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1. GAJE news and events

Event: International Conference on the Future of Legal Education

Dates: February 20 - 24, 2008.

Venue: Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia USA

Theme: GAJE is co-sponsoring an international Conference on the Future of Legal Education, which is expected to be the first major academic conference to address the widely-discussed report issued earlier this year by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Carnegie Report criticizes legal education which produces only "smart problem solvers" when the need is for responsible professionals who have learned through realistic and real-life experience what it means to be committed to the needs of both clients and the larger society. Speakers already scheduled include the lead author of the Carnegie Report, Dr. William Sullivan, and a number of GAJE members, including Martin Bohmer (Argentina), Clark Cunningham (USA), Jeff Giddings (Australia), N.R. Madhava Menon (India), David McQuoid-Mason (South Africa), and Mariela Puga (Argentina). Other co-sponsors are the Council of Australian Law Deans, the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism (USA), and the W. Lee Burge Endowment for Law & Ethics at Georgia State University. A call for papers and registration information will be sent through the GAJE listserv later this year.

Further information: Visit <http://law.gsu.edu/FutureOfLegalEducationConference/>

Invitation to Apply for GAJE General Secretary - August 14 Deadline

The GAJE Steering Committee (SC) has decided to appoint a General Secretary (GS) for a trial period of six months. An honorarium of \$300 US Dollars per month will be paid for the six month term of appointment; the GS will not become an employee of GAJE. The GS will assist in the running of GAJE affairs and coordinate its fund raising initiatives. The GS responsibilities will include (1) the facilitation of Steering Committee meetings 4 times a year through email correspondence by preparing agenda, recording proceedings of meetings, and preparing the draft reports for approval by the SC; (2) general correspondence; and (3) fundraising in conjunction with GAJE fundraising committees. Fundraising activities will include identification of potential sources of funding, preparing draft funding applications/proposals and providing support for publicity, outreach and membership development. Applicants should be GAJE members; have an institutional affiliation (University, Government, NGO, Legal Aid Clinic etc); have strong organizational and administrative abilities and excellent computer and internet skills. Proven experience in fundraising is highly desirable but not required.

The term of appointment is expected to begin in September 2007 and will automatically expire in six months. In deciding whether to continue the GS position, SC will be closely evaluating the benefits achieved through the appointment with particular concern for effect on fundraising.

Interested applicants should review the complete job description, which is posted on the GAJE web site at: <http://www.gaje.org/SC/GS-InvitationToApply.htm>. More information about GAJE's organizational structure is available on the GAJE web site at: <http://www.gaje.org/organization.html>. Please apply by email to the Executive Committee of the GAJE Steering Committee at gaje.ec@gmail.com with a letter addressing the specific requirements of the GS position and a Curriculum Vita as an attached document in MS word or pdf format. Applications should be sent no later than August 14.

2. Other news, events and courses

News: Newsletter from Street Law Inc. (Washington, D.C.)

Details: Street Law Inc. (Washington, D.C.) has published a newsletter which describes what law schools in the U.S. with Street Law programs are doing to address issue of diversity. To see the whole newsletter, go to www.streetlaw.org. The Executive Director, Edward O'Brien, is asking law schools outside the U.S. with Street Law programs that are also addressing issues of diversity to write to him at eobrien@streetlaw.org.

News: On-Line Survey on Teaching Legal Ethics

Details: Sara Chandler, College of Law of England and Wales, and Nigel Duncan, Inns of Court School of Law, are engaged in research into the extent and nature of the teaching of ethics in law schools in the UK and a number of other jurisdictions. To this end they invite GAJE members to complete a brief on-line questionnaire regarding ethics teaching at their own law school. It should take less than ten minutes. Anonymity about the information shall be maintained and no individual and institution shall be identified when disseminating the findings. They are asking for an early response and also ask that this information be forwarded to other law teachers who may have this information.

To complete the questionnaire, please click on the link below and follow the instructions:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=lrDLdIBJI4SVpEsT0ZU_2f_2fA_3d_3d

More information: For any further queries, please contact Sara Chandler sara.chandler@lawcol.co.uk or Nigel Duncan n.j.duncan@city.ac.uk

News: The Pro Bono Center in Poland

Details: On June 22 the Polish Legal Clinics Foundation officially opened a new project aimed at setting up the first pro bono clearing house in Poland. The project was introduced during a meeting on the pro bono work and social responsibility of lawyers organized in the Polish Constitutional Tribunal. Representatives of the Polish bar associations and lawyers from the leading law firms in Poland were invited to discuss pro bono culture in Poland. The meeting concluded with the signing of a declaration, 'Polish Lawyers for the Public Good'.

More information: Visit http://www.fupp.org.pl/index_eng.php?id=news_eng2005 or email Ms Julia Kluczynska at biuro@fupp.org.pl

Event: Stakeholders Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Abuja Nigeria

Date: 7th September, 2007

Theme: The Network of University Legal Aid Institutions (NULAI Nigeria) in collaboration with Open Society Justice Initiative will hold a stakeholders conference on clinical legal education in Abuja Nigeria. The conference aims to identify the social relevance of CLE in tackling the challenges of legal aid delivery in Nigeria; to sensitize stakeholders on CLE and the work of NULAI Nigeria; and to forge partnerships with development partners.

More information: Contact Mrs Odinkaonye Lagi at nulainigeria@yahoo.co.uk, odinakaonyelagi@yahoo.com, or by phone +234-9-3145053, +234-803-7877095.

Event: 9th Annual Australian Clinical Legal Education Conference

Dates: 26 - 28 September, 2007

Venue: Marcoola Beach, Sunshine Coast, Australia

Theme: Theme: The conference considers notions of professionalism in clinical legal education. Professionalism refers here to developing the capacity and commitment of students to take on professional roles. It also refers to clinic teachers developing their supervision and assessment practices. Conference sessions consider how clinical legal educators can benefit a great deal from the insights and experiences of a range of professionals.

Keynote Speakers include Professor David McQuoid-Mason, Associate Professor Jan Orrell and Mary Anne Noone.

More information: You can download the conference brochure and registration form from the GAJE Newsletter web site at: <http://www.gaje.org/e-newsletter/AusClinicConference.pdf>

You can get more information on this conference from Jeff Giddings – J.Giddings@griffith.edu.au

Event: Conference 'Promoting Clinical Legal Education' in Mexico City, Mexico

Date: 4 - 5 Oct 2007

Theme: The Conference will bring together several clinical programs in the country and international experts. Topics include the challenges of legal education in Mexico, the benefits of CLE, structure of CLE programs in the country, public interest aspects in CLE, and the opportunities for future development.

More information: Email Ms Guadalupe Barrera at guadalupe.barrera@cide.edu

Event: 3rd Asia Pacific Conference on Educational Integrity 2007: Creating a culture of integrity - University of South Australia

Date: 6-7 December 2007

Venue: University of South Australia, Adelaide

Theme: The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 August 2007. Authors are invited to submit the following types of papers –

* Full papers for double-blind review (see Submission on website:

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

Accepted papers will be published in the refereed stream of the Conference Proceedings.

* Creative works (45 minute sessions)

* Interactive workshops - Suggestions for material: current dilemmas, ideas in progress, vexing issues and common problems relating to educational integrity.

More information: Please visit <http://www.unisa.edu.au/educationalintegrity/conference/>

Event: 8th Human Rights School in Bangladesh

Dates: 1 - 14 December, 2007

Theme: "Human Rights and Corruption." Core syllabus includes selected chapters on Human Rights Jurisprudence, Domestic International Implementation Mechanism, Lawyering for the Poor, etc. It is open to senior law students from Bangladesh and abroad. The resource persons for the course include Academicians, Human Rights Activists, Professional Lawyers, Judges and Juries and Well-known Legal Researchers from Bangladesh and abroad. Resource Persons from other countries are welcome, full local hospitality is ensured but no honorarium would be paid. The International scholars who have taken part in the past Summer Schools include *Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon (India)*, *Prof. Ved Kumari (India)*, *Prof. S. Rajkhowa (India)*, *Prof. Yubaraj Sangraula (Nepal)*, *Prof. Aurangzeb (Pakistan)*, *Prof. David Mcquoid-Mason (South Africa)*, *Prof. Jane E. Schukoske (USA)*, *Prof. David R. Harden (USA)*

More information: Please visit the website: www.elcop.org or mail elcop71@yahoo.com or elcop@citechco.net

Course: Courses on Mental Disability themes

Dates: Fall 2007 Semester

Details: During the fall 2007 semester, New York Law School will be offering three courses as part of its online program: Survey of Mental Disability Law; Sex Offenders (for the first time), and Mental Health Issues in Jails and Prisons. Registration of students for all courses is open now and anyone interested should contact Liane Bass, esq., Senior Administrator (lbass@nyls.edu). The courses are appropriate for law students, practicing lawyers, mental health professionals, international human rights activists, and mental health activists and advocates.

More information: Visit the website: www.nyls.edu/mdl or write to Prof. Michael L. Perlin, mperlin@nyls.edu, Director, Online Mental Disability Law Program, New York Law School.

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