



## NEWS & NOTES

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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. Sept. 3                    **ChildLaw Open House**  
4:00 - 5:30 pm  
ChildLaw Center Patio
- Thurs. Sept. 18                **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event:**  
5:00 - 7:00                    Michael Wald, "Child Protection  
Rubloff Reception            vs. Child Well-being"
- Wed. Sept 24                    **Coffee Talk: Ruth Jajko, MA,**  
4:00 - 5:00                    LCSW "Putting the Pieces  
ChildLaw Center              Together: Lifebook Work with  
   Children in Foster Care"

Join the ChildLaw listserv to receive notices of activities and developments at the ChildLaw Center and to share information and opportunities in children's law.

<http://lists.luc.edu/listinfo/childlaw>

### 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT

"Child Protection v. Child Well-being: The Limits of the Child Protection System" with **Michael S. Wald**, Jackson Eli Reynolds Professor of Law, Emeritus Stanford Law School. Professor Wald is one of the nation's leading authorities on child welfare law and policy. He served as deputy general counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the Clinton Administration and as executive director of the San Francisco Department of Human Services.

**Thursday, September 18, 2008**

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception**

Rubloff Auditorium

Loyola Law Center, 25 E. Pearson, Chicago

RSVP and register online at [www.luc.edu/childlaw](http://www.luc.edu/childlaw).

MCLE and CEU's available.

### FALL OPENHOUSE

To kick off the Civitas ChildLaw Center's 15<sup>th</sup> year, all Loyola students, faculty, staff and alumni are invited to an open house on **Wednesday, September 3 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm** in the patio area of the 16 E. Pearson building. The Center is the "home" for all Loyola Law School programming devoted to issues affecting children and families.

### CENTER NEWS

The ChildLaw Center is pleased to welcome **Amy Halbrook** as our new Salisbury Post-Graduate Clinical Fellow. Amy is a graduate of the U.C. Berkeley and Northwestern U. School of Law. She comes to us from Vedder Price where she was a member of the firm's litigation practice area. Prior to law school, Amy ran a program for youthful offenders in Oakland, CA. She has pro bono experience in the areas of juvenile justice, guardianship, school expulsions, and special education matters.

### COFFEE TALK

*Coffee Talk* is a weekly opportunity for all Loyola students, faculty and others who share an interest in child and family law to meet informally on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 4:50 pm to hear a guest presenter and share refreshments. The first Coffee Talk of the year will take place on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, when **Ruth Jajko**, Director of Adoption Services at Lutheran Social Services, will discuss the importance of life books in helping children in foster care maintain a sense of connection to their families and friends.

### ALUMNA HONORED

**Dennericka Brooks**, '07, was awarded the prestigious Kimball Anderson and Karen Gatsis Anderson Public Interest Law Fellowship, which provides support to help pay off student loans. Dennericka is a staff attorney for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. She is also featured on the ChildLaw Center's YouTube video ([www.luc.edu/childlaw](http://www.luc.edu/childlaw)).

## LEAD POISONING IN CHICAGO VIDEO

Check out [www.leadSAFEillinois.org](http://www.leadSAFEillinois.org) - the ChildLaw Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiatives website - to view an eight minute video produced by the Center that chronicles the history of efforts to battle childhood lead poisoning in Chicago in the 1960s.

## CAROL HARDING LECTURE SERIES

This summer 130 practitioners, researchers, and students in the fields of law, social work, education, psychology, and child development attended the Carol Harding Lectures Series during the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Summer Institute, sponsored by Loyola University's ChildLaw Center and the Erikson Institute Graduate School in child development. The program entitled, "Advocating for Teen Parents: What can be Learned from Adolescent Brain Development Research" featured **Abigail Baird**, a professor of psychology at Vassar University and **Erwin McEwen**, director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

## FACULTY ACTIVITIES

**Professor Stacey Platt** is an invited faculty member at the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence Custody Litigation Training Program in St. Louis this September.

**Brittany Bohn**, '07, Post Graduate ChildLaw Policy Fellow, will present her draft paper "School-Based Interventions to Prevent Childhood Obesity" at NYU School of Law in October. The workshop is an opportunity for clinical teachers to meet with other clinicians writing on similar topics to discuss their works-in-progress.

**Brittany Bohn**, and **Amy Halbrook** worked with ChildLaw Clinic PILI Fellow **John Mahoney**, alumna **Dennericka Brooks** ('07), and LAF attorney Hilda Bahena to prepare youth for a summer Mock Trial at the Law School on August 7th. Brittany Bohn also raised the funds to support the effort.

**Professor Anita Weinberg** was quoted in the Chicago Tribune in May in a story on lead poisoning prevention and in the Southtown Star in July regarding a child protection case.

## A FOND FAREWELL

After 10 years as the ChildLaw Center's Academic Program Coordinator, our dear friend and colleague **Silvia Rodriguez** has left to become the director of graduate legal studies at John Marshall Law School. We thank Silvia for her many contributions to the Law School and ChildLaw Center and wish her the best as she assumes her new position.

## ALUMNI NEWS

- **Marcos Reyes** '00 has rejoined the Cook County Public Defender's office as an Attorney Supervisor.
- Wedding bells rang this summer for Professor **Sacha Coupet**, the ChildLaw Center's Director of Research, **Kate Buchanan** '04, and **Margaret Carlson** '07.
- **Kelly Browe-Olson**, LL.M. '97 welcomed a daughter, Katharine Mai Browe-Olson, on June 26, 2008 who was born on October 16, 2007 in Can Tho, Vietnam.
- **Brian Gallagher**, LL.M. '97 co-authored an article on shackling children in juvenile court, 12 U.C. Davis J. of Juv. L. & Policy 1 (2008).
- Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal has accepted for publication an article by **Kathryn Pierce**, LL.M. '07, based on her LL.M. thesis, "Nowhere to Turn: Reproductive Rights of Girls in Foster Care."

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