understanding of an issue, and charge learning with transformative potential. AHR is developing several experiential learning projects for the Spring '05 semester and is looking for approximately 10-14 participants for each project. Participants must commit to attend all events in the project (usually four throughout the semester).

Immigration II

Building on last semester's experiential learning project on immigration, AHR will be putting together a second ELP focused on various immigration issues. The project is in the works. If you have any input, please contact Kelleen Corrigan at corriganke@hotmail.com or Jenn Dodenhoff at jdodenhoff@yahoo.com.

Environmental Justice & Women's Reproductive Health

Fall semester growing pains behind us, AHR will actually put together the two ELPs on Environmental Justice and Women's Reproductive Health we talked so much about! Please look for updates in the docket and on the Center's Listserv, as well as at the weekly Coffee Hour for more information.



For more information or to help on the Environmental Justice ELP, please contact Kristen McGeeney at km5395a@american.edu or Jonno Forman at jonnoforman@hotmail.com.

For the Women's Reproductive Health ELP, we are looking for people who are active, knowledgeable and interested in the issue to help us come up with some great ideas for out-of-the-classroom experiences. Please contact Michael Waller at rwaller@usa.net or Debra Spinelli-Hays at debraspinellihays@hotmail.com with your ideas!

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

The **Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** is a unique bilingual program that offers three weeks of intensive summer courses taught in both English and Spanish by world-renowned scholars and activists in the human rights field. **The seventh annual Academy will take place from May 31 – June 17, 2005** and is open to both law students



and human rights professionals from around the world. Courses are offered for credit and certificate only. For more information or to download an application, please see our website at wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/. For further information, contact Meredith Fox at hracademy@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4070.

ATTENTION LLM STUDENTS: SUBMIT A PAPER FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD AND WIN A FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND THE 2005 SUMMER ACADEMY!

The Academy also announces a Call for Papers for the annual *Human Rights Award*. Papers are welcome from all applicants who currently hold a law degree and have a demonstrated interest in international human rights. This year candidates must choose a subject pertaining to “*The Prohibition of Torture Under International Law*.” The articles can be submitted in either English or Spanish, must be 25-30 pages in length and **must be received by February 11, 2005 at 6pm EST**. For more information, please see the Academy’s website for the official rules. Decisions will be announced on March 11, 2005 and winners will receive a full scholarship to participate in the 2005 Academy. (Please note that the scholarship only covers the cost of Certificate-only courses. The Academy cannot provide a scholarship for the credit courses.) Articles can be submitted by e-mail to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu. Please contact the Academy with further questions.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING ON HUMAN RIGHTS LAW: THE WASHINGTON COLLOQUIUM ON INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

From May 26-28, 2005, the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law will sponsor the **First Annual Washington Colloquium on Inter-American Human Rights Law**. The Colloquium is a venue for human rights professionals to address current issues and draw conclusions about the future direction of the Inter-American Human Rights System. The event is open to human rights scholars, practitioners, activists, government officials, members and staff of the Inter-American Commission and Court on Human Rights, and students interested in this field of law.

For further information, please contact Claudia Martin or Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, Co-Directors of the Academy, at 202-274-4070 or by e-mail at hrcademy@wcl.american.edu. This conference is co-sponsored as a Regional Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Centennial.

WOMEN’S LAW ASSOCIATION

Please join the Women’s Law Association for our exciting Spring 2005 events. For general information, please contact WLA President, Grace Pazdan at gracepazdan@yahoo.com. For more information on our “Women’s Rights Teaching Project,” a WLA effort to create and implement a women’s rights curriculum in area high schools, please contact Rachel Sussman at sussman_rachel@yahoo.com. To receive our program updates, please contact Liz Klein at liz_klein@american.edu. Watch for these upcoming programs:

- January 26, 2005, “**Rape as a Tool of War**” – panelists will discuss the use of rape in recent wars, including Sudan
- March 2005, “**The Vagina Monologues**” – performed by WCL students, faculty and staff; all proceeds will benefit local charities working to stop violence against women.
- March 30, 2005, “**Beijing + 10**” – a look at how far the world has come in implementing the Beijing Platform.
- April 2005, “**Women to Watch Annual Networking Event**” – network with successful WCL alumnae working in the private and public sector.

WCL IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS COALITION

The IRC has a number of interesting events planned for the Spring 2005 semester, including lunch-time speakers, a reception and a conference. If you would like to get involved in any of these events or join the IRC Listserv (for news on IRC events; immigration issues; and internships, fellowships, and job opportunities in the field of immigration and human rights), please contact Drew Stawar at as0285a@yahoo.com.

LUNCHESES

- Language Services for Limited English Proficient Immigrants
- The Deportation of Stateless Persons: *Jama's Outcome and Implications*
- Film screening, "Brothers and Others," with Panel Discussion on Racial Discrimination Post-September 11th
- Panel Discussion & Debate: The Future of Immigrants Rights Legislation in the United States
- Human Trafficking Workshop: Effective Intervention and Victim Care
- Worker Appreciation Day (*with WCL's Worker's Initiative*)
- Unaccompanied Children in Immigration Detention: Practitioner's Workshop

RECEPTIONS & CONFERENCES

- Cultural Resistance in the United States: Legal Issues Faced by Immigrants (*part of Founders' "Cultural Resistance to Oppression" event*)
- Criminal Waivers for Victims of Domestic Violence

FOUNDERS' CELEBRATION 2005: OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CLE

WCL's Founders' Celebration celebrates the memory and inspiration of our two founders, Ellen Spencer Mussey and Emma Gillett, with an annual series of conferences, seminars, lectures and events which reflect their dedication to justice and equality for all. The Founders' Celebration engages the community, the nation and the world by attracting scholars, judges, practitioners, students and the general public interested in promoting and pursuing justice. Many of the Founders' Celebration 2005 events focus on human and civil rights issues and explore some of the most important legal issues facing the nation and the world today. For more information about Founders or to register for an event, please visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/secle or call us at 202-274-4075.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

GIVE A LITTLE – GET A LOT!

JOIN THE CENTER'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD!

The Center's Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of highly qualified and committed students interested in human rights and humanitarian law who work closely with the Center over the course of a year, developing programming, attending special events and trainings and promoting Center activities. Members of the SAB serve as liaisons between the WCL student body, the Center and the greater D.C. community. Members meet with the executive director weekly and attend monthly skills



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development workshops on subjects such as grant proposal writing, media relations, public speaking, fundraising, etc. They commit to at least 15 hours of work with the Center per month and are responsible for planning at least one SAB-initiated project for the WCL community. SAB members have unique access to hearings, briefings and receptions in the larger Washington, DC human rights community.

The SAB serves from February to February. 1Ls and 2Ls are especially encouraged to apply. The 2005-2006 SAB will be selected in late January and will be active during the Spring, Summer and Fall semesters. Applications are available online at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/sab.cfm or at the Center, and are due by email to the Center by 5pm on Monday, January 24, 2005. Applications should be sent to humlaw@wcl.american.edu with "SAB" in the subject line.

WANT TO PRACTICE PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR A SEMESTER?

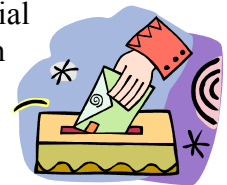
The Public International Law & Policy Program is operated out of American University's JD/MA program, and is directed by Prof. Paul R. Williams. The program draws on student participation from the School of International Service and the Washington College of Law, and operates in cooperation with the non-profit Public International Law & Policy Group (which functions as a global *pro bono* law firm). The primary objective of the program is to allow students the opportunity to provide *pro bono* legal and policy analysis assistance to states and sub-state entities involved in peace negotiations and drafting post-conflict constitutions.



APPLICATION PROCESS: Admission to the Program is highly competitive. PILPP is committed to selecting students dedicated and committed to the advancement of international issues during their academic career at American University. All students who would like to apply are encouraged to submit an application by **March 1, 2005**. The application can be found at www.publicinternationallaw.org/PILPPApplicationPacket.doc.

JOIN ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS!

Action for Human Rights is a student organization dedicated to innovating exciting and new forms of student programming, including the Coffee Hours and the Experiential Learning Projects. We are always looking for new and interesting program concepts. If you have an original idea for WCL or would like to join students dedicated to thinking outside the student activities box, please join us at our General Meeting the second week of the Spring semester. Watch for timing in the Center's weekly reports and the Docket. For more information, please contact Michael Waller at rwaller@usa.net or Debra Spinelli Hays at debraspinellihays@hotmail.com.



HELP TEACH THE LESSONS OF GENOCIDE IN LOCAL CLASSROOMS

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Program are seeking WCL students to help teach a lesson about genocide at an area high school as part of the Rwanda Commemoration Project. The project began in Spring 2004 and has recently been modified to include a section on the current genocide in Sudan.

Educating young people about genocide is key to combating complacency and preventing future genocides. This is an excellent opportunity to gain practical experience in human rights education. Please note that this is not a large time commitment and no prior teaching experience is required. Volunteer positions are open to all WCL students, and all volunteers will be trained and provided with a lesson plan. If you are interested in participating, please email rwanda@wcl.american.edu with "Teaching Project" in the subject line. For more information on the Teaching Project, please visit the Project's webpage at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/rwanda/lesson.cfm



BE ALTERNATIVE THIS SPRING BREAK!

Plans are well underway for WCL's 2nd annual Alternative Spring Break Trip! This year we will travel to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, where over the past ten years, nearly 400 young women have been kidnapped, raped, disappeared or brutally killed. Mexican authorities have not provided justice for these women or their families. We will be looking at multiple issues surrounding the cases and will gain firsthand accounts from the families, human rights lawyers, as well as government investigators and prosecutors. (To learn more, please check out www.mexicosolidarity.org.)

If you are interested in taking part in this exciting delegation or have any questions, please contact Kelleen Corrigan (2L) at corriganke@hotmail.com. Applications are now available and will be due by **Tuesday, January 18 at 5pm**. Approximately 10 students will be selected to participate, and if necessary, interviews will be conducted over the following 10 days only.

WANT TO GET UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CENTER AND AROUND TOWN? JOIN THE CENTER'S EMAIL LIST!

Keep up-to-date on human rights events, activities, and resources at WCL and in the community by joining the Center's group email list! You will receive occasional updates (maximum one per week) from the Center about human rights goings-on right in your inbox. To subscribe, send an email to chrhlupdate-request@wcl.american.edu. Please leave the subject line BLANK and in the body of the message write SUBSCRIBE.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP PLAN THE INDIGENOUS RIGHTS TRAINING INSTITUTE!

Designed for Indigenous lawyers and experts on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, this intensive, three-day, bilingual course will provide an overview of relevant issues as they relate to Indigenous Rights nationally and internationally. The Institute brings lawyers and experts from around the world to WCL for three intensive days of training and gives them a unique opportunity to analyze the complex issues surrounding Indigenous Rights and International Law with members of the WCL community.

The Center is looking for a volunteer to help coordinate this exciting project. Responsibilities will include communicating with the registered participants, preparing the training materials, and attending the sessions as a note-taker. The volunteer must be willing to commit 10 hours per week from now until the end of the Institute (February 23, 2005) and must have strong Spanish

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skills and/or interest in Indigenous Rights. Please send a cover letter and résumé to the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu with "Indigenous Rights" in the subject line by January 14, 2005.

INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS IN EUROPE? SPEAK FRENCH?

THE RENE CASSIN FRENCH MOOT COURT TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!!!!

Did you know that WCL is one of only two US law schools to send a team to the annual René Cassin French Moot Court Competition in Strasbourg, France? The Competition is a simulation



of an appearance before the European Court of Human Rights and is conducted entirely in French. This year's team is in the process of conducting research, writing its brief and preparing oral arguments. The hypothetical case surrounds the legality of reality TV shows. *If you speak, read or write fluent French and have some experience with international law, the team needs your help!* Upper-level students or those with a

background in EU law are preferred. This position is not for credit and does not include travel (sorry!). However, volunteers who help the team will learn about the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights and may be in a strong position to compete next year. Hours are flexible. If you are interested in helping, please contact Henri N. Manga Bell at hmangalaw@yahoo.com or at 240-441-7285.

THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION HAS MOVED TO A NEW HOME!

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

The Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition has moved to the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law! As one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish &



Portuguese) moot court competitions in the world, WCL's Competition brings together nearly 200 students from all over the world for a week of tough competition (and great fun) at WCL in late May. The Competition is dedicated to the advancement of the Inter-American human rights legal system and involves a large number of prominent attorneys and volunteer judges, experts from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and more. During the week, participants attend receptions and events, participate in training opportunities, and visit international organizations such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also have an awesome Salsa-dancing party!!!!

Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, research the Bench Memorandum and plan the various events of the Competition. The Competition particularly seeks Spanish and Portuguese speaking volunteers (but not exclusively!). If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Shazia Anwar, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/mcourt.

**USE YOUR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS TO HELP
THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC!**

The International Human Rights Law Clinic uses student volunteers who are *fluent* (nearly bilingual, not just "conversational") in another language for interpreter and translation work on clinic cases. Come by the clinic office, Rm. 417, and ask for Samantha to fill out a volunteer

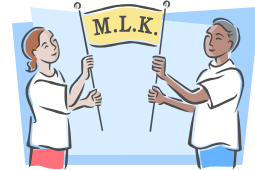
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interpreter form. You will be contacted by clinic students and/or staff who need your help. The clinic does not accept volunteers for case work other than interpreters, and is not open to LL.M. students at this time.

VOLUNTEER TO BE A READER AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY COMMEMORATION!

Prof. Brenda V. Smith will give the keynote address at WCL's Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration on Wednesday, January 19, 2005, at 4pm in Rm. 603. Prof. Smith's topic is "(Re)Discovering Women's Voices in the Movement for Political, Civil, and Economic Justice." Her speech will be followed by a community reading led by Traci Mundy Jenkins, director of the Office of Career Services. **If you wish to be a reader, please contact Sherry Weaver at sweaver@wcl.american.edu.** We'll be reading an as-yet-to-be-selected text that will be relevant to the civil and human rights struggle embodied by Dr. King and the women and men who supported him. A reception will follow the program.



STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR A JOINT PUBLICATION!

The American University International Law Review has agreed to publish a yearly volume in conjunction with the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Starting in fall 2004, the International Law Review will publish the first edition of the Human Rights Academy Book. This bilingual (Spanish and English) collection of essays and articles introduces and analyzes emerging issues in the field of international human rights. The text will reach a global audience of international lawyers and human rights advocates. To inquire about student opportunities, please contact Adam Falkowitz, Human Rights Academy Book Editor at American University International Law Review, at 202-274-4412.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

The WCRO serves as a source of expertise in humanitarian and international criminal law for relevant international organizations. In the past year, for example, the office undertook international law research projects for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor and the International Criminal Court. We also speak at conferences on humanitarian law and international criminal law issues, and publish regularly on the development of international criminal jurisprudence.

Getting Involved: Volunteers

All students with an interest in public international law are encouraged to volunteer at the WCRO. We have several volunteer opportunities with a wide range of time commitments. Volunteers work on projects including: monitoring of on-going cases before the world's major international criminal courts and tribunals; writing summaries of judgments from the ICTR for publication; assisting with discrete legal research, editing or spading projects. If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, contact us via email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu, or call us at 202- 274-4067.

International Student Resource Panel: LLM STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!

Those students who have legal experience in countries other than the US are encouraged to sign up for the WCRO's International Student Resource Panel. We keep a list of panel members who are willing to serve as resource persons on WCRO research projects that have a comparative law element. The time commitment for Panel members is highly flexible as volunteers are free to donate as much or as little time as they would like. If interested, please send your contact information and country (or countries) of expertise to warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

STUDENTS UNITED IS RECRUITING NEW MENTORS FOR SPRING 2005!

Students United is a mentoring and tutoring initiative between WCL students and residents at Oak Hill juvenile detention center. We also mentor residents of group homes throughout DC who are transitioning from Oak Hill back into the community. Mentors at Oak Hill commit to service every Friday from 1:45pm to 6:15pm. For those who cannot make this commitment, mentors can also commit to weekly mentoring at group homes, generally flexible to the mentors' schedule. We provide ample training and transportation to Oak Hill, and this program can count toward your Pro Bono Honors Pledge! If you are interested, please come to our informational meeting on Wednesday, January 12th at noon (Room TBA). You can also contact Sapna at slalmalani@gmail.com or Susan at sm2621a@american.edu.

DEAN'S FELLOW OPPORTUNITIES

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS SEEKS GREAT DEAN'S FELLOW!!!

10-20 HOURS PER WEEK -*Help Us Make It All Happen!*

The Center is looking for enthusiastic students to take a high level of responsibility for the Center's exciting programming. Dean's Fellows will provide support to our many fun events and interesting projects, will assist with marketing Center events, manage the Center listserv, and help create innovative new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Center's substantive programs like the Indigenous Rights Training Institute, conferences on Social and Economic Rights, Human Rights at Home and more. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flier design are a plus. A 20 hour/week commitment is preferred, but not required. **To Apply:** send a cover letter, résumé and short (5 pages max.) writing sample to hharris@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible but no later than Wednesday, January 19, 2005. Please indicate that you are applying for the Center's Dean's Fellow position in the subject line of the email.

WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM SEEKS A DEAN'S FELLOW

The Women and International Law Program needs a Dean's Fellow to help promote WCL's LL.M Specialization in Gender and the Law around the world and to assist in organizing projects and programming. Attention to detail, organizational skills, excellent English skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs are required. Students with a background in international and/or gender issues are especially encouraged to apply. A 20 hour/week commitment is preferred, but not required. To apply, please send a cover letter, résumé and short English-language writing sample (no more than 10 pages) to April Fehling at afehling@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible. Please put "Dean's Fellow Application" in the subject line.

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**INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION
SEEKS TWO DEAN'S FELLOWS**

Help Coordinate the 10th Anniversary of the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!

The Competition is looking for two Dean's Fellow (one of which must be a native Spanish-speaker) to help translate materials, communicate with students and attorneys from Latin America and assist with English, Spanish & Portuguese-language writing and editing. The ability to write effectively in both English and Spanish is critical, as are attention to detail, organizational skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs. LL.M students are encouraged to apply. **To Apply:** Send a cover letter, résumé and an English-language writing sample to Shazia Anwar, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu for consideration.



WCRO DEAN'S FELLOWS POSITIONS FOR SPRING 2005

The War Crimes Research Office is seeking Dean's Fellows for Spring 2005. JD (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible. Interested students with a background in international law, particularly international criminal/humanitarian/human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be at least 20 hours a week. Please submit a résumé and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is **Friday, January 14, 2005 at 3 pm**. If you want to discuss the various possibilities of working at the WCRO with us first, please feel free to stop by our office, call us at 202-274-4067 or e-mail us at warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC NEEDS A DEAN'S FELLOW

The International Human Rights Law Clinic is looking for a Dean's Fellow for 10-15 hours a week. Experience in asylum and/or international human rights practice is preferred. Please submit a résumé and cover letter to Samantha Thomas in the Clinic Office, Rm. 417, by January 12, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES IS HERE TO HELP YOU!

Use Your Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career Services

Need help writing a cover letter for a public interest job? Want to explore fellowships? Visit your Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career Services. Contact Stephanie Sullivan, Public Interest Specialist, at 202-274-4098 or sullivan@wcl.american.edu.

Gain Public Interest Experience through Pro Bono Work

Law students can provide valuable pro bono services to the community while gaining public interest legal experience. Want to find out more? Contact Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator, at 202-274-4099 or cegomes@wcl.american.edu.

OCS Public Interest Sessions

- Tuesday, February 1, 2005: Financing a Public Interest Career, noon-1:30pm
- Tuesday, February 15, 2005: Working on the Hill, noon-1:30pm
- Thursday, March 24, 2005: How to Use the Government Honors and Internship Handbook, noon-1:30pm
- Tuesday, April 5, 2005: Making the Most of Your Public Interest Summer Internship, noon-1:30pm

WCL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Opportunities in Human Rights Law in Local and International Organizations

Students participating in the Externship Program have a unique opportunity to integrate practical experience with the theory of the classroom by receiving academic credit for work experience and related academic supervision. Each year, hundreds of WCL students earn academic credit for their work with local, state, and federal government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, courts, and law firms engaged in *pro bono* cases. Many externship employers focus on human rights, civil rights and humanitarian law. In addition to our numerous contacts in the US, the Externship Program has focused its recent efforts on expanding the International Externship Program. Please contact the Externship Office to see a list of past placements, current available placements in the US and abroad, and how to use the Externship Database via the web. Our email address is externship@wcl.american.edu; our phone number (202) 274-4200; and our office is located in Rm. 413.



ANNUAL EXTERNSHIP FAIR

The annual Externship Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, from 4pm-6pm in the 6th Floor Dining & Lobby Area. The Fair provides an opportunity for students to meet with a wide variety of employers for information-gathering, networking, and informal interviewing. Last year, more than 300 students and 110 employers participated in the Externship Fair, and many organizations were able to complete their summer recruitment in this relaxed environment.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS EVENTS AT WCL

All listings are tentative and subject to change.

Please contact the event organizers directly as dates, times and rooms may change.

January

- 12 *Promoting Women's Health through Human Rights*, Prof. Rebecca Cook, guest speaker, 4-6pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 13 *A Conversation with Hon. Antonin Scalia and Hon. Stephen Breyer*, 4-5:30pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 19 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 19 *Sixth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration*, 4pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 24 *Student Advisory Board Application Deadline*, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, due by 5pm at humlaw@wcl.american.edu
- 25 *Munching on Human Rights: A Roadmap through the Regional Human Rights Systems*, Prof. Claudia Martin or Prof. Diego Rodriguez-Pinzón, 12pm, Rm. 401
- 26 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 26 *Annual WCL Externship Fair*, 3-5:30pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge (Founders Event)
- 28 *The Greater Washington, DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair*, all day, George Mason School of Law

February

- 1 *Public Interest Session: Financing a Public Interest Career*, noon-1:30pm
- 2 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 2 *WCL Connects Association Fair*, 4-6pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge (Founders Event)
- 9 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 11 *Human Rights Award Deadline*, Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, 6pm.
- 15 *Munching on Human Rights: The Law of War and the Rules of Occupation: A Primer*, Prof. Robert Goldman, 12pm, Rm. 401
- 15 *Public Interest Session: Working on the Hill*, noon-1:30pm
- 16 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 16 *Challenges to Realizing Social, Economic and Cultural Rights*, 9:30am-12pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 21-23 *Indigenous Rights Training Institute*, various rooms (Founders Event)
- 23 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 24 *Equal Justice Foundation Auction*, 6th Floor Dining Room (Founders Event)

March

- 2 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 7-11 *Spring Break (no classes)*
- 11 *Announcement of 2005 Human Rights Award Winner*, presented by the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- 16 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge

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March

- 16 *Munching on Human Rights: The Importance of Using International Human Rights Norms in Domestic Legal Practice*, Prof. Brenda Smith, 12pm, Rm. 401
- 16 *Indian Law Luncheon* (Founders Event)
- 18 *Opening the Floodgates on a Finite Resource: The Implications of a Human Right to Water* (Founders Event)
- 23 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 25 *Cultural Resistance to Oppression*, 10am-5pm, Rm. 603
- 30 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 30 *Beijing+10: A Look at the Beijing Platform 10 Years Down the Road* (Founders Event)
- 30 *7th Annual Grotius Lecture*, 5:30-6:45pm, Loews L'Enfant Plaza (Founders Event)

April

- 5 *Public Interest Session: Making the Most of Your Public Interest Summer Internship*, noon-1:30pm
- 6 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 12 *Library of Congress: The Future of the Inter-American System of the Protection of Human Rights* (Founders Event)
- 13 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 13 *Women Making Justice: Dinner Honoring Justice Yvonne Mokgoro & Justice Kate O'Regan of the South African Constitutional Court* (by invitation only)
- 15 *Defining Customary International Law*, 8:30am-6pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 20 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30am-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 29-May 2 *Activism For Human Rights in Mental Health*, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)

May

- 6 *Harmonizing Human Rights Training*, 8:30am-6pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 16 *Human Rights and International Finance Roundtable Discussion*, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 22-27 *Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition*, various rooms
- 26-28 *First Annual Meeting On Human Rights Law: The Washington Colloquium On Inter-American Human Rights Law*
- 31-June 17 *Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law*, various rooms

SAMPLE LISTING OF SPRING 2005
COURSES IN HUMAN RIGHTS/HUMANITARIAN LAW

Course Number	Course Title	Professor
LAW-620-001	Int'l Humanitarian Law	Goldman
LAW-626-001	Human Rights	Rodriguez-Pinzón/Martin
LAW-637-001	Domestic Violence & the Law	Runge
LAW-656-001	Asylum & Refugee Law	Rosenberg
LAW-660-001	International Law	Goldman
LAW-662-001	Int'l Org & Multi-Nat'l Institutions	Orentlicher
LAW-662-001	Employment Discrimination	Dolkart
LAW-679-001	State Resp. for Prot. for Individ.	Perera
LAW-691-001	Sex-Based Discrimination	Levin
LAW-707-003	Gender & the Constitution	Wiseman
LAW-708-001	Race, Crime & Politics	Jones
LAW-708-002	Enforcing Civ. Rts.-Fed. Crim. Proc.	Yeomans
LAW-715-001	Sem: Disability and the Law	Dinerstein
LAW-725-001	Gender, Cult. Diff., Hum. Rts. & the Law	SáCouto
LAW-725-002	Int'l Protection of Women's Rights	Cook
LAW-739-001	Post-Conflict National Building	Haynes
LAW-739-002	IHR Imp. of War on Terrorism	Purohit
LAW-769-003	Sup. Ext. Sem.: Int'l Law & HR	Young
LAW-795-003	Adv. Iss. in International Law	Williams
LAW-795-004	Int'l Process & Ethical Dilemmas	Burger
LAW-795-010	Global Corruption & Rule of Law	Henderson
LAW-795-012	Women, Crime & the Law	Smith, B.
LAW-795-013	Reproductive Rights	Bridgewater
LAW-795-015	Research Sem.: Just War Theory	Anderson
LAW-808-001	Int'l Business & Human Rights	Orentlicher
LAW-850-001	Int'l Criminal Law	Kittrie
LAW-927-001	Int'l Trafficking in Persons	Mattar

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Please come by and see us anytime!!!