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News: Bridges Across Borders/Vietnam National University-LERES Center CLE Training of Trainers Workshop, Hanoi Vietnam

Date: October 1-5 2007

Theme: The Vietnam National University-LERES Center Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Training of Trainers Workshop was held on October 1-5, 2007 in Hanoi, Vietnam. Training and financial support for the event was provided by Bridges Across Borders (BAB). The participants included both law professors and lawyers, with an informational CLE meeting attended by close to 100 law faculty students. The training focused on a general overview of clinical legal education as a concept of teaching law and social justice as well as providing participants with an introduction to legal education teaching methods for both In-House and Community Teaching Clinics. The training identified the primary and secondary goals of CLE programs, rationales for establishing such programs, the major benefits of such programs for law faculties, the legal profession, and society in general, and challenges of running CLE initiatives. This was the second of three BAB/VNU-LERES Center CLE instructional workshops planned for 2007

http://www.leres.org.vn/english/p_gioithieu.htm

More information: More information on other CLE initiatives BAB is involved in Southeast Asia are included on the website: www.babsea.org, or you can contact Bruce A. Lasky at blasky@bridgesacrossborders.org, Michael A. Otto at michael.otto@bridgesacrossborders.org or Wendy Morrish at wendy.morrish@bridgesacrossborders.org

Event: 3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Educational Integrity 2007, the University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia.

Date: 6 - 7 December 2007

Theme: Creating a culture of integrity. Who is responsible for educational integrity? Is it students, educators, administrators, senior managers or policy makers? How can a culture of integrity be created so that the current model of 'police action' is replaced by self-regulation and mutual respect?

More information: Visit the conference website at

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/educationalintegrity/conference/>

Event: 3rd National Client Interviewing & Counselling Skills Competition (NCCC)

Date: 14 -16th December, 2007

Theme: The Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI Nigeria) invites Law Clinics/Law Faculties of Nigerian Universities/Campuses of Nigerian Law School to participate at the 3rd National Client Interviewing & Counselling Skills Competition, on Human Rights/Civil Liberties at Nigerian Law School, Augustine Nnamani Campus, Agbani, Enugu. NCCC was initiated by NULAI Nigeria with a view to promoting greater knowledge and interest among law students in developing interviewing, planning, analytical and preventive (ADR) skills in the lawyer-client relationship and also as an advocacy platform to promote clinical legal education in Nigeria.

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Event: Conference - Law, Poverty and Economic Inequality, Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana, U.S.A.

Date: 3 - 4 April, 2008

Theme: The conference hopes to raise the fundamental question about what the law and legal institutions can do to alleviate poverty and economic inequality. The conference will explore contemporary constitutional strategies, such as the incorporation of economic, social and cultural rights in constitutions (as evidenced by the South African experience), among other formal legal strategies, in relation to grassroots anti-poverty campaigns, such as the poor people's economic and human rights campaign in the United States and the homeless and landless people's federation in Asia and elsewhere. This investigation will also examine the limitation of legal strategies in the face of entrenched economic and social structural impediments to equality. Lawyers, law teachers, and human rights advocates are particularly encouraged to attend.

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Course: Post graduate programs at La Trobe University in Public Interest Law developed with local NGOs - Public Interest Law Clearinghouse House (Vic) and Consumer Action Law Centre, Australia.

Theme: February 14-19, 2008 - Professor Ray Watterson will teach a subject 'Inquests, Inquiries and Commissions' focussing on the coronial jurisdiction and inquisitorial law and practice in Australia and its contribution to justice, social policy and advancement of the public interest.

March 26-29, 2008 - Judith and Mary Anne will teach 'Issues in Public Interest Law' examining theory and practice of public interest law including the contested nature of the concept, ethical issues and practical challenges.

Other areas in 2008 - corporate social responsibility and human rights including 'International Human Rights and Disability Law' by Professor Marcia Rioux of York University, Canada.

Participants from overseas and within Australia are welcome and subjects can be studied individually as professional development or as part of an LL.M. or LL.M. International.

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