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1. GAJE events and news

Congratulations to GAJE and Ateneo Law School (and all who supported, planned and presented) for an inspiring and productive 5th Worldwide Conference! A full report on the conference will be posted on the website in the near future, as well as other information from the conference (for example, Richard Grimes's survey of Public Legal Education programs worldwide).

2. Other news, events and courses

News: Internship at State Law Office, Govt. of U.P., Allahabad High Court, Allahabad, U.P., INDIA

Date: All the year round.

Theme: As per the directions of the Hon'ble Advocate General, State of U.P., we have started an Internship Program for Law Students at the State Law Office at Allahabad. It's our sincere effort to give students practical hands on training and further to assist and contribute in the nascent growth of Clinical Legal Education in India.

More information: Mr. Sachindra Upadhyay, Standing Counsel, State of U.P. & Internship Coordinator, upadhyays@rediffmail.com

Event: Conference by the Public Legal Education Network

Date: 23rd February 2009

Theme: Legal Empowerment. The conference will highlight the importance of Public Legal Education (PLE) in empowering individuals and communities through improving access to justice and helping people deal with everyday legal issues. The conference will bring together lawyers and advisers, researchers and academics, and will include speakers and delegates from overseas including Lord William Bach, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice; Professor Dame Hazel Genn, Dean of Faculty of Laws, University College London; Dr Diane Rhyason of the Legal Resources Centre Alberta, Canada, and Professor Lois Gander, University of Alberta. Workshops will include discussions on adult learning; the needs of young people and marginalised groups; advice services and PLE; the role of pro bono; research and evaluation, and international perspectives on PLE.

More Information: Lisa Wintersteiger, www.plenet.org.uk/conference

Event: 2009 Everyday People Everyday Rights Human Rights Conference - Melbourne, Australia

Date: 16 & 17 March 2009

Theme: This conference presents an exciting opportunity to hear from respected human rights advocates; engage in lively panel discussions; and be part of the latest discussion on protecting human rights. Participants will gain a broader understanding of human rights as it applies to Australians and abroad. Be part of the debate and discussion about the Achievement of Human Rights. What has the Victorian Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities achieved? Should Australia adopt a Charter of Human Rights?; The Experience of Human Rights: Sharing the knowledge and insight of everyday people and their advocates. How do we progress a human rights culture?; The Business of Human Rights: Practical examples of how incorporating human rights gives companies the competitive edge; an opportunity to showcase the big wins for both business and community when human rights are considered.

More information: <http://www.humanrightsconference.com.au>

Event: Conference - Interdisciplinary Clinical Education: Partnerships Between Law Schools and the Health Professions

Date: 24 - 25 September 2009

Theme: Law schools are increasingly partnering with other professional schools and other professionals in their community who work in health-related disciplines, such as medicine, public health, social work, nursing, and education. This conference explores the opportunities and challenges in these interdisciplinary collaborations in clinical education settings, such as in-house clinics, externship and pro bono programs, and interdisciplinary classrooms.

More information: www.lawandhealth.org or contact Lisa Bliss, lbliss@gsu.edu or Sylvia Caley, sbcaley@gsu.edu.

Event: The Legal Education Section of the Society of Legal Conference at Keele University

Date: 7th - 10th September 2009.

Theme: Advancing Legal Education: Celebrating One Hundred Years of Legal Scholarship. As in previous years, papers are welcomed on any aspect of legal education and from jurisdictions beyond England and Wales. Examples of themes that speakers may wish to explore include: the relationship between academic and professional legal education, law schools and the economic down turn, the post-liberal law school, and the nature of modern legal scholarship.

Please note that presenters are required to pay the usual Conference fee. As in previous years, papers submitted will be eligible for the best paper prize which consists of a monetary award of £250.00. Additionally, a final version of the prize-winning paper will be published in Legal Studies (subject to any revisions suggested by the Editors). Abstracts and paper proposals (no more than 250 words) should be sent to chris.ashford@sunderland.ac.uk by 3 March.

More Information: <http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/keele/index.cfm>

Course: Inter-American Bilingual Summer Abroad Program, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in both Sacramento and Guatemala

Dates: Summer 2009

Theme: The program will help students become linguistically and culturally competent lawyers who will be able to combine a U.S. and Latin American practice of law. Students who are proficient in Spanish will take a two-unit course in Sacramento during May, to be taught primarily in Spanish, that will introduce them to the social, cultural and legal history of Guatemala. Following the introductory course, students will travel to Guatemala and will participate in a ten-week legal externship with either a Guatemalan state agency or a non-government organization in that country. During the period of the externship, students will also be enrolled in a regularly scheduled comparative law course in the law faculty of Guatemala's Landivar University, a private Jesuit school with a long tradition of educating with a social justice mission in the country.

More Information: Eric McElwain, Assistant Director for Graduate Programs, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, (916) 739-7230, emcelwain@pacific.edu

Courses: Distance learning courses by Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) offered from April-July 2009

Dates: Deadline for applications: 15 February 2009

Theme:

Armed Conflict, Human Rights & Humanitarian Law (20 April-28 June 2009)

Business and Human Rights (22 April-1 July 2009)

Human Rights-Based Programming (20 April-28 June 2009)

Human Rights Monitoring (22 April-1 July 2009)

Le Monitoring des droits de l'enfant (22 avril-1 juillet 2009)

L'Information et Documentation sur les droits de l'homme (22 avril-1 juillet 2009)

National Human Rights Institutions (22 April-1 July 2009)

Terrorism, Human Rights and Human Security (20 April-28 June 2009)

The United Nations Human Rights System (20 April-28 June 2009)

More information: <http://www.hrea.org/courses>

Course: Advanced Course on the International Protection of Human Rights in Turku/Abo, Finland,

Date: 17 August until 28 August 2009. Applications due 20 April 2009.

Theme: The course aims at providing a profound insight into, and analysis of, the system of international human rights protection in the light of contemporary problems and relevant case law.

More information: <http://www.abo.fi/instut/imr/courses.htm>, or Ms Johanna Bondas, courses.imr@abo.fi.

Course: Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia 2009 Legal Studies Internship Program, a study abroad course and experiential, hands-on social justice legal work in Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Laos or Cambodia.

Dates: May-Aug, 2009

Theme: Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia (BABSEA) is preparing to host the 6th Annual BABSEA International Legal Studies Internship Program from May through August, 2009. The internship program seeks to connect the skills of aspiring lawyers and law related persons from around the world with a project that will give them insight into social justice and public interest law internationally and specifically in Southeast Asia. The internship aims to produce a tangible work product that will be utilized in the communities in which BABSEA works, and will directly result in disadvantaged populations gaining greater awareness of and access to their legal systems, as well as helping to provide support to our partner universities and organizations. The legal interns gain a greater understanding of the law as it is applied and practiced in developing legal systems, while having an incredible cultural immersion and exchange in the beautiful sub-tropics of Southeast Asia.

More information: Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia, <http://www.babsea.org/volunteer/internship.htm> or contact Mr Sorachat (Aom) Julamon at legalintern@babsea.org or Bruce A. Lasky at blasky@babsea.org

Course: Teaching Law, Human Rights and Ethics by SUN Program of Central European University with Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) and Columbia Law School in Budapest, Hungary.

Date: July 6-10, 2009; Application deadline is February 16, 2009

Theme: This is a one-week course for junior and mid-career law faculty, as well as senior students interested in pursuing an academic career, who will learn more about the use of innovative methods of teaching and who will be expected to have an impact on reform of legal education through their own curricular innovations. The course has three components - human rights, legal ethics and teaching workshops. Participants will discuss the political and ethical implications that arise as lawyers expand their practice to encompass public interest law and international human rights. The third component of the course is a workshop, designed to experiment with innovative ideas of teaching human rights and legal ethics. Small groups of participants will develop teaching plans and will present an excerpt from the class to the whole group. Applications from all over the world are encouraged. The deadline is February 16, 2009. Financial aid is available.

More Information: course web site at <http://www.sun.ceu.hu/02-courses/course-sites/teaching-law/index-teaching.php>

3. Disclaimer

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