

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

<b>April 1</b>	<b>Deadline for Salisbury Fellowship Application</b>
<b>April 5</b> 4 - 4:50 p.m. ChildLaw Center	<b>Coffee Talk: Margie Schaps: <i>Improving the Health of Girls in Corrections</i></b>
<b>April 6, 19,25</b> Sullivan, LSC 7 p.m.	<b><i>Invisible Children</i></b> Documentary on Child Soldiers
<b>Mon. April 10</b> 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Room 207	<b>April Curtis and Jim Hmurovich: <i>Child Abuse Prevention</i></b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>No Coffee Talk - <i>Easter/Passover</i></b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>John Williamson, USAID International Children's Issues/Programs</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Wrigley Prevent Child Abuse Fun Run</b>
<b>April 25 (6 and 19)</b> Sullivan Center LakeShore Campus 7 p.m.	Documentary: <b><i>Invisible Children</i></b>

### **ChildLaw Program Receives Two Awards**

Loyola's Lead Safe Housing Initiatives, under the leadership of **Anita Weinberg** and **Mary Burns**, has been selected as a winner of the federal Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 Children's Environmental Health Excellence Award. The award is "designed to recognize ongoing and sustainable dedication to, and notable leadership in, protecting children from environmental health risks at the local, regional, national,

and international level." The award will be presented at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. on April 20.

On March 8, Loyola's ChildLaw Clinic received the North Suburban Bar Association's Gary S. Wild Memorial Award for its legal representation of vulnerable children and youth. Clinic director **Bruce Boyer**, and Salisbury Fellow **Jill Oworu**, were present to receive the award, which also carried a \$500 contribution to the Clinic. The award is named after Gary Wild, who frequently represented clients in the juvenile court before his death in 1999.

### **New Juvenile Justice Grant**

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation has made a \$750,000 three-year grant to the Civitas ChildLaw Center to serve as its lead entity on juvenile justice reform efforts in Illinois. The Foundation selected Illinois as one of four states (including Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Washington) to participate in its national initiative to accelerate promising modes for juvenile justice system reform. Reform efforts in Illinois will concentrate on reducing disproportionate minority contact with the juvenile justice system, supporting the use of community-based alternatives to secure confinement, and ensuring that the juvenile justice system responds to youthful offenders in individualized and developmentally appropriate ways aimed at promoting safer communities and positive outcomes for youth.

### **ChildLaw Society Activities**

Loyola's ChildLaw Society will mark Prevent Child Abuse Month with two events. On Monday, April 10, **Jim Hmurovich**, Interim President and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America and **April Curtis**, Youth Leadership Specialist (U-LEAD) will discuss efforts to prevent child abuse and improve the child welfare system of foster children. The program will be held from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in Room 207. On April 22, Loyola students will participate in the annual Wrigley Prevent Child Abuse Fun Run. Last year the Loyola team won awards for its participation in the event.

**International Children's Rights Initiative** On April 19, we will have John Williamson with us for the day to meet with students, make presentations on topics such as child soldiers and children affected by AIDS, and facilitate a discussion about the role of the Civitas ChildLaw Center in the promotion of international children's human rights. Mr. Williamson is senior technical advisor for the Displaced Children and Orphans Fund (DCOF) at USAID in Washington, D.C. His most recent publication is a co-edited book, *a Generation at risk: The Global Impact of Orphans and Vulnerable Children* (Cambridge U. Press, 2005). He has also worked as a consultant for UNICEF and UNHCR. A more detailed schedule will be available shortly.

### **ChildLaw Policy Institute Advocacy**

On April 10th **Mary Burns** and MJ Business Law Student **Nancy Lockhart** are participating in a training at RainbowPUSH Coalition on tenants rights. They will be discussing lead poisoning prevention issues. This is the first of a series of workshops law students will be giving as a result of a training sponsored by the Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiatives and the Metropolitan Tenants' Organization to prepare them to speak to community groups around the city on tenants' rights and what tenants can do about lead hazards in their building.

### **Faculty Activities**

On March 24, **Professor Diane Geraghty** and **Alison Parker** of Human Rights Watch, served as keynote speakers at the Juvenile Justice Initiative's annual meeting in Chicago. Their presentations focused on international law and its application in the American juvenile justice system.

**Professor Anita Weinberg** participated on a panel discussion on March 11 convened by the Chicago Humanities Festival and the Albany Park Theater Project on Creating Child Protection Laws in a Multicultural Society. The panel discussion, "Creating Child Protection Laws in a Multicultural Society," preceded the performance of a play running throughout the month called "God's Work."

**Professor Weinberg**, who is chairing a statewide campaign to eliminate childhood lead poisoning, was quoted in the March 4th issue of the Peoria Star Journal in an article reporting on the unanimous passage in the State House of a bill that would establish a number of new provisions to fight lead paint poisoning.

**Professor Anita Weinberg** testified March 23 before the Illinois Senate Health and Human Services Committee in support of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 2006—a bill the Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiative's drafted on behalf of a coalition of advocates and stakeholders. **Professor Weinberg**

and **Mary Burns** were in Springfield working on behalf of the bill on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Bruce Boyer** spoke at the University of Pennsylvania's Edward V. Sparer Symposium on Civil Gideon on the subject right of indigent parents, right to free counsel on March 28<sup>th</sup>

On March 31 - April 1, **Professors Weinberg** and **Coupet** represented Loyola at an invitational conference on interdisciplinary programs in law schools with children's law centers, hosted by the University of Florida and supported by First Star.

### **Alumni News**

**Robin Kaufman**, '98 and her husband Ryan have welcomed a second son, Dylan Matthew, born February 13, 2006.

Congratulations to adjunct faculty member **Ray Chao**, LL.M. '00, who coached the national moot court competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law. **Katie Vannucci** and **Dina Rachford**, were winners of this year's national moot court competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio.

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