

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW FALL 2006 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 activities, projects and courses 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
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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! The Center welcomes you to visit our office. **Come see us in the WCL Annex, one block away from the main building: 4910 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 16, lower level.**

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS AT THE CENTER

GET INVOLVED IN THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Wednesday, August 30, 12-1pm, Rm. TBA*

Come learn about the variety of Center projects, student initiatives and opportunities for involvement that the Center provides. Among the projects which will be represented are the Human Rights Brief, the Genocide Teaching Project, the Student Advisory Board, Action for Human Rights Experiential Learning Projects, Alternative Spring Break, the Human Rights Film Series, and more. *Lunch will be served.*

WANT A TASTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS? JOIN US FOR "MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS"!



Interested in human rights but stuck studying property and torts? Munching on Human Rights is 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. All students are welcome. *Pizza will be served.*

* Due to a change in the way that rooms are allocated at WCL, we do not have confirmation of many of the rooms for our Fall events. Please check in the Docket, the Center listserv and website, and posters in the WCL lobby for the location of events.

Munching on Human Rights Fall 2006 Schedule:

- September 12, 2006: *What Do You Mean When You Say “Human Rights?” An Introduction to Human Rights Law,*
 - Hadar Harris, Executive Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, 12pm-1:20pm, Rm. TBA
- October 4, 2006: *What Is the Universal Bill of Human Rights?*
 - Professor Rick Wilson, Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic, 12pm-1:20pm, Rm. TBA
- November 14, 2006: *What Is the Difference Between Human Rights Law, Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law?*
 - Susanna SaCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, 12pm-1:20pm, Rm. TBA

HUMAN RIGHTS BEGINS WITH BREAKFAST: ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOUR – EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:30AM – 10AM



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 make announcements about upcoming events, campaigns and issues of concern. 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 6th floor** student lounge behind the cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up. If you can help, please contact [Lauren Bartlett@yahoo.com](mailto:Lauren.Bartlett@yahoo.com) and put “Coffee Hour” in the subject line.

LL.M. INTRODUCTION TO THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Tuesday, September 19, 4-6pm (NOTE THE TIME!), Rm. TBA

On September 19, the Center will hold a special coffee hour for LL.M students interested in human rights issues an introduction to the extensive variety of human rights & humanitarian law opportunities available at WCL. We look forward to having periodic LL.M coffee hours throughout the school year. This particular coffee hour will give LL.M students the opportunity to meet with Center Executive Director Hadar Harris, learn about Center projects, and discuss possibilities for getting involved in the Center.

EXAMINING THE IMPLICATIONS OF *HAMDAN v. RUMSFELD*

Tuesday, September 26, 9am-1pm, Rm. 603

On June 29th, 2006, the Supreme Court issued a pivotal decision overturning the use of military tribunals at Guantánamo Bay. This conference will analyze the implications of this decision, discussing its various dimensions, including its impact on international law, separation of powers, habeas corpus, and how the decision specifically impacts practitioners and detainees at Guantánamo Bay. Speakers include Prof. Robert Goldman, Prof. Richard Wilson, Prof. Herman Schwartz, Eugene Fidell, and Prof. Dan Marcus. If you are interested in attending, please register with the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education at secl@wcl.american.edu or call (202) 274-4400. *Lunch will be served.*

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: THE CASE OF SUDAN

Friday, September 29, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603

In 2005, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution recognizing the responsibility to protect civilian populations from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity. One year later, it is time to assess how the adoption of the Responsibility to Protect has been implemented in Darfur, Sudan, where the longevity of a fragile Peace Agreement seeking to end the ongoing humanitarian crisis has yet to be determined. Among the issues to be discussed are the complexities surrounding the Darfur conflict and the conceptual framework of the Responsibility to Protect. Panelists will also discuss prospects for

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peace in Sudan as well as the need to expand the peacekeeping mandate in the region. Please register with the Office of Special Events at secle@wcl.american.edu or call (202) 274-4400 for this event.

GOT FILM? THE HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES RETURNS!

October 3 – 27, Every Tuesday Night, 6-8pm and 8-10pm (Double Screenings!)

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 Kay Spiritual Life Center, and School of International Service will sponsor the Seventh 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 be screened twice, first on Tuesdays at WCL and again on Thursday nights at the Wechsler Theatre on AU Main Campus. This year we will be holding special double screenings to enable part-time students and those with evening classes to attend. **WCL screenings will be held at 6pm and again at 8pm on Tuesday nights in Room 603.** Out of respect for those breaking the Ramadan fast, light refreshments will be served at each screening. Each film will be followed by a discussion with a guest speaker from local NGOs and institutions. All Main Campus screenings are at 6pm in Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor, Mary Graydon Center. Check the Center's website for details on each film.

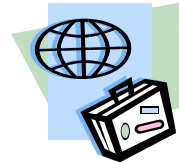


- Tuesday, Oct. 3 *Amandla!*** (Rm.TBA, 6-8pm, 8-10pm)
- Tuesday, Oct. 10 *The Agronomist*** (Rm.603, 6-8pm, 8-10pm)
- Tuesday, Oct. 17 *Maquillapolis*** (Rm.603, 6-8pm, 8-10pm)
- Tuesday, Oct. 24 *China Blue*** (Rm.603, 6-8pm, 8-10pm)

HEAR ABOUT “THE COOL HUMAN RIGHTS WORK I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION”

Thursday, October 12, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBA

The Center strives to assist students in gaining a better understanding of what working in human rights really means. 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. This event is co-sponsored with the Office of Career Services (OCS) and the Office of Public Interest (OPI), *Lunch will be served.*



OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CENTER

JOIN THE STAFF OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF OR SUBMIT AN ARTICLE

The *Human Rights Brief*, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on developments in international human rights and humanitarian law and provides concise legal analyses of current human rights issues. The *Brief* publishes short articles (3,000 words, few or no footnotes) on cutting-edge developments in human rights and international humanitarian law written by students, academics and leading human rights practitioners from around the world. The *Brief* is highly regarded around the world and reaches over 6,000 subscribers in more than 90 countries. It is published three times a year and provides an excellent opportunity for students to publish their work. The *Brief* will be accepting applications for staff writers and articles editors during the first few weeks of the semester. Importantly, and unlike many other publications, the *Human Rights Brief* welcomes applications from 1L's. For more information, contact Co-editors Mark Vorkink and Erin Scheink at chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu. To consult the submission guidelines, go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>.

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROJECTS

Get Out of the Classroom and Into the World!

Organized by Action for Human Rights, ELPs take students into the field to engage them in exploring human rights problems within the United States, humanizing the learning



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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, immigration issues, and racism in the Anacostia region of D.C. For more information on upcoming ELPs, contact 3L Lauren Bartlett: lauren_bartlett@yahoo.com.

PARLEZ-VOUS FRANÇAIS? JOIN THE RENE CASSIN MOOT COURT TEAM AND COMPETE IN STRASBOURG!

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 2007 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, 3Ls, and LL.M students 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. If you are interested (and if you speak fluent French) please contact 2L Lizzie Rushing at elizabeth.rushing@gmail.com.



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Spend Your Spring Break Giving Back to the Community!

It's not too early to think about Spring break! WCL's annual Alternative Spring Break provides students a unique and compelling hands-on learning and community service opportunity. ASB enables 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. Last year, 27 WCL students spent their Spring break in New Orleans and in Gulfport, Mississippi assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina. Other past trips have also focused on immigration/border issues, gender violence, and international law. For information on past trips, see <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/springbreak.cfm>. The 2007 Alternative Spring Break program is in the planning phase. If you would like to help or if you are interested in going please contact humlaw@wcl.american.edu and put "ASB Planning" in the subject line.

HELP END GENOCIDE: PARTICIPATE IN THE GENOCIDE TEACHING PROJECT (GTP) AND JOIN STUDENTS TAKING ACTION NOW DARFUR (STAND)

The Genocide Teaching Project pairs WCL students with local area high school classrooms to teach about genocide. The lesson plan, developed by WCL students, 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 GTP is not a huge time commitment and is a great way to use your human rights knowledge to teach others. The GTP fulfills the Public Interest honors pledge hours. To join the Genocide Teaching Project Team, contact humlaw@wcl.american.edu and put "GTP" in the subject line. The GTP has also started collaborating with Students Take Action for Darfur Now (STAND), a student group fighting to put an end to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. A STAND chapter is in the process of being formed at WCL. For more information on STAND, contact 2L Lizzie Rushing at elizabeth.rushing@gmail.com.

JOIN THE CENTER'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD



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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. SAB members meet weekly with Center Executive Director Hadar Harris and participate in monthly skills development seminars that focus on topics like grant proposal writing, public speaking, lobbying and more. To learn more and to meet this year's SAB, go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/sab.cfm>. The application process to join the SAB begins in January. 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 listserv! 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 write SUBSCRIBE in the body of the message.



OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED ACTIVITIES AT WCL

INTRODUCTON TO THE WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

Thursday, August 24, from 12pm-1pm, in WCL Rm. 601.

The WCRO serves as a source of expertise in international criminal and humanitarian law for international/ized criminal tribunals and other international organizations. In the past year, for example, the office completed major international law research projects for the International Criminal Court and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. We also speak at conferences on international criminal and humanitarian law issues, and publish regularly on the development of international criminal jurisprudence. 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 various projects, including the monitoring of cases before the world's major international criminal courts and tribunals, drafting summaries of judgments issued by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for publication, assisting with discrete legal research, editing projects, and updating a database of the jurisprudence and key documents relating to international criminal courts and tribunals that will be made available to researchers, experts and practitioners of international criminal and humanitarian law around the world. *Refreshments will be served.*

ICJ EMINENT JURISTS PANEL TO HOLD HEARINGS ON COUNTER-TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS AT WCL

Wednesday – Friday, September 6-8, Rm. 603

In the wake of September 11, 2001 many states have begun to adopt an ever-increasing array of counter-terrorist measures. Unfortunately, these measures often come at the expense of basic human rights principles. The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) panel will consider the nature of today's terrorist threats and the impact of new and old counter-terrorism measures on human rights & international humanitarian law. Over a period of 18 months, the panel will travel across the globe and hold public hearings in countries that in the past have faced cycles of terrorism and counter-terrorism, or currently face terrorist threats. Discussion will focus on whether post-9/11 security threats justify changing existing rules of international human rights & humanitarian law, and



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how laws and policies can both confront terrorism effectively and respect human rights. The Eminent Jurists Panel includes: Arthur Chaskelson (South Africa), Georges Abi-Saab (Egypt), Robert K. Goldman (USA), Hina Julani (Pakistan), Vitit Muntarbhorn (Thailand), Mary Robinson (Ireland), Stefan Trechsel (Switzerland), E. Raul Zaffaroni (Argentina). To attend, please register with the Office of Special Events at secle@wcl.american.edu or call (202) 274-4400.

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 twice elected its President, and he 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. Dean Grossman is the author of numerous publications regarding international law and human rights, and he 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.



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT NEXT SUMMER!

Spend June Studying Human Rights with International Faculty at the WCL 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; human rights and development; 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. More information about the Summer Program can be found at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/summer.cfm>.

WCRO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCE PANEL: LL.M 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.

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WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

Check Out the Women and International Law Program's Resources for Students!

WILP has a number of resources available online for students interested in gender and the law at WCL. Check out our "Externship Tip Sheet," a list of Fall courses that incorporate gender perspectives, and information on the many programs, student groups, and other opportunities at WCL. Please visit our website at: www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp.



Sign up for the WILP listserv: Interested in keeping up on events, professional development opportunities, calls for papers, conferences and scholarships related to gender? Sign up for WILP's weekly listserv for students interested in the study and practice of gender and the law here and around the world. The listserv is useful for both JD and LL.M Students. It comes out only once each week, so we won't be flooding your inbox. You can also look at past listservs, archived at <http://wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/listserv.cfm>. To subscribe, send an email to: wilpannounce-request@wcl.american.edu. Leave the subject line BLANK. In the body of the message write SUBSCRIBE.

Weekly Seminar: "Gender Perspectives Around the World"! Designed for LL.M students, Humphrey Fellows, and upper-level JD students committed to the study of gender and the law, this one-credit seminar combines experiential learning with theories of gender and cultural difference. Students will plan and participate in site visits to NGOs and agencies that improve the lives of women, and will prepare presentations based upon their experiences in their home countries. The course is a required for the Gender and the Law Certificate in the ILSP Program, but **all LL.M students are welcome**. For more information about the course or about the Women and International Law Program, please contact Claire Smearman, Practitioner in Residence, at csmearman@wcl.american.edu.

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 cgomes@wcl.american.edu.

MEET THE HUMPHREY FELLOWS!

WCL is pleased to be a host institution for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, which brings 12 distinguished attorneys and judges 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 and women's rights in Bhutan or about human rights education curriculum in Moldova? Would you like to know more about anti-corruption policy in Indonesia 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.

EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Externships in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law: Draft human rights briefs. Advocate for genocide victims. Assist in international human rights prosecutions. Research world health issues. The WCL 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. For information about the externships in the Washington, D.C. area, please visit our employer database at www.wcl.american.edu/externship. Be sure to attend the Externship Orientation sessions held later in the Fall semester.

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International Externships: For students interested in human rights law outside of the United States, the Externship Program provides a unique opportunity to earn credit for legal work in other countries. Some of the international organizations that have agreed to accept qualified WCL students include the Center for Human Rights and Environment (Argentina), the International Labour Office (Switzerland), and the University of Pretoria Center for Human Rights (South Africa).



For more information, email externship@wcl.american.edu, call (202) 274-4200, or stop by the Externship Office, Rm.413, or the Director's office, Rm.411.

AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER AND DEAN'S FELLOW OPPORTUNITIES

THE IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Impact Litigation Project promotes the rule of law and democracy within the region through international litigation of pivotal cases selected by experts for maximum ability to shape and change policy and legislation in Latin America, and to advance debate and changes to human rights standards. The ILP seeks 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.Ms who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This is an ideal opportunity for students who have an interest in international human rights law to become familiar with international organizations in this field. Please let us know if you are interested in the project. For more information or questions, visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/> or contact Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu.

THE CLINICAL PROGRAM (INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CLINIC) SEEKS SIMULATION VOLUNTEERS AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE VOLUNTEERS

The International Human Rights Law Clinic and the other clinical programs seek student volunteers to play the role of "clients" and "witnesses" in simulations. In addition, 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 Maribel Yamat in the clinic office in Room 417 or e-mail her at myamat@wcl.american.edu to complete a volunteer form. Maribel or the student attorneys in the clinic will contact you after you submit your volunteer form as needed. Pro bono pledge credit is available for each type of volunteer activity.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ORGANIZE THE 12TH INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION

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 call 202-274-4215. For more information on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/mcourt.

THE ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW SEEKS VOLUNTEERS!



Help Create a Database on the Applications of International Law in Domestic Court Decisions: Prof. Claudia Martin, Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and

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Humanitarian Law, seeks an Assistant to the Editorial Board for the project Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Law. The project entails the creation of a database on international law in domestic court decisions representing countries from all over the world. The student will be to review a selection of cases submitted by reporters based in different countries, compare them to applicable guidelines, make comments and suggestions as to the final selection, communicate with reporters and guide them on how to write a report and commentary on the selected cases, review the report and commentary and make suggestions to the members of the Editorial Board. Since the cases come primarily from Latin America, knowledge of Spanish is essential. The reports will be produced in English, but the student will consult the full text of the original decision as part of the review process. The final version of the report will be posted in the Oxford University Press database. This is a volunteer position which requires 10 hours per week. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to Meredith Fox at mafox@wcl.american.edu and put "Prof. Martin Volunteer Fall 2006" in the subject line.

Translate and Summarize Inter-American Court and Inter-American Court Commission on Human Rights Decisions for Oxford University Press Project: The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for self-motivated WCL students interested in joining them in an exciting project with Oxford University Press. The project entails drafting summaries in English of the Inter-American Court and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights decisions from their Spanish or English original versions. Thus we are seeking two types of volunteers: those who will translate and summarize from Spanish to English and those who will summarize from English to English. This is a great opportunity for students with excellent writing skills to contribute to wider international recognition of the Inter-American Human Rights System. The Academy seeks 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.Ms who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This project is eligible to fulfill your Pro Bono Honors Pledge. If you are interested in applying, please send your cover letter and résumé to Matias Hernandez, Researcher-in-Residence, at matias@wcl.american.edu and put "Oxford Volunteer Fall 2006" in the subject line.

PLEASE NOTE: Dean's Fellows positions are open to full-time or part-time 2L, 3L, 4L and LL.Ms.

THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS LOOKING FOR DEAN'S FELLOWS!!

The Center is looking for an enthusiastic student to take a high level of responsibility for the Center's exciting programming. Dean's Fellows provide support to our many fun events and interesting projects, will assist with marketing Center events, manage the Center listserve, and help create innovate new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Center's substantive programs. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flyer design are a plus. A 20 hour/week commitment is preferred. **To apply:** send a cover letter, résumé and short English language writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Hadar Harris at humlaw@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible but **no later than August 31, 2006**. 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 (WILP) SEEKS GREAT DEAN'S FELLOW

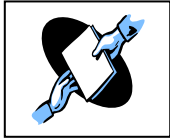
The Women and International Law Program needs a Dean's Fellow for the Fall semester to help promote WCL's LL.M. Specialization in Gender and the Law around the world and to assist in organizing international projects in India and Latin America, events at WCL, and other programming. Students with a background in international and/or gender issues are especially encouraged to apply. We are seeking someone willing to make a 20 hour/week commitment, but fewer hours may be possible. Applicants should be detailed oriented, have strong 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 wilp@wcl.american.edu. A writing sample that represents your non-legal writing skills will be particularly helpful—an article, promotional writing, a report, etc. Please put "Dean's Fellow Application" in the subject line.

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WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO) SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOWS

The War Crimes Research Office is seeking Dean's Fellows for Fall 2006. 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 public 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 a minimum of 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. The deadline for applications is **Friday, September 1, 2006 at 5pm**. If you have any questions, 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 us at warcimes@wcl.american.edu.



ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOWS

Call for Dean's Fellow to Assist the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition:

The Competition is looking for a highly-motivated dean's fellow for the Fall 2006 semester to help organize the 12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Join us as we recruit students, faculty and attorneys from around the world. Tasks will include implementing various marketing strategies, researching the Bench Memorandum, helping with fundraising efforts, designing the website, planning fun events, and much more. We are looking for a native (or extremely fluent) Spanish speaker for 10 hours a week. Please send a cover letter and résumé to Shazia Anwar, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible. Please highlight any translation experience you may have in your cover letter. All students, particularly LL.M students & former Competition participants, are encouraged to apply for these positions!

Two Dean's Fellows Needed: Help Coordinate the Summer Program and Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law and Conduct Research on International Human Rights Law. Two Dean's fellows will be required to work 20 hours a week each, assisting in the preparations for the Academy's Summer Program, Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law, and other projects. These positions will provide administrative support to the Summer Program staff, conduct legal research on international human rights law, and work with special projects as needed. Interested students with a background in international law are especially encouraged to apply. Knowledge of Spanish is a plus, but is not required. If you are interested in applying, you should send your cover letter and resume to Meredith Fox, the Academy's Program Coordinator, at mafox@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible. Please indicate "Dean's Fellow Fall 2006" in the subject line.

Research-Oriented Dean's Fellow to Assist Professors Martin and Rodriguez-Pinzon: Professors Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon and Claudia Martin are looking for one Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2006 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 this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to Meredith Fox at mafox@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible. Please indicate "Research Assistant Dean's Fellow Fall 2006" in the subject line.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC AND WOMEN & THE LAW CLINIC SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOWS FOR FALL 2006 AND SPRING 2007

These Dean's Fellow positions will involve playing simulation roles for the clinic seminars that focus on lawyering events, such as interviewing, counseling, negotiation and trial work. In addition, the positions may involve research relevant to the clinic's work. The positions will be for 10-20 hours/week. All interested applicants must be available during the clinic's seminar time, which is from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on

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Wednesdays. If you are interested, please submit a cover letter and resume to Janice Iwama, Senior Administrative Assistant at jiwama@wcl.american.edu.

THE IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT SEEKS TWO DEAN'S FELLOWS

The Impact Litigation Project is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the Fall with the potential to continue through the spring semester to work on freedom of expression cases. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.Ms to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; gain experience in human rights international litigation; and get an inside look at impact litigation strategy-drafting. The Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 10 hours per week providing administrative support as well as researching and drafting legal memoranda. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu and put "Dean's Fellow Fall 2006" in the subject line.

CALENDAR OF SELECTED UPCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS EVENTS AT WCL

All listings are tentative. Please check the Center's online calendar or contact the appropriate WCL office and/or student organization directly as dates, times and rooms may change.

August

- 16 *Center Welcome Reception for Students, 3pm, Student Lounge*
- 21 *First Day of Classes*
- 24 *Introduction to the War Crimes Research Office and Volunteer Opportunities, 12pm-1pm, Rm. 601. Refreshments will be served!*
- 30 *What is the Center? How to Get Involved in Human Rights at WCL, 12-1pm, Rm. TBA*

September

- 6-8 *ICJ Eminent Jurists Panel on Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights*
- 12 *Munching on Human Rights: What is Human Rights (Hadar Harris), 12pm-1:20pm, Rm. TBA*
- 19 *LL.M Coffee Hour: What is the Center? How to Get Involved in Human Rights at WCL, 4pm-6pm, Rm. TBA*
- 21 *International Legal Studies Program Embassy Reception, 6th Floor Dining Room*
- 26 *Examining the Implications of Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, 9am-1pm, Rm. 603*
- 29 *The Responsibility to Protect: The Case of Sudan, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603*

October

- 3 *Human Rights Film Series: Amandla!, 6-8pm and 8-10pm, Rm. TBA*
- 4 *Munching on Human Rights: International Bill of Human Rights (Prof. Rick Wilson), 12pm-1:20pm, Rm. TBA*
- 10 *Human Rights Film Series: The Agronomist, 6-8pm and 8-10pm, Rm. 603*
- 12 *Cool Human Rights Work I Did on My Summer Vacation, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBA*
- 17 *Human Rights Film Series: Maquillapolis, 6-8pm and 8-10pm, Rm. 603*
- 24 *Human Rights Film Series: China Blue, 6-8pm and 8-10pm, Rm. 603*

November

- 14 *Munching on Human Rights: International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights and International Criminal Law (Susanna SaCouto), 12pm-1:20pm, Rm. TBA*

REMEMBER: ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOUR! EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING, 8:30AM – 10AM, 6TH FLOOR STUDENT LOUNGE

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SAMPLE LISTING OF FALL 2006
COURSES IN HUMAN RIGHTS OR HUMANITARIAN LAW

| Course Number | Course Title | Professor |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LAW-635-001 | National Security Law in the Age of Terrorism | Marcus |
| LAW-653-001 | Int'l Fin.Law & Dev.Finance | Mugasha |
| LAW-655-001 | Immigration Law | Vu Bain/Peters/Vanison |
| LAW-660-001 | International Law | Chuang |
| LAW-666-001 | Employment Rights Law | Herrnstadt |
| LAW-668-001 | Employment Discrimination | Ventrell-Monsees |
| LAW-682-001 | Critical Race Theory | Hutchinson |
| LAW-707-003 | The Constitution in Times of Crisis | Schwartz |
| LAW-708-001 | Race, Crime & Politics | Jones |
| LAW-723-002 | Intl Orgnz & World Pblc Hlth | Farrell |
| LAW-729-001 | Wrongful Convictions | Camet |
| LAW-732-001 | Sem: Sent, Sant & Corrections | Kittrie |
| LAW-738-001 | Sem: International Courts | Heywood |
| LAW-739-001 | Sem: Advanced Human Rights | Rodriguez-Pinzon & Martin |
| LAW-739-002 | Human Rights & the Environment | Redford |
| LAW-753-001 | Women and the Law Clinic | Shalleck |
| LAW-753-002 | Women & Law: Domestic Violence | TBA |
| LAW-755-001 | Int'l Human Rights Clinic | Wilson/Ahmad |
| LAW-764-001 | Disability Rights Law Clinic | Dinerstein |
| LAW-795-001 | Adv Int'l Law | Williams |
| LAW-795-002 | Adv Environmental Law | Zaelke |
| LAW-795-003 | Law & Poverty | Rosser |
| LAW-795-004 | Intl Human Rights Advocacy | Purohit |
| LAW-795-005 | Women's Legal History | Clark |
| LAW-795-007 | Immigration Issues: Employment & Family | Lawrence |
| LAW-795-008 | Current Issues in Int'l. Organizations | Maksoud |
| LAW-795-010 | Gender Perspectives Across the World | Smearman |
| LAW-815-001 | Feminist Jurisprudence | Shalleck |
| LAW-933-001 | Civil Rights and Remedies | Gross |
| LAW-618-001 | Int'l Environmental Law | Hunter |
| LAW-634-001 | Legal Aspects Foreign Dir.Inv. | Levinson |