

# In Your Interest

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

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## News and Announcements

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### LGBT Rights in New York State

*Thursday, April 10, 2008, 5:30-7pm, Student Lounge*

Presented by the ACLU and OutLaws, New York Civil Liberties Union Staff Attorney Matt Faiella will speak about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender rights in New York State.

### Q & A Session on Federal Loan Forgiveness and Income Based Repayment

*Monday, April 14, 2008, 1-2pm, Student Lounge*

Understand your loan repayment options under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. Learn about FEDERAL LOAN FORGIVENESS after 10 years of qualifying public service, and INCOME BASED REPAYMENT options for all graduates who begin their career in lower-paying positions. Understanding the College Cost Reduction Act could save you thousands per year in loan payments. If you enter public service, your entire federal student loan debt can be fully forgiven after 120 monthly payments. Literally, this could mean loan forgiveness of over \$100,000 to high-debt, low salaried public service lawyers.

### Final Public Service Grant Information Workshop

*Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 5-5:50pm, Student Lounge*

The BLS Public Service Grants Program guarantees all current students the means to engage in public service work during the academic year and during the summer. First time recipients must attend an information workshop. RSVP with the Financial Aid Office at 718-780-7915 or email [finaid@brooklaw.edu](mailto:finaid@brooklaw.edu). (RSVP is mandatory.) For more information, see [BLS Public Service Grants Program](#).

### CLE Program Race, Law and American Society

*Tuesdays, May 20, June 10, July 1, 6-7:45pm*

Professor Gloria Brown-Marshall conducts lectures related to race, law and American society. For more information, email [publicservice@brooklaw.edu](mailto:publicservice@brooklaw.edu).

### Post Graduate Fellowship Application Webcasts

*Fellowship Overview Webcast is available [here](#).  
Proposal Practicum Webcast is available [here](#).*

## 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

Since the founding of the Permanent Forum at the United Nations, New York City's Native American and Indigenous community has worked closely with international organizations and non governmental organizations around the world 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 [jamkent@verizon.net](mailto:jamkent@verizon.net) for more information.

## 5th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference, Washington, D.C.

May 20, 2008, Georgetown University Law Center, Hart Auditorium

Sponsored by Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Georgetown University Law Center, and Migration Policy Institute (MPI) this conference will offer law and policy analysis and discussion on cutting-edge immigration issues. Featured panelists will include high-ranking government officials, academics, advocates, and other immigration experts. For more information, visit [Immigration Law and Policy Conference](#).

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## Pro Bono at BLS

See [BLS Pro Bono Opportunities](#)

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## Resources

- Post Graduate Fellowships: An Overview Webcast is available [here](#).
- Post Graduate Fellowships: A Proposal Practicum is available [here](#).
- Loan Repayment and Forgiveness Options: Your Debt and the CCRAA [Webcast](#) of the February 19, 2008 program
- Financially Savvy: Debt Management Tips [Webcast](#) of the February 27, 2008 program
- [NALP Apartment Exchange](#) is a 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](#) write-up 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. Note: post graduate panel discussion webcasts are available in [Resources](#).

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## Summer Fellowships

### Public Service Grants Available

If you have not yet secured funding, there is funding available 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 BLS summer work study experience it is mandatory that you attend one of the Financial Aid Workshops. The last workshop is Tuesday, April 15, 2008, 5-5:50pm, Student Lounge. (You do not have to be work-study eligible to be eligible for the school's Public Service Grant program.)

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

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## Internship Opportunities

Check PSPO, [PSLawNet](#), and [Symblicity](#) 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).

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### 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 22 for the final IYI of the semester.

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