

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Oct. 1, 2003	Coffee Talk - Prof. Dorothy Roberts: <i>Race and the Child Welfare System</i> 16 E. Pearson - 4-5 p.m .
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2003	LL. M. Reception 5-6 p.m., 5 th Fl Faculty Lounge
Wed., Oct. 8, 2003	Coffee Talk - Danielle Gomez: <i>Multiple Placements of Foster Children Litigation</i> 16 E. Pearson - 4- 5 p.m.
Wed. Oct. 15, 2003	Coffee Talk - 16 E. Pearson - 4-5 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 22, 2003	Coffee Talk - Tara Smith: <i>Cybercrimes Against Children</i> 16 E. Pearson 4- 5 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 29, 2003	Coffee Talk - Halloween “Fun(d)raising Party 16 E. Pearson - 4-5 p. m.

10th Year Anniversary Speaker Series

This year the Civitas ChildLaw Center will mark the occasion of its 10th anniversary with a special speaker series on the first Wednesday of each month from 4-5 p.m. The first speaker in the series will be **Professor Dorothy Roberts**, who will speak on Wednesday,

October 1 in the ChildLaw Center at 16 E. Pearson.

Professor Roberts will address the issue of race and child welfare policy. **Fr. Robert Drinan** will be the November special series speaker (November 5th).

Dorothy Roberts is a professor at Northwestern University School of Law and one of the nation’s leading scholars on the role of race in child welfare law and policy. Her books include *Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare* and *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction and the Meaning of Liberty*. She has also published more than fifty articles and essays on these topics, including in the Harvard Law Review, Yale Law Journal and University of Chicago Law Review. Professor Roberts received her B.A. from Yale College and her J.D. from Harvard Law School. She has been a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford and a fellow at Harvard University’s Program in Ethics and the Professions. She has delivered several endowed lectures, including the James Thomas Lecture at Yale Law School. In 2000, her students voted her outstanding first-year course professor.

Coffee Talk Series Continues

In addition to the special 10th anniversary speaker series, Coffee Talk will be held regularly on Wednesday’s from 4-5 p.m. at the ChildLaw Center. October speakers include **Danielle Gomez**, a child’s attorney with the Office of the Public Guardian, who will discuss a pending law suit challenging the harmful practice of moving children from foster home to foster home. Loyola law school graduate and FBI agent **Tara Smith** will describe the problem of cybercrimes against children and her role in detecting and prosecuting such crimes.

On October 29th, the Center will hold its annual Halloween Party. All are invited. Attendees are asked to make a contribution to the Center's gift fund so that the ChildLaw Clinic's child clients receive a holiday gift in December.

State Representatives to Speak

State Representatives **Eileen Lyons** and **Mary Flowers** will speak this month on public policy advocacy and legislative efforts on behalf of children in Professor Anita Weinberg's ChildLaw Legislation Seminar. Faculty and students are welcome to attend. Representative Flowers, who has been the chief sponsor of a number of bills concerning the child welfare system, will meet with the class on Wednesday, October 15 from 7:00-7:50 p.m. Representative Lyons, who sits on the Committee on Juvenile Justice Reform, will speak Wednesday evening, October 22 from 7:00-7:50 p.m. Both classes will meet in Room 354 of the Law School. Please let Professor Weinberg know if you plan to attend.

ChildLaw Society

The first meeting of the ChildLaw Society was held Sept. 24. Over 30 students were in attendance. Exciting things to look forward to in the upcoming year are: a fundraiser for Hunger Week, a ChildLaw Society act for the No Talent Show, movie outings followed by discussion sessions, an after-school program with tutoring and arts and crafts activities for children in nearby schools or churches, visits to juvenile court, and a day-long conference and month-long campaign for Child Abuse Awareness month in April. Committees are already at work on these events. Even if you were unable to attend the meeting, if you are interested in participating in the ChildLaw Society or want to learn more about it, contact Riya Shah at rshah17@luc.edu.

Child and Family Law Course Catalog

The 2003-2005 Child and Family Law has just been published. Please contact Silvia Rodriguez at srodrig@luc.edu if you would like a copy. The catalog is also available on-line at the ChildLaw Center

website, www.luc.edu/childlaw.

Alumni News

- **Kim Jordan** '01, and her husband Jason, welcomed Nathan Daniel Jordan into their family on August 28th.
- Isabella Ann Ormiston was born to **Mary Ann Scali** '97 and Matt Ormiston on September 14th.
- **Nancy Drane**, '01 has accepted a position as a staff attorney with the Children's Law Center in Washington, D.C. She will serve as guardian ad litem for children in the District's child protection court.
- **Lisa Freedman**, '98 was married to Jeff Enda on September 6th in New Jersey.

Faculty News

Professor Stacey Platt will be a presenter at the National Center for Adoption Law and Policy at Capital Law School in Columbus, OH on October 20-21. Her talk will focus on the meaning of federal requirement that states make "reasonable efforts" to reunify families from the perspective of the child's attorney.

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