



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. Feb. 11  
4:00 - 4:50 pm  
ChildLaw Center
- Coffee Talk: **Margie Wakelin**,  
*Childhood Autism: Legal Issues*
- Wed. Feb. 18  
4:00 - 4:50 pm  
ChildLaw Center
- Coffee Talk: **Dan Lesser**,  
*"State-of-the-State" addressing  
the problems of children and  
families in poverty.*

### \*Save the Date\*

On April 1 (4:00 - 5:30), award-winning filmmaker, **Vanessa Roth**, will speak about her documentaries on the challenges faced by children and families as they try to navigate the child welfare system.

## CIVITAS CHIDLAW CENTER HAS A NEW HOME

After nearly a decade in the brownstone building at 16 East Pearson, the ChildLaw Center recently moved into newly-built space on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Law Center, 25 East Pearson. The new facility allows for greater faculty, staff, student interaction and more flexible space for meetings and the weekly Coffee Talk series. Contact information for the Center, faculty and staff remain the same. Please stop by for a tour of the new Center.

## PROJECT ON CHILD LAW IN AFRICA BEGINS

**Brigette De Lay**, '07, newly-appointed Child Specialist for UNICEF's West and Central Africa Regional Office, has enlisted Loyola's ChildLaw Center and Northwestern's Children and Family Justice Center in a voluntary effort to document the legal and regulatory child protection framework in each of the region's 24 countries. As part of the piloting of this initiative, Loyola students **Joshua Dankoff** and **Cerise Fritsch** are conducting research on Cote d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone respectively. As the project expands there will be a need for additional student support, especially from students who are fluent in French and Portuguese, languages spoken in several countries in the region. If you are interested in volunteering for this project or receiving directed study credit for the summer, please contact Professor Geraghty at [dgeragh@luc.edu](mailto:dgeragh@luc.edu) (Room 1314).

## ALUMNI PROFILE PROJECT

The ChildLaw Center would like to profile Loyola alumni on a rotating basis on our website. If you are willing to participate in the project, please send your name and a description of your work on behalf of children to Catherine Columbus, [ccolumb@luc.edu](mailto:ccolumb@luc.edu). If you have a photograph, please send that as well. In the meantime, please see several of our current and former students talk about their experience as ChildLaw Fellows at [YouTube/childlaw](http://YouTube/childlaw).

## 2009 CHILDREN'S SUMMER INSTITUTE

This year's Children's Summer Institute will be June 1-5, 2009. Through interactive seminars, the Summer Institute offers a wide-ranging interdisciplinary exploration of critical issues affecting children. The program is offered as both a one-day continuing education professional program and as a week long graduate seminar, and is open to students and professionals in law, social work, education, psychology, child development, and child advocacy. Please contact Professor Weinberg for details.

## EXTERNSHIPS/CAREERS

**Campaign for Youth Justice**, based in Washington, D.C., is accepting applications for its summer internship program. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants should have an interest in being introduced to the "nuts and bolts" of juvenile and criminal justice reform and issue campaign organization and management. To apply, please e-mail or mail a resume and writing sample to: Campaign for Youth Justice, 1012 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC 20005, [rghatt@campaign4youthjustice.org](mailto:rghatt@campaign4youthjustice.org).

**Children's Rights** seeks committed and enthusiastic law students to intern in our office in the summer of 2009. Responsibilities may include conducting legal research, drafting pleadings and briefs, assisting with discovery, helping prepare for depositions, participating in strategy sessions, attending meetings with defendants and stakeholders and contacting sources. Students interested in interning at Children's Rights for the Summer of 2009 should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and transcript (if available) by March 1, 2009. Hiring will occur on a rolling basis, and students are encouraged to submit applications at their earliest convenience. The requested materials may be submitted in electronic form to: [asussman@childrensrights.org](mailto:asussman@childrensrights.org). Alternatively, applications may

be mailed to: Children's Rights, Attn: Aaron Sussman, 330 7th Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

### **STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION**

The Campaign for Youth Justice will award one prize of \$500 to a law student for an original research paper on a topic pertaining to youth in the adult criminal system. The paper should be between 12 - 25 pages double-spaced, including references, notes and tables. A 100 word abstract should be included. Submit an electronic copy and proof of student status to Bieta Andemariam (bandemariam@cfyi.org) by April 1, 2009.

### **FACULTY NEWS**

Professor **Stacey Platt** testified before the Family Law Study of the Illinois Legislature, presenting a child-centered perspective on proposed modifications to the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act on January 30, 2009.

The ChildLaw Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiative gave a presentation in January at an annual state-wide conference for childcare providers and pre-school teachers held at McCormack Place. **Mary Burns**, Community Projects Director for the Initiative and **Adam Ensalaco**, Outreach Coordinator, spoke on the effects of lead poisoning in young children and new requirements for providers under the state's 2006 Lead Poisoning Prevention Act.

Public Policy Fellow **Brittany Bohn** on January 29, 2009, led high school students from the Just the Beginning Foundation in a discussion of careers in public policy and a legislative drafting exercise. The students also heard from **Hillary Coustan** and **Amy Halbrook** about their careers focused on children and the law.

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, **Brittany Bohn**, Public Policy Fellow, and student **Eddie Milas** presented a bill concerning juvenile records expungement to the board of the Juvenile Justice Initiative. The bill was drafted by students in the ChildLaw Legislation Seminar under the supervision of **Professor Anita Weinberg**. The board voted to support the bill, which will be introduced in the Illinois Legislature's 96th General Assembly.

In December, Professor **Diane Geraghty** traveled to Ethiopia where she co-taught a course to graduate students at Addis Ababa Law School on Gender and Human Rights with Professor **Sandra Babcock**, Director of the Human Rights Clinic and Northwestern Law School. She also made a presentation on Illinois juvenile justice reform at the MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Working Conference in Washington, D.C. In January, she served as a co-presenter on the topic of juvenile justice reform at Northwestern Law School.

**Professor Bruce Boyer**, Civitas ChildLaw Clinic Director, appeared on CNN on December 18, 2008 in connection with the Anna Mae He case involving an eight year old Chinese girl who was the subject of a custody battle between her biological parents and foster parents. Anna now lives in China with her birth mother.

In November 2008 students in the ChildLaw Legislation Seminar under the supervision of Public Policy Fellow **Brittany Bohn** prepared materials for a summit on Physical Activity in Schools hosted by the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC). The materials will be available on CLOCC's website: [www.clocc.net](http://www.clocc.net).

### **ALUMNI NEWS**

**Helen J. Kim**, JD '97, MSW '97, was interviewed in an article discussing a growing trend toward an interdisciplinary approach involving both social work and legal professionals to best handle the needs of certain clients-*Chicago Lawyer 10/2008*

**Andrea Garland**, Salisbury Fellow '06-'08, gave birth to an 8lb 11oz baby boy on February 10, 2009.

**Erika Stallworth**, '08, has been appointed executive director of the LaPorte County, Indiana Juvenile Services Center.

**Marielisa Ramos-Jimenez**, LLM '08 opened her private practice focusing in child and family law in the Humboldt Park neighborhood.

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