

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Mar. 6-10</b>	<b>SPRING BREAK - No Classes</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 15</b>	<b>CoffeeTalk: “HIV/AIDS and Child Custody Issues” - Julie Harcum</b>
<b>Thur. Mar. 16</b> <b>Harold Washington Library</b>	<b>Jonathon Kozol- “Shame of a Nation”</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 22</b> <b>4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CoffeeTalk: “The Foster Care Guardian’s Role” - D. Jean Ortega-Peron</b>
<b>Sat. Mar. 25</b>	<b>Fellows Interview Day</b>
<b>Wed. Mar. 29</b> <b>4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CoffeeTalk: “Working Toward Quality and Equal Education” – Bintu Batchu</b>
<b>Coming Events</b>	
<b>April 1</b>	<b>Deadline for Salisbury Fellowship Application</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>John Williamson, USAID International Children’s Issues/Programs</b>

## Salisbury Post-Graduate Clinical Fellowship

The ChildLaw Center is pleased to announce that through the generosity of Loyola alumna Linda Salisbury, applications are now being accepted for the position of Salisbury Post-Graduate Clinical Fellow, a two year position beginning July 1, 2006. The Clinical Fellow will work closely with the ChildLaw Clinic faculty, assisting in the representation of clients, the supervision of students, and the development of course curriculum. The Fellow will be expected to assist with all levels of client representation, including pre-trial, trial and appellate

proceedings. The Fellow will also participate in the development of the course curriculum and the teaching of a weekly seminar, focused on ethical and substantive issues arising in the representation of child clients, skills training, and the discussion of current clinic cases. Priority will be given to recent Loyola graduates who have demonstrated interest in the field of child and family law, an interest in pursuing a career in clinical law teaching, and at least one to two years of practice experience. Admission or eligibility for admission to the Illinois bar by July 1, 2006, is required. Application materials should be postmarked by **April 1, 2006** and should be submitted to *Silvia Rodriguez, Loyola ChildLaw Center, 16 E. Pearson St., Chicago, Illinois 60611*. Applications should include a cover letter, current resume, law school transcript, three references, two letters of recommendation, a writing sample, and a statement of no more than two typed pages describing the candidate’s reasons for applying for the fellowship.

## Coffee Talk Series

The Coffee Talk series continues after spring break on Wednesday, March 15, when our speaker will be Loyola alumna **Julie Harcum**, staff attorney with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago. She will explore the interplay between disability and family law, with a special emphasis on the role of HIV/AIDS in best interest child custody determinations.

On March 22, **D. Jean Ortega-Peron**, DCFS Guardian, will discuss her responsibilities and challenges as the legal guardian and “substitute parent” for all children in the Illinois foster care system.

Finally, on March 26, Bintu Batchu, a representative of the A+ Illinois initiative, the goal of which is education funding reform aimed at providing all Illinois children with equal educational opportunity.

## Faculty Activities

On February 8, Professor **Anita Weinberg** testified before the House Human Services Committee in support of HB 4853, the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 2006. The bill is the first of a series of bills to be introduced in the Illinois General Assembly to refocus Illinois policy on prevention rather than on responding to the problem of lead poisoning after a child has been poisoned.

**Bruce A. Boyer**, Director of Loyola's Civitas ChildLaw Clinic was quoted in an article which appeared on the front page of the New York Times on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. He discussed the struggle between children's advocates and child welfare agencies over the use of social security benefits the states are taking on behalf of foster children.

**Diane Geraghty** addressed the Illinois Academy of Criminologists on February 17 on the topic of efforts to reform the Illinois juvenile justice system. On February 3-4 she was part of a small invitational group invited to advise ABA President-Elect **Karen Mathis** on her Youth At Risk initiative. Keynote speaker at the event was Robert Flores, head of the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The meeting was held at Hofstra Law School in New York.

## Jonathan Kozol to Speak: "The Shame of the Nation"

Author **Jonathan Kozol** a noted educator and activist, will discuss the inequities of Illinois' school funding system. Learn about Illinois' own, broken system and what we can do in the 2006 election year to make Illinois a better place for its children.

Thursday, March 16, 2006  
Harold Washington Library Center  
Cindy Pritzker Auditorium, Lower Level  
400 South State Street  
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Advanced registration is required. Reservations can be made by contacting Cresyl Nevado at [cnevado@metroplanning.org](mailto:cnevado@metroplanning.org) or 312.863.6016 or online at [www.aplusillinois.org/calendar/calendar.asp?eventID=147](http://www.aplusillinois.org/calendar/calendar.asp?eventID=147)

## Free Teleconference on Child Sex Offenders

A national teleconference: "Successful Strategies for Representing Child Sex Offenders" will take place on Thursday, March 16 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. EST. For the first 300 registrants, the call will be free. To register, call 800-285-2221 or register at [www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t06ssr1.html](http://www.abanet.org/cle/programs/t06ssr1.html).

## Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Internship

Interns perform a variety of information functions relating to critical issues facing the Illinois criminal justice system, including assembling data for analysis and writing a summary of results, developing data collection instruments and collecting data, writing press releases or editing documents for publication, converting spreadsheet data to web-friendly formats, assisting with the development of on-line training, staffing committees, or other tasks as appropriate.

Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled, but priority consideration will be given to applications who have provided the required materials to ICJIA as follows: Spring - March 1, 2006; Summer - May 1, 2006; Fall - August 1, 2006; Winter - December 1, 2006. For more information, see to: <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/public/index.cfm?metasection=About&metapage=internships>

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