

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW SPRING 2006 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! We hope you had a good winter break and are ready to tackle another semester of hard work and great events here at the Center! After an unmatched Fall semester featuring over 20 different Center events, we have prepared another set of exciting events and opportunities for you. 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!!!

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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 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!**

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS AT THE CENTER:

PERSPECTIVES ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS WITH ARYEH NEIER

Thursday, January 19, 12 – 2pm, Rm. 602

This semester will kick off with a debate about the existence of economic, social and cultural rights featuring Aryeh Neier, President of the Open Society Institute, and WCL Professors Herman Schwartz and Rick Wilson. Mr. Neier, former Executive Director of Human Rights Watch and of the ACLU, will argue that economic, social and cultural rights are not legal entitlements. Professors Schwartz and Wilson will offer a critique. This event will continue the Center's year-long focus on differing perspectives on economic, social and cultural rights. Please join us for this unique discussion. *Lunch will be served.*

SPRING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER SPEAKERS SERIES LAUNCHES WITH JUSTINE RUBEKA MBABAZI (RWANDA)

Monday, January 23, 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 journeys into the world of human rights advocacy. The series will open next semester with a discussion led by **Justine Rukeba Mbabazi** (WCL LL.M. '04). A survivor of the Rwandan genocide, she has been fighting for women and children's rights in Rwanda, seeking to raise awareness about the issue throughout the world. As a lawyer and human rights activist, Justine has a powerful



personal story to tell as well as an interesting and inspiring career trajectory. *Lunch will be served.*

The Human Rights Defender Speakers Series will continue throughout the semester. Please check the Center's listserv and website for speaker information. Please save the dates. Speakers TBA:

Wednesday, February 8, 12-1pm, Rm. 401

Tuesday, March 7, 12-1pm, Rm.401

Thursday, April 6, 12-1pm, Rm. 401

THE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS OF HURRICANE KATRINA: 6 MONTHS LATER

Friday, March 31, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603

The response to Hurricane Katrina spotlighted issues of class, race and poverty in the United States. Six months later, it is time to assess how the rebuilding and restoration efforts for the millions of people affected by the storm have implicated human rights concerns. Among the issues to be discussed will be how human rights concerns such as the rights to housing, education, voting and work have been integrated into the rebuilding response to the Hurricane. In addition, panelists will discuss the application of international standards for the treatment of internally displaced people. Panelists will also relate personal observations of what is left to be done and will discuss the future of the communities affected by Hurricane Katrina.

EXPANDING THE TOOLBOX: USING INTERNATIONAL TREATY NORMS IN DOMESTIC SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY IN THE UNITED STATES

Thursday, April 27, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603

This training will expose US lawyers, NGOs and social justice advocates to the international human rights framework and explore how the mechanisms, treaties and procedures of the international system may be relevant to their work. Leading experts from the US and abroad will act as trainers and speakers. This seminar is targeted for practitioners, activists and students interested in using international human rights norms in their domestic work. The training will be co-sponsored by the ACLU, Global Rights, Penal Reform International, the US Human Rights Network, and the Bringing Human Rights Home Lawyer's Network.



THE CONGRESSIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES THIS SPRING

The lectures take place once a month on Capitol Hill.

Please check the Center's website for upcoming lectures.

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 Washington College of Law. Attending the CHRLS is a great way to interact with key congressional staff concerned with human rights issues and is also an excellent networking opportunity. The Series is co-sponsored by the Congressional Human Rights Caucus and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. If you are interested in attending and sharing a ride to Capitol Hill, please contact the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4180.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE CENTER

JOIN THE CENTER'S STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD - APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW!!!



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 for effective advocacy and activism, and to

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attend special SAB 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 commit to volunteering at least 15 hours per month to Center projects and serve from February to February. Applications are due at the Center NO LATER than 12pm on January 20, 2006. The application is available on the Center's website at www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center.

SUBMIT AN ARTICLE TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF

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, no footnotes) on cutting-edge developments in human rights and international humanitarian law written by students, academics and leading human rights practitioners. 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. For more information and to consult the submission guidelines, go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>.

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

The Genocide Teaching Project pairs WCL students with local area high school classrooms to teach about genocide. The lesson plan, originally 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 also fulfills the Public Interest honors pledge hours. To join the Genocide Teaching Project Team, contact 2L Christina Barba at: genocideteaching@wcl.american.edu. The GTP has also recently started a collaboration 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. To join this group, contact Amelia Parker at: ameliamonique@hotmail.com.



HELP REBUILD HURRICANE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN THE GULF STATES OVER SPRING BREAK: PARTICIPATE IN ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

Over Spring Break, WCL students will travel to the U.S. Gulf Coast region, which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina this summer, to perform direct community service through physical labor, possible legal assistance, and a voters' rights initiative. Students will learn first hand about the human rights issues impacting the areas in which they will work. Devoting your spring break to helping others embodies one of WCL's core values: service to others. Past trips have focused on immigration/border issues on the US/Mexico border and the femicides in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. For information on past trips, see <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/springbreak.cfm>. The 2006 Alternative Spring Break program is still in the planning phase. If you would like to help – or if you are interested in going – please contact 3L Kelleen Corrigan at corriganke@hotmail.com.

HUMAN RIGHTS BEGINS WITH BREAKFAST: Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour

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**



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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 2L Lauren Bartlett at Lauren_Bartlett@yahoo.com.

HELP PREPARE THE RENE CASSIN MOOT COURT TEAM TO COMPETE IN STRASBOURG!

WCL's Rene Cassin Moot Court Team is one of only two teams from the U.S. 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 competition will take place in April 2006. While this year's team has already been selected, you can still help the team in their research as well as their oral practice. Mooting will begin in February and you can help! If you are interested (and if you speak fluent French) please contact team coach Henri Manga-Bell at hmangalaw@yahoo.com.



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 chrhupdate-request@wcl.american.edu. Please leave the subject line BLANK and write SUBSCRIBE in the body of the message.



FOUNDERS' CELEBRATION EVENTS AND MORE

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 the Founders' Celebration or to register for an event, please visit www.wcl.american.edu/secle or call 202-274-4075.

SEMINAR ON THE UN AND REGIONAL SYSTEM'S LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON TORTURE

Friday, March 3, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603

This training seminar is designed to familiarize policymakers, judges, lawyers, advocates and academics with the obligations established under international law concerning torture as well as with the organs and procedures relevant to the prohibition of torture. Speakers include representatives from the UN Committee Against Torture, representatives from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and NGOs from around the world. For more information contact Jennifer de Laurentiis at jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu.

SYMPOSIUM ON EMERGING ISSUES IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Monday and Tuesday, March 20-21, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603

This symposium will address the pressing issues of the day in the fields of national and international security, including topics such as: awarding government national security contracts; cyber-terrorism and the Electronic War on Terror; immigration security; oil and national security; the War over Domestic Intelligence; an emergency preparedness report card; the risks of cross-cultural profiling; international adjudication of terror; and the War on Terror in the foreign media. The symposium is sponsored by the WCL Chapter of the National Security and Law Society. For more information, contact Brad Moss at nsls@wcl.american.edu.

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CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, Tuesday, March 28, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603

The conference will investigate the international legal responsibilities of international financial institutions (IFIs) such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Panels will address the scope and substance of IFIs' responsibilities under international law generally and with respect to environmental protection, human rights, corruption and other aspects of sustainable development; the scope of immunity for IFIs in the changing context of globalization; and the relationship between IFIs and other international law fora. This event is sponsored by Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law, the International Legal Studies Program, and the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL). For more information contact David Hunter at dhunter@wcl.american.edu.

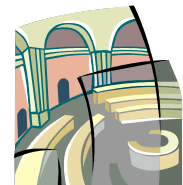


**CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Monday, April 3, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603**

This conference will explore the role of human rights in sustainable development. It will focus on such issues as the concept of a "rights based development strategy," operationalizing human rights in development, and the human rights responsibilities of non-state actors in development, such as transnational corporations and NGOs. The conference is co-sponsored by the International Legal Studies Program, the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law. For more information contact Danny Bradlow at bradlow@wcl.american.edu.

**DISCUSSION ON A LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE WAR ON TERROR
Monday, April 10, 9am-3:30pm, Rm. 603**

As the fifth anniversary of September 11 approaches and the second Bush administration winds to a close, the question of the war on terror becomes an important legal and political debate for the United States. In the wake of scandals and debates over abuses, detainees, the status of the laws of war and international law in the war on terror, and numerous related issues, many have called for legislative solutions, rather than essentially the exercise of executive power that has been pursued by the Bush administration. This meeting will consider possible legislative frameworks for the war on terror, including addressing questions of detention, judicial review of detention, torture and abuse, interrogation practice, the role of international law in U.S. security legislation, and related issues. It seeks to articulate appropriate balances between security, civil liberties, and human rights, and to determine to what extent and in what way those judgments should be reflected in US congressional legislation. This event is cosponsored by the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. For more information contact Kenneth Anderson at kanders@wcl.american.edu.



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

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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.

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; economic, social and cultural rights; women's rights; terrorism and human rights; and international humanitarian law. WCL students can earn up to seven credits and study with lawyers and other professionals in the human rights field studying for a Graduate Certificate. For more information, see www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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

Call for Volunteers: All students with an interest in public international law are encouraged to volunteer at the WCRO. We have several volunteer opportunities with a wide range of time commitments. Volunteers work on projects including assisting with discrete legal research, editing, or spading projects, as well as writing summaries of judgments from the ICTR for publication. If you would like more information about volunteer opportunities, contact us via email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu, or call us at (202) 274-4067.

International Student Resource Panel: Those students who have legal experience in countries other than the United States 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.

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 spring 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.

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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 LLM 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ORGANIZE THE 11TH 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 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 Samantha Thomas in the clinic office in Room 417 or e-mail her at sthomas@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. Pro bono pledge credit is available for each type of volunteer activity.

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.



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MEET THE HUMPHREY FELLOWS!

WCL is pleased to be a host institution for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, which brings 10 distinguished attorneys 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.



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. Preserve the environment. 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 available in the Washington, D.C. area, please visit our employer database at www.wcl.american.edu/externship. Also, be sure to attend the **Externship Fair: January 25th, 4 - 6 p.m. WCL 6th Floor.**

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. Here are just some of the international organizations that have agreed to accept qualified WCL students:

- *The Center for Human Rights and Environment (Argentina)*
- *International Labour Office (Switzerland)*
- *International Service for Human Rights (Switzerland)*
- *Mexican Environmental Law Center (Mexico)*
- *Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (Sweden)*
- *University of Pretoria Center for Human Rights (South Africa)*
- *The Center for Legal and Social Studies (Argentina)*

For more information, email externship@wcl.american.edu, call (202) 274-4118, or stop by the Externship Office, Room 413, or the Director's office, Room 411.

AVAILABLE DEAN'S FELLOW OPPORTUNITIES

Dean's Fellows positions are open to all full-time or part-time 2L, 3L, 4L and LL.M. students.

WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM (WILP) SEEKS GREAT DEAN'S FELLOW

The Women and International Law Program needs a Dean's Fellow for Spring 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 April Fehling at afehling@wcl.american.edu. A writing sample that represents your

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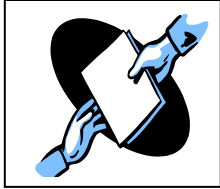
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non-legal writing skills will be particularly helpful—an article, promotional writing, a report, etc. Please put “Dean’s Fellow Application” in the subject line.

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

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking a Dean’s Fellow for Spring 2006. JD (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 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 Tuesday, January 17 at 5pm. 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.



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

Call for Two Dean’s Fellows to Assist the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition:

The Competition is looking for two highly-motivated dean’s fellows for the Spring 2006 semester to help organize the 11th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Join us as we work with over 250 students, faculty and attorneys from around the world. Tasks will include corresponding directly with attorneys, helping with fundraising efforts, planning fun events, and much more. We are looking for a native (or fluent) Spanish speaker for 20 hours and a native (or fluent) Portuguese speaker for 10 hours. 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 LLM students, are encouraged to apply for these positions!

Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Dean’s Fellow: The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for a Dean’s Fellow for Spring 2006. The Dean’s Fellow will be required to work 20 hours a week, assisting in the preparations for the Academy’s 2006 Summer Program and other Academy projects. This position will provide administrative support to the Academy Staff and conduct substantive legal research in international human rights law as needed. Knowledge of Spanish is a plus, but is not required. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume to Matias Hernandez at matias@wcl.american.edu as soon as possible.

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 Spring 2006 semester. The Dean’s Fellow will be required to work 10-20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. The position will involve reporting on and/or monitoring substantive issues of the Inter-American Human Rights System. 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, please send your resume to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu.



STUDENT-RUN ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

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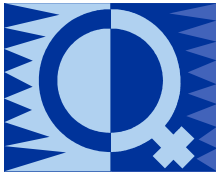
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IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS COALITION (IRC)

The Immigrants' Rights Coalition is a student-run group 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. The IRC is planning several events in the Spring including several panels and conferences covering a broad range of immigration issues such as the criminal consequences of immigration violations, war stories of an anti-trafficking prosecutor, health care issues for immigrants, and the effects of post 9/11 policies on immigrant populations. The IRC will be coordinating a community service project and site visits to various organizations in the area working on immigration issues. For more questions, email irc.cochairs@gmail.com. To join the Immigrants' Rights Coalition listserv email Kristen Johnson at 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 listserv, please email womenslaw-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.



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 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 development, environment, and racism in the Anacostia region of D.C. For more information on upcoming ELPs, contact 2L Lauren Bartlett: lauren_bartlett@yahoo.com.



THE SOCIETY FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE/ISRAEL

The Society for Justice in Palestine/Israel encourages discussion of human rights and international law in Israel and Palestine. We are diverse in our opinions and backgrounds, united by our desires to ensure the implementation of all UN Resolutions and international law applicable to the question of Palestine and Israel, to bring human security to both Palestinians and Israelis, support equitable economic development and protect human rights and human dignity, irrespective of race, religion, gender or nationality. Our speakers have included representatives from Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. This spring we will host events on the economy of a two-state solution, Israel's "Disengagement" from Gaza and its legal consequences, and the current legal status of Jerusalem. We work with other organizations in D.C., including the Students for Justice in Palestine at American University and at George Washington University, Jewish Voices for Peace, and the U.S. Campaign to End the Occupation. Please join us for our events. For more information, email sjp_wcl@yahoo.com.

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CALENDAR OF 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.

January

- 11 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 18 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 19 *Aryeh Neier: Perspectives on Social, Economic and Cultural Rights*, 12-1pm, Rm. 602
- 20 *Student Advisory Board Applications Due*, 12pm
- 23 *Human Rights Defenders Speakers Series Presents Justine Mbabazi*, 12-1pm, Rm. 401
- 25 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 25 *Annual WCL Externship Fair*, 3:00-5:30pm, 6th Floor Dining Room

February

- 1 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 8 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 8 *Human Rights Defenders Speakers Series #2*, 12-1pm, Rm. 401
- 15 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 15 *Women's Health in Developing Countries*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 16 *Death Penalty Dilemmas*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 22 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge

March

- 1 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 2 *Equal Justice Foundation Auction*, 6pm-11pm, 6th Floor Dining Room
- 3 *The UN and Regional Systems' Legal Framework on Torture*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 6 *Common Ground: Global Perspectives on Minorities' Land Rights*, 9am-3pm, Rm. 603
- 7 *Human Rights Defenders Speakers Series #3*, 12-1pm, Rm. 401
- 8 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 20-21 *Emerging Issues in National and International Security*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 22 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 22 *Disaster and the Law*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603
- 27 *First Annual U.S.-Israel Civil Liberties Conference*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 28 *International Law and International Financial Institutions*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 29 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 29 *8th Annual Grotius Lecture*, 5:30-7pm, Location TBA (Founders Event)
- 31 *Human Rights Implications of Hurricane Katrina: 6 months Later*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)

April

- 3 *Human Rights and Sustainable Development*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 5 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 6 *Human Rights Defenders Speakers Series #4*, 12-1pm, Rm. 401
- 10 *Legislative Framework for the War on Terror*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 12 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 13 *Winning the War on Terror*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603 (Founders Event)
- 19 *Action for Human Rights Coffee Hour*, 8:30-10am, 6th Floor Student Lounge
- 20 *Comparative Perspectives on International Law*, 10am-5pm, Rm. 528
- 27 *Expanding the Toolbox: Using International Treaty Norms*, 9am-5pm, Rm. 603

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***SAMPLE LISTING OF SPRING 2006
COURSES IN HUMAN RIGHTS/HUMANITARIAN LAW***

Course Number	Course Title	Professor
LAW-620-001	Int'l Humanitarian Law	Goldman
LAW-626-001	Human Rights	Gorove
LAW-629-001	Environmental Law	Hunter
LAW-637-001	Domestic Violence & the Law	Runge
LAW-656-001	Asylum & Refugee Law	Sivaprasad-Wadhia
LAW-660-001	International Law	Goldman
LAW-662-001	Int'l Org & Multi-Nat'l Institutions	Orentlicher
LAW-677-001	International Litigation and Arbitration	Epstein
LAW-679-001	Protection of Foreign Investment	Perera
LAW-690-001	Education Law	Gross
LAW-700-001	Public Employment Law	Vaughn
LAW-720A-001	State, Family, Society	Shalleck
LAW-723-001	Current Issues in Int'l Organizations	Maksoud
LAW-725-001	Gender, Cultural Diff., Human Rights	Sacouto
LAW-739-001	Int'l Human Rights & Global War on Terrorism	Purohit
LAW-753-001/002	Women and the Law Clinic	Shalleck/Johnson
LAW-755-001/002	International Human Rights Clinic	Ahmad/Wilson
LAW-756-010	Clin Sem: WaLC Domestic Violence	Johnson
LAW-764-001	Disability Rights Law Clinic	Dinerstein
LAW-795-001	Research Sem: Social Justice	Schwartz
LAW-795-003	Research Sem: Adv. Int'l Environ. Law	Zaelke
LAW-795-008	UN Reform and Global Governance	Anderson
LAW-795-010	Gender Perspectives Across the World	Smeerman
LAW-795-012	Race and the Law	Gillmer
LAW-795-016	Gender, Labor & Global Economy	Chuang
LAW-795-017	Reproductive Rights	Bridgewater
LAW-795-018	Adv. International Law	Williams
LAW-808-001	Int'l Business and Human Rights	Orentlicher
LAW-813-001	Comparative Environmental Law	Hunter
LAW-827-001	Sexuality and the Law	Polikoff
LAW-831-001	Sem: Housing Discrimination	Allen/Magagna
LAW-850-001	International Criminal Law	Kittrie
LAW-889-001	Labor and Employment Law	Kovacic-Fleischer
LAW-927-001	International Trafficking in Persons	Mattar

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