From the Director

Inclusion, diversity and cross-cultural competence are justice imperatives. As you gain and hone legal skills in preparation for using your education for justice, be sure to include in your legal toolbox skills like working with interpreters and understanding language barriers to justice. Be sure to check out two opportunities in the Conference and Training section below: 1) Language Access Summit this Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25; and 2) Working with Interpreters on Friday, October 31. Don't miss out on these important opportunities!

Public Interest Log

We want to showcase how our law student community is making a difference in serving marginalized or underrepresented communities locally and beyond. This will help us to mobilize potential funding sources to increase social justice career opportunities for our law students. Help us do that by using the Public Interest Log which is on our website and also attached. Complete the form and return them to James Tan at tanj@seattleu.edu as often as you volunteer. You have the opportunity to keep track of the social justice, public interest and public service work you perform on and off campus. Not only is the log a useful tool for your own record keeping, but it will also help us demonstrate the funding needs for post-graduate fellowships, summer internships, and other social justice programming. In addition, it will help us to provide accurate reporting and showcase our law school’s commitment to social justice.

Opportunities Are Still Available at the Following Organizations:

Don’t forget that you can check the Public Interest Opportunities on ATJI's website for up-to-date opportunities. Volunteer opportunities are still available at the following organizations: American Civil Liberties Union of Washington (ACLU-WA), Capital Punishment Project and Clinic, CASA Latina Comite de Defensa del Trabajador (CDT) Program, CASA Latina/King County Bar Association’s Wage Claim Clinic, Cohen & Iaria, Columbia Legal Services - Homeless Camp Outreach, Family Law Information Center, King County Bar Association’s Housing Justice Project – Kent, King County Bar Association’s Neighborhood Legal Clinics, King County Dependency CASA Program, Legal Action Center, Northwest Women’s Law Center, OneAmerica (Formerly Hate Free Zone), Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER), Seattle Community Law Center, Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission Legal Services, Statewide Poverty Action Network – Predatory Lending Campaign

Short-Term Volunteer Opportunities (one day to up to one semester)

Election Protection

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Trainings: Throughout the end of October (see below for more details)

Contact: Jennifer DaSilva, National Campaign for Fair Elections - jdasilva@lawyerscommittee.org or (415) 383-2115

Election Protection is URGENTLY seeking volunteers -- lawyers, law students, and paralegals to work as Mobile Field Volunteers on Election Day (November 4) in King and Pierce Counties in Washington state. Please help us to spread the word! Election Protection is the nation's largest non-partisan voter protection program. Additional information about the program is available here. Volunteers, who must be either lawyers, law students or paralegals, need commit only to a 90-minute training session and one or more 4-hour mobile field volunteer shifts. There are trainings scheduled in Seattle at the end of October. Online signups for both trainings and shifts are available at
Long-Term Volunteer Opportunities/Internships (one semester to one year)

King County Bar Association
Open to: All students
Application Process: Send resume, cover letter and references to contact below.
Application Deadline: Today! -- October 20, 2008 (midnight)
Contact: Connie Ritchie, Program Manager - ConnieR@KCBA.org

The Intake & Referral Group consists of four pro bono programs of the King County Bar Association, Volunteer Legal Services (VLS), Legal Services for the Homeless (LSH), Newcomers, and Volunteer Attorneys for Persons with HIV/AIDS (VAPWA). Each program provides direct representation by volunteer attorneys to low income people for civil legal issues. These programs prioritize a variety of subject areas including, but not limited to, bankruptcy, debt, estate planning, termination of public benefits, wage claims, Social Security overpayments, housing, tort defense, uncontested guardianship, vacating criminal records, predatory lending and real estate foreclosure. Cases are screened for legal merit and then referred to volunteer attorneys.

Summer 2009 Internships

Immigrant Law Group PC
Open to: 2L or 3Ls (part-time)
Application Process: Send resume, cover letter, law school transcript and writing sample to contact below.
Application Deadline: November 14, 2008
Contact: jobs@ilgrp.com

The Immigrant Law Group PC is a Portland, OR based firm engaged in strategic public interest civil rights litigation on behalf of immigrants, refugees, and their families. Summer Legal Intern will be assigned to one of two programs based on their skills and interests: (1) Immigrant Impact-litigation – providing research, drafting, and development of litigation which advances the cause of equality and fair treatment of non-citizens. (2) Asylum Defense – direct representation of noncitizens fleeing persecution in proceedings before the USCIS Asylum Office or the Immigration Courts.

2009 LSNC Summer Intern Program
Open to: All students
Application Process: Send resume, cover letter, and preferred office placement to contact below.
Application Deadline: January 31, 2009
Contact: Alexa Cayo – Legal Services of Northern California, 515 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The 2009 LSNC Summer Intern Program is a ten-week internship tentatively scheduled between June 1, 2009 and August 7, 2009. Interns will be exposed to the major legal problems facing low income families and learn the practice skills necessary to work in public interest law. Law students who are selected for internships are encouraged to think about the goals they would like to accomplish during the summer prior to beginning the internship. Recruitment for summer interns begins in earnest in December 2008. Decisions on placement will be made in March 2009.

South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project Summer Internship
Open to: All students
Application Process: Submit cover letter, resume, writing sample and references to contact below.
Application Deadline: Until filled.
Contact: Meredith Linksy, ProBAR Director – probar@sbcglobal.net

Summer interns will be assigned to an attorney either in the adult detention project or the unaccompanied minor project. The adult detention project serves immigrants and asylum seekers transferred to South Texas from all over the country. Many detainees are long term residents of the United States subject to removal because of criminal convictions, others are newly arrived asylum seekers from Africa, the Middle East, and elsewhere. Interns in the adult detention project will assist with Know Your Rights presentations, conduct individual intake, research complex legal issues, complete applications, gather documentation for detainees, assist in pro se representation and represent detainees with attorney supervision.

Summer 2009 Funding
**Loyola Law School Center for Juvenile Law and Policy W.M. Keck Summer Fellowship**

**Open to:** All students  

**Application Process:** Submit cover letter, resume, and official law school transcript through fall 2008, and one letter of reference to contact below.  

**Application Deadline:** November 18, 2008  

**Contact:** Center for Juvenile Law and Policy at Loyola Law School - 919 Albany Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015  

Loyola Law School's Center for Juvenile Law and Policy will award two summer fellowships made possible by the W.M. Keck Foundation to law students who have demonstrated a commitment to public interest law, criminal defense and children’s issues. The fellowship provides a generous stipend for two months beginning June 1, 2009.

**Summer LGBT Rights Internship**

**Open to:** All students  

**Application Process:** Applications available [here](#).  

**Application Deadline:** March 20, 2009  

**Contact:** Cynthia Buhr, Grant Subcommittee Chair & QLaw Foundation Board of Directors  

The QLaw Foundation Public Interest Summer Grant funds innovative public interest projects that benefit the lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (“LGBT”) community and/or people living with HIV/AIDS. The focus of the grant is to address unmet legal needs and to help ensure that the next generation of legal advocates for LGBT rights develops the critical skills necessary to develop careers in the public interest.

**Post-Graduate Fellowships**

**Southern Poverty Law Center**  

**Open to:** Recent grads  

**Application Process:** Submit cover letter, resume, one unedited writing sample, and the names and phone numbers of three references to contact below.  

**Application Deadline:** December 1, 2008  

**Contact:** humanresources@splcenter.org  

The Southern Poverty Law Center offers two-year fellowships to recent law schools graduates who possess strong academic backgrounds, excellent research and writing skills, and a strong commitment to public interest law. The Center is a national non-profit organization dedicated to reducing bigotry and oppression through education and litigation. Currently, the Center’s areas of legal advocacy include juvenile justice, immigrant justice, education reform, and combating hate groups.

**Ongoing and Upcoming Events**

**“A Little Common Sense: Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration,” featuring William O’Neill, S.J.**  

**Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m.  

**Location:** LeRoux Conference Room (STCN 160)  

The Justice Education Forum brings yet another evening of stimulating dialogue and community reflection over dinner with an address given by William O’Neill, S.J., associate professor of social ethics at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. Fr. O’Neill's expertise sheds light on how Catholic social teaching offers a solid and informed foundation for immigration policy. Michael Ramos, (MDiv ‘93), executive director of Greater Church Council of Seattle, will provide a regional response. Gabriella Gutierrez y Muhs, associate professor of modern languages and literature, will moderate the evening dialogue. This event is sponsored by Justice Education Forum, Academic Salons and Magis: Alumni Committed for Mission. To RSVP, contact magis-rsvp@seattleu.edu or 296-2637.

**Block the Vote: Disenfranchisement Cases and Controversy**  

**When:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008; 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  

**Where:** WSBA, 1325 4th Ave., Ste. 600, Seattle  

**Presenter:** Bryan Anderson of the ACLU of Washington  

This timely seminar explores current voter challenges around the fall presidential election. Anderson will explain the effects of Washington law, where persons who have finished serving a prison sentence are prohibited from voting until they have paid off all debts related to their sentence, and the resulting uncertainty over who is eligible to vote. Attorneys will also learn about: Live cases against voter purge programs, including the Democratic National Committee's lawsuit over the use of home foreclosure lists to challenge a person's right to vote. The ACLU’s federal suit is seeking to prevent the disenfranchisement of hundreds of thousands of Michigan voters, many of them college students. Pending 1.0 general CLE credits. Free pre-registration. For more information and a registration form, click [here](#).
Border Film Project
**Date:** Runs through Oct. 24, Mon – Fri, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
**Location:** Kinsey Gallery, Casey Building – 1st Floor.
The Kinsey Gallery presents the Border Film Project, a collaborative art project that provided disposable cameras to two groups on different sides of the border: undocumented migrants crossing the desert into the United States, and American Minutemen trying to stop them. To date, the project has received 73 cameras—38 from migrants and 35 from Minutemen—with nearly 2,000 pictures in total. The photographs show the human face of immigration and challenge stereotypes.

Humanitarian Aid in Sudan
**Date:** Tuesday, October 21, noon – 1 p.m.
**Location:** Casey Atrium
The Kinsey Gallery presents the Border Film Project, a collaborative art project that provided disposable cameras to two groups on different sides of the border: undocumented migrants crossing the desert into the United States, and American Minutemen trying to stop them. To date, the project has received 73 cameras—38 from migrants and 35 from Minutemen—with nearly 2,000 pictures in total. The photographs show the human face of immigration and challenge stereotypes.

“Kids-First Politics: A Conversation with David Kirp”
**Date:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
**Location:** Schafer Auditorium (Lemieux Library)
This event will feature a moderated discussion between Kirp and noted political communications consultant Michael Shadow, who will cover the recent history of the early learning movement and the key roles advocates have played in advancing public investment in quality early education and care. The discussion will be followed by a question and answer session with the audience and a reception. To register for this free public talk, visit Brown Paper Tickets.

Trainings and Conferences

**Idealist Nonprofit Career Fair**
**Date:** October 22, 2008; 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
**Location:** Campion Ballroom
The fair will consist of an informal networking period for nonprofit recruiters and representatives from local colleges and universities' offices of career services; the fair itself, where job seekers can distribute resumes and speak with nonprofit recruiters about current and future employment, internship and volunteer opportunities; and free information sessions offering nonprofit career advice to all job seekers. For more information, please contact Career Services at 296-6080 or CareerServices@seattleu.edu.

**Representing Limited English Proficient Clients: How to Work With an Interpreter**
**Date:** Friday, October 31, 9:00 a.m. to Noon
**Location:** Sullivan Hall – Room 110
**RSVP:** The training is free, but space is limited, so please RSVP to ATJI Associate Director, Monika Batra at batram@seattleu.edu by Friday, October 24th.
This training is part of the ATJI/Clinic Interpreter-Training Project which is a collaboration between ATJI and the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic. This training is an opportunity for all law students to learn the critically important skills required to adequately represent limited English proficient (LEP) clients. In this training, you will learn how to work with an interpreter in the course of representing your LEP client; you will also learn about important cultural competency issues that arise in the course of representing LEP clients. If you are a student in SU's Clinical Program or if you are thinking of taking a Clinic next semester or next year, these skills will prove especially useful! You will receive a Certificate of Completion for completing the 3 hour training which will be a useful tool in your career development efforts.

**2008 WASCLA Summit IV Conference**
**Location:** The Coast Wenatchee Hotel Center Hotel and Convention Center, Wenatchee, WA
**Dates:** Friday, October 24th and/or Saturday October 25th.
**REGISTRATION:** FREE!
**TRAVEL and ACCOMMODATIONS:** Seattle University School of Law will cover partial travel and hotel costs for a limited number of students. If you are interested in getting assistance with travel and hotel costs, please RSVP to ATJI Program Assistant James Tan at
Interested in meeting members of our Washington language access community including legal services advocates, judges, court personnel, advocates, social services providers, medical providers, law enforcement personnel, interpreters, and translators? Passionate about learning more about issues that will help prepare you to work with limited English proficient (LEP) clients? As law students, you will be exposed to a breadth of issues that will help prepare you to work with LEP clients, throughout your law school career, and thereafter! You will also have the chance to meet numerous language access stakeholders across the state including judges, court personnel, advocates, social services providers, medical providers, law enforcement personnel, interpreters, and translators. You can attend for one day, or both days. Registration is free. Transportation to/from for Friday's workshops and events is provided if you are interested!

**Lawyering in a Diverse World Presents: “The Disability Perspective”**

**Date:** Saturday, November 8, 2008; 9 a.m. – noon  
**Location:** Room 109  
This training focuses on understanding and advocating for people with disabilities. You will learn about the protection and advocacy system established by the federal government and the services Disability Rights Washington (DRW) provides. After getting an overview of the different types of disabilities, participants will gain an understanding of the importance of using people first language and the disability culture. Participants will also participate in a game to educate individuals as to the important roles people with disabilities have played in our history and the critical developments in the disability rights civil movement. The training also will provide some tips on interviewing individuals with disabilities in order to obtain accurate information from a person with a disability. Finally, participants will learn about how to apply the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) to providing services to people with disabilities with a specific focus on RPC 1.14 and 1.6.

**RSVP by Monday, November 3, 2008 to lawstudentevents@seattleu.edu.**