



NEWS & NOTES

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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| Thus. April 10
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Rubloff | International Experts Panel
on Child Abuse/Neglect |
| Thus. April 10
8:30 - 5:00
1725 W. Harrison | Gendered Justice: Reclaiming
the Health of Court -Involved
Girls |
| April 16-18 | Symposium on the Human
Rights of Children |
| April 23 | End of Semester Party |

****Save The Date****

May 23, 2007

Carol Harding Lecture Series

10th Annual Children's Summer Institute

"Representing Teens: What Can Be Learned From
Adolescent Brain Development Research?"

CLE's may be available. For more information visit our
website, www.luc.edu/childlaw.

CHILDLAW CENTER ON YOUTUBE

Post-Graduate ChildLaw Policy Fellow **Brittany Bohn** ('07) interviewed current students and graduates, including Civitas ChildLaw Center founder **Jeffrey Jacobs**, for a YouTube video highlighting Loyola and its ChildLaw Fellows program. She received technical assistance from film maker and current law student **Stanley Majka** ('09). The video is available online at www.luc.edu/childlaw or at youtube.com/childlaw. Thank you to all the students and alumni who contributed their time to be interviewed: **Stephen Bergman** ('01), **Sara Block** ('07), **Dennericka Brooks** ('07), **Annette Thornton** ('06), **Jill Johnson Oworu** ('03), **Steve Mulligan** ('09), **Akilya Drake** ('08) and **Alison Stankus** ('08).

TWO MAJOR CONFERENCES ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS TO TAKE PLACE AT LOYOLA.

In celebration of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect's 30th anniversary, the Civitas ChildLaw Center is co-hosting a panel of experts on the topic of "Emerging Global Issues on Protecting Children from Violence." The distinguished panelists include Dr. Yanghee Lee, current chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and Dr. Marta Santos Pais, Director of UNICEF Innocenti Research Center. The panel will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 in Rubloff Auditorium and is free to Loyola students and faculty. A reception (\$45) follows in Rubloff Reception. For more information, see www.ispcan.org.

On April 16 - 18, Loyola's Center for the Human Rights of Children presents the 2008 Loyola Symposium *The Right to a Healthy Environment*. Speakers include Loyola faculty (Professor Anita Weinberg on Childhood Lead Poisoning) and well-known national and international child advocates. Far-reaching topics include Child Slavery and the Global Economy, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Children and Gun Violence, and Children of Prisoners. Attendance is free for Loyola students and faculty. To learn more or to register, contact Eddie Bruyere at ebruere@luc.edu.

INTERNSHIPS/CAREERS

The International Bureau for Children's Rights (IBCR) is an international non-governmental organization, whose board of directors is composed of Canadian and international experts. IBCR's mission is to contribute to the protection and promotion of children's rights worldwide. Currently they have 6 intern positions open. The 12 week internships start in summer 2008 (positions open respectively in April, May and June 2008), with 4 to 5 workdays per week. For more information visit <http://www.ibcr.org>. The application deadline is April

10, 2008 and should be submitted to Luc Ouimet at Louimet@ibcr.org.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Professor Stacey Platt was an invited faculty member at the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic Violence Custody Litigation Training Program in San Diego this March.

Professor Platt, along with **Professor Thomas Haney**, traveled during the law school's spring break to Santiago, Chile with Comparative Law students. The group researched various aspects of the Chilean legal system and its reforms, supported by our Chilean partner, Jesuit Law School Alberto Hurtado.

Mary Burns has been appointed by the State's Lead Program to the Illinois Lead Poisoning Elimination Advisory Council. Loyola's ChildLaw Center, through its Lead Safe Housing Task Force, is at the forefront of efforts locally and state-wide to make prevention a centerpiece of legislation and advocacy on this issue.

In December Professor **Anita Weinberg** was a trainer for the Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (IICLE) in Chicago and in Springfield. Her training focused on practice issues related to dispositional and permanency hearings under the Illinois Juvenile Court Act. Earlier in the year Professor Weinberg and Professor **Bruce Boyer** published a chapter in IICLE's Juvenile Law Practice.

Professor Weinberg published a Voice of the People letter in the Chicago Tribune in December regarding lead poisoning prevention.

Professor Boyer published a letter to the editor of The Chicago Tribune in March 2008, on adoptees' access to birth certificates.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI NEWS

This winter we have seen the **ChildLaw** family grow: **Mary Anne Emerick** '08 and her husband Jeff, welcomed Sophia on December 3, 2007. **Nancy Drane** gave birth to Ailinn Drane Colarulli on February 10, 2008 in Alexandria, VA. **Michelle Roulbet** '09 welcomed her second child, Luciana, on February 11, 2008. And Vireel and **Riya Shah**, '05 celebrated Valentine's Day with the birth of their son, Kavi.

The ChildLaw Center not only produces great advocates for children but also brings them together. **RJ Hazelton-Shedd** '06 and **Kristen Zipple** '06, who met during their tenure as ChildLaw Fellows, were married on November 17, 2007. They serve as co-legal writing instructors at Loyola.

Jill Owuro, '03, was promoted as Juvenile Division Supervisor for the Marion County Public Defender this past December. Also, **Kate Buchanan** '03 is engaged and will be getting married in May.

ChildLaw Fellow **Kymian Ray** '09 has been named a Schweitzer Fellow. As a fellow she becomes part of a select group of students from diverse fields who will work on original projects reflecting Albert Schweitzer's ethics of reverence for life. Students must be committed to helping the undeserved in Chicago and its surrounding communities.

WELCOME

Tammy Dillard-Steels recently joined the Center's Lead Safe Housing Initiative as the Community Outreach Coordinator. Tammy is the director of the Urban Sustainability Authority and holds graduate degrees in public health and business administration.

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