COFFEE TALK SPEAKERS SERIES

Christopher Clark will be our Coffee Talk speaker on October 3. Christopher is a senior staff attorney in the Midwest Regional Office of Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest organization dedicated to advancing the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV. Christopher will be addressing his recent work on protecting the civil rights of LGBT youth in schools, including the first amendment rights of an Ohio youth who was disciplined for wearing a "message t-shirt" to school.

On October 17th, John Goad will speak on Illinois Department of Children and Family Protection and most recently has served as a consultant to the Department in the wake of criticism of the agency's intake function. His work is part of an effort by the new DCFS director and his management team to make improvements in the child welfare system.

Nancy Rolock is the Coffee Talk speaker for October 24th. In her work as Senior Research Specialist with the Child Welfare Research Collaborative at Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois, Rolock has tracked DCFS' performance in achieving permanency for children. She will be discussing their most recent study.

There will not be any Coffee Talk speaker on October 31. Instead, students, staff and faculty are invited to join us for scary Halloween treats.

Coffee Talk is held on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 4:50 in the ChildLaw Center, 11th Floor.

GRISELDA SANCHEZ NAMED CHILDLAW CENTER PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Griselda Sanchez has been named program coordinator for the Civitas ChildLaw Center. She replaces Catherine Columbus Birmingham, who is now director of Loyola's graduate online programs in children's law and policy. Griselda has been with the Law School since 1999. Before coming to the Center, she was a law admission and financial aid coordinator in the law school. In her new position, Griselda is responsible for day-to-day office management of the ChildLaw Center.
CAREER/FELLOWSHIPS

USC Law Audrey Irmas Clinical Fellowship
This two year fellowship was created in 2011. Candidates should have two to five years practice experience, experience or interest in advocating on behalf of women and children, and an interest in pursuing a career in law school clinical teaching. The salary range is $60,000 to $75,000 per year, plus USC benefits. The two year fellowship will begin in the summer of 2013.

Applications should be submitted through the below link and must be received by 5:00 PM PDT, Friday, November 30th, 2012. Visit the link: https://jobs.usc.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=66589

DC Volunteer Lawyers Project
The DC Volunteer Lawyers Project is seeking applicants for a full-time Managing Attorney for the Domestic Violence practice area. To apply: Send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Claudia Gwilliam at cgwilliam@dvlp.org. Applications are due October 11th and for more information visit www.dcvlp.org

Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics, The George Washington University Law School Friedman Clinical Fellowship Program
The 2013-15 Friedman Fellowships begin in the summer of 2013. Each fellowship is affiliated with a specific law school clinic. Although the various clinics provide the fellows diverse responsibilities and experiences, each provides the Fellow with opportunities to co-teach and co-supervise, alongside experienced clinical faculty, the law students enrolled in the clinic.

Applicants should send letters of interest, resumes, a list of references, and a complete law school transcript by October 24, 2012 to Associate Dean Phyllis Goldfarb. The preferred submission method is by email to clinicadmin@law.gwu.edu.

CHILDREN’S LEGAL RIGHTS JOURNAL SYMPOSIUM: "Growing Up Undocumented in America"

On Friday, October 12, the Children’s Legal Rights Journal will host its annual symposium. The title of this year’s symposium is "Growing Up Undocumented in America." The keynote speech will be delivered by Howard Davidson, Executive Director of the ABA Center on Children and the Law in Washington, D.C. A morning panel will discuss access of undocumented children to basic rights, including legal representation. An afternoon panel will address detention and deportation of undocumented children. Alexandra Fung, the ChildLaw Center’s Salisbury Fellow in Clinical Teaching, will serve as a panel member. A special highlight of the symposium will be a lunchtime presentation by Chicago-area university students discussion of their experiences as undocumented children.

The symposium is free and open to the public, but registration is required. The symposium will run from 8:30 - 3 p.m. To register, visit http://www.luc.edu/law/activities/publications/clrj_symposium.html

MCLE credits may be available. For additional information, contact symposium editor Jen Schufreider at jschufreider@LUC.edu.

“The Making of Public Policy”
Thursday, October 11, Paula Wolff, Senior Executive, Metropolis 2020, will be speaking on The Making of Public Policy in the ChildLaw Legislation and Policy Clinic, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Dr. Wolff, whose policy emphasis is on justice and violence, examining issues of crime, violence, incarceration and rehabilitation, currently is Chair of the Chicago City Colleges Board of Trustees and has served as advisor to several former Illinois governors and was President of Governor’s State University. She is also chair of the Illinois Tollway Authority Board.

Sibling Visitation Bill Becomes Law
Loyola law students Niya Kelly and Emily Lowe joined other Loyola faculty, students, and alumni who recently participated in a bill signing ceremony with Governor Patrick Quinn. (not pictured: Kelleen O’Leary) The new law, PA 97-1076, will help preserve sibling relationships for children in foster care who have been adopted through the child welfare system. Advocates, including the statewide foster and adoptive parent groups, worked closely with State Representative Sara Feigenholtz to see this legislation through. Loyola’s ChildLaw Policy and Legislation Clinic, under the leadership of Professor Anita Weinberg, first began working on the issue ten years ago. Loyola alum Richard Calica, Linda Coon, Danielle Gomez, and Kate Buchanan were critical in seeing the legislation through this session.
Faculty and Staff Updates

Bruce Boyer did a presentation on September 19, for attorneys who serve on the Child Representative Panel in the Domestic Relations Court, on litigating cases under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

On September 10th at Northwestern Law School Mary Burns was a panelist respondent for Judge Thomas Donnelly's Gonzaga Law Review article on the unique role of law school clinics in teaching about justice by giving students the opportunity to use their skills to serve the poor and the powerless.

In September Anita Weinberg participated in a webinar sponsored by several organizations including the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics and Public Health Law Research. The topic: "Examining the Impact of Lead Laws on Housing Quality and Children's Health." Professor Weinberg discussed Illinois' experience.

Professor Weinberg was quoted several times in two articles about the Department of Children and Family Services that appeared in the September/October 2012 Chicago Reporter: the cover story, "Dying for Attention," and an accompanying story, "Fostering victims of violence." The issue is available online http://www.chicagoreporter.com/issue/2012/09/child-homicide

This summer, Professor Weinberg participated in a workshop at the AALS Clinical Teacher's Conference on Teaching Policy and Legislative Advocacy. She also led an ongoing working group throughout the conference focused on the same topic.

Student & Alumni News


Alison Oza-Sanders '02, welcomed a new baby to the family on June 21, 2012. His name is Nicholas Kai Sanders and his big twin siblings, Jack and Tessa, are loving their new brother.

Katie Olson (Wind), '11 married Jake Olson on June 1, 2012.

Nicole Churchill, '09, married Matt Kelly, also a 2009 Loyola Law alum on August 11, 2012.

Meg Helder, '11, married Justin Burt, who is a class of 2010 Loyola Law alum on September 8, 2012.


Jessica Garrity, '09 married Evan Brooks on September 23, 2012
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.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Growing Up Undocumented in America
CLRJ Symposium
Friday, October 12, 2012

Online MJ Children’s Law & Policy Immersion Workshop
Thursday, October 18
Friday, October 19

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