



NEWS & NOTES

APRIL 2007
Volume 11, No. 6

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. April 11 4:00 p.m. Rm. 207	Prevent Child Abuse Month Program
Wed. April 18 4:00 p.m.	End of the Year Party – All Welcome
Wed. April 18 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. ChildLaw Center	MJ Careers Panel and Discussion
April 25	Rights of Children

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE PROGRAM

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Loyola's ChildLaw Society has planned a very special program on Wednesday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. Loyola law school graduate and FBI agent, **Tara Smith**, will discuss her work on protecting children from internet exploitation. **Alicia Vega**, a Loyola M.J. graduate and Policy Director of the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, will explain the Center's work in supporting children who are alleged victims of sexual abuse. The program will be held in Rm. 207 (Law Center) and will be followed by a reception at the ChildLaw Center, 16 E. Pearson. Don't miss this important event. For more information, please contact Kristi Lemoine, klemoin@luc.edu.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER INSTITUTE

This year's annual Children's Summer Institute will take place from May 21 - May 25, 2007. The interdisciplinary program, open to students and practitioners in the fields of law, social work, education, psychology, and development, will focus this year on issues of permanency related to children in the child welfare system. Students may

register for course credit through the Law School or the Department of Psychology. For more information, contact Professor Weinberg at aweinbe@luc.edu or 915-6482.

CAROL HARDING LECTURE SERIES

Mark Testa, Director of the Children and Family Research Center at the University of Illinois will be the keynote speaker at this year's Children's Summer Institute on Monday, May 21, 2007, 12:30 - 2:00. Dr. Testa will discuss the Research Center's 2006 report on Conditions of Children in or at Risk of Foster Care in Illinois. The lecture is open to the Loyola community, including persons who are not registered for the Children's Summer Institute. Continuing legal education credit may be available. If interested in attending, please contact Griselda Sánchez at gsanch3@luc.edu.

ESSAY CONTEST

The National Association of Counsel for Children is accepting essays for the 2007 Law Student Essay Competition. The essays are approximately 15 single spaced pages in length. The winner receives \$1,000 and a scholarship to the annual conference in Keystone, CO. Essays must be submitted by June 1, 2007 to: Advocate@NACCchildlaw.org. For further information, visit the NACC website at NACC

CHILDREN'S HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

On April 25, the **Center for the Human Rights of Children** will sponsor a seminar on "The Rights of Children in Situations of War and Political Violence: Focus on Iraq" at the Crown Center Auditorium at the Lakeshore Campus, from 3:00-5:00. The seminar will focus on the impact of war and political violence on children in Iraq. It will include a video on the impact of the 1991 Gulf War and discussions of the current situation. Presenters include Center Director **James Garbarino** (who

conducted an assessment of the 1991 war on children in Iraq for UNICEF) and Professor **Gunes Tezcur** (Peace Studies). Students and faculty are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

INTERNSHIPS/CAREERS

- The MacArthur Foundation's Models for Change Project is looking to hire two Loyola summer research assistants. Job responsibilities will include planning for a statewide summit to be held at Loyola on June 14-15 and legal research in the area of juvenile justice. If interested please submit a resume electronically to Professor Diane Geraghty, dgeragh@luc.edu.
- The Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana (JJPL) a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to reforming Louisiana's juvenile justice system is currently seeking an executive director. The executive director must be committed to JJPL's mission and recognize and appreciate the humanity of its clients, their families and their communities. For detailed job description and to apply for this position visit: <http://www.jjpl.org/AboutUs/OpportunitiesAtJJPL/opportunities.html>

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Professor **Bruce Boyer** traveled in March to Sacramento for a meeting sponsored by the Administrative Office of the California Supreme Court to discuss the expansion of child law programs into California's law schools. He will also be panelist at the upcoming 12th National Conference on Children and the Law, sponsored by the ABA Center on Children and the Law and Harvard Law School. His essay on the right to counsel for indigent parents was republished in the Spring 2006 issue of the Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review, which was devoted to articles advocating for a "civil Gideon." He was also quoted extensively in the April 2007 issue of the ABA Law Journal, in two related articles on engaging children more actively in court proceedings relating to their welfare.

Professor **Sacha Coupet** was a presenter at the University of Michigan Child Advocacy Clinic's 30th Anniversary celebration in Ann Arbor, MI on March 30th. She participated on a panel entitled "How to Best Protect the Legal Interests of Children."

Professor **Stacey Platt** served as a faculty member at the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in Colorado.

Professor **Platt** gave a presentation with **Dr. Ada Skyles**, associate director of the Chapin Hall Center for Children, on combating disproportionate representation of minority families in juvenile court proceedings, at a program co-sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and Presiding Judge Patricia Martin Bishop, Child Protection Division of the Cook County Juvenile Court.

In May, **Professor Anita Weinberg** will lead a workshop on teaching policy and legislative advocacy at the annual American Association of Law Schools Clinical Teachers meeting in New Orleans. In April, she and adjunct faculty member **Mary Burns** led a group of students on a trip to Springfield to speak with legislators about lead poison

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to **Jeffrey Hammer**, '06, his wife, Miyoung, and son, Asher, on the birth of Sophia Soyoon Hammer, born March 20, 2007. Jeff is finishing a judicial clerkship in California; the family plans to return to Chicago in the fall.

Faculty and Staff Directory

Bruce Boyer - Director, ChildLaw Clinic, 915-7927, bboyer@luc.edu

Mary Burns - Community Projects Coordinator, 915-6811, mburns6@luc.edu

Sacha Coupet - Director of Research, 915-7134, scoupet@luc.edu

Diane Geraghty - Director, Civitas ChildLaw Center, 915-7155, dgeragh@luc.edu

Michael Kaufman - Director, Education Law Institute, 915-7143, mkaufma@luc.edu

Andrea Garland - Salisbury Fellow, 915-7944, agarla1@luc.edu

Stacey Platt - Associate Director of ChildLaw Clinic, 915-7931, splatt@luc.edu

Silvia Rodriguez - Program Coordinator, 915-7950, srodrig@luc.edu

Griselda Sánchez - Administrative Assistant, 915-6481, gsanch3@luc.edu

Anita Weinberg - Director, ChildLaw Policy Institute, 915-6482, aweinbe@luc.edu