

## **GAJE Newsletter: Volume 3 Issue 1 (February 2007)**

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### **1. News, Events and Courses**

**News: Call for Papers - 5th International Journal of Clinical Legal Education conference, Johannesburg,**

*Date: 9th and 10th July 2007*

*Theme: Unity in Diversity*

*Details:* The 5th IJCLE conference is being held in Johannesburg on 9th and 10th July 2007, in conjunction with the South African clinical legal education conference.

The IJCLE conferences bring together legal educators from all jurisdictions with an interest in clinic and other forms of pro bono and experiential learning. The theme of this year's conference recognises the particular contexts of the South African clinical movement in supporting legal education in South Africa's move to a democratic multi-cultural environment. The topics for the 5<sup>th</sup> IJCLE conference include social justice through legal education; clinic and the law school curriculum; assessment within a social justice environment; and unity and diversity in clinical law experiences.

*More Information:* Submissions of papers for the international streams: contact Philip Plowden at: [philip.plowden@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:philip.plowden@northumbria.ac.uk)

Further conference details available at: <http://hermes.wits.ac.za/www/Conferences/IJCLE/>

### **Event: The LatCrit Student Scholar Program**

*Date:* The deadline for non-US candidates in Latin America, Africa and Asia (excluding Japan, Australia and New Zealand) has been extended to February 15, 2007.

*Details:* This program promotes the intellectual and professional development of young scholars committed to social justice. Student Scholars are selected in a competition based on their application and submission of an unpublished work, as described in the LatCrit page on the Internet. Successful candidates will receive professional mentoring and a travel stipend to attend the annual LatCrit conference, in 2007 to be held in Miami, Florida, USA.

*More Information:* Please see: <http://www.latcrit.org/>

### **Above Information in Spanish:**

El programa Estudiante-Investigador de LatCrit promueve el desarrollo intelectual y profesional de jóvenes estudiantes-investigadores comprometidos con la justicia social. Los estudiantes-investigadores son escogidos a través de un proceso que implica llenar y enviar el formulario que aparece en la página de Internet de LatCrit y el envío de un ensayo que no haya sido publicado previamente. Los candidatos aceptados tendrán la oportunidad de recibir consejos sobre la vida profesional de parte de profesores vinculados con la organización y un estipendio para viajar a la conferencia anual de LatCrit que tendrá lugar en 2007 en Miami, Florida, EUA. La fecha límite de

entrega de los documentos solicitados ha sido extendida hasta el día 15 de febrero de 2007 para los estudiantes-investigadores que no son ciudadanos de los EUA y viven en América Latina, África o Asia (excluyendo Japón, Australia y Nueva Zelanda). Vea por favor: <http://www.latcrit.org/>

**Event: South East Asia - Bridges Across Borders - Summer Legal Studies 2007 Internship Program**

*Dates:* 14 May - August 31st, 2007 (pending term dates)

*Details:* Bridges Across Borders (BAB) ([www.bridgesacrossborders.org](http://www.bridgesacrossborders.org)) will be hosting in Phnom Penh, Cambodia their 2007 Summer Legal Studies Internship Program. Interns involved in the program will work with the BAB International Community Legal Education team as well as Cambodian lawyers and other legal educators located in Phnom Penh. The Interns will be helping to develop legal training manuals on substantive legal topics to teach persons at the grassroots level, including rural communities, legal rights and procedures. The training manuals use practical interactive clinical legal educational methodologies.

*More Information:* You can find more information on the internship and application at [www.sea-clinictalk.org](http://www.sea-clinictalk.org) or by emailing Bruce Lasky [blasky@bridgesacrossborders.org](mailto:blasky@bridgesacrossborders.org) or Michael Otto [otto.michael@gmail.com](mailto:otto.michael@gmail.com)

**Event: National Critical Lawyers Group 2007 Conference, University of Kent, England**

*Date:* 24-25 February 2007

*Details:* The National Critical Lawyers Group 2007 Conference is taking place at the University of Kent. A lively and topical programme is likely to include themes such as Critical Legal Studies and Practice, Palestine, Israel and Lebanon, Criminal Justice System Conflict in the Middle East, the Impact of the Human Rights Act, the 'War on Terror' and Civil Liberties, Controlling Damage to the Environment, and many other equally contentious topics.

*More Information:* For more details, see: <http://www.nclg.org.uk/nclg2007.htm> (Reprinted from the January 2007 e-newsletter of the UK Centre for Legal Education: <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/enewsletter>)

**Event: Association of Law Teachers 42nd Annual Conference - Legal Education: Fit For Purpose? University of Plymouth, England**

*Date:* Sunday 1 - Tuesday 3 April 2007

*Details:* Is legal education fit for purpose? That will be the broad theme of the Association of Law Teachers' conference in April. The deadline for submitting abstracts of papers to be presented at the conference is 26 January 2007.

*More Information:* For more details about the conference, including some of the topical issues it will be addressing, go to: <http://www.lawteacher.ac.uk/ALT2007/index.html> (Reprinted from the January 2007 e-newsletter of the UK Centre for Legal Education: <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/enewsletter> )

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**2. Resources for Justice Education**

**Resource: Training Materials for Public Defenders from Open Society Justice Workshop**

*Details:* The Open Society Justice Initiative - First Regional Workshop on Public Defense, organized in cooperation with the Public Defender Service of the Legal Services Commission of

England and Wales, was held 24-27 January 2007. It brought together public defenders from Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia and Ukraine to address substantive issues of criminal defense, as well as the organizational aspects of operating a public defender office. The workshop's agenda and training materials will be available soon online at: [http://www.justiceinitiative.org/db/resource2?res\\_id=103604](http://www.justiceinitiative.org/db/resource2?res_id=103604).

*More Information:* Contact: **Anna Ogorodova:** +36 1 327 3100 ext. 2144 (Budapest)

**Resource: Working Paper on “Public Interest Law Clinics in Latin America: A Tool against Legal Formalism”**

*Details:* In this working paper, Daniel Bonilla, Associate Professor, University of los Andes, Bogota, Colombia presents the theoretical and practical framework within which Latin American public interest law clinics are located, analyzes the main obstacles that have hindered the creation or consolidation of public interest law clinics in Latin America, and offers some strategies that can contribute to the creation and consolidation of public interest law clinics in the region.

*More Information:* The full paper will be posted, in both English and Spanish, on the GAJE web site as an addendum to the on-line edition of this newsletter: <http://www.gaje.org/E-Newsletter.htm>

**Resource: South East Asia CLE Listserv and website - Clinic Talk**

*Details:* The Clinic Talk Website forum was conceptualized as a forum to create opportunities for sharing information as well as promoting Clinical Legal Education (CLE) throughout the Southeast Asian countries and worldwide. This website and listserv is a forum for the exchange of information, ideas and open discussion about Clinical Legal Education and Legal Capacity Development as a means to help promote, build and support these types of initiatives. The forum aims at inviting representatives from both legal communities and civil society sectors that express interest in the CLE methodology. Bridges Across Borders administers the Clinic Talk website and listserv.

*More Information:* [www.sea-clinictalk.org](http://www.sea-clinictalk.org)

**Resource: LAW IN ACTION: LEARNING THROUGH SCRIPTED ROLE PLAYS** by Alan Butcher, Richard Grimes and Becky Parker

*Details:* This book is a compilation of eight courtroom scenario replicating everyday cases in the criminal courts, plus supporting materials and teaching / learning notes for tutors and students. “This publication is an innovative tool.... Drawing together their wealth of experience in legal practice, the authors have produced realistic role-plays that allow everyone to participate, and actually act out, what happens in courts up and down the country. In addition to being enjoyable to perform, these role-plays help enhance understanding of the rights and processes in our legal system. This in turn will lead to improved levels of legal literacy.”

*More Information:* For downloading the scripted role plays, go to: [www.ukcle.ac.uk/resources/new.html](http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/resources/new.html).

(Adapted from the January 2007 e-newsletter of the UK Centre for Legal Education: <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/enewsletter>) and information sent by Richard Grimes)

**Resource: Teaching Legal Ethics in Contextualised Setting**

*Details:* This project by Alwyn Jones, De Montfort University (England), provides law teachers with ideas, options and signposts to further sources of information on incorporating ethics into law

teaching. Seven teaching resources, which approach the issue of ethical awareness from different angles, were developed as part of the project.

*More Information:* See: <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/research/projects/jones.html> (Reprinted from the January 2007 e-newsletter of the UK Centre for Legal Education: <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/enewsletter>)

**Resource: HUMAN RIGHTS: SOME REFLECTIONS by Subhram Rajkhowa**

*Details:* The book is divided into two parts. Part I comprising of nine chapters is devoted to general aspects of human rights and part II consisting of five chapters address some aspects pertaining to India. The book consisting of 179 pages has been published by North Eastern Law House and is priced at USD15.

*More Information:* Queries can be addressed to the author either by e-mail at [srajkhowa@hotmail.com](mailto:srajkhowa@hotmail.com) or by post to the following address: Subhram Rajkhowa, Narikalbari Guwahati 781024, Assam, India

**Resource: The Clinical Research Institute (“CRI”), an online journal**

*Details:* The Clinical Research Institute **posts and distributes** works of clinical scholarship. If your law school has a site license for the Social Science Research Network (SSRN), it is easy (and free) to subscribe. Just go to <http://www.ssrn.com>, enter your user name (your e-mail address) and password (if you’re a new user, SSRN will generate a password for you), and follow the instructions. (The CRI is listed under the “Law Research Institute Papers.”) If you do not wish to subscribe to SSRN but wish to have access to the CRI’s papers, you can view and download them by going to the CRI’s URL, <http://www.ssrn.com/link/Clinical-Research-Institute.html>

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