

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5, 2003	Coffee Talk 4-5 p.m. <i>Lanetta Haynes: A Personal View of the Child Welfare System</i>
February 12, 2003	Coffee Talk 4 - 5 p.m. <i>Laurene Heybach: Challenging Zero Tolerance Policies in Schools</i>
February 19, 2003	Coffee Talk 4 - 5 p.m. <i>The Juvenile Death Penalty</i>
February 24-25, 2003	Visiting Scholar Martha Matthews Lecture and Visit
February 26, 2003	NO COFFEE TALK

Child and Family Law Visiting Scholar

Martha Matthews is this year's Visiting Scholar in Child and Family Law. Ms. Matthews will be in residence at Loyola on February 24-25. She will deliver a free public lecture on Monday, February 24 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in Rubloff Auditorium. Her talk is entitled, "Am I My Child's Parent? Recent Developments in Law and Policy on Defining Legal Parenthood." A reception will follow. During her time in residence, Ms. Matthews will also teach a master class on client interviewing, meet informally with students, facilitate a workshop for Chicago-area clinicians

and family law teachers, and conduct a review of Loyola's child and family law curriculum and programs. Ms. Matthews currently is the David Bohnett Attorney for the ACLU of Southern California. Prior to assuming her current position, she was an attorney with the National Center for Youth Law, director of the family advocacy program at Stanford Law School, and a visiting professor at UCLA School of Law. After graduating from Boalt Hall School of Law, Ms. Matthews clerked for Justice Harry Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court and for Judge (Justice) Stephen Breyer on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Prior Child and Family Law Visiting Scholars have included Professor Wallace Mlyniec of Georgetown Law Center and Professor Jean Koh Peters of Yale Law School.

February Coffee Talk Series

Coffee Talk is a weekly opportunity for all Loyola students to meet informally for a presentation and discussion of interdisciplinary issues affecting children and families. On February 5, third year law student, **Lanetta Haynes**, will share her family's experience in Illinois' child welfare system and reflect on policies and practical changes that could improve the system for children in the foster care system. On February 12, **Laurene Heybach**, director of the Law Project of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, will discuss a national trend among school districts to suspend students under "zero tolerance" discipline policies and highlight a recent case in which Judge Aaron Jaffee found that a school district violated a 9 year old's due process rights after he was expelled under a zero tolerance policy. On February 19, a representative from **Amnesty International** will discuss the juvenile death penalty and Amnesty's international campaign to abolish capital punishment for children and youth under age 18.

Child Maltreatment Increases

For the first time in recent years, child maltreatment is on the rise. Most troubling is the increase in infant murders, which have doubled in the last 30 years. Chicago Police were so concerned with number of infant homicides in the summer of 2002, that the Superintendent convened an interdisciplinary workshop to examine the issue and propose a coordinated response. Loyola's ChildLaw Center was among those participating in the by-invitation workshop. According to Brett Brown, of Child Trends, the increase in child maltreatment may be the function of better reporting systems, but may also be attributed to the increase in unmarried teen mothers in the last 30 years. For more information, see www.childrensdatabank.org/health/violence.

A Star in Our Midst ☆☆☆☆

Sandra Constantine, who by day serves as the ChildLaw Clinic Secretary, has, by night, for the past three-and-a-half years starred as a cast member of the long - running hit, *Tony 'n Tina's Wedding*. A recent review of the play in the Gary Post Tribune identified Sandra as one of the cast's "standouts." According to the review, Sandra plays "the somber, shrewish mother-of-the-bride," quite the opposite of the Sandra we know and value.

Faculty Activities

Professor Bruce Boyer's editorial, "Protecting Kids from Child Welfare System" appeared on January 1 in the Chicago Tribune. He was also quoted in the New York Times and Chicago Tribune on current issues facing the Illinois child welfare system.

Professor **Diane Geraghty** has been re-elected to the Board of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center and named co-chair of its strategic planning committee. She is also an honorary board member of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Initiative

Thank You!

A very special thank you goes out to **Michael Froelich**

for his donation of a Ninetendo and games for our children's room. The children who come into the center will love it! Thanks Michael.

Alumni News

Lori Hall Armstrong, LLM'02, has accepted a position as Senior Policy Advisor and Chief of Staff to the City Council's Education Committee in New York City.

Congratulations to **Janet Bledsoe**, LLM' 98 and her husband, Dr. Randy Ennen, who were married on November 30 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Kristina Menzel, LLM'98, has been assigned to the Juvenile Justice Division of the Office of the Cook County Public Defender.

Kelly Browe Olson, LLM' 97 and former director of ChildLaw mediation has been named Director of Legal Clinics at the University of Arkansas. Prior to this appointment, she directed Arkansas' family mediation clinic.

Sarah Wermuth, '01, writes that she is the mother of two daughters, Paloma, age two and Ione, age two months. After working for Head Start part-time, Sarah and her family are planning for a move to Bloomington, IN, where she will look for child advocacy opportunities.

The following alumni served as faculty in the 2003 ChildLaw Trial Practice course: **Carol Casey, Ray Chao, LL.M.'00, Richard Cozzola, JD, '80, Helen Kim, JD '96, Dorene Kuffer, LLM '02, and Cheryl Warzynski, LLM '02.**

Faculty and Staff Directory

Paula M. Besler - is Director of Attorney Training. She can be reached at 915-7944 (Mondays).

Bruce Boyer - is Director of the ChildLaw Clinic. He can be reached at 915-7927.

Sandra Constantine - is Senior Secretary for the ChildLaw Center and Clinic. She can be reached at 915-6481.

Diane Geraghty - is Professor of Law and Director of Child and Family Law Programs. She can be reached at 915-7155.

Stacey Platt - is Associate Director of the ChildLaw Clinic. She can be reached at 915-7931.

Silvia Rodriguez - is Program Coordinator for the ChildLaw Center. She can be reached at 915-7950.

Anita Weinberg - is Director of ChildLaw Policy and

Legislative Programs. She can be reached at 915-6482.
Maria Woltjen - is Project Coordinator, Lead-Safe
Housing Community Initiatives. She can be reached at
915- 6811.