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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of March 12, 2007

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

MONDAY, MARCH 12

4:30 p.m. Room 290. 2007 Langfan First Year Moot Court Competition information meeting. Details on page 5, Student Organizations.

6:00-7:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). *“Seeking Global Justice: Should the United States Join the International Criminal Court?”* Moderated debate on the topic of U.S. policy towards the International Criminal Court. Details on page 5, Law School Event.

6:00 p.m. Room G85. Public Interest and Class Action Lawsuits presented by **Clinton A. Krislov '74**. Details on page 2, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Statler Hotel. 1L Law Firm Reception. Sponsored by **Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP**. Details on page 3, Career column.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 273. Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Colloquium Series: Lan Cao, William and Mary School of Law, will present *“Law, Development and Culture Change.”* Details on page 3, Clarke Program column.

3:00-5:00 p.m. Room 263. Office hours for students with Dean Schwab. Details on page 2, Dean Schwab's column.

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

4:00 p.m. Room G85. Financial Planning For Public Interest Careers. Presented by **Karen Comstock**, Assistant Dean for Public Service and **Kim Siwarski**, Access Group, Inc. (nonprofit educational loan organization). Details on page 3, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

12:30 p.m. Room G85. Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowships presented by **Karen Comstock**, Assistant Dean for Public Service and **Heather Jarvis**, Program Manager, Law School Advocacy, Equal Justice Works. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock’s column.

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 4, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, Walter Bubl ’s column.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17-SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Spring Break. No classes. No issue of *Scoops*.



FROM STEWART J. SCHWAB, THE ALLAN R. TESSLER DEAN

Office Hours for Students

I will be holding office hours for students this **Tuesday afternoon, March 13 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Students wishing to see me should sign up in advance with **Sandy Most** in room 263 or stop by and sign in during the office hours.

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Spring 2007

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.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

• Public Interest and Class Action Lawsuits

Clinton A. Krislov ’74

Monday, March 12

6:00 p.m. Room G85

For over twenty years **Krislov & Associates, Ltd**, a public interest and class action law firm, has been lead counsel for plaintiffs or objectors in numerous major cases nationwide, and has been counsel of record in more than 200 reported decisions, many of which have established the governing law in consumer protection, whistleblower cases, securities cases for investors, pension and benefits protection for workers and retirees, election/ballot rights, civil RICO.

- **Financial Planning For Public Interest Careers**

Tuesday, March 13

4:00 p.m. Room G85

Are you a first, second or third year student considering **post-graduate public interest or government work**? Worried that you can't live on a public sector salary? Come to this program! Learn concrete strategies for achieving public interest career goals while managing debt. Get the scoop on Cornell Law School's Public Interest Low Income Protection Plan (PILIPP) - our financial aid program that helps you pay off your student loans while doing the work you love. **Karen Comstock**, Assistant Dean for Public Service and **Kim Siwarski**, Access Group, Inc. (nonprofit educational loan organization).

- **Post-Graduate Public Interest Fellowships**

Wednesday, March 14

12:30 p.m. Room G85

If you want to be a public interest lawyer, a **post-graduate fellowship** is a great way to jump-start your career! Design your dream job and work on issues that you care about for clients you want to serve. Or, secure an entry-level job with a national legal or policy organization. In recent years Cornell graduates have secured Equal Justice Works Fellowships with the Texas Defender Service and the Food Research and Action Center; and Skadden Fellowships with the Disability Rights and Education Fund and Greater Boston Legal Services. How do you prepare? When do you apply? Come to this program and learn more! **Karen Comstock**, Assistant Dean for Public Service and **Heather Jarvis**, Program Manager, Law School Advocacy, Equal Justice Works.

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

- **Seeking Summer Housing?** You can find or lease a sublet for the summer on-line. The **National Association for Law Placements (NALP) Apartment Exchange** is a free online service where you may list your own apartment for sublet or look for a place in the city in which you'll be working this summer. Go to www.nalp.org and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. The NALP Apartment Exchange will be available until **May 15, 2007**.

- **First Year Students:** On **Monday, March 12** from **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the **Statler Hotel, Skadden Arps** will host a reception for all first year students to learn about the firm and meet some of their attorneys. **Please RSVP to Sandy Choi** at sanchoi@skadden.com

- **First Year Students:** On **Tuesday, March 13** from **6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the **Statler Hotel, Linklaters Law Firm** will host a reception for all first year students. **Please RSVP to:** uspractice.recruitment@linklaters.com

CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE COLLOQUIUM SERIES

March 13. 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 273

Lan Cao, William and Mary School of Law, will present "**Law, Development and Culture Change.**"

Abstract of talk: We need to understand how culture aids or retards economic development and propose that the field of law and development pursue the objective of purposive culture change. Law and development scholars have yet to ask the key question: after so many years of drafting new laws to spur development, why is the field still characterized by failure? Does it need more laws, especially if law is viewed in essentially instrumentalist terms, that is, as a means to an end B whether it be to lower transaction costs or protect parties' expectations or restrain state power.

Law and development must move beyond law and the technical dimensions of the “rule of law.” As slippery a concept as culture may be and as complex and controversial as the notion of culture change undoubtedly is -- particularly given the history of colonialism -- we must enter the cultural milieu and ask whether certain cultural attributes in a given society are an impediment to that society's economic development. Law may still be relevant, but only if it is also viewed culturally, and not just instrumentally, as the embodiment of norms and the repository of social meanings. If law embodies or reflects norms, then norms must accordingly be addressed, especially those that may be at odds with development objectives. Law and development assistance must therefore confront even issues that seem to be part of a country's proclaimed cultural identity.

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 Spring 2007 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 Review*

Congratulations to the 2007-2008 Board of Editors

Editor-in-Chief: Jennifer E. Roberts; **Managing Editors:** Arthur A. Andersen III, Benjamin R. Carlisle, Emily J. Derr, Kenneth B. Meyer, Kyle R. Taylor; **Executive Editor:** James P. Rogers; **Senior Article Editor:** Steven Arrigg Koh; **Senior Note Editor:** Ashley E. Miller; **Article Editors:** Jonathan D. Grossberg, Moira Kim Penza, Sarah T. Runnells, William E. Schurmann, Douglas S. Zolkind; **Note Editors:** Jonah M. Fecteau, Emily J. Green, Joanna M. Longcore, Hiral D. Mehta, Etienne Townsend; **Book Review Editor:** Charles Stern; **Lead Symposium Editor:** Lindsey A. Smith; **Symposium Editors:** Jeffrey E. Baldwin, Erin Craddock, Michael Prehogan, Joshua E. Stern; **Admissions Editor:**

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- **Moot Court Board**

- **Langfan First Year Moot Court Competition**

First Years: **The Moot Court Board** is proud to announce the **2007 Langfan First Year Moot Court Competition**. The Moot Court Board will hold an **information meeting** on **March 12 at 4:30 in room 290**. This meeting will include all information about the competition, a copy of the problem, and a closed list of cases to be used for arguments. Watch your flex and the March 26 issue of *Scoops* for more information. Any questions may be directed to **Amanda Klopf** (ajk49@cornell.edu); **Nomi Barst** (nomibarst@gmail.com); or **Wilson Antoine** (wda9@cornell.edu).

LAW SCHOOL EVENT

Monday, March 12

6:00-7:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)

“Seeking Global Justice: Should the United States Join the International Criminal Court?”

Moderated debate on the topic of **U.S. policy towards the International Criminal Court** between **John Washburn**, Convener of the American Non-governmental Organizations Coalition on the International Criminal Court, and **Jeremy Rabkin**, Professor of Government at Cornell.

The International Criminal Court (ICC) was founded in 2002 as a permanent tribunal to prosecute crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. The ICC has been actively investigating situations in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Darfur. The United States, along with Russia, China, India and other countries, have opposed the ICC, expressing concern about politically-motivated prosecutions, weak procedural safeguards, and interference with state sovereignty. Meanwhile, in January, the ICC took substantial steps towards initiating its first trial, charging former Congolese rebel Thomas Lubanga with using child soldiers, and recently presented evidence against two individuals in the Darfur investigation. As the ICC increases its role in international criminal law and approaches its fifth anniversary, an informed conversation about the U.S. position towards the ICC is due.

Sponsored by Cornell Law School through the Briggs International Law Society, the Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series, and the Federalist Society. Free and open to the public. Reception to follow. **Questions?** Contact: **Ferve Ozturk** at: feo2@cornell.edu or **Maxim Kogan** at: mak228@cornell.edu

INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW SCHOOL EVENT

Thursday, March 15 (rescheduled from February 15)

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

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

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

Bowman's research 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. For more information contact **Anneliese Truame**, ISS Administrative Coordinator at: amt58@cornell.edu

POSITION AVAILABLE

The **Law Library** is seeking one student to fill a vacant position in the Research Fellows program. Fellows complete research projects for faculty using various sources. A professional law librarian provides supervision and guidance. 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

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The **Southern New England School of Law** introduces the **Roundtable Symposium Law Journal**. The Roundtable Symposium Law Journal publishes one issue annually in the fall. The topic for the **2007 Roundtable Symposium Law Journal** is “*Trends and Issues in Constitutional Law.*” We are also accepting submissions for the **2008** issue on “*Trends and Issues in Intellectual Property.*” The Roundtable Symposium Law Journal welcomes contributions from both professional s and the academic community at large, including faculty and students from other law schools. The **deadline** for submissions to the **2007 journal is June 15, 2007**. The **deadline** for the submissions to the **2008 journal is June 15, 2008**. For information about the journal and submission guidelines, visit their website at: www.snesl.edu (“existing students” link).

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 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.