Welcome Back!

Welcome back to campus and to another volume of Loyola’s International Newsletter. Just like last year, this newsletter is published each month and will include articles about the international law programs at Loyola, reviews of relevant events and lectures, and helpful information regarding opportunities to study and work abroad or at home in an international law context. Keep your eyes open for summer programs and scholarships that will be of interest to you and mark relevant deadlines on your calendars so that you can take full advantage of everything that Loyola has to offer students of international law. Even if you aren’t a student at Loyola, many opportunities and events discussed by the newsletter will be open to you, so feel free to take (or download) a copy of each issue.

In our first issue this year, you’ll find information about our visiting competition law professor from Hungary, a very exciting opportunity for our own distinguished Professor Gathii, Professor Geraghty’s travels to Africa and Southeast Asia this year, the incredible growth of our International LLM programs, an upcoming guest lecturer, and information on joining the latest iteration of Loyola’s International Law Society.

Throughout the year, you’ll see a wide variety of content, including student-contributed articles, profiles on our international students who have come to Loyola from all over the world, scholarship opportunities, and writing competitions. Keep an eye out for each new issue, which will be distributed through the Law School Announcements, online at the Loyola’s International Law and Practice website, and directly to International Law Society members. (See this issue to learn how to join the ILS!)

As the editor of the Newsletter, I hope that it will be a helpful resource to you this year. Please keep in touch with your feedback and any coverage requests: dyoshimura@luc.edu. Thanks for reading! I’ll see you on campus!

–David Yoshimura

Loyola Hosts Hungarian Scholar and Lawyer for Summer Antitrust Research

In the early summer of 2013, Loyola’s Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies proudly played host to noted Hungarian international competition law scholar and practitioner, Tihamér Tóth. While in Chicago, Professor Tóth performed research on competition law issues and met with local antitrust lawyers and professors.

Professor Tóth is a very accomplished antitrust scholar, whose past work experiences include many years within the Hungarian Competition Authority, where he served as the agency’s vice president.

He currently serves as a faculty member at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law in Budapest. In addition to leading class lectures, he is also the Vice Dean for Research and International Relations of the University’s Faculty of Law.

Though Professor Tóth left Chicago in early July, the Institute for Consumer Antitrust Studies is very happy to have hosted him. We at the newsletter look forward to Professor Tóth’s forthcoming work based on his research here in Chicago.
Loyola’s Wing-Tat Lee Chair Nominated to the WTO Appellate Body

Last year, the School of Law was pleased to induct Professor James T. Gathii to its faculty as the distinguished Wing-Tat Lee Chair in International Law. Professor Gathii has proven to be an invaluable resource at Loyola. He teaches many international courses, notably including International Trade Law, and was intimately involved with the International Law Review’s very successful symposium on the international impact of extractive industries last spring.

In June of this year, Professor Gathii was nominated by the government of his native Kenya to the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization, describing Professor Gathii in its nomination letter as “without a doubt the most recognized international trade scholar from Africa.” The letter further noted that Professor Gathii “has made a lasting impact on law and policy not only in Kenya, but across Africa and the globe.”

This high praise comes as no surprise to those at Loyola who have had the privilege of working with Professor Gathii over the last year. Please join the Newsletter in congratulating Professor Gathii on this very prestigious nomination to the WTO Appellate Body and wishing him luck throughout the upcoming selection process.

Professor Diane Geraghty Joins the Inaugural Inaugural Myanmar Clinical Legal Education Workshop

In July of 2013, the United Nations Development Program worked in conjunction with the Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Initiative to host the first Myanmar Clinical Legal Education Workshop in Yangon, Myanmar.

Loyola’s Professor Diane Geraghty joined the workshop as a presenter, and worked closely with participants to help achieve the workshop’s goals, which included raising awareness of the benefits of clinical experience in legal education as well as helping representatives from law schools understand how to implement clinical experiences. The workshop also served to put law lecturers from multiple law schools in contact in order to facilitate the establishment of an accredited form of clinical legal programs for law students.

The event’s host, Yangon University, viewed the proceedings as a great success. The head of the University’s Law Department, Dr. Khin Mar Yee, said, “I am proud to see that this important event—giving us the opportunity to establish a network on clinical legal education among fellow universities—is hosted here in Yangon University.” A follow-up event took place this month at Yangon University in order to further the work that Professor Geraghty helped these law schools initiate.

Professor Geraghty’s advocacy for clinical legal education wasn’t limited to Myanmar this year. She also served as a faculty member at a clinical legal education seminar in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia earlier in the spring. The Newsletter wishes to congratulate Professor Geraghty on her service to the legal education community around the world.
Loyola’s International Law LL.M. Programs’ Enrollment Quadruples

The Newsletter is excited to report on the success of Loyola’s Foreign and International LL.M. Programs this year. The programs first began in the 2012–2013 academic year, during which period four international students joined the University to earn an LL.M. in either International Law or U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers. This year, thanks to the tireless efforts of the programs’ executive director, Insa Blanke, the programs currently host sixteen students from foreign countries. These students hail from nations all over the world, including Kuwait, Italy, Lithuania, Russia, Honduras, France, India, Kosovo, Greece, Ukraine, Canada, Iran, India, Spain, and China.

These students have some program-specific courses, but many are also enrolled concurrently in J.D. courses. If you have a class with these LL.M. students or any of the few J.D. students from foreign countries, please introduce yourselves and help them feel at home during their time in Chicago!

The Newsletter would like to congratulate Professor Blanke, as well, on her excellent work in developing the programs. Professor Blanke is originally from Germany, holds a J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law, and has been a member of the Illinois Bar since her graduation there. She came to Loyola after several years of litigation work for the City of Chicago. Since accepting the role of Executive Director of the Foreign and International Law LL.M. Programs, she has been a powerful force in enriching the international law community at Loyola, and we look forward to working with her and the International LL.M. students throughout this year and beyond.

Join Loyola’s International Law Society for the 2013–14 Academic Year

Loyola’s School of Law will again provide students interested in International Law with the opportunity to get involved in a interest-specific student group this year. The International Law Society aims to help both incoming and present law students with assistance in networking in the world of international law, to expose students to many different fields within the umbrella of international law in order to assist them in determining what path is best for them, and to help students use these contacts and information to formulate achievable goals in a career search in international law.

This year, members of the International Law Society also have the opportunity to become mentors to the international LL.M. students studying at Loyola. Each member will be paired up with an LL.M. student and will have many opportunities throughout the academic year to get to know them better and help them acclimate to life in Chicago and the U.S.

The ILS also hosts many guest lecturers throughout the year, so keep your eyes on the Law School Announcements for dates and times of special events.

If you are interested in getting involved with the ILS, send an email to ILSLoyolaChicago@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Professor Amos Guiora, Scholar of Geo-Politics, Returns to Loyola

In early September of last year, Loyola hosted Professor Amos Guiora from the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah for special guest lecture on the geo-political state of international conflict, terrorism, and counter-terrorism. In the year since that time, Professor Guiora has been hard at work on several new books and articles, and will return to Loyola to further discuss his conclusions on October 7th at noon in room 1102.

Throughout the last year, the geopolitical climate has done nothing if not become even more complex. Please join the International Law Society and Professor Guiora for a discussion on the state of the Middle East and the United States’ role in the deepening conflicts both on the ground and at the negotiating table. Professor Guiora always enjoys discussion, so feel free to bring your own questions with you to the lecture.