

ILSP General Email for Students August 2011

Dear CWSL students:

I am writing to share with you information about the International Studies Program at California Western School of Law. We have a robust program that includes summer abroad sessions, post-graduate programs throughout South America, professors lecturing and publishing around the world, lecture series, active student organizations, and students interning in law offices, courts, and institutions in Bogotá, Munich, and Taipei.

We live in a global world with an emerging transnational legal order and this year's speakers coming to campus really reflects that reality. This academic year, the International Legal Studies Program will be quite active with its partners the Center for Creative Problem Solving, the International Law Society, La Raza Student Bar Association, Amnesty International, *the California Western International Law Journal*, and Proyecto ACCESO.

Chile Summer Program 2012 and Other Summer Programs from the Consortium for Innovative Legal Education

The Consortium for Innovative Legal Education has a number of summer study abroad programs in exciting locations: Prague (Czech Republic), Galway (Ireland), London, Malta, and Santiago (Chile). You can learn more at www.cile.edu. The Chile Summer Program is CWSL's contribution to the CILE programs and has two high-action sessions – the second of which is a (non-mandatory) mini-internship for a month. The program will take applications until March 12, 2012, but to sign up for the best internships (the Practicum Component Field Placement) the earlier you sign up the more likely it is you can get a really cool legal workplace experience. These programs provide highly economical courses on comparative and international law. For more information, please come to the International Legal Studies Program Kickoff Event Tuesday September 20, 2011 (12 p.m.) in the Moot Court Room. You can learn about Financial Aid options, program requirements, application processes. There is also a trimester abroad program at the Law School of Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand. For more information, please visit www.cwsl.edu/ilsp.

Post-Graduate Programs in Latin America

Working with Proyecto ACCESO, a leading rule of law skills training and public education program for Latin America, and the Center for Creative Problem Solving, California Western School of Law has partnered with law schools in Argentina, Bolivia, and Paraguay to offer post-graduate programs on Problem Solving, ADR and Negotiation.

The first, a two-month evening program in La Paz, Bolivia, featured CWSL professors teaching lawyers and judges in the post-graduate program about problem-solving and negotiation at 14,000 feet above sea level. The program was hosted at the Universidad Católica Boliviano San Pablo, Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Políticas Instituto para la Democracia (UCB), the leaders in Bolivian legal education, and co-sponsored by the UNIR Institution (a local NGO that does mediation).

The line-up of the faculty from CWSL included Professors Tom Barton, Mark Weinstein, Tim Casey, and Justin Brooks and Judge James Stiven (retired). Subsequent lectures from UCB professors rounded out the program.

We also completed a post-graduate program on problem-solving in Paraguay featuring lectures by Professors Barton, Scott Ehrlich, and Floralynn Einesman. The program is in partnership with the Centro para los Estudios de Derecho, Economía, y Políticas, and the Paraguayan Association for Canadian Studies. For more information, please see <http://www.cedep.org.py/>. This is not the first time we have organized programs in Paraguay. We have successfully completed post-graduate programs with CEDEP, programs that we co-sponsored with Universidad de Chile's Law School and the University of Heidelberg in 2007 and 2008.

A third post-graduate program had us partnering again with the Universidad de Chile's Law School and the University of Heidelberg of Germany in Argentina. The Universidad Católica de Argentina in Paraná is our host and coordinating institution. The line-up includes Professor Tom Barton on August 18 and 19, and Professors Timothy Casey and Justin Brooks in October and November.

Our Global Faculty

It is not just our post-graduate programs that get our scholars out in the field. Professor John Noyes is working on a law of the sea book and an article about the foundations of the international regime for seabed mining; to be published soon are his review essay on nuclear activities affecting the oceans (*American Journal of International Law*) and his article on early efforts to promote international arbitration (*Villanova Law Review*). He is the immediate past President of the American Branch of the International Law Association and continues his work as Chair of the American Branch's Executive Committee and as a member of the Executive Council of the London-based International Law Association, which is the preeminent non-governmental organization involved in the restatement and progressive development of international law. Professor Noyes has lectured recently at the World Affairs Council in San Diego, the University of San Diego, the University of California/San Diego, Barry University School of Law, Villanova Law School, and the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Faculty members like Ruth Hargrove, Kathryn Fehrman, Mark Weinstein, Ken Klein, and others have taught in CILE summer programs. Our faculty gets asked to give

presentations as well. Professors Barton, Brooks, Casey, Ehrlich, Einesman, Stiven, and Weinstein were all asked to speak about the U.S. legal system in South America this past summer. And, Professors Susan Channick and Linda Morton recently presented at a conference in Berlin.

Professor James Cooper has been active working on several projects. He is currently working with Professor Thomas D. Barton on a major grant funded by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office that addresses trends in national and international Intellectual Property litigation settlement. He led yet another successful session of the Chile Summer Program this past year. He also authored several articles and essays and co-authored a report on the U.S. immigration commissioned by a leading German foundation, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. Associate Dean William Aceves has worked on several human rights cases, including lawsuits involving victims of torture, war crimes, and crimes against humanity. He will again teach Human Rights Law this fall.

Upcoming Programs, Events, Speakers

International Legal Studies Kick Off - Tuesday, September 20, 2011

A number of student organizations produce speaker events, provide networking and mentoring opportunities, and engage in public service. There are great courses in International and Comparative Law. Students may participate in wonderful internship opportunities around the world during their third year of studies. There are some great publishing opportunities through our international law journal. You can learn all about this. Please come to the International Legal Studies Kick Off event at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in the Moot Court Room to learn more. Lunch is included.

Joint Speakers Series with the University of California, San Diego's Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies

Our eighth annual Joint Speakers Series with University of California, San Diego's Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies is about global climate change. Matt Pawa, Esq., one of the leading lawyers using the Alien Tort Statute and other mechanisms and forums for transnational litigation, comes to CWSL on November 2nd at 12 p.m. in Room 2F. He is seeking to enforce human rights and environmental norms against states, multinational corporations, and other international actors. Professor Richard Somerville of UCSD will speak on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at noon in Room 2F. Other speakers will soon be announced.

ILSP Speakers Series

This year's ILSP Speaker Series benefits from the participation of law professors and lawyers from throughout the world, including Chile, Germany, and Taiwan. They will each bring their own legal cultures and foreign experiences to our law school.

Luis Valentín Ferrada Walker is a Chilean lawyer and recognized historian. A former officer in the Chilean military, he is a legal advisor on the Antarctic to the Chilean military and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On October 17th at 1:15 p.m. in Room 2G of the 350 Cedar Street building, Sr. Ferrada Walker will discuss "International Law and the Antarctic." The militarization of the region, its natural resources, its importance in climate change, and the international treaty regime that deals with Antarctica will be explored.

Professor Thilo Marauhn at the Universitat Justus Liebig in Giessen, Germany is an expert on international humanitarian law and environmental law. He consults regularly for German government agencies and builds legal education programs throughout Africa. He will be speaking on the role of international law for the Arab Revolution and Libya on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 4 p.m. in Room 2G.

Professor Michael Tsai teaches at several law schools in Taipei and Taichung City and was a Congressman and Minister of National Defense in Taiwan. He graduated from California Western School of Law in 1989, and practiced law in California, New York, and New Jersey. Minister Tsai speaks on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in Lecture Hall 1 in the 350 Cedar Street building at California Western School of Law on "The Future of Taiwan and Human Rights Protection in a Tough Neighborhood."

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th of September at noon in the Moot Court Room for the ILSP Kick Off Event. If you have questions about the Area of Concentration in International Law or other activities, please contact me at jcooper@cwsl.edu.

Regards,

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