



Civitas ChildLaw Center

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee Talk: October 5	4:00-4:50pm Prof. Andrea Lyon
Coffee Talk: October 12	4:00-4:50pm Dr. Mariame Kaba
October 19	4:00-5:00pm Halloween "Fun(d)raiser"
Coffee Talk: October 26	4:00-4:50pm Richard Cozzola

COFFEE TALK SERIES

The Civitas ChildLaw Center's weekly speaker series, Coffee Talk, will feature three presenters in October. On October 5, DePaul law professor, **Andrea Lyon**, will address the topic of "Lawyering in a Pressure Cooker." Lyon, a long-time death penalty attorney, recently served as a member of the Casey Anthony defense team, where national media and public attention were a constant feature of the trial. The following week, **Dr. Mariame Kaba**, founder of Project Nia, will discuss the project's goal of reducing

violence among Chicago's youth. On October 26, **Richard Cozzola**, Director of the Children & Family

will discuss lawyering on behalf of children and families.

On October 19, we will be having our **Halloween Fun(d)raiser** instead of a Coffee Talk speaker. Funds collected go towards the purchase of holiday gifts and wrapping paper for the ChildLaw Clinic Clients. Donations of wrapping paper and ribbon are gladly accepted.

*Coffee Talk takes place on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 4:50 in the ChildLaw Center, 11th Floor. All are welcome and refreshments are served.



Law Practice Group at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago,

Annual Give-a-Gift Drive



It's that time of the year again! The ChildLaw Society and the ChildLaw Clinic will be holding its annual Give-a-Gift drive for the ChildLaw Clinic clients. The gift drive helps ensure that all the child clients to the clinic, who are underprivileged, receive a gift. As in past years, we are asking the Law School Community and alumni to help make this year's drive a successful one.

To participate stop by the Civitas ChildLaw Center (Room 1107) to pick up a "star" with a child's name, purchase a gift (between \$15 and \$20) and drop it off at the Center by **Friday, November 4th**. You may also help by donating wrapping paper or any monetary amount to help ensure that all the children receive a gift. If you have any questions contact Griselda Sánchez at gsanch3@luc.edu.

Help by spreading the word and forwarding this information to all of your colleagues, friends, and family members to inform them about this great cause. Start off this holiday season by helping us to ensure our clients have a holiday season to remember. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

In Memorium

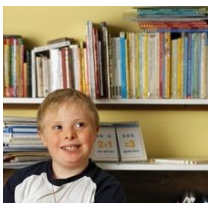
Loyola University, the Law School, and the Civitas ChildLaw Center lost a dear friend when alumnus **Bernie Beazley** passed away on September 18th at the age of 85. Bernie and his wife, Kathleen, had a special place in their hearts for children. They gave life to nine children of their own. And it was Bernie who first introduced me to the American Dental Association's work supporting good dental health care for children, noting that dental professionals are often the first to observe that a child has been abused or neglected. A longtime and generous supporter of the Law School, Bernie established the Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, the Kathleen and Bernard Beazley Research Professorship, and several student scholarships. He also endowed a chair in his wife's name, the A. Kathleen Beazley Chair in Children's Law. It has been my honor to serve as the chair's first recipient. Although in the last years of his life Bernie suffered from increasing vision loss, his commitment to children did not end. Despite his own disability, he regularly traveled to Chicago's west side to spend time recording books for visually impaired children served by the Chicago Lighthouse. While Bernie's death is a loss, his commitment to children and their well-being is something to which we all can aspire.

Diane Geraghty

A. Kathleen Beazley Chair in Children's Law

Upcoming Conferences

Special Education in Charter Schools: Challenges & Opportunities



Charter schools, like all public schools, are obligated to serve students with disabilities. Yet for many charter schools in Chicago

and throughout the country, a variety of obstacles make meeting this obligation extraordinarily difficult.

This conference, designed for educators, lawyers, and policymakers, will explore the legal and policy context for special education in charter schools, discuss the current state of special education in Chicago's charter schools, and provide examples of best practices, both locally and nationally. Paul O'Neill, an education law professor, attorney, and charter school founder who is among the nation's foremost experts on charter schools and special education, will provide the luncheon address.

The program will also include training sessions on school discipline and implementation of special education services led by representatives from Chicago Public Schools, Illinois State Board of Education, Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, Franczek Radelet, and Loyola University Chicago School of Education.

Wednesday, November 2
8 a.m.—5 p.m.
 25 E Pearson St
 Kasbeer Hall, 15th Fl

Registration is required, as seating is limited.

Protecting Children's Rights Through Multidisciplinary Forensics

This program seeks to build the capacity of professionals across disciplines to provide forensic evaluations, professional assessments, written affidavits, subject matter expertise, and expert testimony to advance and protect the human rights of children.

The presentations and workshops will address: how experts in various disciplines can contribute their knowledge and skills to protect children's rights, and provide the tools necessary to do so.

The following types of cases will be emphasized: asylum, child abuse/neglect, human trafficking, unaccompanied minor, special education, high conflict custody cases, and juvenile justice.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Professionals, scholars, faculty, and students with an interest in children's rights issues. Case studies will incorporate the following disciplines: medicine (including nursing and psychiatry), public health, mental health, education, law, social work, history, social justice, anthropology, political science, criminal justice, and specialized study in developing countries/regions.

Friday, November 4
8 a.m.—5 p.m.
 25 E Pearson St.

Registration is required, as space is limited. Visit: www.luc.edu/chrc/Forensics_Workshop.shtml

Children's Legal Rights Journal Symposium: LGBT and Children

From the abolition of the military policy "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," to the passage of marriage equality in a number of states, and even in regards to polls demonstrating a shift of general public opinion, the LGBT community has made great strides in recent years. However, with new rights come more complicated legal issues and even more questions to be answered. This Symposium hopes to foster a discussion around the questions that surround the LGBT community today as they relate to children's legal rights issues.

Topics to be discussed, through a combination of expert and youth panels, will include: LGBT youth in the juvenile justice system, LGBT parental rights, LGBT youth in foster care, and LGBT youth rights in schools.

Online registration will open in mid-October.

Friday, November 11
8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.
 25 E Pearson St.

Power, Rogers, & Smith Ceremonial Courtroom, 10th Fl.



Faculty and Staff Updates

Prof. **Stacey Platt** will serve on a panel for a state wide Legal Aid Conference (Oct. 6-7th) on the topic of "Who is my Client?"

Kathleen Hirsman (JD'84) joins Loyola with more than 25 years of experience in school law practice representing school districts, student issues, special education, and general litigation among others. She will teach courses in School Law for Teachers, School Law for Administrative Certification, and Practice of School Law.

Alumni News

Nicholas Brazeau, Jr., '96, a student in the first class of Civitas ChildLaw Fellows, has been appointed a circuit court judge in Wood County, WI. Prior to his appointment, Brazeau was a partner in the law firm of Brazeau, Wefel, Jryshak & Nettesheim, and also served on the Wisconsin Crime Victims Council and Wood County Head Start board.

Sherri Buske, LL.M. '06, and Professor of Law at Charlotte Law School, writes from Kumasi, Ghana that she has begun her teaching and research responsibilities as a Fulbright scholar in residence. A feature on The Lunch Project, the Tanzania not-for-profit she helped launch, appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Stephen Bergman (MD), **Lydia Bueschel** (IL), **Nancy Drane** (Wash. DC.), **Carrie Fung** (IL), and **Kim Jordan** (OH), ChildLaw Fellows from the Class of '01, reunited in Chicago to celebrate their 10th year law school graduation.

Kim Jordan, '01, accepted a new position as Assistant Clinical Professor of Law at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law.

Josh Dankoff, '11, a former ChildLaw Fellow, and his wife Meesha, welcomed a baby girl, Matolah Dankoff, on September 28, 2011. Congratulations!

ChildLaw Center's Policy Institute Receives Grant

The ChildLaw Center's Policy Institute received a \$40,000 grant from the Searle Funds at The Chicago Community Trust to continue its work on childhood lead poisoning. The grant will support the Center's community efforts in Englewood and West Englewood, Lawndale, Humboldt Park, and Cicero. This community work is overseen by Mary Burns, Community Projects Coordinator for the Policy Institute's Lead Safe Housing Initiatives. The grant also supports policy and legislative reform efforts undertaken by the Center's Policy Institute. The project funds at least two law students to participate in this work. The grant will focus on winding down the Center's statewide efforts specific to childhood lead poisoning prevention, and building an infrastructure where the broader issues of healthy homes can be addressed. The model developed over the twelve years the Center has been working on lead poisoning prevention is described in a chapter written by Anita Weinberg, who oversees the project, "A Case Study of a Partnership in Chicago to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning," in Garbarino and Sigman, [A Child's Right to a Healthy Environment](#) (2010).

Fellowship Opportunity

Kids In Need of Defense (KIND), Youth Program at the Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project with Catholic Charities of Los Angeles is seeking a full-time KIND Fellow. The KIND Fellow will provide legal education, direct representation, and pro bono placement for unaccompanied immigrant children facing deportation without the guarantee of legal counsel. The application deadline is **October 10, 2011**. Please visit www.catholiccharitiesla.org for more information on the position and to learn how to apply.

The Lunch Project

Tanzania is making strides toward achieving its goal of 100% primary school enrollment by 2015: officials claim that since 2005 when it made primary school "free", enrollment of primary school age children has reached 97%. However, teachers still struggle with overcrowding in classrooms, not enough books, and classrooms with dirt floors and leaking roofs. Further, due to the lack of transportation, children must walk great distances to school and when children are malnourished, the walk itself is a barrier and they simply do not go.

Children who are hungry struggle to stay awake and concentrate in school. A hot lunch during the school day means children will have at least one nutritious meal a day and will be better equipped to learn.

The Ernest and Ava Foundation established by Law School LL.M. alumnus Sherri Buske and friends believes all children should have a chance to succeed and that education is the key to prosperity and growth for individuals and communities. The Lunch Project's goal is to provide long-term financial support to enable Tanzanian mothers to cook and serve a nutritional meal to school-children in Tanzanian primary schools so children will be better equipped to learn. For more info or to contribute visit:

www.thelunchproject.org



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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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Join us at the Civitas ChildLaw Center
at 4:00 p.m. on November 16th
for our



Holiday Gift Wrapping Party
for our Give-a-Gift Drive.