The Civitas ChildLaw Center is the locus for Loyola's comprehensive programming in the area of child and family law. This programming includes extensive curricular opportunities for JD and graduate law students, a functioning law office where students represent child clients under the supervision of experienced clinical faculty, a policy center in which students learn about the legislative and policy process through work on actual and simulated policy issues, a legal research center, including student editing of the Children's Legal Rights Journal, and the site of a weekly speaker series as well as professional conferences and workshops. The Center and its programming are open to all law students interested in legal advocacy on behalf of children and families. To learn more about the Center, visit our website [www.luc.edu/childlaw](http://www.luc.edu/childlaw) and sign up for our list serve where the latest internship and job postings are listed by contacting Griselda Sánchez at gsanch3@luc.edu.

**September Events**

On **Wednesday, September 5**, please join us for an open house and reception between the hours of 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. The Center is located on the 11th Floor of the Corboy Law Center. Meet faculty and current students and learn more about how you can be involved in Center activities.

On **Monday, September 10** the ChildLaw Center will co-host with the Loyola University Center on the Human Rights of Children a program designed to inform the Chicago civic community about the issue of human trafficking in the United States. The keynote speaker will be **Laurel Bellows**, a Loyola graduate and the newly-installed President of the American Bar Association. If you are interested in attending, please contact Professor Geraghty at dgeraghty@luc.edu.

Our weekly speaker series, Coffee Talk, will begin on **September 19th** with a presentation by **Lanetta Haynes Turner**, Executive Director of a new nonprofit child advocacy organization, Cook County Justice for Children. Lanetta will discuss the mission of the new organization and her own inspiring journey from the foster care system, to Loyola Law School, to her current position. Coffee Talk is held on Wednesdays from 4:00 - 4:50 p.m. in the ChildLaw Center. Coffee and cookies are served.

**MEET OUR NEW SALISBURY AND POLICY FELLOWS!**

**Alexandra Fung** began working as a Salisbury Clinical Teaching Fellow in Child and Family Law in the Civitas ChildLaw Clinic in July 2012. Alexandra supervises law students in the representation of children in child protection and child custody cases, and participates in teaching a clinic seminar on child representation, focusing on substantive knowledge, skills development, and ethical concerns in child advocacy. Prior to joining to the Civitas ChildLaw Clinic, Alexandra was the supervising attorney for the Immigrant Children’s Protection Project at the National Immigrant Justice Center, where she represented immigrant children and youth before U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, the Immigration Court, and the Board of Immigration Appeals. Alexandra is a graduate of New York University School of Law and the University of Notre Dame.

**Amy Meek** joined the Civitas ChildLaw Center in July 2012 as the Post-Graduate ChildLaw Policy and Legislation Teaching Fellow. She is a graduate of Yale Law School where she assisted in the development of a reentry clinic, co-chaired the LGBT Litigation Clinic and worked in the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization’s Domestic Violence and Legal Assistance clinics. Since graduating law school in 2009, Amy has served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Mayor and Reentry Coordinator for the City of New Haven, Connecticut. Amy also has worked as a Policy Fellow with the National Women’s Law Center. In her role as a Fellow, Ms. Meek works on a broad range of projects designed to improve the lives of children and their families through policy and practice reform efforts, legislative advocacy, research, and training.
Faculty and Staff Updates

Bruce Boyer served as a panelist for “Reforming Courts to Meet the Needs of Abused and Neglected Children,” for the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Colloquium in June. In May, he was a moderator for a panel on "Trauma & Delinquency" and "Interviewing Traumatized Child Clients, Victims as Witnesses and Preparing them to Testify in Court," a Symposium on Child Trauma in the Public Sector by Northwestern University School of Law.

Diane Geraghty delivered a keynote address at the annual American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Colloquium on June 29, 2012. The title of the address was "Fifty Years After The Battered Child Syndrome: Legacy, Inspiration and Agenda."

The ChildLaw Center has helped launch the new Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council, in its role as “Lead Entity” for the Illinois Models for Change Initiative and in partnership with Metropolis Strategies. The Leadership Council, which is co-chaired by Illinois Supreme Court Justices Rita B. Garman and Anne Burke and Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice Director Arthur Bishop, brings together a key group of state and local leaders and policy-makers to create and sustain an ongoing juvenile justice system improvement agenda. Diane Geraghty and Lisa Jacobs serve as members of the Council and will help guide its work to sustain and spread successful juvenile justice policy, practice and programming throughout the state.

Kathleen Hirschman and ChildLaw alumn, Amy Dickerson ’07, participated in a panel discussion regarding cyberbullying for the Illinois State Bar Association. The The two shows (one for parents, and one for schools) will be aired on CAN-TV Cable Access Channel 21 this fall at 10 p.m.
- “Cyberbullying: What Can A Parent Do?” … airs September 11 and September 25
- “Cyberbullying: What Schools Can Do To Help”… airs September 18 and October 2

Miranda Johnson is now the Associate Director of the ChildLaw and Education Institute as of July 2012. Miranda served as the Salisbury Clinical Fellow in Child and Family Law in the ChildLaw Clinic before assuming this position.

Stacey Platt was appointed to the Cook County Domestic Relations Child Representative Screening Committee (May, 2012). In June, she was a trainer in the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts National Pre-Conference Institute on Zealous Advocacy and Best Interests: Ethical Dilemmas in Family Law. Stacey also presented to the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence on Child Representation and Clinical Law Practice in Domestic Violence Cases (August, 2012).

Student & Alumni News

Joshua Dankoff, ’11, has been selected as a member of the inaugural class of Fulbright Public Policy Fellows. He has been assigned to the Ministry of Justice in Cote d’Ivoire where he will gain hands-on experience in public sector policy-making and will also carry out a child welfare research project. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton addressed the Fellows at an orientation program in Washington, D.C. (see photo).

Brigette DeLay, ’07 has been appointed a child abuse programme officer with the Oak Foundation, a group of charitable and philanthropic organizations based in Geneva, Switzerland. The Foundation is a grant-making organization that utilizes its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern, including child welfare.

Kendall Marlowe, ’14, has been tapped to head the newly-reorganized Bureau of Operations division of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Congratulations to Miranda Johnson on her new addition to the family, Jasmine Deena, who was born on August 7th.
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES & FELLOWSHIPS

Caring Unlimited: York County’s Domestic Violence

The staff attorney will work in collaboration with Caring Unlimited’s (CU) Legal Services Program team, represent victims of domestic violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault and stalking in York County, Maine who need, but cannot afford to hire a lawyer to become safe from an abusive intimate partner. Staff attorneys provide representation in civil litigations, including protection orders, family matters and assistance with additional legal or administrative matters needed by client to establish safety. For more information visit www.caring-unlimited.org. A cover letter and CV is due by Friday, September 7th by 5 p.m.

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation (NY or DC)

The Center for Justice of the ACLU’s National Office seeks a full-time Staff Counsel who will focus on juvenile justice reform. The Center for Justice seeks a Staff Counsel to work closely with other parts of the Center and organization to shape and advance its juvenile justice reform work as part of our Initiative to End Overincarceration. Priority areas of work will include reform of local and state policies that will lead to a reduction of youth incarceration rates in the juvenile justice system; minimizing and making more constructive the contact youth have with the adult criminal justice system; and eliminating the disproportionate contact youth of color have with the juvenile justice system. Please send a cover letter and resume to hrjob-sCFJ@aclu.org. Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

K&L Gates Public Interest Fellowship Program of the K&L Gates LLP Fund

The fellowship was established in 1999 to offer law students the opportunity to assist public service organizations located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Each summer, the program awards up to three successful candidates a fellowship that enables them to spend four weeks of their summer working at one of four designated public interest organizations. In 2012, each recipient will be paid a stipend of $1000/week for his or her public interest service. To be considered for an award, candidates must complete and submit an application on or before October 5th. For a copy of the application materials please visit www.klgates.com.

Juvenile Law Center’s Zubrow Fellowship in Children’s Law

Since 2001, the Zubrow fellowship has been training young lawyers to become leaders in the field of children’s law by engaging them in a variety of legal advocacy efforts on behalf of youth in the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. For the application and FAQ’s visit the JLC website: http://jlc.org/about-us/who-we-are/working-at-jlc/zubrow-fellowship-children%E2%80%99s-law. Fellowship applications are due on October 1, 2012.

Research Updates

A research brief released by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) examines the use of psychotropic medications by children in child welfare. In general, the study found that rates of medication use among children in care are higher than those among the general population. Children living in-home (with one or more biological parent, an adoptive family, or informally with kin) were significantly less likely to use psychotropic medications than children living in out-of-home care (foster care, formal kinship care, residential care) 11 percent compared to 17.7 percent. The National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being No. 17: Psychotropic Medication Use by Children in Child Welfare is available on the OPRE website:


Case Updates

Juvenile Justice Victory

On August 30, 2012, the Illinois Supreme Court issued its opinion in People v. Austin M. (2012 IL 111194), upholding a minor’s right to zealous legal representation in a delinquency proceedings and rejecting the concept of hybrid representation, a situation in which an attorney simultaneously functions as a youth’s attorney and guardian ad litem. Professor Bruce Boyer and students Lauren Cherry ’10 and Elissa Johnson, ’10 submitted an amicus brief in the case in collaboration with the Juvenile Law Center, the National Juvenile Defender Center, and Northwestern’s Bluhm Legal Clinic.
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More Upcoming Events

Raising Awareness: The Hidden Epidemic of Child Trafficking in the United States
8:00 - 11:00 a.m., Lewis Towers, Regent's Hall.
September 10, 2012

Children and Immigration in America CLRJ Symposium
Friday, October 12, 2012