



NEWS & NOTES

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wed. October 7
4:00 - 4:50 pm
Room 1119
Coffee Talk: **Michelle Kaplan
McAndrew, Zenner
Consulting Group**
- Thurs. October 8
4:00 - 8:00 pm
Northwestern Univ.
“Out of the Mouths of Babes:
False Confessions and the
Wrongful Convictions of Youth
- Tues. October 14
4:00 - 4:50 pm
Room 1119
Coffee Talk: **April Curtis**
UCAN Youth Leadership
Specialist and founding board
member, Foster Care Alumni of
America
- Wed. October 21
4:00 - 4:50 pm
Room 1119
ChildLaw Society Program:
Rob Rodemeyer, Office of the
Cook County Public Guardian
- Wed. October 28
4:00 - 4:50 pm
Room 1119
**Annual Halloween Party and
Fun(d)raiser**

The Halloween Fun(d)raiser is hosted by The ChildLaw Center and the Child Law Society. Come dressed in a costume and enjoy some treats! All donations go towards purchasing and wrapping gifts for the Give-a-Gift drive.

Join our listserv at <http://lists.luc.edu/listinfo/childlaw> for the most up-to-date postings on career and internship opportunities in child and family law.

GIVE-A-GIFT

The ChildLaw Society and the ChildLaw Clinic will be holding its annual Give-A-Gift drive for the ChildLaw Clinic clients. The gift drive helps ensure that all the child clients to the clinic, who are underprivileged, receive a gift. This year, as in past years, we are asking the Law School Community to help make this year's drive a successful one. To participate stop by the ChildLaw Center (Room 1107) after October 1st to pick up a tag with a child's name, purchase a toy (between \$15 to \$20) and drop it off at the Center by November 6. You may also help by donating wrapping paper or any monetary amount to help ensure that all the children receive a gift. If you have any questions contact Griselda Sánchez at gsanch3@luc.edu.

ZUBROW POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

October 5, 2009 is the deadline for applying for the Zubrow Fellowship, a two-year post-graduate opportunity to work on cutting-edge dependency and delinquency cases at the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia. Applications and information about the Fellowship are available on the web at www.jlc.org.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR), an international non-governmental organization, currently has two internship opportunities. The internships begin in winter 2010. Internships are for a minimum length of 12 weeks with 4 to 5 work days per week. Responsibilities include conducting research, analyzing and preparing draft country profiles concerning the implementation of the *Convention on the Rights of the Child* and/or reports on child trafficking in Canada, and/or activities to implement the new *UN Guidelines on Justice in Matters Involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime* and/or the prevention of child sex tourism and/or the protection of the rights of children affected by armed conflict and/or assisting in fund-raising activities. For further details and how to apply visit their website at: <http://www.ibcr.org>. Deadline for applying is October 7, 2009.

LOYOLA CHIDLAW CENTER CONVENES COMMUNITY SUMMIT ON LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

On September 22 2009, Loyola's ChildLaw Center held a community summit focused on preventing childhood lead poisoning. Local leaders from Chicago neighborhoods and Cicero that have high numbers of lead poisoned children

gathered to learn about the problem and to find ways to tackle lead poisoning in their communities. The first of its kind in the state, the Summit, held at the offices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago, brought together nearly 150 people to hear presentations by key note speakers **Dr. Helen Binns**, of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, on the effects of lead poisoning on learning and behavior, including research linking lead and criminal behavior, and **Patrick MacRoy**, Director of the Washington D.C.- based Alliance for Healthy Homes, who spoke about the presence of lead and other major housing conditions that put children's health at risk.

At the afternoon session of the Summit, leaders from five high risk communities—Austin, Cicero, Englewood, Humboldt Park and Lawndale—came together in break-out groups to develop strategic plans for addressing lead poisoning based on the strengths and challenges unique to their own communities. Loyola and its Summit partners, including the five communities, the University of Illinois Chicago, the Metropolitan Tenants Organization, the U.S. EPA, and the Chicago and Cook County departments of public health, spent months planning for the Summit and will continue to support the implementation of the community plans and to build on the renewed commitment to eliminate childhood lead poisoning that was endorsed at the Summit.

Faculty News

Professor Diane Geraghty has been named the Loyola University Chicago's 2009-2010 Faculty Member of the Year. The University award was presented to Professor Geraghty at a Loyola Faculty Convocation at the Mundelein Center Auditorium on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

Professor Anita Weinberg participated in a panel discussion on Teaching Advocacy and Policy Reform in Atlanta, Georgia at the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Education Conference held September 24-25. **Anita Weinberg** also presented at the inaugural Public Health Grand Rounds lecture for the Public Health Program at Loyola's Stritch School of Medicine. She spoke on Tackling Childhood Lead Poisoning: Community Organizing, Fostering Collaborations, and Policy and Legislative Action."

On September 21st and 29th, **Soledad McGrath**, Post-Graduate ChildLaw Policy Fellow, testified before the Georgia General Assembly's Senate Judiciary Committee in support of Senate Bill 292, The Child Protection and Public Safety Act, a 228-page bill that reorganizes and substantively revises Georgia's juvenile

code. **Ms. McGrath** was the lead author of the Proposed Model Code for Georgia which served as the foundational document for SB 292, and was a member of SB 292's Legislative Drafting Committee. Over the course of these two pre-session hearings, **Ms. McGrath**, along with **Elizabeth Reimels**, Director of Policy and Advocacy at the Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic, provided legislators with an overview of the bill and answered questions about the bill's language and proposed policies.

ALUMNI NEWS

Kathryn Pierce, LLM ' has joined Washington U. Law School as a Lecturer in Law and Supervising Attorney in the Civil Justice Clinic.

Brian Gallagher, LLM '97, has been appointed Acting Chief Prosecutor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Congratulations to **Kelley Menzano**, '09 and **Leslee Nelson**, **Maggie Honrath**, and **Laura Lacci**, '08, on publication of their article, *Corporal Punishment of Children in Thailand: An International Illustration of the Challenges of Confronting the Final Frontier*, which appears in the most recent volume of the Children's Legal Rights Journal.

Kristi Lemoine, '08, has accepted a clerkship position with the Honorable Robert Davis in the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, DC.

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