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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of January 29, 2007

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

1:00-2:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Career Office Program: 1L Introduction to Using EZRA (Career Office software program). Details on page 5, Career Office column.

4:30-6:00 p.m. Weiss Faculty Lounge. Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Colloquium Series. **Randall Peerenboom, UCLA Law School will present: *Law and Development of Constitutional Democracy: Is China a Problem Case?*** Details on page 6, Clarke Program column.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

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

4:00 p.m. Room G85. Career Office Program. Using Lexis in the 1L Job Search. Presented by Lexis Representative **Michael Poitras**. Details on page 5, Career Office column.

4:00 p.m. End of Law School Unlimited Enrollment Online Add-Drop.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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

4:10 p.m. Room 239 (2nd Floor Conference Room). Cornell Law Students Association invites students to attend an interview with entry level faculty candidate **Carl Minzner**. Details on page 7, Student Organizations.

4:30-6:00 p.m. Room G08 Uris Hall. 2008-2009 Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Information Session. Details on page 5, Larry Bush's column.

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

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Career Office Program: The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). Presented by **Liz Peck** and **Karen Comstock**. Details on page 5, Career Office column.



Spring 2007

- **Upperclass course changes** - The Add-Drop period for **limited enrollment courses** ended at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2007**. Students may add or drop **unlimited enrollment** law courses until 4:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 30**. **Non-law courses** must also be added or dropped by 4:00 p.m. on January 30.
- **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 December. **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 February 9, 2007**.
- **Registration Status** - Students will determine their own registration status by signing on to **Just the Facts through UPortal**. **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 **February 9, 2007** and then proceed to the office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.
- **Credit hour requirements** - During the second and third years, students may not register for fewer than 12 hours or more than 16 hours during any one term, or fewer than 26 hours in any one academic year. Exceptions to the credit hours requirements must be approved by Dean Lukingbeal. In addition, 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 of the required 84 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. No exceptions!
- **Student Transcripts - Official transcripts** are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies. For more information about how to request transcripts, visit the University Registrar's Office website: <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/transcripts.html> . **Internal (unofficial) transcripts** are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required) and students should make requests 24-hours in advance. You may make the request for unofficial transcripts on-line at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Request Form at the Academic Matters link.
- **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.
- **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 a faculty member wishes to view the student's record. You may complete and submit the release form on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School Permission to Examine Student Record form at the Academic Matters link or in person at the Law School Registrar's Office.

● **Local Addresses** - Any student who has changed their local address will need to change the address with the Law School at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> as well as with the University using **Just the Facts**.

● **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 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. The Student AV Request Form can be submitted online and is available at: <http://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/informationtechnology/StuAV.pdf>

● **Summer School Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take courses in law summer school programs of ABA-approved law schools and, upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward the Cornell J.D. degree. Such petitions are considered on an individual basis, and in no case is credit in excess of six hours granted for all such summer school law study. For timely consideration of the petition, interested students should submit their petitions to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) **prior to April 1**. Petition forms are available in the Law School Registrar's Office and online at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Course Registration/Registration Forms tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.

● **Winter Weather and University Operating Status** - To find out if the University is open or closed due to inclement weather conditions, check the University Operating status website: <http://www.cornell.edu/about/status/index.cfm> or call the Inclement Weather Phone (24 hours) (607) 255-3377. The Law School's schedule will be determined by the operating status of the University.

● **Emergency Telephone Numbers**

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 PATRICIA HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

- **Registration with Bar Authorities**

Deadlines for bar examination applications may be approaching. The rules of certain states (not New York) require either notifying the bar admission authorities of intent to begin the study of law or registering with the authorities when law studies begin. Students should obtain instructions from the proper source (usually the state board of bar examiners or the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which they intend to practice. Failure to comply with the instructions may substantially delay admission to the bar. For current bar requirements, applicants should consult the *Official American Bar Association Guide to Approved Law Schools*, published annually by the American Bar Association. This book is on reserve in the Law School library.

- **Bar Applications Requiring Fingerprinting** (not all bar applications require fingerprints)

Fingerprinting is available on campus at the Public Safety Office, G2 Barton Hall, 24-hours a day and at the Ithaca Police Department on 120 E. Clinton Street, Ithaca. You will need to take the fingerprint card from your bar application packet with you, and two forms of picture ID. The Ithaca Police Department is only available to process the cards on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and charges a \$10.00 fee. Their number is (607) 272-9973.

- **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)**

The MPRE is administered three times per year and is required as partial fulfillment of the requirements for admission to practice law in most jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions may begin requiring the MPRE during 2007. Check with the Board of Bar Examiners in the state in which you plan to seek admissions to the bar for updated information on MPRE requirements. Passing scores, which are established by each jurisdiction, are subject to change. Applications are available in the Law School Registrar's Office or Web Registration at www.ncbex.org or www.act.org/mpre.

The test dates and postmark deadlines are:

	Regular Application	Late Application
MPRE Test Dates	Receipt Deadline	Receipt Deadline
Saturday, March 10, 2007*	January 30, 2007	February 15, 2007
Friday, August 10, 2007	July 3, 2007	July 19, 2007
Saturday, November 3, 2007	September 25, 2007	October 11, 2007

*Test given at the Holiday Inn, 222 S. Cayuga St., Ithaca, NY 14850.

Online registration must be received before 12:00 Midnight Central Time on the published deadline date. Paper applications must be received in the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the published deadline date. (Applicants needing accommodations due to a disability must apply by mail. See section on Testing of Applicants with Disabilities in the MPRE Information Booklet.)

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination is two hours and five minutes in length. Applicants for the March and November exams must report to their assigned test center no later than 9:00 a.m., and for the August exam by 12:30 p.m.

The March test date is on a Saturday morning. If your religious beliefs preclude you from taking the March examination on Saturday, you may apply to take the MPRE on Sunday, March 11. Requests to take the exam on Sunday must be in writing and must include a letter from your cleric confirming your affiliation with a recognized religious entity that observes its Sabbath throughout the year on Saturday. This documentation must be received by the late receipt deadline and must be sent with a copy of the online confirmation received after submission of an online application or with a completed paper application. The applicant will be notified whether or not the request is granted.

The MPRE is based on the law governing the conduct of lawyers, including the disciplinary rules of professional conduct currently articulated in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct, and controlling constitutional decisions and generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases and in procedural and evidentiary rules.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Summer Faculty Research Assistant Opportunities

Students seeking paid summer positions working with Law faculty should leave a resume, cover letter, and transcript with me by **Friday, February 2, 2007**. To assist you in the process, the Registrar's Office will provide an unofficial transcript at your request. Resumes, cover letters and transcripts will be distributed to interested faculty.

This service is informal and students should not assume that faculty members will necessarily take advantage of it. Therefore, students should feel free to also contact faculty about summer opportunities.

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

- **First Year Students:** On **Monday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**, the Career Office will introduce first year students to the **EZRA** software program. EZRA will henceforth be a critical and necessary component of your job search as a Cornell Law student, so **don't miss this very important program!**
- **First Year Students:** On **Tuesday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m. in room G85**, the Career Office and Lexis representative **Mike Poitras** will present **Using Lexis in Your 1L Job Search**, a follow-up to Mondays EZRA program. Mr. Poitras will explain the specific features of Lexis that may be used for job searching.
- **All Students:** On **Thursday, February 1 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Saperston Student Lounge**, **Liz Peck** and **Karen Comstock** will present **The Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)**, at which they will introduce MBTI concepts and work with students to determine their MBTI type.

The MBTI provides a framework for understanding yourself and others and helps clarify preferred ways of taking in information and making decisions. Attendance is limited to 30 participants. To participate in the workshop, you must have registered by Friday, January 26 at Noon. Dinner will be provided on February 1.

FROM LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **Wednesday, January 31. 4:30-6:00 p.m. Room G08 Uris Hall**
2008-2009 Fulbright U.S. Student, Information Session

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and offers regular full grants, travel grants, business grants, English teaching assistantships, and special programs such as business grants, Islamic Civilization Initiative, critical language enhancement grants. The Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies manages Cornell's participation in the annual nationwide competitions. Openings are limited and competition is keen. **Application Deadline: September 19, 2007** for Fulbright U.S. Student Program. **For more information contact** Professor **Gil Levine**, Fulbright Advisor, and **Brigid Shipman**, Fulbright Administrator, Fulbright@is.cornell.edu, phone: 255-8933, 158 Uris Hall, <http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/funding/grad.asp>

- **Upcoming Event: Monday, February 12. 12:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**
Cornell Advocates for Human Rights and The Clarke Middle-East Speaker Series present, Dean Harold Koh, Yale Law School speaking on "The United States and Human Rights: Five Years After."

Harold Hongju Koh is the Dean and Gerard C. and Bernice Latrobe Smith Professor of International Law at Yale Law School. From 1998 to 2001, he served as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. A graduate of Harvard College, Oxford University and Harvard Law School, he went on to serve as law clerk to Judge Malcolm Richard Wilkey of the D.C. Circuit, and Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court. Before going to Yale in 1985, he practiced law at Covington and Burling and at the Office of Legal Counsel at the Department of Justice.

Dean Koh has written more than 80 articles and authored or co-authored eight books, including *Transnational Legal Problems* (with H. Steiner & D. Vagts) and *The National Security Constitution*, which won the American Political Science Association's award as the best book on the American Presidency. Dean Koh has been awarded nine honorary doctorates and two law school medals and has received more than twenty-five awards for his human rights work. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, a Visiting Fellow at All Souls College, Oxford, and a member of the American Law Institute. He has served as an Editor of the American Journal of International Law and the Foundation Press Casebook Series. He has received Guggenheim and Century Foundation Fellowships and he sits on the boards of directors or overseers of Harvard University, the Brookings Institution, National Democratic Institute, Human Rights First, and Human Rights in China. He has been named by American Lawyer magazine as one of America's 45 leading public sector lawyers under the age of 45, and by A Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Asian-Americans of the 1990s. He received the 2005 Louis B. Sohn Award from the American Bar Association and the 2003 Wolfgang Friedmann Award from Columbia Law School for his lifetime achievements in International Law.

CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE COLLOQUIUM SERIES

- **Monday January 29, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Weiss Faculty Lounge**
Randall Peerenboom, UCLA Law School will present: *Law and Development of Constitutional Democracy: Is China a Problem Case?*

China is frequently portrayed as a problem case for the law and development movement because it has achieved economic growth with a weak legal system, has resisted the third wave of democratization, and has a poor record on civil and political rights. Is China a problem case? The evidence suggests that it is not or at least that it is too early to tell. At this stage of development, for all of its problems, China actually outperforms the average country in its income class in terms of economic growth, rule of law and most human rights measures, and other indicators of human well-being with the notable exception of civil and political rights. Comparative analysis suggests that this is the most successful model for relatively large countries in the contemporary era to achieve high levels of economic growth, implement rule of law, and eventually democratize and protect the full range of human rights through some form of constitutionalism.

- **Tuesday February 6, 2007, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Room 277**
Grace Kuo, National Chung-Cheng University Department of Law will present: *When Local Family Law Meets Global Trend: An Ethnographic Study of Foreign Spouses and the Intimate Citizenship Regulations in Taiwan*. **A lunch will be served.**

The increasing number of marriage immigrants, as one of the transnational migration phenomena, has made profound impacts both on the delivering and the receiving countries. For the receiving countries, politics within marriage and family has been challenged by the arrival of foreign spouses. When family law, its discourse and practice, is considered as a solid moral standard on which to construct kinship, marriage and family for the state, how does the intimate citizenship of foreign

spouses facilitate interdisciplinary family law research, which involves a critical assessment of the *law* itself? How do transnational and global factors influence the protocols, the procedures, and the interpretations of both family law and the related regulations concerning foreign spouses? Based on an ethnographic study of a Vietnamese bride and her family in southern Taiwan, this study discusses the ideology of state control over the private sphere, including marriage, family, etc., through exposing the symbolization of family law.

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

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, January 24 through Wednesday, May 23, 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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Cornell Law Students Association (CLSA)

CLSA Members and All Students. Entry level candidate, **Carl Minzner** will be interviewing on campus on **Wednesday, January 31**. A student interview has been schedule at **4:10 p.m. in room 239** (2nd floor Conference Room.). **Mr. Minzner's** areas of special interest include Intellectual Property, Comparative Law and International Law. Refreshments will be served.

Please contact **Jamie Rogers**, CLSA Sr. Vice President, at jpr46@cornell.edu if you are interested in participating in this interview.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Professor Eduardo Peñalver is seeking a research assistant to help with research during the spring semester relating to property law, land use, and city planning. If interested, please send a resume and short email to Professor **Peñalver** at eduardo-penalver@lawschool.cornell.edu .

WRITING COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- The **Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section and ABA Health Law Section of the American Bar Association** announce the **2007 Gellhorn-Sargentich Law Student Essay Competition**. The competition is open to currently enrolled students of ABA-accredited law schools who are also members of the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice. The essay must be the student's original, unpublished work. The paper may be prepared to satisfy a course requirement or for other academic credit. However, the essay must be the work of the submitting student without substantial editorial input from others. Co-authored papers are ineligible. Only one essay may be submitted per entrant. Submissions should discuss a problem or issue arising at the intersection of constitutional and administrative law, federal or state. Submission deadline is **March 30, 2007**. Competition details are available at the Registrar's Office.

- The **Federal Circuit Bar Association** announces the **2007 George Hutchinson Writing Contest**. Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the substance, procedure, or scope of the specialized jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. The competition is open to all law students enrolled for the 2006-07 school year in an ABA-accredited law school. All papers shall be prepared during the 2006-07 school year. Submissions must be postmarked no later than **June 29, 2007**. Entries and any questions regarding the competition should be addressed to: Alexandra Manolas, Administrative Coordinator, George Hutchinson Writing Competition, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, NBC Tower - Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60611-5599. Competition rules are available at the Registrar's Office or at the website: <http://www.fedcirbar.org/scholar/index.asp>

UPCOMING EVENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW SCHOOL

ISS Evolving Family Theme Project Seminar "Social Science and Legal Policy: The Case of Heterosexual Cohabitation"

Thursday, February 15, 8:30-10:00 a.m. 146 Myron Taylor Hall (ISS Conference Room)

Cynthia Bowman, Marc & Beth Goldberg Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law

This seminar examines the social science literature about heterosexual cohabitation and concludes that unmarried couples together for two years or with a common child should be given the legal rights and obligations attached to marriage. Social scientific findings that cohabiting unions are less stable than marriage and harmful in a variety of ways both to the partners and their children are grounds, the author contends, to extend such legal protections rather than to deny them. Because cohabitants are statistically likely to come from economically disadvantaged groups, to have children, and to be economically interdependent, she argues that it is appropriate to impose upon them not only the property and support obligations of marriage but also rights to inheritance, against third parties, and from the state. Historical and cross-national evidence is adduced to demonstrate that extension of these legal protections will not harm the institution of marriage. For more information contact **Anneliese Truame**, ISS Administrative Coordinator at: amt58@cornell.edu.

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