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International News

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Study Abroad

Beijing, China

May 29 thru June 26

Rome, Italy

June 19 thru July 17

Strasbourg, France Luxembourg

July 19 thru July 30

2010 International Law Review Symposium

The law school’s International Law Review hosted its annual symposium on February 26. The topic for the 2010 program was “The International Criminal Court: Its Current and Future Impact on International War Crimes and Gross Violations of Human Rights.” David Crane, the former Chief Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and currently Professor of Practice at Syracuse University College of Law, delivered the opening address.

Professor Crane was followed by two panel discussions. The first focusing on “Guantanamo Bay and the Alleged Violations of Human Rights: Should the International Criminal Court Have Jurisdiction to Decide?” Among the panelists was Professor Douglass Cassel, Director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at Notre Dame. The second panel addressed “Specialized War Tribunals or the International Criminal Court: The Most Effective Body to Prosecute War Crimes and Protect Human Rights.” Among the panelists in this session were Minna Schrag, former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and Sara Criscitelli, Prosecution Coordinator of the International Court.

The luncheon speaker was Professor David Scheffer, Director of the Center for International Human Rights at Northwestern.

The symposium concluded with a film screening of The Response, a courtroom drama based on the actual transcripts of the Guantanamo Bay military tribunals, followed by a Q&A with Sig Libowitz, the film’s writer and producer.

Talks from the symposium will be published in a forthcoming issue of the International Law Review.
Students Visit Viet Nam

Nineteen students enrolled in this year’s spring Comparative Law Seminar traveled to Vietnam over spring break to complete the seminar’s required field research component. Students in the course work in research teams. Prior to traveling to the country of study each team selects a topic and completes as much background research as possible. This year’s topics include the impact of U.S. tariffs on Vietnamese catfish importation, the environmental impact of proposed bauxite mining in Vietnam’s Central Highlands, intercountry adoption, human trafficking from Vietnam’s northern regions into Southern China, proposed juvenile justice reform measures, legal options to redress Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange, and aspects of Vietnam’s child protection system.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to Mai Tam (“House of Hope”), a residential and training program for HIV/AIDS-affected Vietnamese mothers and children in Ho Chi Minh City. The visit was facilitated by Dr. Julio Giulietti, S.J., who heads the Loyola University Chicago representative office in Vietnam. After the visit to Mai Tam, the group reconvened at Loyola’s office for lunch and a series of presentations. During the trip, the group also had an opportunity to meet with a partner in a local law firm who, among other things, has been involved in assisting the Vietnamese government in drafting business-related legislation.

In addition to their field research responsibilities, students had an opportunity to participate in a variety of cultural and recreational activities, including attending a water puppet show in Hanoi, visiting museums focused on memorializing aspects of the Vietnam War from the Vietnamese perspective, boating through the Mekong Delta, and visiting Halong Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The group also had an opportunity to enjoy Vietnam’s amazing cuisine during group dinners in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi.

During the remainder of the semester, students in the seminar will synthesize their field and “paper” research, make in-class presentations, and submit papers of publishable quality.

Chile Program Cancelled

This year’s annual study trip to Chile over spring break was cancelled as a result of the devastating earthquake on February 27. The law school’s partner in the student exchange programs, Universidad Alberto Hurtado in Santiago, sustained only minor damage, and its law faculty were not injured. The quake and the resulting tsunami produced major damage to the infrastructure of the county as well as personal tragedies in the loss of lives. It is expected that law students from Hurtado will visit Loyola in the fall, as usual, and that Loyola law students will be able to resume their annual visit to Santiago next spring.
International Mediation Tournament at Loyola

On March 17-20, the law school hosted the Ninth Annual International Law School Mediation Tournament. The Tournament was sponsored by the International Academy of Dispute Resolution. Participating in the tournament were 36 teams from 23 different schools from around the world. The tournament has grown in size and stature each and every year. Participating this year were teams from England, Germany, Australia, Scotland, India and a host of law schools from the U.S.

The format is unique, in that each member of the student teams (3 students per team) gets to serve as a mediator and as advocate and client for the Plaintiff's and Defendant's side in each of the first three rounds. Following the completion of the first three rounds, the scores are totaled and the teams with the highest scores go into the final round.

After the scores are totaled for the final round, awards are given to the top mediators and client/advocate teams. All of the student teams performed exceptionally well and the scoring, while subjective, was very close. The competition was animated, spirited and realistic. The opportunity to enhance this special skill set was appreciated by all of the students and they all agreed that this learning experience was a positive one, and will serve them well in their future careers in the law.

The top mediators in this year's final round came from Windsor, Chapman, John Marshall and BPP (England). Top client/advocate teams came from Tulane, Hastings, Windsor and Chapman. While the Loyola teams did not make it into the finals, Karoline Szadowska of Loyola was voted one of the top mediators and client/advocate teams.

Lectures in Ireland

Professor Barry Sullivan gave two lectures at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, over spring break. On March 15, he gave a public lecture entitled "Access to Government Information in the Absence of Constitutional Guarantee: Constitutional Theory and Recent US Experience." This public lecture was also required of first-year students as part of their course on legislation. The second, which he gave on March 18, was entitled "Evidence, Procedure, and the 'State of Exception': Some Thoughts on the US Enemy Combatant Cases." This was also a public lecture, but primarily aimed at students in Trinity’s LL.M. program.

Pre-Moot in Paris

For the second year in a row, Loyola’s team in the Vis West Arbitration Moot (scheduled for Vienna) was invited to participate in a Pre-Moot sponsored by the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration. The ICC is a premier institutional provider of international commercial arbitration services. The Pre-Moot was held at the ICC headquarters in Paris on March 19 and 20. By all reports, the Loyola team performed very well. Professor Margaret Moses accompanied the student team.
Summer International Fellowship Grants Available
The Law School’s International Programs Committee is pleased to announce that for the ninth year it will offer summer stipends to students who work in non-paying or low-paying jobs related to international law. Approximately five stipends, in amounts of up to $3000, will be available.

Students must find their own jobs. Preference will be given to students who work abroad over those who work in the U.S. There will also be a strong preference for those who find international jobs working for not-for-profit or government organizations, but other forms of employment providing international experience will also be considered. Awards will be made only to students who have confirmed job offers.

Applicants should submit the following materials:
1) A current resume
2) Employer and job description, including salary, if any
3) Amount of stipend requested
4) A personal statement (no more than 3 pages, double-spaced) covering
   a. Your prior experience in international law and practice
   b. Details of your current interests in that area
   c. How this job relates to or advances those interests
5) A letter from the employer providing
   a. A description of the function and services of the organization
   b. A description of the duties of the student
   c. An explanation of how the student will be supervised
   d. An explanation of what compensation, if any, will be provided to the student.

Please note: Both the student and the employer will be asked to submit evaluations at the end of the work period.

Please forward these materials by e-mail to Professor Stacey Platt by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010. Please feel free to contact Professor Platt at splatt@luc.edu or (312) 915-7931 if you have any questions about this program.

Fall 2010 International and Comparative Law Courses
Students will have the opportunity to register for a variety of courses in international and comparative law being offered in the fall of 2010.

Among these courses are Comparative Law (Professor Thomas Haney), Immigration Law (Margaret McCormick and Judge Robert Vinikoor), International Business Transactions (H. Roderic Heard and Susan L. Walker), International Commercial Arbitration and the CISG (William Davis), International Law and Practice (Professor Thomas Haney), and Introduction to the English Legal Profession (Dean James Faught).

Two courses will focus on the U.S. constitutional system in terms of security and foreign relations concerns. They are: Constitutional Law Seminar: War, Peace and the Constitution (Professor George Anastaplo) and National Security Law (Mary O’Malley).

Finally, students will have the opportunity to explore comparative law through a unique prism in Canon Law for Civil Lawyers (Bishop Thomas Paprocki).

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