

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**Fall 2009 Newsletter**

Welcome back! We hope you had a great summer break. As you think about your priorities for this semester, the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law wants to let you know about various human rights-oriented 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! For updates on events and activities, please visit the Center’s website at <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org>

Included in this newsletter are:

- Activities at the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Other Human Rights-Related Events at WCL
- Professional Development and Other Opportunities
- Volunteer Opportunities, Dean’s Fellowships, and Other Positions
- Student-Run Organizations and Activities

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 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; facilitates human rights and humanitarian law trainings for practitioners; and serves as a resource to the legal community on human rights and humanitarian law issues. We also have a lot

of fun! **The Center’s Executive Director, *Hadar Harris*, the Center’s Human Trafficking and Forced Labor Project Director, *Ann Jordan*, and the Center’s Program Coordinator, *Hiba Arshad*, welcome you to our office at any time. Come see us in the WCL Annex, one block away from the main building: 4910 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 16, lower level!**

For additional information about any Center events listed below, please contact us at 202-274-4180 or by emailing humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS AT THE CENTER**WHAT IS THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS @ WCL?****Wednesday, September 2, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBD**

Come learn about the variety of Center projects, student initiatives and opportunities for involvement that the Center provides. Represented projects will include the *Human Rights Brief*, the Human Rights Film Series, the Center Student Advisory Board, Experiential Learning Projects and more.



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

First Session: Thursday, September 10, 12–1:20pm, Rm. TBA

Interested in human rights but stuck studying civil procedure 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. Topics will include an introduction to human rights treaty law,



a discussion of the Universal Bill of Human Rights, and a primer on the law of war and rules of occupation. 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. Munching is only held during the Fall semester so don't miss out! Check the Center's website and the Docket for the full schedule. *Pizza will be served.*

NUTS AND BOLTS OF BEING A HUMAN RIGHTS ATTORNEY LUNCHTIME SERIES

Is human rights work as glamorous as it seems??? Back by popular demand, the Center presents a fun, informative (and entertaining) lunchtime series: *The Nuts and Bolts of Doing Human Rights Work*, which promises to demystify the world of international human rights work.

LUNCH WITH HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTITIONERS

First Session: Tuesday, September 15, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBA

Join the Center for an intimate discussion with human rights practitioners working to defend human rights in government, international organizations as well as domestically. These sessions are limited to 20 participants. The Center will send out a notice soon so check the Center's listserv and Docket for your opportunity to sign up! *Lunch will be served.*

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

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

Come hear fellow law students 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 work experience. All students are invited to attend. This event is co-sponsored by the Center's Student Advisory Board, the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) and the Office of Public Interest (OPI). *Lunch will be served.*

HUMAN RIGHTS ROUNDTABLE FOR LLM STUDENTS

First Session: Wednesday, September 16, 3:30pm – 4:20pm, Rm. TBA

Are you an LLM student interested in strengthening your skills as a human rights attorney? Join the Center and your fellow colleagues for a monthly discussion of cutting edge practices in human rights work. Discussion will be facilitated by Prof. Hadar Harris, Prof. Meetali Jain, and other members of WCL's esteemed faculty. *Light snacks will be served.*



GOT FILM? JOIN US FOR THE TENTH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES!

Like to go to the movies? Join us for the 10th Annual Human Rights Film Series, hosted by the Center, in conjunction with the AU Center for Social Media, the Center for Global Peace, the Kay Spiritual Life Center, the School of International Service and many more. The Film Series explores ways in which film and media can be used to promote and protect human rights. The film series will kick-off at the AU Katzen Center. The next two films will be screened at the Wechsler Theater on the 3rd floor of the Mary Graydon Center on AU Main Campus.

The film series will close with a final screening at the Katzen. **All screenings begin at 5:30pm.** Each film will be followed by a discussion with a guest speaker. Check the Center's website for details on each film: WCLCenterforHR.org.

- **Thurs., Oct. 8** *Burma VJ*
- **Thurs., Oct. 15** *Taking Root: the Vision of Wangari Maathai*
- **Thurs., Oct. 22** *New Muslim Cool*
- **Thurs., Oct. 29** *The Reckoning*

CONTROVERSIAL CONVERSATIONS IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Wed., September 23, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBA

Thurs., November 5, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBA

This fall, the Center will host a discussion group exploring controversial conversations in human rights. The sessions will be held in September and November of the Fall semester and February and April in the spring. Check the Center's listserv and the Docket for dates, times, and locations.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CENTER

JOIN THE STAFF OR WRITE FOR THE *HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF*

The *Human Rights Brief*, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on cutting-edge developments in international human rights and humanitarian law and provides concise legal analysis of current human rights issues. The *Brief* publishes short articles (3,000 words, with few or no footnotes) written by students, academics and leading human rights practitioners from around



the world. The *Brief* is highly regarded internationally 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 1Ls. This is an excellent opportunity for student authors to have their work published and widely read. For more information, contact Co-editors Sara C. Waldron and Megan Chapman at chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu or stop by their office in WCL room 630. To consult the submission guidelines, please go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>.

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HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROJECTS (ELPs)

Get Out of the Classroom and Into the World!

This fall, join the Center's Student Advisory Board for an ELP exploring the right to education in the U.S. ELPs take students into the field to engage them in exploring human rights problems within the US, 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. If you would like to help plan or participate in an ELP, contact the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

JOIN THE CENTER'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

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. SAB members are also available as liaisons between the WCL student body and the Center and to answer questions about Center activities or working and interning in human rights as law students. The 2009 SAB members are Bryan Evans, Lauren Forbes, Carlin Moore, Anne Parsons, Alvir Sadhwani, Eleanor Thompson, and Soumya Venkatesh. To learn more and to meet this year's SAB, go to WCLCenterforHR.org/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, follow the instructions at WCLCenterforHR.org/listserv.cfm.

OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED ACTIVITIES AT WCL

**GENDER AND THE LAW RECEPTION
Wednesday, August 26, 5-6pm,
JD Student Lounge, 6th Floor**

Please join the Women & the Law Program for our annual *Gender & Law Reception* on the evening of Wednesday, August 26th in the JD Student Lounge. Meet the professors who teach the gender and law courses offered this term; meet staff and resource people committed to gender issues; hear from student group representatives and mingle with other students interested in women's and LGBT legal studies; learn about upcoming events in gender and the law; find out about Dean's Fellow opportunities. All students, international visitors, faculty and staff are welcome! Hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVP to wilp@wcl.american.edu.

**DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL LOBBY DAY
WCL Lobby (Date TBD)**

The Solomon Amendment requires WCL to allow military recruiters on campus despite WCL's disagreement with the military's discriminatory Don't Ask, Don't Tell law. This year, Lambda Law Society is sponsoring a Lobby Day where students can proactively voice their disagreement with Don't Ask, Don't Tell to their congressional representatives. Servicemembers Legal Defense Network will provide lobbying training and information on Don't Ask, Don't Tell prior to Lobby Day. Please email Anna Jagelewski at aj7940a@student.american.edu for more information or to participate in the Lobby Day. Sponsored by Lambda Law Society.



**WCL INTERNATIONAL WEEK
September 21-25**

Faculty, students, staff, and other members of the WCL community are invited to partake in its series of weeklong events. The goal is to promote awareness of international law in an attempt to better understand what it means to live in an international community. International Week highlights all of WCL's international programs, promotes awareness of international law and celebrates the school's cultural diversity. Events include the Annual Embassy Reception, International Week Speaker featuring Sally E. Merry, as well as lectures, panels, luncheons and socials – all hosted by various offices within WCL. The entire WCL community is invited to attend the events. For more info please visit our website at http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/llm_international_wk.cfm.

**HEALTH LAW PROJECT
FALL PROGRAMMING
Locations TBD**

September 23 (12pm): Join us for a discussion on the latest information regarding health care reform legislation in the Obama Administration, with representatives from government, public interest groups, private health law firms, and health industry lobbyists.

September 22 (12pm): Take part in a discussion of ethics with the new Chief of the Department of Justice Office of Professional Integrity.

Nov. 4 (4:00-6:00pm): Spend an evening exploring "Careers in Community Organizing--From Alinsky to Obama." Reception to follow.

For additional information on the Health Law Project's programming for the fall, please contact Prof. Corrine Parver at cparver@wcl.american.edu

HUMAN RIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE

Dean Claudio Grossman was elected Chair of the United Nations Committee Against Torture (UNCAT) in April 2008, where he has been a member since 2003 and previously served as Vice Chair (2003-2008). He is also a member of the Commission for the Control of Interpol's Files (since 2005) as well as Chair of the Committee on International Cooperation of the Association of American Law Schools. In addition, he served as President of the College of the Americas, an organization of colleges and universities in the Western Hemisphere (2003-2007). 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.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

Don't miss calls for papers, conferences and scholarships. Sign up for the WILP Listserv!

Interested in keeping up on professional development opportunities, calls for papers, conferences and scholarships related to gender, women and the law? Sign up for Women and the Law Program's weekly listserv for students interested in the study and practice of gender and the law around the world. The listserv is useful for both LL.M. and JD Students. To subscribe, click on "Join our listserv at www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wlp/.



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/wlp/.

STUDY INTERNATIONAL LAW ABROAD



Applications Due October 1, 2009 for Spring semester!

Did you know that as a WCL student you can spend one semester studying international law at one of our 23 partner institutions? Programs in Turkey, the Netherlands, Chile, and throughout Europe (just to name a few) are available to 2L, 3L, and 4L students. Don't miss out on this

opportunity to study international human rights law while immersing yourself in the legal culture of another country. For more information on semester exchange opportunities, please visit www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad or send an email to Hilary Lappin, International Exchange Coordinator at hlappin@wcl.american.edu. For Fall admission, applications are due **March 1**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE HEALTH LAW PROJECT

Exciting opportunities exist for students interested



in the intersection of Human Rights and Health Care Law and Policy. The WCL Health Law Project provides the following opportunities for student involvement. For additional info on the projects or to express interest in working on the below projects, please contact Prof.

Corrine Parver at cparver@wcl.american.edu and provide a transcript and resume.

- Assist the WCL/Pan American Health Organization Project;
- Provide support to Fall Semester Health Law Courses;
- Help Organize Fall Semester Events
- Join WCL's Health Law Student Organization - the Health Law and Justice Initiative;
- Join the Staff or Write for the Health Law and Policy Brief, published semi-annually by WCL students
- Take an independent study in Health Law and Policy with Prof. Corrine Parver

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 disability and poverty in Egypt or about family law in Haiti? Would you like to know more about anti-corruption policy in Slovakia or government action in Colombia? The Humphrey Fellows are a great resource for students interested in human rights work. For additional information, please visit <http://wcl.american.edu/scholars/humphrey/>.

TAKE SUMMER COURSES AT WCL WITH THE WORLD'S LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOLARS!

The Specialized Human Rights Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian

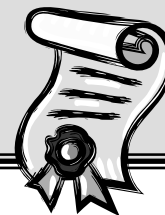


Law is the only intensive, three week program in the world to offer human rights courses in both English and Spanish.

Every year the Academy hosts over 25 visiting world-renowned scholars and activists who teach 17 courses on topics like 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. The program attracts participants worldwide and it is open to lawyers, professionals in the human rights field and law students. Classes can be taken for academic credit or as a Certificate of Attendance. All classes are open to WCL students, who can earn up to seven credits toward their degree. More information about the Academy and the Specialized Human Rights Program can be found at www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy.

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>.



EXPLORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WHILE EARNING ACADEMIC CREDIT THROUGH THE WCL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Investigate war crimes. Draft a political asylum petition. Develop world health policy. Litigate environmental impact claims. Work with victims of domestic violence. Prosecute human rights violations. Draft discovery in civil rights cases. You don't need to wait until you graduate to play an important role in ameliorating human rights violations. At WCL, students earn academic credit for unpaid legal work in a wide variety of international human rights and civil rights externships located in Washington DC, across the country and outside of the United States. Many students participate in externships during the summer after their first year. Students can also participate in externships during the fall and spring semesters.

Over the past year, WCL students have provided invaluable legal assistance at hundreds of human rights and civil rights organizations as Human Rights Watch, the Mississippi Center for Justice, the ACLU, EarthRights, and the World Organization for Human Rights. Hundreds more organizations that have accepted WCL externs are listed on the Externship Program's extensive field placement database found at <https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>.

Students can also extern outside of the United States during the summer semester. Some of the

international organizations that have accepted qualified WCL students in recent years include the South African Human rights Commission, Save the Young (Cameroon), the Center for Human Rights and Environment (Argentina), the International Labour Office (Switzerland), Center for Justice and International Law (Argentina), and the World Health Organization (Switzerland).



There is a separate International Externship Database listing many more human rights organizations. It is found in the upper left hand corner of the database page listed above. The application for the 2010 International Externship Program will be available on the Externship Page starting in September 2009.

Each January, over 100 externship employers attend the annual Externship Fair, held at WCL. This will include dozens of civil rights and human rights employers. This is an outstanding opportunity to learn about these organizations and informally apply for externships.

For information about human rights externships, review the Externship Database on the Externship Program web page, and contact the office at 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, DEAN'S FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER POSITIONS

CLINICAL PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION, CASE INVESTIGATION AND SIMULATIONS

The International Human Rights Law Clinic and other clinics in the Clinical Program seek student volunteers who are *fluent* (nearly bilingual, not just "conversational") in another language for interpretation and translation work on clinic cases. There are also volunteer opportunities clinic-wide to



work as simulation volunteers (play the role of "clients" or "witnesses" in simulations) or case investigators (examples of case investigation tasks may include gathering documents, attending witness interviews, and visiting places and institutions relevant to the issues in a particular case). Please see Gineen Glenn in the Clinic in Room 417 or email her at

glenn@wcl.american.edu to complete the volunteer forms. Gineen 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.

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

The most fun you will ever have as a Dean's Fellow!

This is a great time to get involved with the Center for Human Rights. This fall, we are looking for a variety of Dean's Fellows to assist in the Center's exciting new initiatives. Dean's Fellows will work alongside Center staff to provide support to many of our new exciting programs such as the **Project on Human Trafficking and Forced Labor**, the **Pakistan Initiative on Human Rights and Gender**, the **Project on Teaching International Humanitarian Law**, the new **Summer Program in Israel** and many more! 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. Available positions range from 10/hours per week to 20/hours per week. **To apply:** send a cover letter, résumé and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Hiba Arshad at arshad@wcl.american.edu by **Fri., August 28**. Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

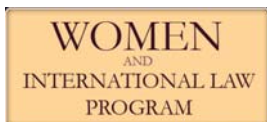
PLEASE NOTE: Dean's Fellowship positions are open to full-time or part-time 2L, 3L, 4L and LLM Students – as well as part-time 1L students.

DEAN CLAUDIO GROSSMAN IS SEEKING a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester, with the possibility of extending through the spring semester. The position involves 20 hours per week of legal research and writing, and Spanish fluency (oral and written) is required. Interested students should promptly submit a cover letter and résumé via e-mail to deans-office@wcl.american.edu and reference "Dean Grossman Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM SEEKS A DEAN'S FELLOW

Are you interested in working on women's rights? Are you interested in helping to advance and shape WCL's feminist legacy? Working for the Women and the Law Program is an excellent way to tap into the gender resources of WCL and to have an impact on future programs and opportunities for students interested in gender issues.

Responsibilities will include helping organize our upcoming student events, conferences and academic roundtables including our *Gender and the Practice of Law* Series; managing the list serve, website, and database we use to communicate with the campus community,



potential students, and women's rights groups around the globe; preparing materials for students about WCL's gender programming, and communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study gender and the law at WCL; administering the Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest; administering the Gender and Law Mentorship Program; assisting with research on issues in gender and law. Organizational and writing skills are important. A 10 hour/week commitment is preferred. **To apply:** Send a cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to Angie McCarthy, Program Coordinator of the Women and the Law Program, at angiem@wcl.american.edu with "Fall Dean's Fellow" in the subject line. Last day to apply is Tuesday, September 1st by 5pm.

DEAN'S FELLOW OPPORTUNITIES AT THE WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking Dean's Fellows for Fall 2009. 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 per 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. We are currently considering applicants on a rolling basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4301 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 102, call us at 202-274-4067 or e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

WCRO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

The WCRO is looking for students (particularly 1Ls) interested in volunteering with the WCRO. Volunteer positions at the WCRO offer students exposure to the field of international criminal justice and the opportunity to contribute to the WCRO's work. Opportunities include:

Status Updates

Status Update Volunteers track developments at the International Criminal Court, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Special Courts for Sierra Leone and Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, and attend biweekly discussions with WCRO staff. No previous background in ICL is needed; this is a great way to learn more about ICL and to get involved in the work of the Office. To sign up, e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

Database Project

The WCRO also maintains a searchable database of jurisprudence from the ICTY, ICTR, SCSL and ICC. This database is periodically updated and made available to court personnel, non-governmental organizations and others in digital form through our website. Database volunteers monitor court jurisprudence and update the

database for publication to digital media. To sign up, e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

Research Volunteers

The WCRO maintains a list of law students interested in assisting our Dean's Fellows and Assistant Director with various types of research and spading on an as-needed basis. Students who wish to assist in spading should have Blue Book knowledge, or at least previous experience in research or editing. To sign up, e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

International Student Resource Panel

International students, or those who have legal experience in countries other than the U.S., are encouraged to sign up for the WCRO's International Student Resource Panel. The WCRO maintains this list as a resource of people willing to contribute time to projects with a comparative law element. To sign up, e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

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

The Academy's **Human Rights Legal Education Project** is looking for one part-time assistant for the Fall 2009 semester, with the potential to continue in the Spring semester. The assistant will

be required to work 10-20 hours per week to provide support in the implementation of research and educational projects in the US and Latin America (especially Venezuela, Nicaragua and Bolivia) and conduct research in international human rights law as needed. Applicants should have excellent writing skills

in English and fluency in Spanish is essential. Part-time 1Ls are encouraged to apply. The salary for this position is \$12/hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your cover letter, résumé and short (10 pages max.) writing sample to Matias Hernandez, matias@wcl.american.edu, indicating "Part-Time Assistant Fall 2009" in the subject line.



Academy Co-Director and Professor Claudia Martin seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2009 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to hacademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate "Prof. Martin Research Assistant Dean's Fellow Fall 2009" in the subject line.

Dean's Fellow Needed to Help Coordinate the Specialized Human Rights Program: The Academy seeks one or two Dean's Fellows to work 10-20 hours a week primarily in the coordination the 2010 Specialized Human Rights Program and Human Rights Month. This position will work closely with the Program Coordinator and the Program Assistant. Knowledge of Spanish and familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite is highly desirable. This position is only available to Washington College of Law students. Full time 1Ls are not eligible to apply. Please send your cover letter and resume to hacademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow – Summer". Application review begins in late August.

Call for Dean's Fellow to Help Coordinate the 14th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition: The Competition is looking for a highly-motivated dean's fellow for the Fall 2009 semester to help organize the 15th 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 persons who speak Spanish or Portuguese fluently. The position requires between 10-20 hours a week and students will be compensated at \$12/hour. Please send a cover letter and résumé to the Competition at jamoot@wcl.american.edu. Please highlight any translation experience you may have in your cover letter.

Academy Co-Director and Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2009 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to hacademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate "Prof. Rodriguez-Pinzon Research Assistant Dean's Fellow Fall 2009" in the subject line.

THE IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOWS AND VOLUNTEERS

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 proven interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; work with Chilean, Argentinean and Guatemalan students and attorneys and gain experience in human rights international litigation. Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 20 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, résumé and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow Fall 2008" in the subject line.



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: The Impact Litigation Project is seeking 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s 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.

**PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (PIJIP)
SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOW**

Each semester, the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP) offers research fellowships for our Access to Medicines and Human Rights Legal Education Initiative.

Fellows are assigned various research tasks focusing on the intersection of trade obligations to respect intellectual property, and human rights obligations to provide access to healthcare. For more information on our projects, see: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/pijip/go/humanrights>. Applicants should have a background in human rights, intellectual property and/or medicines law and policy. Academic credit through independent study may also be available. For more information or to apply, please contact Mike Palmedo at 202-274-4442 or at mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu.

STUDENT-RUN ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Each semester, the Center hosts a number of human rights-oriented events and talks in conjunction with student groups at WCL. We want to work with you. If you or a student group in which you are involved would like to organize a human rights-oriented event with the Center, contact the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4180 to discuss the possibilities.

Student Groups – We Want to Hear From You: Advertise your groups' opportunities for involvement in the Center semesterly newsletter and weekly listserv!



IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION (IRC): The IRC is a student organization dedicated to defending and promoting the rights of immigrants. The IRC is currently composed of five Committees: Policy Advocacy, Detention, Refugee & Asylum, Labor & Trafficking and Domestic Violence Outreach. Interested students should send an email to: irc.cochairs@gmail.com or look for flyers about IRC's first fall meeting (date and time TBA).

ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (AHR): AHR is a student organization that brings together students and faculty to promote awareness of domestic and international human rights issues and encourage the WCL community to take action. To get involved, please contact ahr@wcl.american.edu.

PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE OF COLOR CAUCUS (PPOCC): PPOCC was founded in 2009 to provide a safe space for progressive students of color at WCL to address issues of race and oppression affecting communities of color at WCL and the greater DC area. PPOCC organizes programs and campaigns encouraging the WCL community to analyze the law through a critical race perspective then implement policies that reflect this lens. As a consensus-driven, self-governing group, PPOCC ultimately strives to strengthen communities of color through education, engagement, organizing, advocacy, and direct action. If you are interested in joining the group or getting more information, please feel free to contact us at ppocc.wcl@gmail.com.

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW
CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**



Human Rights Initiatives at Home & Around the World

As part of Washington College of Law's long-standing commitment to international human rights and to the rule of law, WCL established the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in 1990 to work with students, faculty and the international legal community to provide scholarship and support for human rights initiatives around the world. The Center is dedicated to creating opportunities for students, practitioners and activists through training, complementary education, outreach, workshops & conferences, and research & publications.

For more than 15 years, the Center has served as a clearinghouse for the wide scope of activity at WCL concentrated on human rights and humanitarian law. The Center has been an incubator for a variety of successful projects, many of which were started at the initiative of WCL students. Some of these projects have spun off to become independent programs. Today, programs such as the Academy for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the War Crimes Research Office, the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, and the Human Rights Brief are among the core human rights projects at WCL.

The Center has five faculty Co-Directors: Dean Claudio Grossman, Prof. Herman Schwartz, Prof. Robert Goldman, Prof. Diane Orentlicher and Prof. Richard Wilson. Hadar Harris is the Center's Executive Director, Ann Jordan is the Center's Human Trafficking and Forced Labor Project Director, and Hiba Arshad is the Center's Program Coordinator. The Center also has a seven-member Student Advisory Board.

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