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# Cornell Law Scoops

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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of September 4, 2006

All events will be held in Myron Taylor Hall unless otherwise noted.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**6:00 p.m. Room 279.** LALSA is having their first **general meeting**. Details on page 7, Student Organizations.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall.** OCI #2 interviews. For more information contact the Career Office.

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Statler Hotel.** OCI #2 interviews. For more information contact the Career Office.

**3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305.** Office hours for **Walter Bubl **, Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 6, Walter Bubl 's column.

**6:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90).** The U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Honors Program and Summer Law Intern Program presentation by **Louis DeFalaise, Esq.**, Director, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management. Details on page 5, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall.** OCI #2 interviews. For more information contact the Career Office.

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Statler Hotel.** OCI #2 interviews. For more information contact the Career Office.

**1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students** with **Maurice Haltom** Therapist/Counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services. Complete details on page 7, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

**3:45-4:30 p.m. Room G85. Mandatory Student Event Information Meeting**, Every group should send at least one representative. Information regarding the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Finance Commission (GPSAFC), funding sources, as well as the ins and outs of planning and executing events from pizza parties to speakers will be discussed. Details on page 7, Student Organizations.

**4:30 p.m. Bailey Hall. Academic Symposium.** Part of the Inaugural events. See last page of *Scoops* for detailed schedule of Inaugural Events.

**5:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. Office hours for Walter Bubl ,** Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 6, Walter Bubl 's column.

**6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Women's Law Coalition Potluck Dessert Reception** at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, hosted by the Women's Law Coalition. Details on page 4, Associate Dean Lukingbeal's column.

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**3:00 p.m. Arts Quad. Inauguration of David J. Skorton, Cornell's 12th President.** See last page of *Scoops* for detailed schedule of Inaugural Events and how to obtain tickets.

**4:30 p.m. Arts Quad. Inauguration Reception.** See last page of *Scoops* for detailed schedule of Inaugural Events.

**9:00 p.m. Bailey Hall. Inauguration Concert with Simon Shaheen.** See last page of *Scoops* for detailed schedule of Inaugural Events and how to obtain tickets.



#### **FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR**

**Fall '06**

- **Schedule Verification and S/U Grade Election form** - You will receive an individual schedule verification and S/U grade election in your student mail folder. They must be completed and returned by **4:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2006.**
- **S/U Grading Option** - Each J.D. student may elect to take up to two upperclass courses at Cornell Law School on an S/U basis. At the close of Add-Drop students will be issued their schedule and grade option verification form. S/U grade elections, if made, shall be irrevocable. Students may not make this election in courses that they use to satisfy the Law School's upperclass writing requirement or the Law School's professional responsibility requirement. In addition, instructors may designate specific courses that they teach as not eligible for the S/U grade election. Check individual course descriptions in the on-line Fall 2006 Course Description memo (at the Course Registration link) for more information.
- **University Registration** is complete once tuition and other financial obligations have been met. Tuition statements and payment information were sent by the Office of the University Bursar in July. **Please** give special attention to the dates regarding tuition payment and finance charges. In addition to finance charges, **a \$350 late fee will be assessed beginning September 15, 2006.**
- **Registration Status** - Students will determine their own registration status by signing on to **UPortal and using Bear Access/Just the Facts.** Computers are available in the Saperston Student Lounge, the Computer Lab and the Foyer to determine your registration status. **Just the Facts** will direct you to the appropriate office if your registration is incomplete. You will need your NetID to check your registration status.
- **Bursar's Office** - If **Just the Facts** indicates your registration is on hold for financial reasons, you must first stop by the Bursar's Office, 260 Day Hall to clear your student account by **September 15, 2006,** and then proceed to the Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.

- **Information from the University's Bursar's Office** - A refund schedule for withdrawals and leaves of absence for the Fall 2006 semester follows:

Percent	All Students
No Charge	8/22-8/28
10%	8/29-9/4
20%	9/5-9/18
30%	9/19-9/25
40%	9/26-10/2
50%	10/3-10/9
60%	10/10-10/16
80%	10/17-10/23
100%	10/24

- **Student Transcripts - Official transcripts** are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies please allow 5-7 business days for processing. **Internal (unofficial) transcripts** are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required). You may make the request for unofficial transcripts on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School *Request Form* under the Academic Matters link. **Please remember to make this request 24-hours in advance of your need for the materials.**

- **Loan Deferment Certifications** - Students who need to have loan deferments completed by the school need to submit them to the Registrar's Office, 160 Myron Taylor Hall, as quickly as possible to assure timely processing.

- **Bar Registration** - The rules of certain states (not New York) require notification of the intent to begin study of law or registration with the bar admission authorities when a person begins studying law. The student should obtain instructions from the proper authorities (usually the state board of bar examiners of the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which the student intends to practice. The Registrar's Office has on hand bar information for interested students.

- **Release of information** - A reminder to all students: Students asking faculty members to write recommendations will need to complete a release form with the Law School Registrar's Office if the faculty member wishes to view the student's record. The release form is also available on the Registrar's website at the Academic Matters link:  
<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/FormsLogin.cfm?action=ExamineRecord>

- **Attendance** - Regular attendance is required to sit for examinations, to receive a degree, and for certification to appropriate bar examiners. Irregular attendance or neglect of work may result in a student's being barred from taking an examination or being removed from the school.

- **Absences** - A student who must be absent from class for a period of three or more days should contact Associate Dean for Student Affairs Anne Lukingbeal and discuss the reasons for the absence.

- **Religious Holidays and the Academic Calendar** - The University policy concerning the academic calendar and religious holidays states, "In enacting the academic calendar, the University has scheduled classes, laboratories and examinations on religious holidays. It is the intent of the University that students who miss these activities because of religious observances be given adequate opportunity to make up the missed work." A faculty member may request audio or videotaping of a class if he or she wishes. Any student who seeks an accommodation should approach his or her instructor. All requests for taping must be submitted on-line to the IT Department at least 48 hours in advance. If you are requesting to videotape or record a professor's lecture, you must obtain the professor's permission prior to submitting an AV request. Students can find this request form on-line at the Registrar's site under *Academic Matters* or at: <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/informationtechnology/StuAV.pdf>

- **Room Reservations** - Room reservations are handled by the Law School Registrar's Office. Room reservations for all functions require advance notice of five (5) business days to process all necessary arrangements for staffing within a reasonable period of time. A reservation may be canceled if a classroom is needed to hold a makeup class. For room requests involving **AV support for after-hours or weekend events**, **10 days** advance notice is required.

- **Emergency Telephone Number**

**On-Campus or Off-Campus call 911**

for all safety, fire, medical, or other life threatening emergencies

**On-Campus/Non-Emergency Telephone Numbers**

**Campus Police:** 255-1111; **Police Administration:** 255-1113

**Gannett Health Center:** 255-5155

**Environmental Health & Safety:** 255-8200

**Off-Campus/Non-Emergency Telephone Numbers**

Ithaca Police: 272-3245 (in the City of Ithaca)

Cayuga Heights Police: 257-1011 (in the Village of Cayuga Heights)

Tompkins County Sheriff 272-2444 (if not in the City of Ithaca or Cayuga Heights)

New York State Police: 273-4671

Suicide & Crisis Counseling Services: 272-1616

Rape/Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

## **FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS**

- **Child care grants available to Law students with children under 12 through Cornell University program**

**Cornell University's Child Care Grant Subsidy Program for Students** is designed to assist Cornell University students with covering the costs of eligible child care, including infant and toddler day care, pre-school/pre-k programs, school holidays, summer camps and programs, and before/after school care. Students can receive a taxable grant subsidy of up to \$5000 year to assist with the cost of child care. Eligibility for the grant is based on annual household income, the age of child(ren) in care, and the student's annual cost of child care. **Applications** are available in my office (room 165) or on-line at <http://www.ohr.cornell.edu/benefits/childcareGrant/>.

- **Wednesday, September 6, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Women's Law Coalition Potluck Dessert Reception** at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, 21 Beckett Way. Hosted by the Women's Law Coalition. For information and maps to my home, stop by the Registrar's Office.

- **Wednesday, September 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Reception for Minority Students** at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, 21 Beckett Way. Hosted by the **Asian Pacific American Law Students (APALSA), Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA), South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA), and LAMBDA**. For information and maps to my home, stop by the Registrar's Office.

- **Wednesday, September 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Reception for Public Interest Law Union (PILU)** at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, 21 Beckett Way. Hosted by PILU students. For information and maps to my home, stop by the Registrar's Office.

- **We have copies of the pamphlet entitled, *The Hidden Sources of Law School Stress: Avoiding the Mistakes That Create Unhappy and Unprofessional Lawyers***, written by Lawrence S. Krieger, Professor of Law at Florida State University. If you would like a copy, they are available at my office, 160 Myron Taylor Hall.

## FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

- **2Ls and 3Ls: The U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Honors Program and Summer Law Intern Program** application deadline is Monday, September 18. Learn more about opportunities available for new attorneys and interns, and advice about the application process on **Tuesday, September 5, 6:00 p.m., Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**. Presented by **Louis DeFalaise, Esq.**, Director, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management.
- The Eighth Annual Peggy Browning Fund **National Law Student Workers Rights Conference** will take place on **October 13-14, 2006** at The National Labor College, George Meany Campus in Silver Spring, Maryland (just outside of Washington, D.C.). Up to 3 students from each law school may attend. They are seeking students with a demonstrated interest in either worker rights issues or public interest law. Funding is available to help cover travel and related expenses if the 3 selected students car pool. Detailed information is available at <http://www.peggybrowningfund.org/> If you are interested in attending, let me know by **September 15** by sending me a brief statement of interest. **Please respond only if you have a very serious interest in the conference subject matter and you know you can be available on October 13-14 (note - this is the Friday and Saturday of fall break).**
- **2Ls and 3Ls:** Looking for public interest or government employment? Want to network with hundreds of public interest-minded students from across the country? I invite you to attend the **Equal Justice Works Career Fair, Conference, and Awards Dinner, Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20** at the University of Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C. See my recent email for further details, and see [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org)

## FROM JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT SERVICES, LIZ PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES & STACEY WILEY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR CAREER SERVICES

- **Mark Your Calendars: OCIs and Job Fairs**
  - Tuesday, September 5**
    - 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall OCI #2 interviews
    - 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Statler Hotel OCI #2 interviews
  - Wednesday, September 6**
    - 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall OCI #2 interviews
    - 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Statler Hotel OCI #2 interviews
  - Friday, September 8**
    - 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. San Francisco Job Fair
  - Monday, September 11**
    - 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Los Angeles Job Fair
  - Wednesday, September 13**
    - 9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall OCI #3 interviews
- **Upperclass students:** If you worked for a law firm this past summer and did not receive a permanent offer of employment, please make an appointment with a counselor as soon as possible to discuss future job search strategies. Stop by the office or contact **Judy Mather** to make an appointment.
- **Upperclass students:** Dean DeRosa's call-back interview workshop (audio) is accessible via the Career Offices website (Explore Resources). Try to listen to the presentation before attending callbacks. If you have problems accessing the audio, please let us know.

• **Upperclass students: NALP's Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions** govern timelines associated with accepting offers of employment from member law firms. Pay close attention to the following:

\* If you are a 2L/3L and you **were previously employed by the offering firm** (i.e., you spent a summer there), and the firm made you a permanent offer **before** September 15, you must respond by November 1.

\* If you are a 2L/3L and you **were previously employed by the offering firm** and the firm made you an offer **after** September 15, you have until December 1 to respond.

\* If you are a 2L/3L and you **were not previously employed by the offering firm**, you must respond by December 1.

The following guidelines govern how many offers you may hold open by various dates:

After September 15: 5

After October 1: 4

After October 15: 3

After November 1 (w/employers consent, and only if you were previously employed by the offering firm and you received an offer prior to September 15): 2

After December 1 (w/employers consent only): 1

The above information can be found at: <http://www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=28>

## **FROM ANNEISE RILES, DIRECTOR, CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE**

### **Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Listserv**

Find out about East Asia-related and Law and Culture-related events at the Law School and around campus! Join the Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture List serve. To join:

send an email message to: [lyris@cornell.edu](mailto:lyris@cornell.edu)

The body of the message should be:

join asianlaw-L "your name"

You must send this message from the email address where you want to receive the list's messages. The message must be sent plain text, that is, no formatting, font styles, or code. Your name must appear in double quotes.

## **FROM PAUL WEBER, DIRECTOR, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES**

**Additional laptop support sessions** during the week of September 4 are as follows:

**Tuesday, September 5 - Thursday, September 7:** 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 8:** 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are found at the Computer Lab Managers office. Appointments can be made for Bear Access and Red Rover connectivity issues only. **Starting September 11**, laptop support hours will be Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

## **FROM WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR**

**Office hours for individual consultations on academic matters with 1L JD students:**

Tuesdays 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 p.m., room 305. Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: [wgb7@cornell.edu](mailto:wgb7@cornell.edu)

## FROM MAURICE HALTOM, COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), in collaboration with the Law School Dean of Students' Office, have arranged for the continuation of services in the Law School during the Fall 2006 semester.

**When: Wednesday, August 30 through Wednesday, December 13, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.,** room 252 Myron Taylor Hall.

**Who:** Any law student registered in the Law School wanting to consult about:

- personal growth and challenges
- depression, anxiety and stress
- relationship issues
- family issues
- cultural, racial and ethnic issues
- sexual health concerns
- negotiating academic environment
- any other issue of concerns
- referral and information

**How:** No need to make an appointment. Just stop by and follow the instructions on the door.

**Contact: Maurice Haltom,** Therapist/Counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services, Gannett: Student Health Services, 255-5208, [mh84@cornell.edu](mailto:mh84@cornell.edu)

## FULL-TERM EXTERNSHIP-SPRING 2007

There will be a **mandatory meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in room 277** for all students who are considering the possibility of spending next spring (2007) away as an extern working full time for a non-profit organization, government agency or judge. The instructor, **JoAnne Miner**, will provide specific instructions about the course, its requirements, and the process and timetable for gaining admission to the course.

The meeting will last approximately an hour. You also can review this fall's materials on the BlackBoard web site <http://www.blackboard.cornell.edu> under the course title [law7831-1 Fall 2006: Full Term Externship]. Also there are three-ring binders in the Legal Aid Clinics secretarial area that contain information about many of the placements that have been used in the past. You are welcome to review those before or following the September 13 meeting.

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### • Latino American Law Students (LALSA)

LALSA is having their first **general meeting on Monday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in room 279.**

All are welcome! There will be pizza! For more information, contact **Serena Martinez** at

[sfm28@cornell.edu](mailto:sfm28@cornell.edu)

### • Student Organization Presidents, Editor-in-Chiefs, Chancellors and Treasurers

**Mandatory Student Event Information Meeting, Wednesday, September 6, 3:45-4:30 p.m. in room G85.** Every group should send at least one representative. Information regarding the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Finance Commission (GPSAFC), funding sources, as well as the ins and outs of planning and executing events from pizza parties to speakers will be discussed.

Questions? Please contact **Linda Majeroni** at [linda-majeroni@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:linda-majeroni@lawschool.cornell.edu)

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Admissions Office.** If you are interested in meeting prospective applicants, giving tours of the Law School, etc. the Admissions Office is now taking resumes. Work-study is helpful but not essential. Please submit resumes to **Linda Humble**, room 226 by **September 8**.
- **The Law Library is seeking two students to work as Research Fellows.** Fellows work with the library research attorneys completing legal research projects for faculty. Applicants with strong legal research skills are encouraged to apply. If interested, please contact **Matt Morrison** in the Law Library, 255-2487, 355 Myron Taylor Hall, [mmm72@cornell.edu](mailto:mmm72@cornell.edu)
- **Two Research Assistants Needed.** Visiting Associate Professor **Elizabeth Nowicki** needs at least one research assistant who is willing to work about 6-10 hours per week for the next six weeks (or more, if the student is willing) on issues of corporate law and securities regulation. Professor Nowicki also needs a research assistant with a background in biology, neurobiology, or psychology (undergraduate degree in a pertinent area or relevant work experience is appreciated). **Professor Nowicki** may be contacted at: [elizabeth-nowicki@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:elizabeth-nowicki@lawschool.cornell.edu)
- **Professor Annelise Riles** is seeking several 2L or 3L students to serve as **teaching assistants in Government 313**, Nature, Function and Limits of Law, the undergraduate legal studies course offered at the law school in the spring 2007 semester. Teaching assistants lead one break-out session per week, and are responsible for grading papers and final exams. These duties, plus attending lectures and weekly teaching assistant meetings and preparation should constitute a time commitment of approximately 15 hours/week. Teaching assistants can choose to receive course credit or an hourly wage. If interested, please submit a resume and cover letter to Professor Riles' administrative assistant, **Ms. Donna Hastings**, by **September 30**.

## WRITING COMPETITION

The **National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL)** announces its annual **student writing competition**. Any article, note, or comment that addresses a uniform or model act, or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by NCCUSL, is eligible. The contest is open to all students enrolled in any United States law school. It is also open to students who have graduated from a U.S. law school within the last year. Entries must be submitted electronically to [krobinson@nccusl.org](mailto:krobinson@nccusl.org) with the subject heading "2006 Essay Contest" by **December 31, 2006**. Complete competition rules and information on format for submission are available from the Registrar's Office or from the National Conference of Commissioners at 211 E. Ontario St., Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60611 or email [krobinson@nccusl.org](mailto:krobinson@nccusl.org)

## UNIVERSITY EVENT

**September 6-7, 2006. Celebration** for the inauguration of **David J. Skorton, Cornell's 12th President**. The schedule of events appears on the next page.

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*Scoops* is the weekly publication of the Cornell Law School. *Scoops* publishes notices of Law School events, administrative notices, notices from student organizations and other informational notices of general interest to the Law School community. It is published every Monday while classes are in session. Items for the newsletter should be submitted to the Law School Registrar's Office or by email to: [scoops@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:scoops@lawschool.cornell.edu) no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the following week's edition. Please note that items may be edited if necessary.

## Inaugural Celebration Information

<http://www.inauguration.cornell.edu>

September 6-7, 2006

Preparations are well underway for the September 7 inauguration of **David J. Skorton, Cornell's 12th President**. The inauguration will certainly be a memorable occasion and the Cornell community is invited to the following events.

### Academic Symposium

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

4:30 p.m. Bailey Hall

**This event is free and open to the community.**

The relationship between culture, identity, and conflict has long been a focus of faculty research and student interest at Cornell. This symposium will kick off a campus-wide conversation by delving into the significance of cultural allegiances and formations in world affairs.

**Introduction: Bidy Martin, Provost**

**Guest Speaker: Robert Kagan**, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, expert in U.S. foreign policy and national security, and best-selling author.

**Discussants** will include **Isabel Hull**, the John Stambaugh Professor of History, and **Peter J. Katzenstein**, W. S. Carpenter Jr. Professor of International Studies. Time will be set aside for questions from the audience.

### Inauguration

Thursday, September 7, 2006

3:00 p.m. Arts Quad

A limited number of tickets are reserved for staff and students, and will be available on a first come first served basis at the Information and Referral Center in Day Hall. Tickets will be available starting Monday, August 21, 2006. Staff and students may request up to two tickets after presenting a Cornell ID. There will be standing room on the Quad for non-ticketed guests.

Ticketed guests are asked to be seated no later than 2:45 p.m. The procession will begin at 3:00 p.m., proceeding from Ho Plaza to the Arts Quad. This event will be webcast live on the Cornell website.

Visit this site (<http://www.inauguration.cornell.edu/events/>), or [www.cornell.edu](http://www.cornell.edu), on the day of the event for a link to the webcast.

### Reception

Thursday, September 7, 2006

4:30 p.m. Arts Quad

Immediately following the ceremony a reception, including entertainment, will be held on the Arts Quad. Even if you are not able to attend the inauguration, we hope that you will join us on the Arts Quad to enjoy food & entertainment with our guests and the entire Cornell community.

### Concert-Simon Shaheen

Thursday, September 7, 2006

9:00 p.m. Bailey Hall

Free tickets will be available Monday, August 21 on campus at the Day Hall Information and Referral Center, and downtown at the Clinton House.

**Shaheen** is one of the most significant Arab musicians, performers, and composers of his generation. His work incorporates and reflects a legacy of Arabic music, while it forges ahead to new frontiers, embracing many different styles in the process.