



Civitas ChildLaw Center

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

National Child Trafficking and Exploitation Conference	September 22 & 23 (all day)
Coffee Talk: Joshua Dankoff "Juvenile justice assessment of Cameroon, West Africa"	September 29 4:00-4:50 pm
Ralph Martire "What is the real story behind Illinois' Budget"	September 30 10:00-11:15 am

WELCOME TO THE CIVITAS CHIDLAW CENTER

The Civitas ChildLaw Center houses Loyola's programming devoted to enhancing justice for children and promoting children's law as a legal specialty. The Center is located on the 11th floor of the Corboy Law Center. To learn more about the Center and its educational, service and law reform activities, please read our monthly newsletter (posted on Law School Announcements), visit www.luc.edu/childlaw or stop by the Center and introduce yourself. If you are a student or alumna/alumnus who is interested in receiving the most up-to-date news about the Center, as well as

internship/career opportunities, join our list serve at <http://lists.luc.edu/listinfor/childlaw>.

We have a full range of activities planned for this fall. Our weekly Coffee Talk series will begin on Wednesday, September 29th (4:00 - 4:50 p.m.) with

On September 22 - 23, the ChildLaw Center will co-host a conference being organized by Loyola's Center on the Human Rights of Children on Child Trafficking and On October 29th, the Children's Legal Rights Journal will hold a symposium on children and cybercrime, including bullying and "sexting."

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a presentation by third year law student, Josh Dankoff, on his participation in a ChildLaw Center-UNICEF partnership that included a six-week assessment of juvenile justice in Cameroon, West Africa.

These programs are open to the entire Loyola community and we hope to see you there!



Illinois Models for Change Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator. His office, as well as that of Lisa Jacobs, Illinois Models for Change Program Manager, is located in the ChildLaw Center.

Please stop by and welcome them to the Center!

Center Receives \$400,000 Grant

The Civitas ChildLaw Center has received a \$400,000 renewal grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to continue its role as Lead Entity for the Foundation's Illinois Models for Change initiative aimed at juvenile justice reform. As Lead Entity, the Center is responsible for overseeing the work of 13 grantees engaged in a range of system reform efforts across the state.

New Faces at the Civitas ChildLaw Center

The Center is pleased to welcome **Miranda Johnson**, and **Randell Strickland**.

Miranda Johnson joined the ChildLaw Clinic in July as our newest Salisbury Clinical Teaching Fellow. Miranda comes to us from Advocates for Children of New York, where she worked for three years as a staff attorney advocating for

appropriate educational services for children with disabilities, in both individual and class action suits. She received her BA from Dartmouth College, a Masters in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton, and her JD from NYU, and she brings with her a wealth of public interest and international experience.

Randell Strickland is the

Faculty and Staff Updates

In August, **Professor Diane Geraghty** was a presidential showcase panelist at the annual ABA meeting in San Francisco. The panel was entitled Enforcing a Right to Counsel for Children: The Time is Now.

In August **Professor Anita Weinberg** participated as a panelist in a Region V US EPA program to discuss strategies for promoting and enforcing a new federal rule affecting renovation and remodeling.

Professor Weinberg was an invited panelist in the Public Listening Session on President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative convened in August. She was asked to speak on issues - and solutions - to fighting environmental injustice in urban environments so that more people can lead healthy lives through outdoor recreation, play, and gardening.

In June, Center Director, **Professor Diane Geraghty**, delivered a paper on Child-Friendly Legal Aid in Africa at a conference in Dakar, Senegal. The paper, co-authored by Northwestern **Professor Thomas Geraghty**, will be jointly

published by UNICEF and UNDP.

On April 8, 2010 **Mary Burns** was honored as a Northwestern Law School alumna by the Student Funded Public Interest Fellowship Committee (SFPIF) at its annual benefit dinner for her career in public service.

In April **Professor Anita Weinberg** presented a paper at the Experiential Renaissance Roundtable sponsored by the University of Minnesota School of Law. The Roundtable topic focused on Challenges in Constructing and Reconstructing Experiential Education Programs.

On April 23rd, 2010 **Mary Burns** attended a conference on Lead Paint Poisoning and the Law at Rutgers School of Law--Newark, sponsored by the Law Record, the nation's first general interest law journal to publish solely online. The symposium explored the present status and future of lead paint toxic tort litigation, the successes and failures faced by policy makers, attorneys and municipalities through litigation and legislation, as well as new strategies aimed at redressing this problem.

In May, **Professor Weinberg** presented a workshop at the AALS Clinical Teachers Conference with Suzanne Goldberg, Columbia University, and Elizabeth Cooper, Fordham University. The topic: Applying Clinical Theory to the Design and Implementation of Legislative Advocacy Clinics.

On March 3, 2010, **Soledad A. McGrath**, Post-graduate ChildLaw Policy Fellow, testified on behalf of the ChildLaw Center before the Illinois General Assembly House Juvenile Justice Reform Committee in support of HB 5012. HB 5012 ensures that juvenile court judges have discretion to practice individualized decision-making and restorative justice by eliminating a State's Attorney's ability to override a judicial decision to place a youth on court supervision and by granting judges the authority to vacate findings of delinquency upon a youth's successful completion of probation.

DCFS Director Erwin McEwen draws almost 100 to Children's Summer Institute

Almost 100 lawyers, social workers, psychologists, and child development specialists as well as students attended the annual Children's Summer Institute's Carol Harding Lecture Series. The program, convened by the ChildLaw Center and the Erikson Institute, was held in May. DCFS Director Erwin McEwen, the keynote speaker, discussed a new DCFS initiative

referred to as "Differential Response," which offers child welfare agencies options for responding to accepted reports of abuse or neglect beyond the traditional child protection investigation. In 2009, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation allowing DCFS to implement a differential response program.



Alumni News

Melissa Staas (nee Sharstrom), '07, is one of five attorneys to receive a \$50,000 Sun-Times Public Interest Law Fellowship from the Chicago Bar Foundation. This prestigious award is given to attorneys who are pursuing a career in legal aid and public interest law. Recipients must demonstrate a commitment to public interest work, academic achievement in law school, and outstanding character and integrity.



Michelle Roulbet, '09, is a US Department of State Foreign Service Officer in Panama.

Cecilia Kline, '05, has been appointed as a UNICEF consultant on child justice issues in Guinea Bissau.

Ilene Lin Bloom, '96 and her husband JJ Henrikson, are proud parents of a daughter, Harper Fe, born on February 20, 2010. The family, including son Hayden, resides in Denver, Colorado. As of July 1, 2010, Ilene is serving as President-Elect of the Denver Bar Association.

Margaret Carlson Lynch, '07 and Kevin Lynch welcomed healthy baby twin boys Felix Tycho and Emmett Seymour Lynch into the world on May 21, 2010.



U.S. CONSULTATION ON GLOBAL CHILD VIOLENCE

In August Loyola's Civitas ChildLaw Center and Center on the Human Rights of Children co-hosted the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's U.S. Consultation on Proposed General Comment on Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Such consultations are being held across the globe for the purpose of receiving feedback on the draft General Comment. Participants in the U.S. consultation included a wide range of child advocates and other interested parties and organizations. If adopted, the General Comment on Article 19 will provide detailed guidelines to state parties to the CRC on improving responses to all forms of violence against children.

Internship/Career Opportunities

Family Defense Center Law Clerk
The Family Defense Center, an organization that advocates justice for families in the child welfare system, is seeking a part-time law clerk for the Fall. Law Clerk duties include intake interviews with potential clients, working closely with attorneys to prepare for administrative appeal hearings, drafting letters to and on behalf of clients, and legal research. The position is unpaid, however, work-study pay may be available. Hours are flexible. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Diane Redleaf at dianeredleaf@gmail.com.

Full-Time Clinical Faculty Member

University of Richmond Law School seeks a full-time clinical faculty member to direct an in-house

Juvenile Delinquency Clinic. The position is for appointment on clinical teaching track, which provides for long-term contracts, and typically involves supervising eight students in an intensive six credit hour clinic experience. *Qualifications:* Applicants must have a J.D. degree, significant practice experience in the juvenile and/or criminal law area, and be licensed to practice law in Virginia by August 15, 2011. *Applications should be sent by September 30, 2010* to Professor Adrienne Volenik at the University of Richmond School of Law avolenik@richmond.edu

Student volunteers needed to assist with the upcoming conference on human trafficking and exploitation of children and youth on September 22-23, 2010. An orientation will be held

on **September 9, 2010** from 5-6pm in room CLC 727 at 25 E. Pearson for those that are interested. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Please RSVP with agikas@luc.edu by September 8, 2010. Student volunteers will have their registration fee waived to attend the conference.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services (CVLS) is seeking a 711 eligible or licensed law student for its Guardian *ad litem* (GAL) for Minors Program. Legal interns will regularly appear in court, conduct GAL investigations, draft pleadings, orders and reports and work with volunteer attorneys. PILI funding is available for this position. The intern will need to work 200 hours over the course of the semester and must be available at 11 am on internship days for court. Please send resumes to arw@cvls.org by **September 10, 2010**.

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The Loyola Civitas ChildLaw Center is dedicated to promoting justice for children through interdisciplinary teaching, scholarship and service, and through the development of a new legal specialty, pediatric law.



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Upcoming Events

National Conference: "Trafficking and Exploitation of Children and Youth in the United States"

While the United States has made significant progress to eradicate human trafficking, children continue to be disproportionately underrepresented in cases identified. This demonstrates the need for a national, collaborative response to address the gaps in identification, protection, recovery, and prevention of child trafficking and exploitation. This conference is an opportunity to learn best practices, research, and scholarship on this issue, and stimulate ongoing work and partnerships in the field to protect the rights of children impacted by human trafficking and exploitation. To register for this conference visit http://www.luc.edu/chrc/Child_Trafficking_an.shtml.

"What is the Real Story Behind Illinois' Budget?"

Thursday, **September 30th**, from 10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Ralph Martire, Executive Director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, will be speaking to students in the ChildLaw Legislation Seminar. Mr. Martire will discuss the role of state budget in service delivery and decision making, offer a little guidance on how to read Illinois' budget, and share his thoughts on the current state budget and critical issues identified by CTBA. The class meets in room 1104. All are welcome. Please contact Professor Weinberg at aweinbe@luc.edu if you plan to attend so we can assure adequate space.