

# In Your Interest

*News and information for the public interest and public service community*

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*Congratulations Josie and Brian!*

## News and Announcements

To list your event in the next IYI, please send information to [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) by Tuesday, April 8.

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### Public Service Awards Ceremony

*Monday, March 31, 2008, 5-7pm, Subotnick Center. Wine, Beer and Refreshments will be served.*

Awards will be presented to graduating students having performed significant *public service* during law school, Profs. Serkin and Kaplan will present the new Faculty Public Service Award, this year to Brian Barbour and Josie Beets, and a 9 minute film on the ICC will be shown by filmmaker Peter Kinoy.

### Translators Needed for UN Summit on Indigenous Issues

*April 21 – May 2, 2008 at the UN Headquarters in NYC & May 19-20, 2008 at the Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza, Indigenous Peoples' Caucus Meeting*

Join New York City's Native American and Indigenous community working with international organizations and international NGO to provide logistical and technical support to the hundreds of Indigenous peoples coming to New York City for this annual event. Contact Kent Lebsock at [iamkent@verizon.net](mailto:iamkent@verizon.net) for more information.

### Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund for Student Activists

*Application deadline is April 1, 2008*

Need-based grants are available to college students who are involved in building movements for social and economic justice. The maximum grant is \$8000. For more information see [Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund](#).

### Post Graduate Fellowships:

#### An Overview

of the types of fellowships, how they work, and what's in it for you.

Webcast available [here](#)

#### Fellowship Applications: A Proposal Practicum

Webcast Will Be Announced on [Public Service News & Announcements](#)

How to develop a project, draft a proposal, and survive the interview.

Thinking about a post graduate Fellowship?  
(Maybe you should be!)

Also see [PG Fellowships](#)  
Below

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## Listing of Other News and Announcements

### Financial Matters

WebLinks are available for recent financial programs sponsored by the Public Service Programs Office.

- Loan Repayment and Forgiveness Options: Your Debt and the College Cost Reduction and Access Act [Webcast](#) of the February 19, 2008 program. The new federal debt reduction act—the [CCRAA](#)—allows for drastically lower payments for those with high debt and low income, and provides for debt forgiveness for those in public interest and government. Heather Jarvis, a national expert from Equal Justice Works, provides you with all the basics.
- Financially Savvy: Debt Management Tips [Webcast](#) of the February 27, 2008 program. Claudia Wilner from [Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project](#) talks about the “life of a debt” and what you need to do to protect yourself and protect your credit rating.

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### Pro Bono at BLS adds Immigration Watch

Added to the list of *pro bono* opportunities at BLS and in NYC at [BLS Pro Bono Opportunities](#), is a new project sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild chapter that trains students to help ensure fairness in immigration hearings. The Detainee Working Group was formed in response to the post-9/11 mass immigration roundups but has since expanded its focus to ensure the fairness of immigration hearings for all litigants. If interested, contact the National Lawyers Guild through [jessica.spector@brooklaw.edu](mailto:jessica.spector@brooklaw.edu) or [robert.quackenbush@brooklaw.edu](mailto:robert.quackenbush@brooklaw.edu).

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## Resources

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- [NALP Apartment Exchange](#) is a terrific resource for students to find out-of-town summer housing or to sublet their places.
- For *pro bono* opportunities at BLS and in NYC, see [BLS Pro Bono Opportunities](#).
- [Internship Evaluation Reports](#) Read about students' experiences during their internships.
- [Public Interest Career Fairs](#) across the United States and Canada on [PSLawNet.org](#).
- Access BLS Alums working in your area of interest. Contact [Caitlin Monck-Marcellino](#)
- Public Service Programs Office
  - Bulletin boards have public service job listings.
  - *Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide*, Harvard Law School's Handbook & Directory for Law Students and Lawyers Seeking Public Service Work. Note: USA, International, and the 07-08 Employer Directory Supplement volumes are available for checkout.
  - *In Your Interest* is online [here](#).
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## Post Graduate Fellowships

[Post-Graduate Fellowships Overview](#) offers information on types of fellowships and resources available. (Requires BLS user name and password.) For more opportunities, check [PSLawNet](#) and the *Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide*, available at the Public Service Programs Office. Upcoming are 2 panels. See information above.

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## Summer Fellowships

### Public Service /Federal Work Study Grants Available

If you have not yet secured funding, there is funding available through work study and through the BLS Public Service Grant Program. The maximum grant is \$5000 based on \$12/hour, 40 hour work week over a ten week period. Contact the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@brooklaw.edu](mailto:finaid@brooklaw.edu) or 718.780.7915. If 2008 will be your first summer work study experience it is mandatory that you attend one of the Financial Aid Workshops. (You do not have to be work-study eligible to be eligible for the school's Public Service Grant program.)

**Note:** you may also log public interest hours towards a tuition grant of \$1000 (requires 300 hours, but they may be hours for which you were paid under any source including the grants above) under the [Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program](#).

See [PSLawNet Summer Funding](#) for other sources.

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## Internship Opportunities

Check PSPO, [PSLawNet](#), and [Symplcity](#) for internships, some of which may be paid. For any that are unfunded, Brooklyn Law School Public Service Grants may be available to you. Questions? Email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu).

**Bedford-Stuyvesant Community Legal Services** has 3 internship opportunities in housing, family, and government benefits. See [Internship Opportunities](#) in News and Announcements.

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## Contact Us

### Are the Events and Activities Here Not What You Are Looking For?

We recognize that BLS students cover a broad political spectrum, and need your help to ensure **In Your Interest** is inclusive. Please let us know of activities and events that represent your perspective so they can be included. To list your event in the next IYI, please send information to [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu) by Tuesday, April 8.

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