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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of October 2, 2006

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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

**6:00-7:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Cornell Public Interest Network meeting for 2Ls and 3Ls.** Details on page 4, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

**10:15 a.m. Room 390. 1L Career Services Orientation** (Lawyering **Section B** students) with Career Office Staff **John DeRosa, Liz Peck, Stacey Wiley, Karen Comstock.** Details on page 3, Career Column.

**11:15 a.m. Room 390. 1L Career Services Orientation** (Lawyering **Section C** students).

**3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. Office hours for Walter Bubl ,** Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, Walter Bubl 's column.

**7:00 p.m. Robert Purcell Auditorium.** The Law School, along with the Vice President for Student and Academic Services, the Center for Learning and Teaching, Residential Programs and the office of the Dean of Students, Student Disability Services, is hosting **Harriet McBryde Johnson** as the **Disability Awareness Month Keynote Speaker.** Details on page 3, Associate Dean Lukingbeal's column.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

**9:30 a.m. Room 390. 1L Career Services Orientation** (Lawyering **Section E** students).

**11:15 a.m. Room 390. 1L Career Services Orientation** (Lawyering **Section D** students).

**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. Details on page 4, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

**5:00-6:00 p.m. Room 305. Office hours for Walter Bubl ,** Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, Walter Bubl 's column.

**6:00-7:00 p.m. Room 290. Outlining Workshop.** **Walter Bubl ** will discuss outlining methods and present sage suggestions for creating exam-busting outlines.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5**

**9:30 a.m. Room 390. 1L Career Services Orientation** (Lawyering Section A students).

**11:15 a.m. Room 390. 1L Career Services Orientation** (Lawyering Section F students).

**12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 273. Clarke Program Colloquium Series: Timothy Choy**, Visiting Fellow, Cornell Law School will present: “**Earthly Vocations: Ethics of Environmental Fidelity and Comparison in Hong Kong.**” A lunch will be served.

**7:00 p.m. Willard Straight Hall. Film *Heir to an Execution: A Granddaughter's Story***, presented as part of the **Cornell Cinema Film Series: On Trial: The Prison Industrial Complex**. Cosponsored with the Department of History, the Death Penalty Project, Program of Jewish Studies, Congregation Tikken V'Or, Tompkins County Chapter of ACLU and Temple Beth El. Details on page 6, University Film Series.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**Fall Break. No classes.**



**FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR**

• **Dates to remember for Fall 2006**

**Fall break:** Saturday, October 7 through Sunday, October 15

**Law School Pre-registration** for Spring 2007: will take place after Fall break

**University Pre-enrollment** for Spring 2007: begins Monday, October 16 & ends Friday, October 20.

**Laptop Registration for exams:** after Fall Break; dates to be announced

**Fall Term Examination Period:**

Examinations begin: **Thursday, December 7**

Examinations end: **Wednesday, December 20**

• **To the Class of 2009: First-Year Practice Exam** - A practice exam is given each year for students enrolled in first-year courses during the fall semester. Each student will be given an exam in one of his or her courses. The scheduled date for the practice exam is **Wednesday, November 8, 4:30-5:20 p.m.** You are encouraged to take the practice exam, but you are not required to do so. The exam roster will be posted on in the glass-enclosed bulletin board the day before the exam.

• **Exams and dictionaries - J.D. students** whose native or working language is not normally English may request the use of a non-legal dictionary for exam use by submitting a written request to the Dean of Students by **Wednesday, November 22.**

• **To the Classes of 2007 & 2008 - On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2007 Law School courses will take place after fall break. You will be notified by email when the pre-registration site is available.** Instructions and details for on-line Law School Course Pre-registration, updated course information, registration forms, and degree requirements will be available on-line after Fall break.

• **Spring 2007 Courses in Divisions Other than the Law School** - Students interested in enrolling in courses in other divisions of the University during Spring 2007 may pre-enroll using the University CoursEnroll process available through Bear Access/Just the Facts. You may use CoursEnroll for non-law

courses starting at **6:30 a.m. on October 16 until at 4:29 p.m. on October 20, 2006, one week only.**

Information about CoursEnroll is available on-line at:

<http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/coursenroll.html>

The course and time roster for the University is available on-line at:

<http://www.cornell.edu/academics/courses.cfm>

**Note about Advisor Key & CoursEnroll.** If you use Just the Facts/CoursEnroll to pre-register for University courses, it will ask you to enter your Advisor Key. We do not use an Advisor Key at the Law School and you should just leave it blank. Your selections will be saved when you activate the submit key.

**Please Note: Pre-registration does not guarantee enrollment in the course.** Students enrolling in non-law courses for JD credit will also need to complete the required petition with the Law School Registrar's office, available at the Registrar's website, Course Registration link, *Request for Credit for Outside Course*. A student electing a course outside the Law School for credit or otherwise, must also register for at least 9 credit hours in the Law School each term. Regardless of the number of courses elected outside the Law School, a student must earn 72 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. This applies to all law students, including those in joint degree programs.

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

### **Disability Awareness Month Keynote Speaker**

The Law School, along with the Vice President for Student and Academic Services, the Center for Learning and Teaching, Residential Programs and the office of the Dean of Students, Student Disability Services is hosting **Harriet McBryde Johnson** as the Disability Awareness Month Keynote Speaker, on **October 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Robert Purcell Auditorium.**

**Ms. Johnson** is a disability rights attorney, author of *Too Late to Die Young* and a frequent columnist in The New York Times and The Washington Post. Born with a neuromuscular disease, Ms. Johnson has never been able to walk, dress or bathe without assistance. Expected to die at an early age, Ms. Johnson has lived exuberantly into middle age and challenges society's notion that living with a disability is a tragedy. Ms. Johnson is a born storyteller with a wicked sense of humor. Please join us for this special event.

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

- **1Ls: Mark your calendars** for your **Lawyering** section's **Career Services Orientation** taking place on **October 3, 4, or 5** in the Moot Courtroom. The Career Services staff, John DeRosa, Stacey Wiley, Liz Peck, and Karen Comstock, will introduce themselves and discuss what the office does and when you can expect to be hearing from them in the future. **Don't miss** your section's meeting!

- **Upperclass Students: You should now be holding no more than 4 offers of employment.** If you pick up an additional offer that pushes you over the **October 1 limit of 4**, you need to discard one as soon as possible to be in compliance with NALP regulations.

### **Number of Offers You May Hold by Certain Dates (according to NALP)**

After October 1: **4**

After October 15: **3**

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

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

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

## **FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Cornell Public Interest Network**

All 2Ls and 3Ls are invited to attend this semester's first gathering. The Public Interest Network provides a casual forum for on-going conversations among students regarding career paths, job search strategies, concerns about money, and all their other thoughts about pursuing a career in the public interest. **Monday, October 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge.** Juna's famous wraps will be served. (1Ls: you're welcome to attend Public Interest Network gatherings after November 1).

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

**Thursday, October 5, 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 273. Clarke Program Colloquium Series.**

**Timothy Choy**, Visiting Fellow, Cornell Law School will present: **"Earthly Vocations: Ethics of Environmental Fidelity and Comparison in Hong Kong."** A lunch will be served.

## **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) (Due to the workshop scheduled for this Wednesday, **office hours on Wednesday, October 4 will only be held from 5:00-6:00 p.m.**)

**• Outlining Workshop - Wednesday, October 4, 6:00-7:00 pm, room 290.** I will discuss outlining methods and present sage suggestions for creating exam-busting outlines.

## **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)

## FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

- **Fall Break Hours, October 7-14**

Saturday, October 7 & Sunday, October 8	<b>Closed</b>
Monday, October 9-Friday, October 13	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 14	Resume regular hours

- **Study Carrels**

Study carrels in the Law Library on floors 4, 2, and 1 are open for use throughout the day. Materials that are found unattended in these carrels when the library opens each morning are collected and taken to the Lost and Found, at the Circulation Desk in the Reading Room. Study carrels in the basement and on the new ground floor are reserved for specific upper level students who are gathering materials for writing a paper or other research project. Please remember to avoid cell phone and other distracting conversations in all of these study areas. Your fellow students thank you.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Research assistant for Professor Hans.** Assist in research and writing projects on the jury system. For writing projects, good legal research and editing skills will be useful; for empirical projects, data input and analysis skills are desired. Flexible hours, standard law student pay rate. If interested, please email a resume including a description of relevant work experience to [vh42@cornell.edu](mailto:vh42@cornell.edu).

- **Professor Kysar** would like to hire a research assistant to help with the production of an environmental law anthology. Students interested in helping with this project should send a resume by email to [dak39@cornell.edu](mailto:dak39@cornell.edu)

## LAW SCHOOL AWARDS

### Class of 2007 Law School Prizes

**The Boardman Prize**, from a gift made by Judge Douglas Boardman, the first dean of the Law School, is awarded annually to the student who has, in the judgment of the faculty, done the best work through the end of the second year. This year's recipient is **Andrew Nieland**.

**The Kerr Prize** was established in memory of Ida Cornell Kerr and William Ogden Kerr by Jane M. G. Foster, LL.B. 1918. The prize is awarded by the Dean to a third-year student who demonstrates general academic excellence. This year's recipient is **Sarah Gragert**.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

- Students registered at any accredited law school in the United States are invited to submit a paper on any subject in the field of securities law to the **Securities Law Writing Competition** sponsored by the **Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA)**. Submission deadline is **November 15, 2006**. Competition details are available at the Registrar's Office.

- The **Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section of the Federal Bar Association (FBA)** and the **Foundation of the Federal Bar Association** invites second year law students to participate in the annual **John T. Stewart, Jr. Scholarship Writing Competition**. This year's topic is "*Balancing Civil Rights and the Need to be Secure: The Evolution of the Application of the Bill of Rights to Aviation Security.*" Papers are due no later than **February 5, 2007**. Competition details are available at the Registrar's Office

- The **Environmental Law Institute and the American Bar Association's Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources** announces its **second annual "Endangered Environmental Laws" Student Writing Competition**. Students are invited to submit papers exploring issues at the intersection of constitutional and environmental law, as a means to reinforce and defend environmental protection at the federal and state levels. Any student currently enrolled in a law school (including those outside the U.S.)

may submit an entry. Entries must be emailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **April 13, 2007**. Competition details are available at the Registrar's Office.

## UNIVERSITY FILM SERIES

**Cornell Cinema Film Series: On Trial: The Prison Industrial Complex**

**Thursday, October 5: 7:00 p.m. Willard Straight Hall.**

**Heir to an Execution: A Granddaughter's Story.** 2004 USA Directed by **Ivy Meeropol**

**Ivy Meeropol's grandparents, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg**, were executed by the U.S. government in 1953 for "conspiracy to commit espionage." In this fascinating documentary, Meeropol embarks on a quest to understand who her grandparents were and the choices they made.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with **Miriam and Walter Schneir**, authors of *Invitation to an Inquest: A New Look at the Rosenberg-Sobell Case*, who appear in the film, and Cornell Professors **Richard Polenberg** and **Joan Brumberg**. Cosponsored with the Department of History, the Death Penalty Project, Program of Jewish Studies, Congregation Tikkun V'Or, Tompkins County Chapter of ACLU and Temple Beth El.

This film series, **On Trial: The Prison Industrial Complex**, is co-sponsored with the Department of Government, Africana Studies and Research Center, the Death Penalty Project, Cornell ACLU and CRESP. For more info visit: <http://cinema.cornell.edu> For complete descriptions of the individual movies, visit: <http://cinema.cornell.edu/series/ontrial.html>

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