



## CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW FALL 2005 NEWSLETTER

Welcome – and welcome back! We hope you had a great summer. As you think about your priorities for this semester, the Center for Human Rights and 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:

- Activities at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Other Human Rights Related Activities at WCL and in the Larger Community
- Professional Development and Other Opportunities
- Calendar of Upcoming Human Rights Events at WCL
- Fall Course Listings in Human Rights/Humanitarian Law

### ***ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW***

The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law was established in 1990 to work with students, faculty and the international legal community to provide scholarship, training and support for human rights initiatives around the world. Marshalling the extensive human rights resources of WCL, the Center provides hands-on experiences for interested WCL students; coordinates and facilitates faculty scholarship on relevant subjects; and is a resource to the international community on human rights and humanitarian law issues. We also have a lot of fun!

Please join us on **September 1, at noon in Room 402**, to *Learn More About the Center and How to Get Involved in Human Rights at WCL*.

### **UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS AT THE CENTER:**

#### **COME HEAR ABOUT “COOL HUMAN RIGHTS WORK I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION” September 6, 12-1pm, Rm. 402**



The Center, in conjunction with the Office of Career Services (OCS) and the Office of Public Interest (OPI), strives to assist students in gaining a better understanding of what working in human rights really means. On **September 6, at 12pm in Room 402**, come hear your peers talk about the amazing human rights work they did over their summer break. Students will discuss working in the domestic and international spheres, how they got their positions, the best and worst parts of working abroad, and will offer advice on finding a great summer experience. All students are invited to attend. Lunch will be served.

#### **JOIN THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE SERIES**

**September 13, 12-1pm (will take place on Capitol Hill. Rm. TBA)**

The Congressional Human Rights Lecture Series seeks to introduce Hill staffers to the basics of international law and human rights issues through a monthly, interactive series of discussions with top experts from American University Washington College of Law. Attending the CHRLS is a great way to interact with key congressional staff concerned with human rights issues and provides an excellent networking opportunity. The Series is co-sponsored by the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and the American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. The next lecture will take place



**September 13**, at noon, with **Prof. Diane Orentlicher** talking about the *Structures of the UN Human Rights System and the Move to Reform*. Please check the Center's website, and the calendar at the end of this newsletter, for the full *Congressional Human Rights Lecture Series* Schedule. If you are interested in attending and sharing a ride to Capitol Hill, please contact the Center at [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu) or 202 274 4180.

## **MAJOR CONFERENCE: DEFINING CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**September 28, 8am-3pm, Rm. 603**



**ICRC**

What is Customary International Law? For years, the international legal community has been trying to clearly articulate what customary international law is and how it can and should be used. The International Committee of the Red Cross has spent ten years studying the subject. The result is their just-published 5,000-page study that has identified 161 rules of customary international humanitarian law that offer legal protection for people affected by war. WCL is honored to be the site of the North American launch of this long-awaited study. Please join us on September 28 with the report's primary authors and discussants from across the world to discuss the significance of this study as well as to celebrate this achievement. The keynote speech will be given by Judge Theodor Meron, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Copies for the report will be available for sale at the conference. The conference is co-sponsored by the Center, the War Crimes Research Office and the International Committee of the Red Cross. To register for the event, please go to [www.wcl.american.edu/seclc](http://www.wcl.american.edu/seclc).

## **FOREIGN INVESTMENT, CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 7:00 pm, Rm. TBA**

This conference will look at the environmental, social and human rights aspects of foreign investment agreements. Participants will present a series of case studies that highlight how current practice can undermine the ability to protect the environment and human rights in the context of large foreign investment projects. The panel discussion is co-sponsored by the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law; the International Legal Studies Program; Amnesty International; the International Institute for Environment and Development; and the World Wildlife Fund-United Kingdom.

## **SAVE THE DATE: LANDMARK DEBATE ON ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS**

**October 24, Time and Room TBA**

On October 24, the Center will be hosting a very special event with two human rights luminaries. Aryeh Neier, President of the Open Society Institute and Justice Richard Goldstone of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, will debate the place of economic, social and cultural rights as human rights. These two internationally renowned figures will also be joined by WCL professors Herman Schwartz and Rick Wilson who will comment on their presentations. This will be an extraordinary great opportunity to hear four internationally known experts discuss cutting edge concepts in human rights law. Please join us for a great afternoon of discussion and debate.

## **GOT FILM? THE HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES RETURNS!**

**October 5 – November 2, 6-8pm, Rm. 603 or Wechsler Theater on Main Campus**

Like to go to the movies? This Fall, the Center, in conjunction with the AU Center for Social Media, the Center for Global Peace, the International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program and the Office of the University Chaplain, will sponsor the Sixth Human Rights Film Series. The film series explores ways in which film and media can be used to promote and protect human rights. Films will examine a variety of human rights issues, from the Fujimori regime in Peru to the Than Shwe and the SPDC's brutal military dictatorship in Burma. Through the month of October and beginning of November, films will be screened twice, the first screening on



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Wednesday night at WCL and again on Thursday night on AU Main Campus. Each film will be followed by a discussion with a guest speaker from local NGOs and institutions. All WCL screenings begin at **6pm in Room 603**. All Main Campus screenings are at 6pm in Wechsler Theatre, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Mary Graydon Center. Check the Center's website for details on each film.

**Wednesday, Oct. 5 *State of Fear*** (On Main Campus, Thurs. 10/6)

**Wednesday, Oct. 19 *Videoletters*** (On Main Campus, Thurs. 10/20)

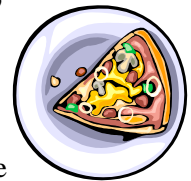
**Wednesday, Oct. 26 *Sometime in April*** (On Main Campus, Thurs. 10/27)

**Wednesday, Nov. 2 *Witness Short Documentaries on Burma*** (On Main Campus, Thurs. 11/3)

On Thursday, November 3, the film series will end with a special reception celebrating the release of *Video For Change*, a new book for activists published by Witness on making video for human rights and social justice. The reception will be held at 7pm at the Wechsler Theater, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Mary Graydon Center on Main Campus.

## **HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER SPEAKERS SERIES LAUNCHES OCTOBER 6 October 6, 12-1pm, Rm. 402, November 8, 12-1pm, Rm. 401**

The **Human Rights Defenders Speaker Series** enables the WCL community to meet and talk with Human Rights Defenders from around the world to discuss their work and their personal journey into the world of human rights advocacy. This series is open to the public, and lunch will be served. Please check the Center's website for more information on the speakers.



### **WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CENTER**

#### ***Human Rights Brief: Join the Staff of WCL's Prestigious Student-Run Human Rights Publication***

The Human Rights Brief, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, is a great opportunity for students to write and edit a prestigious Human Rights Journal reaching nearly 6000 practitioners, academics, Supreme Court Justices, judges and individuals in over 90 countries. The Brief publishes short, 3000 word articles on cutting edge topics in human rights and humanitarian law. Submissions from students, including 1Ls, are always welcome. Founded in 1994, the Brief and Brief alumni have made great impacts in the world of human rights. **Applications** from students interested in Staff Columnist or Article Editors positions with the Brief will be made available beginning the week of **August 22, 2005**. Come to Room 630 to pick up a copy! For more information go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>

#### ***Experiential Learning Projects: Get Out of the Classroom and Into the World!***

Organized by Action for Human Rights, the ELPs take students into the field to engage them in exploring human rights problems within the United States, humanizing the learning experience, fostering critical analysis, and charging classroom learning with transformative potential. Participants commit to attending all ELP sessions (usually four) to meet and visit people involved on all sides of an ongoing human rights issue. Previous ELPs have explored detention conditions, funding for public education and immigration issues. The planned Fall ELP will focus on development, the environment and racism in the Anacostia region of DC. Participants will talk to conservation groups, developers, city and county leaders as well as the parks services in the area. For more information on upcoming ELPs, contact 2L Lauren Bartlett: [lauren\\_bartlett@yahoo.com](mailto:lauren_bartlett@yahoo.com).



***Genocide Teaching Project: Teach High-School Students About Genocide***

The Genocide Teaching Project pairs WCL students with local area highschool classrooms to teach about genocide. The lesson plan, originally developed by WCL students, Sarah Hymowitz and Amelia Parker, focuses on the definition of genocide, how genocide continues to occur even today – through the examples of Rwanda and Sudan – and how we can take action to stop genocide. The lesson plan can be downloaded at: (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/rwanda/lesson.cfm>). The Center will be organizing a **two-part mandatory training** for WCL students interested in teaching in the program this year, on **September 6** and **September 7**. Both trainings will take place from **6-8pm in Rm. 603**. You must attend both sessions to participate in the program. No previous teaching experience is required. The GTP is not a huge time commitment and is a great way to use your human rights knowledge to teach others. The GTP also fulfills the Public Interest honors pledge hours. To join the Genocide Teaching Project Team contact 2L Christina Barba at: [genocideteaching@wcl.american.edu](mailto:genocideteaching@wcl.american.edu).



***Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour: Build a Stronger WCL Human Rights Community***

Coffee Hour provides a weekly meeting space for students, faculty and staff who are interested in human rights issues to come together, share bagels and fair-trade coffee and announcements about upcoming events, campaigns and issues of concerns. Coffee Hour is a great networking and community building opportunity. From time to time, practitioners from outside WCL also join the Coffee Hour community. Coffee Hour takes place **every Wednesday morning from 8:30 – 10am in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor** student lounge behind the cafeteria.



***Alternative Spring Break: Spend your Spring Break Giving Back to the Community***

WCL's annual Alternative Spring Break provides students a unique and compelling hands-on learning and community service opportunity. ASB allows students to travel into the field to engage in a particular legal theme by interacting directly with the actors involved, including affected individuals and families, government officials, attorneys, advocates and other civil society representatives. The students also participate in significant community service activities, both during the trip and upon their return to WCL. Past trips have focused on immigration/border issues and gender violence and international human rights law. For further information on ASB, please contact Kelleen Corrigan at [corriganke@hotmail.com](mailto:corriganke@hotmail.com) or go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/springbreak.cfm>.

***Rene Cassin Moot Court Team: Parlez-Vous Francais?***

The Rene Cassin Moot Court Team is one of the only two teams from the US to participate in the prestigious Rene Cassin Moot Court Competition in Strasbourg, France. The Competition is based on the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and written pleadings and oral arguments are conducted entirely in French. The oral phase of the competition takes place in the official chambers of the Council of Europe in front of judges from the European Court of Human Rights. Team members will spend 10 days in Paris and Strasbourg to participate in the April 2006 competition, will work closely with a coach that specializes in European Human Rights Issues during the Fall and Spring semester and will receive independent study credit for the academic year. The teams that place in the top five the competition will be awarded internship opportunities with the European Human Rights Court and the European Commission in Strasbourg and the best non-European team will also receive a special award. While only 2Ls and 3Ls are allowed to join the team, 1Ls can help do research and assist the team in their preparation for the competition, thus becoming prime candidates for next year's team. To join or help the team, contact coach Henri Manga-Bell: [hmangalaw@yahoo.com](mailto:hmangalaw@yahoo.com).



**Student Advisory Board:** *Play a Huge Role in Helping Plan Center Programs and Learn While You Do*



The Center's Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of seven highly qualified, creative students committed to human rights advocacy. The SAB provides students interested in and committed to human rights the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementation of Center programming, to learn tangible skills beyond the classroom for effective advocacy and activism, and to attend special SAB-only events and receptions. The application process to join the SAB begins in late November. Stay tuned to the Docket and Center listserv for announcements.

**Get Updates on What's Going On At the Center and Around Town. Join the Center's Listserv!**

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](mailto:chrhlupdate-request@wcl.american.edu). Please leave the subject line BLANK and in the body of the message write SUBSCRIBE.



**OTHER HR RELATED ACTIVITIES AT WCL AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY**

**SPECIAL NEW FALL COURSE OFFERING: HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENT**

The course will examine the interaction between human rights and environmental law. Through both US and international case studies, students will be offered a close look at human rights and environment in the context of current debates over globalization, development and sustainability. Students will learn about both the substantive and strategic linkages of these two areas, including the political and civil rights of environmental activists, the emerging right to a healthy environment, the relationship of a clean environment to other economic, social and cultural rights, and examples of combined legal strategies in defense of human rights and environment. The 2-credit course will be taught by Professor Katie Redford, Washington office Director and co-founder of EarthRights International, a nonprofit organization that works at the intersection between human rights abuses and environmental protection to promote environmental justice. Check the course catalog for meeting times and registration information.

**ATTEND THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HEALTH LAW & JUSTICE PROJECT**

**August 20, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 524**

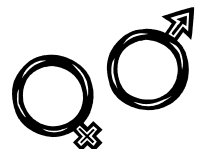


The Health Law & Justice Project (HLJP) is a student-run organization that promotes health from a rights-based approach. HLJP seeks to encourage professional development, explore career opportunities, expand the health law curriculum at WCL, and most of all raise awareness of the right to health. HLJP accomplishes these goals by sponsoring panel discussions with practicing attorneys and professors; organizing community service events; and hosting "downtown practitioner meetings," which give students the opportunity to meet with practicing lawyers at their places of work to discuss current issues and career development. If you would like more information about HLJP or would like to join the list serve, please email [healthlawjustice@gmail.com](mailto:healthlawjustice@gmail.com). Lunch will be served and all are welcome!

**GENDER AND LAW RECEPTION**

**August 23rd, 4-5pm, Rm. 600**

Please join the Women and the Law Program and The Women and International Law Program as we kick off the year with a reception for students, faculty and staff interested in gender and the law. Come meet and mingle with faculty and staff committed to gender issues, learn about programmatic and course offerings in gender at WCL, and meet other students interested in gender-related legal studies. All LLM and JD students, fellows and international visitors, faculty and staff are welcome. For more information, please contact April Fehling, Program Coordinator, Women and International Law Program at [afehling@wcl.american.edu](mailto:afehling@wcl.american.edu).



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## **WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES MEETING!**

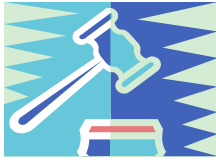
**August 30, 12-1pm**, Please check The Docket for the room number.

The WCRO serves as a source of expertise in international criminal and humanitarian law for relevant international organizations. In the past year, for example, the office completed international law research projects for the International Criminal Court, the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor. We also speak at conferences on international criminal and humanitarian law issues, and publish regularly on the development of international criminal jurisprudence. There are many ways for students to get involved in our work. Please join us to hear about how you can be involved.

## **INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

**September 30, 8am – 6pm**

The War Crimes Research Office will hold a day-long conference in celebration of its ten years of service examining *International Criminal Tribunals in the 21st Century*. Come hear top experts and practitioners of international criminal and humanitarian law discuss a host of issues, including successes and challenges of the international criminal tribunals, the future of international incitement law, and the impact of international criminal justice mechanisms on peace initiatives. For more information, visit [www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes](http://www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes).



## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **HUMAN RIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE**

Dean Claudio Grossman is a member and the Vice Chairman of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (UNCAT), and a member of the Commission for the Control of Interpol's Files. In addition, he currently serves as president of the College of the Americas, an organization of colleges and universities in the Western Hemisphere. Dean Grossman has worked extensively with the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights of the Organization of American States (IACHR). He was, for example, twice elected its President, and served as the Special Rapporteur on Women's Rights and the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Populations. Dean Grossman was also appointed the IACHR Observer in the criminal trial of the deadly terrorist attack against the Jewish Community Center (the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina, or AMIA trial), during which approximately 80 people were killed and 300 injured. In February 2005, Dean Grossman submitted his final report. Dean Grossman is the author of numerous publications regarding international law and human rights, and has received numerous awards for his work with human rights and international law. The Dean's Office offers numerous opportunities for students interested in working on human rights related projects. Opportunities include impact litigation, dean's fellowships and the United Nations Committee Against Torture Project, where a group of students assists the dean in preparing for, and accompanies the dean to, the official meetings of the UNCAT in Geneva, Switzerland. To work with Dean Grossman on his numerous human rights projects, please check the Docket for related notices.

### **MEET THE HUMPHREY FELLOWS!**

WCL is pleased to be a host institution for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, which brings 10 distinguished attorney's to the U.S. for a year of academic and professional development work in the area of human rights and law. Are you interested in learning about children's rights in Bhutan or about trainings designed for justice and peace workers throughout Cameroon? Would you like to know more about the settlement of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka or legal reform for social, economic and cultural rights in Brazil? The Humphrey Fellows are a great resource for students interested in international human rights work. For more information, visit [www.wcl.american.edu/scholars/humphrey](http://www.wcl.american.edu/scholars/humphrey).



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## **WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM DEAN'S FELLOWSHIP**

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. Students with a background in international and/or gender issues are especially encouraged to apply. We are seeking someone willing to make a 20 hour/week commitment. Do you have attention to detail, organizational skills, excellent English skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs? 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](mailto:afehling@wcl.american.edu) as soon as possible. Please put "Dean's Fellow Application" in the subject line.

## **THE WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND DEAN'S FELLOWS**

**Volunteer opportunities:** 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 issued by the ICTR for publication; and 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](mailto: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](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu).

## **WCRO Dean's Fellowship: open to 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.Ms**

The War Crimes Research Office is seeking Dean's Fellows for Fall 2005. JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. 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 resume 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](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu). The deadline for applications is **Friday, September 2, 2005 at 5 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 at 4910 Massachusetts Ave, NW, just one block from WCL, call us at 202-274-4067, or e-mail at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu).



## **ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES AND DEAN'S FELLOWSHIPS**

### **Get Involved with the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!**

The Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, coordinated by the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, is one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish & Portuguese) human rights moot court competitions in the world. The Competition brings together nearly 200 students and over 100 attorneys from all over the world for a week of tough competition (and great fun) at WCL in late May, 2006. The Competition is dedicated to the advancement of the Inter-American human rights legal system and involves a

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large number of prominent attorneys, experts from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and more.

You can become involved with the Competition in a number of ways. As a volunteer or Dean's Fellow, you will communicate with participants, recruit volunteer attorneys, research the Bench Memorandum, plan the various events of the Competition and interact with all the participants during the week they are here in Washington, DC. For LL.M students with a background in public international law, you can volunteer to be a judge during the Competition and grade the written memorials and/or the oral round sessions. Next year's Competition will take place from **May 21-26, 2006**. For

more information, please contact Shazia N. Anwar, Competition Coordinator, at [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or call 202.274.4215.

### **Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**

The Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is the only intensive, three week program in the world to offer human rights courses in both English and Spanish. Every year the Academy hosts over 25 visiting world-renowned scholars and activists who teach courses on topics including regional human rights approaches; the United Nations; international criminal tribunal; economic, social and cultural rights; women's rights; terrorism and human rights; and international humanitarian law. As a Graduate Certificate Program, the program is open to lawyers, professionals in the human rights field, and law students, who can earn up to seven credits toward their degree. For more information go to: <http://wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/>

**Academy Dean's Fellowships:** The Academy is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the Fall 2005 semester.

*Position one:* One Dean's Fellow will be required to work 20 hours a week assisting in the preparation of the Academy's 2006 Summer Program. The main focus of this position will be providing administrative support to the Summer Program staff. Other activities may involve legal research in International Human Rights Law. Knowledge of Spanish is a plus, but is not required.

*Position two:* Professors Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon and Claudia Martin are looking for one Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2005 semester. The Dean's Fellow will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law, in particular in inter-American human rights law issues. Legal research experience in human rights and international law as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus.

If you are interested in applying for either position, you should send your resume to Meredith Fox at [hracademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hracademy@wcl.american.edu). Please indicate which position you are applying for.



### **THE CLINICAL PROGRAM (INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC) SEEKS FOREIGN LANGUAGE VOLUNTEERS**

The International Human Rights Law Clinic and the other clinical programs seek student volunteers who are *fluent* (nearly bilingual, not just "conversational") in another language for interpretation and translation work on clinic cases. Please see Samantha in the clinic office in Room 417 or e-mail her at [stthomas@wcl.american.edu](mailto:stthomas@wcl.american.edu) to complete a volunteer form. Samantha or the student attorneys in the clinic will contact you after you submit your volunteer form as needed. The clinic does not accept volunteers for case work other than interpreters and translators.

### **TAKE THE PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE**

Through the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, WCL students work with WCL programs, nonprofit and government agencies to provide legal services to traditionally marginalized and underrepresented populations. Students who complete 75 or more hours of pro bono work receive recognition at the annual student public service awards dinner. For more information, visit the office of Public Interest website at

<http://wcl.american.edu/publicinterest> or contact Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator, at [cegomes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cegomes@wcl.american.edu).

### **IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS COALITION (IRC)**

The Immigrants' Rights Coalition is a student-run group that is dedicated to promoting immigrants' rights at Washington College of Law, in the Greater D.C. area, and through national and international forums. The group loosely follows a four-part model of participation in immigrant groups, service and activism in the community, academic excellence, and professional development. The Immigrants' Rights Coalition is comprised of several committees which work on issues concerning refugees and internally displaced persons, detention and prisoners' rights, and education and outreach initiatives. Planned events for the fall:

- Community Service projects
- Experiential Learning Project, in conjunction with Action for Human Rights
- English-Spanish Language Exchange, in conjunction with Hispanic Law Students Association
- Networking reception with practitioners
- Conference: Third Annual Practitioners' Perspective on Trafficking: October 20-23
- Panels and discussions regarding current issues in immigration.

If you have any questions about the Immigrants' Rights Coalition, please contact Hanan Idilbi or Sarah Rempel at [irc.cochairs@gmail.com](mailto:irc.cochairs@gmail.com). If you would like to join the listserve, please contact Kristen Johnson at [kristen@craigsirk.com](mailto:kristen@craigsirk.com).

### **WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION**

The Women's Law Association (WLA) is a student-run organization that provides a diverse feminist forum for WCL students. WLA is concerned with the legal, social, cultural, educational, and political issues facing women on both the domestic and international levels and within the law school community. WLA programs include activities such as panel discussions with professors, attorneys, government officials, and members of the NGO community, networking and volunteering opportunities, and mentoring programs for students. If you would like more information about WLA or would like to join the WLA listserve, please email [womenslaw-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:womenslaw-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### **EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

#### **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? Contact Stephanie Sullivan, Public Interest Specialist, [Sullivan@wcl.american.edu](mailto:Sullivan@wcl.american.edu) in the office of Career Services.

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

#### **Join the OCS Public Interest and/or Government Listservs**

Make sure you receive all future updates about government or public interest careers. Sign up for these group email lists. These lists are the only way you can receive opportunities and updates by email. To sign up or find out more information on the variety of listservs offered by the Office of Career Services, visit <http://wcl.american.edu/ocs/listserv.cfm>.

#### **Office of Public Interest Programming, Fall 2005**

The Office of Public Interest has a wide variety of programs planned for the Fall. For more information about any of these programs, please see the OCS website or contact Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator, [cegomes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cegomes@wcl.american.edu), 202-274-4099.

**August 25th**, Working for the DOJ Session

**August 31th**, 3L Public Interest Fellowship Application Workshop (OCS/OPI)

**September 6th**, The Cool Human Rights Work I Did on My Summer Vacation Session (OCS/OPI/Center)

**September 14th**, So You Want to Be a Public Defender Session (Tentative)

**September 22th**, Public Interest Speed Networking Event (OCS/OPI)

**September 27th**, Preparing for the Equal Justice Works Career Fair Workshop

**October 5th**, 3L Public Interest Career Search Workshop (OCS/OPI)

**October 27 & 28th**, Equal Justice Works Public Interest Conference and Career Fair (OCS/OPI)

**November 11th**, Preparing for the Greater Washington, DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair Workshop

## **EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

The Washington College of Law Externship Program offers opportunities to work in the field of human rights law both internationally and in the Washington, D.C. area. 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. Please visit the Externship Database, which contains over 500 potential employers, at [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship). Email [externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu), call (202) 274-4200, or stop by the Externship Office, Room 413, to obtain the password and username for the database or for more information.

**Externship Orientations:** Externship Program staff and former externs describe the Program and discuss their experiences.

- **October 25, 12-1:30pm in room 603--1L, Sections 2 and 3**
- **October 26, 12-1:30pm in room 603--1L, Sections 1, 4 and 5**
- **November 2, 12-1pm in room 603--Upper Class Students**
- **November 2, 5-6pm in room 603--Evening Students**

## **THE CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW IS LOOKING FOR LEGAL INTERNS**

CEJIL is a non-governmental, non-profit organization with consultative status before the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations (UN) and observer status before the African Commission of Human Rights. CEJIL is looking for legal interns to work with CEJIL staff attorneys on cases before the Commission and the Inter-American Court. This could include researching the case background and precedents, helping to draft and edit briefs, attending hearings, developing legal arguments, and communicating with client NGOs. Applicants are required to have a solid command of the Spanish language. Knowledge of Portuguese is valuable. For more information please go to <http://cejil.org/pasantias.cfm?switch=i> or contact David Baluarte at [dbaluarte@cejil.org](mailto:dbaluarte@cejil.org).

## **FOUNDERS' CELEBRATION 2006: 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 2006 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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle) or call us at 202-274-4075.

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS EVENTS AT WCL

All listings are tentative.

Please contact the appropriate WCL office or student organization directly as dates, times and rooms may change.

### August

- 17 Center Welcome Reception for Incoming Students, 3-4 pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 20 First Meeting of the Health Law and Justice Project, 12-1pm, Rm. 524
- 23 Gender and Law Reception, 4-5pm, Rm. 600
- 30 War Crimes Research Office Student Volunteer Opportunities, 12-1pm, Rm. TBA
- 31 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge

### September

- 1 What is the Center and How to Get Involved in Human Rights Work at WCL, 12-1pm, Rm. 402
- 6 Cool Human Rights Work I Did Last Summer, 12-1pm, Rm. 402
- 6 Genocide Teaching Project Training Part I, 6-8pm, Rm. 603
- 7 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 7 Genocide Teaching Project Training Part II, 6-8pm, Rm. 603
- 13 Congressional Human Rights Lecture Series, 12-1pm, Rm. TBA (on Capitol Hill)
- 14 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 15 Public Interest Roundtable Luncheon, 12-1pm, Rm. TBA
- 21 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 28 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 28 Defining Customary International Law, 8am-3pm, Rm. 603
- 30 International Criminal Tribunals in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 8am-6pm, Rm. TBA

### October

- 5 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 5 Human Rights Film Series: State of Fear, 6-8pm, Rm. 603
- 6 Human Rights Defenders Speaker Series, 12-1pm, Rm. 402
- 11 Getting Involved in Pro Bono Work, 12:30-1:20, Rm. TBA
- 11 Foreign Investment, Corporate Responsibility, & Sustainable Development, 3-7pm
- 12 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 18 Congressional Human Rights Lecture Series, 12-1pm, Rm. TBA (on Capitol Hill)
- 19 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 19 Gender and Legal Education in India Panel Discussion, 12-2pm, Rm. 600
- 19 Human Rights Film Series: Videoletters, 6-8pm, Rm. 603
- 20-23 Third Annual Practitioners' Perspective on Trafficking, Time and Rm. TBA
- 24 Perspectives on Economic Cultural and Social Rights, Time and Rm. TBA
- 25 Externship Orientation for ILs, Sections 2 and 3, 12-1:30pm, Rm. 603
- 26 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 26 Externship Orientation for ILs, Sections 1, 4 and 5, 12-1:30pm, Rm. 603
- 26 Human Rights Film Series: Sometime in April, 6-8pm, Rm. 603

### November

- 2 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 2 Externship Orientation Upper Class Students, 12-1pm, Rm. 603
- 2 Externship Orientation Evening Students, 5-6pm, Rm. 603
- 2 Human Rights Film Series: Witness Documentaries on Burma, 6-8pm, Rm. 603
- 8 Human Rights Defenders Speaker Series, 12-1pm, Rm. 401
- 9 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 16 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 23 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge
- 30 Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour, 8:30-10am, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge

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**SAMPLE LISTING OF FALL 2004**  
**COURSES IN HUMAN RIGHTS/HUMANITARIAN LAW TOPICS**

Course Number	Course Title	Professor
Law 618-001	International Environmental Law	Hunter
Law 621-001	Conflict of Laws	Robbins
Law 635-001	Legal Issues in the War on Terrorism	Marcus
Law 655-001	Immigration and Naturalization	Cooper
Law 660-001	International Law	Goldman
Law 660-002	International Law	Orentlicher
Law 664-001	Employment & Labor: Employment Relationship	Seltzer
Law 666-001	Employment Rights Law	Herrnstadt
Law 668-001	Employment Discrimination	Carle
Law 675-001	Transnational Litigation	Epstein
Law 682-001	Critical Race Theory	Hutchinson
Law 691-001	Sex-Based Discrimination	Kovacic-Fleicher
Law 721-001	Seminar: Law of the Sea	Oliver
Law 723-002	International Organizations & World Public Health	Farrell
Law 729-001	Wrongful Convictions	Camet
Law 738-001	Seminar: International Courts	Heywood
Law 739-001	Seminar: Advanced Human Rights	Rodriguez-Pinzon and Martin
Law 753-001	Women and the Law Clinic	Shalleck
Law 753-002	Women and the Law: Domestic Violence	TBA
Law 755-001	International Human Rights Clinic	Wilson and Ahmad
Law 764-001	Disability Rights Law Clinic	Dinerstein
Law768-001	Community Economic Development Clinic	Bennett
Law 795-001	Advanced International Law	Williams P.
Law 795-002	Advanced Environmental Law	Zaelke
Law 795-004	International Human Rights Advocacy	Purohit
Law 795-005	International Dispute Resolution Inv. Sovereigns	Baron
Law 795-006	Children and the Law: Intel & Comp.	Bajpai
Law 795-007	Family & Employment Based Immigration Law	Lawrence
Law 795-008	Current Issues in International Organizations	Maksoud
Law 795-009	Advanced Issues in Developmental Law	Smyth
Law 923-001	Immigrants in the Workplace	Paolletti
Law 933-001	Civil Rights and Remedies	Gross

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Please come by and see us anytime!!!