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During the 2011-12 academic year Jorge L. Contreras will serve as a Visiting Associate Professor at American University's Washington College of Law, where he will teach Intellectual Property Licensing and Transactions, Intellectual Property in Cyberspace and Property Law. Previously, he served as a Senior Lecturer in Law and Acting Director of the Intellectual Property Program at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. His research focuses on the effects of intellectual property structures on the dissemination of scientific and technological innovations and information.

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