International News

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Month 2009

Study Law Abroad

Beijing, China

May 23 thru June 29, 2009

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Rome, Italy

June 22 thru July 17, 2009

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Strasbourg, France & Luxembourg

July 21 thru July 30, 2009

London

December to early January

Information sessions:

March 30 - Noon - room 1101

March 31 - Noon - room 1101

April 1 - 5 to 6 pm - room 1104

April 6 - 5 to 6 pm - room 1103

April 14 - 5 to 6 pm - room 1103

Chile Program

16 Loyola law students visited Chile over spring break in the 7th annual offering of the North/South Exchange Program on Law and Legal Culture, the law school’s cooperative program with the Jesuit law school of Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago. Profs. Thomas M. Haney and Anne-Marie Rhodes accompanied the students. The group visited juvenile, trial and appellate courts, had a briefing at the U.S. Embassy, and, at the end of the week, enjoyed Chile’s renowned wine country.

South Africa Program

Another group of students visited South Africa over spring break as a component of a Comparative Law Seminar. The students were accompanied by Professor Bruce A. Boyer and Assistant Dean Jean Gaspardo. The group toured Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela had been imprisoned for decades. Also, while in Cape Town, the group was invited to a special mass celebrated by Bishop Desmond Tutu for the Loyola students and a few other invited guests. [photo at right] In Johannesburg, the group attended a hearing at the Constitutional Court of South Africa. The case was presented by a group of child law attorneys, one of whom received his LL.M. from Loyola.

Professor David Cole from Georgetown University Law Center lectured at Loyola on March 10 on the topic Restoring the Rule of Law: Torture, Guantanamo, and the Obama Administration. The lecture was sponsored by the Loyola Muslim Law Students Association, the Loyola National Lawyers Guild, and the International Law Society.
International Law Review Symposium

The International Law Review’s annual symposium took place on February 19 and 20. The topic was *International Environmental Law: Concerns and Solutions for Practitioners and Corporations*. The event featured top environmental law scholars and practitioners, including Professor John C. Nagle of the Notre Dame Law School and Trip Van Noppen, the President of Earth Justice. There were also presentations by leading practitioners from large law firms such as Baker & McKenzie, as well as an introduction by Bertram Frey, General Counsel of the Environmental Protection Agency.

International Law Week was celebrated at Loyola in February, sponsored by the International Law Society. Jeanne Butterfield, a prominent immigration lawyer, spoke on immigration reform and the challenges it faces. A documentary film, “One More Dead Fish,” about Canadians and their fishing rights, was screened. Vafa Jasemi-Zergani organized a week-long bake sale to raise money for building schools for women in Pakistan and Afghanistan; see the separate story on Professor Murdock’s challenge. The week culminated with the annual symposium of the International Law Review; see the separate story on the symposium.

The International Law Society is holding a meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 5 p.m. to discuss officers for next year. Candidate statements should be sent to the current President, Samantha Martin, by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 10. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, April 14.

On March 19, Professor Elena Baylis of the University of Pittsburgh Law School spoke to the faculty on *International Legal Interventions*. She spoke on her research on and visits to several international criminal tribunals around the world.

During January and February, Professor Charles W. Murdock challenged law students to support the work of the Central Asian Institute, which builds schools for women in the mountainous regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Students contributed over $650, including a bake sale held as part of International Law Week. Professor Murdock matched student and staff contributions and also contributed additional funds to this cause. A total of over $2,500 was contributed for this cause.

Loyola’s National Lawyers Guild and the Muslim Law Students Association sponsored a showing of the documentary film ‘Occupation 101’ on January 26. The film explores the current and historical root causes of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and US government involvement. (The announcement of the film specified that it did not imply the university’s endorsement of or agreement with its content.)

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