2014 Give-a-Gift Drive
Thank you to everyone who participated in our Holiday Give-a-Gift Drive this year! Due to your incredible generosity we have succeeded in collecting gifts for over 100 child clients of our ChildLaw Clinic. Please join us at our Gift-Wrapping Party Wednesday, November 12th from 4-6pm! We will have pizza and other wonderful treats!

New Volume of CLRJ Now Available Online
The latest issue of the Children’s Legal Rights Journal is now available online. Volume 34, Issue 3 contains articles growing out of last year’s symposium on youth violence. The new CLRJ issue can be found at www.childrenslegalrightsjournal.com

ChildLaw Center Hosts Site Visit
On October 16, the ChildLaw Center hosted a team of faculty and staff from the University of New Mexico School of Law and the Michigan-based Kellogg Foundation. The team is charged with exploring the feasibility of beginning a children’s law program at New Mexico focused primarily on the legal needs of Native American children. The ChildLaw Center was identified as a model for a high quality comprehensive children’s law program, leading to the team’s day-long site visit.

November is National Adoption Month
This year, National Adoption Month focuses on "Promoting and Supporting Sibling Connections." The theme pays tribute to the unique bond between siblings. Research has demonstrated the critical nature of sibling bonds and their importance for children's development and emotional well-being. The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 requires States to make reasonable efforts to place siblings in the same foster care, kinship guardianship, or adoptive placement and to provide for frequent visits or other ongoing interaction between siblings not placed together. Visit the Child Welfare’s National Adoption Month website for more information.

The Warmth Drive
Loyola's Public Interest Law Society (PILS) is sponsoring a "Warmth Drive." PILS hopes to bring some warmth to youth in Chicago's Austin community on the West Side. Requests for donations: coats, hoodies, fleece jackets, hats, mittens, and gloves for young people ages 10-19. Male or female items are needed. All items should be clean, with working zippers, all buttons, etc. The Warmth Drive lasts until the afternoon of Wed, Nov. 12th. A large donation box with PEACE CORNER YOUTH CENTER is available in the Lower Level/ Nina's Place.
CLRJ Symposium

The Children's Legal Rights Journal hosted its annual symposium, this year entitled “School Discipline: Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance.” The symposium was held on October 17, 2014 and drew over 100 attendees from a number of disciplines including law, education, and social work. The event focused on the changing landscape of school discipline, including achievements and challenges in implementing new school practices, as well as discussions concerning the school-to-prison pipeline both locally and nationally. Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights for the U.S. Department of Education Catherine Lhamon presented the Special Address, and an overview of this timely topic was outlined by Daniel Losen, Director of the Center for Civil Rights Remedies, an initiative at UCLA’s civil Rights Project. Video footage of the event will be uploaded to the CLRJ webpage later this month, along with materials offered by each presenter. CLRJ will be publishing its symposium issue focusing on education law and is currently accepting articles. For more information on publication, please email childlrj@luc.edu.

ChildLaw Center Halloween Party

The Civitas ChildLaw Center celebrated its annual Halloween Party with students, staff, faculty and a few very adorable children in costume. The Halloween Party is also an opportunity to raise funds for our Holiday Give-a-Gift Drive, and thanks to the tremendous support from our many contributors, we will be able to wrap and deliver gifts to over 100 children in our ChildLaw Clinic. All of us at the ChildLaw Center are extremely appreciative of the support we have received. Thank you!

Job Openings and Fellowships

The Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Summer Fellowship is committed to inspiring the best and brightest law students to pursue careers in child welfare law. Through the fellowship, students gain experience and insight into the field and provide much needed services to various child welfare offices specializing in representing children, parents, and social service agencies. After attending a three-day training session May 18, 19 and 20, 2015 at the University of Michigan Law School, Fellows spend at least 10 weeks at their placements.

Our selection criteria include evidence of commitment to the field of children’s law, past experiences related to children and family, and performance indicative of likely future success in the field. We will give some advantage to students who have arranged their own summer placements and all or part of their summer living stipend. Interested applicants should not be deterred if they have not identified their summer placement or source of summer money, however. Once accepted into the fellowship program, we will assist in placement and the search for funds. The application deadline is February 9, 2015. For more information, please visit: www.law.umich.edu/bergstrom

The Center for the Human Rights of Children at Loyola University Chicago has a new position opening for an Associate Director. Qualifications include a PhD or JD or equivalent combination of education and experience, and 5 years relevant experience. See more information at www.careers.luc.edu

Exhibition- RACE: Are We So Different?

This exhibition offers our University community the opportunity to delve more deeply into one of the key issues related to our social justice mission. The exhibit examines race from the biological, cultural and historical perspectives. A presentation entitled "Race and Racial Inequality: Through a Legal Lens" will take place November 19th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Klarchek Information Commons, 4th Floor. Admission to the Museum is free on weekdays after 2 p.m. with a Loyola ID.
Student & Alumni News

Brian Gallagher, ‘LLM 97 was named First Assistant Prosecutor in the Guam Attorney General’s Office.

Brenda McKinney, ’13 presented a paper at the 2014 Conference in Public Law and at the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) conference in Australia. Brenda also presented her interim Fulbright research at the 2014 Fulbright Forum at the University of Otago. In September she assisted the New Zealand Bar Association with the World Bar Conference and Appellate Advocacy trainings in Queenstown, NZ.

Faculty & Staff Updates

On September 24th Melina Healey gave the keynote address at the State of the Reservation Summit for the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana. Melina spent the summer of 2011 researching how the school-to-prison pipeline affects American Indian youth in that region, where she got to know some of the families who live there, and witnessed some of the devastation that racial tension, poverty, disproportionate school discipline and a lack of mental health resources has brought to the community.

Alumni Focus: Jenny Denny

Jenny Denny graduated from Loyola in May 2013 and after taking the Illinois bar exam, moved to Washington, DC, to begin her career at the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs through the Presidential Management Fellows program. She is now on detail (6-month placement) to the U.S. Department of Justice in the Educational Opportunities of the Civil Rights Division. In this role, she enforces several federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, language, sex, religion, and disability in schools and colleges. Her cases currently include enforcing racial desegregation court orders in two Louisiana parishes, monitoring a settlement agreement regarding sex-based harassment in a Minnesota school district, and investigating sexual assaults at a school for children with disabilities in Hawaii. In these cases, she reviews and evaluates constituent complaints, develops investigative strategies, assesses data, conducts interviews of school officials, and drafts court motions and settlement agreements.

Child and Family Law Course Offerings

JD and LLM students have an opportunity to enroll in a rich array of child and family law courses offered in the Spring, 2015 term. If you are interested in taking one of these classes and it is currently filled, please keep trying as spots sometimes open up over the course of the next few weeks. Course options include:

- Adoption Law
- Advanced Family Law
- Child and Family Law
- Mediation
- ChildLaw Clinic
- ChildLaw Legislation Clinic
- ChildLaw Trial Practice (Intensive Jan. 10 – 17)
- Disability Law
- Education Law and Policy
- Education Law Practicum I and II
- Child and Family Externship
- Family Law and Family Law Practicum
- Fundamentals of School Law
- Interdisciplinary Seminar on Domestic Violence
- Juvenile Justice
- Policy Practicum: Issues in Child Law
- Special Education Law and Advocacy
- Street Law

MJ Education Immersion Weekend

Students in Loyola’s online Masters in Jurisprudence degree in Children’s Law and Policy gathered at the ChildLaw Center in September for the program’s annual Education Immersion Weekend. Faculty in the program and new and returning students met for a reception and dinner followed the next day by an interactive role playing exercise on Confidentiality Issues for professionals working in the field of child welfare. Poster displays by the graduates of their capstone projects brought faculty and students together at the displays to ask questions, suggest future research, and to learn more from the graduates about significant legal and policy issues in the field.
The Loyola Civitas ChildLaw Center is dedicated to promoting justice for children through interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship and service, and through the development of a new legal specialty, pediatric law.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Save the Date**

**November 12**
Holiday Gift-Wrapping Party

**November 19**
Race and Racial Inequality Through a Legal Lens

**January 10-17**
ChildLaw Trial Practice