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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of April 16, 2007

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

MONDAY, APRIL 16

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 Noon. Deadline for submitting practice test to Software Secure, Inc. Details on page 3, Registrar Nan Colvin’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 8, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. The Legal Aid Clinic will host an **Informational Meeting**. Details on page 7, Legal Aid Clinic column.

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

Office Hours for Students

I will be holding office hours for students this **Tuesday afternoon, April 17 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

• **Course Forum - Monday, April 16, 1:25-2:10 p.m. room 290.** First-year students and any other interested students are invited to a Course Forum sponsored by CLSA to review distribution recommendations, degree requirements, concentration options, and to express ideas regarding sound course selection in the upperclass years. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs **Barbara Holden-Smith**,

Executive Director of Clarke Center for International and Comparative Legal Studies, **Larry Bush**, Director of the Legal Aid Clinic **JoAnne Miner**, Professor, and Academic Programs and Planning Committee Chair **Kevin Clermont**, Registrar's Office staff members **Nan Colvin** and **Nancy Osborn**, and **CLSA representatives** will be available to answer questions.

- **To the Classes of 2008 & 2009 - Pre-Registration for Fall 2007 Law School courses** will occur over the summer recess. Students will be notified by email (to their Cornell NetID email address) of registration dates.

- **Spring 07 Final Examinations** - Students who have **exam conflicts** are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, using the online Deferral Request link at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> by **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**, of the conflict, and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The exam schedule is available at the Registrar's website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Spring_Exam_Schedule.pdf

- **Exams and dictionaries - JD students** whose native or working language is not normally English may request the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations by submitting a written request to the Dean of Students by **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**. The non-legal dictionary must be supplied by the student and the dictionary may be in print or electronic format; provided, however, that any electronic dictionary must be a stand-alone dictionary with a set memory (e.g., a dictionary program that is loaded on a laptop computer does not qualify). All electronic dictionaries must be approved by the Registrar well in advance of the examinations. **LL.M. students** with questions regarding the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations should contact **Assistant Dean Charles Cramton**.

- **Laptops for exams** - The Law School will be using Software Secure exam software. **All students who wish to use laptops for exams are required to install the Spring 2007 version of Securexam for the spring exam period.** Informational memos about laptop exams and general exam procedures were emailed and flexed to all students on March 29. Both memos are posted in the glass-enclosed bulletin board on the ground floor and also available on the Registrar's website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Laptop_Registration.pdf and https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Exam_Procedures.pdf

If you have any questions after reading the materials emailed and flexed to you, please contact **Nan Colvin** or **Nancy Osborn** in the Registrar's Office.

- **Using Securexam** - On April 9, Software Secure, Inc. sent an informational email to students, at their Cornell NetID email address, with instructions on how to download, install and test the software. **Please be sure to read the email carefully as Software Secure, Inc. now has a website** to be used for downloading the software and documentation, and for submitting your practice test. **The email includes the website address and your password for accessing the site.**

- **Requirements for using laptops for exams** - There are **two (2)** steps if you wish to use your laptop for exams this spring. You must do both things by the stated deadlines in order to use your laptop for exams.

Step 1 at the Registrar's site ended at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6

If you forgot to register for exams, please stop by the Registrar's Office immediately. You will be required to fill out a request to register late, and will be required to explain why you missed the deadline.

Step 2 with Software Secure, Inc. ends 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, April 18

Instructions about installing and testing Securexam were emailed to students on Monday, April 9 by Software Secure, Inc. **All students who wish to use their laptops for exams are required to**

download, install and test the spring 2007 version of Securexam by Noon on Tuesday, April 18.

No extensions will be granted.

- **Official Student Transcripts** are available at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. There is no charge. Internal transcripts are available from the Law School Registrar's office and require a 24-hour advance written request.

- **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.

- **Coat and Book Lockers** - Graduating students should be sure to remove all items from book and coat lockers by August 1, 2007. Continuing students may retain their lockers, however, anyone who has swapped lockers needs to notify the Law School Registrar's Office of the changes before August 1.

- **Summer Addresses**

Class of 2007 Students

The Summer Address/Diploma Mailing Address link on the Registrar's website will be available as of **12:00 Noon on Monday, April 16**. Please visit the site at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> before the end of the semester and provide us with information about your summer mailing addresses. If you need to make changes to any of the information you enter, you may revisit this site as many times as necessary to correct/update the information.

Summer email address and forwarding your NetID email: We will continue to use your NetID email address if we need to contact you over the summer. For more information on the forwarding service, please use the link at the Summer Address site on the Registrar's website.

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Summer email address: We will be using your Cornell NetID email address to communicate with you.

- **2007 Spring Term Grades**

Class of 2007 - Spring term grades, graduation letters, and diplomas will be available at the Law School Registrar's Office beginning **Tuesday, May 29, 2007**.

Continuing students - Spring term grades are expected to be online on **Wednesday, June 13** through **Just the Facts** on the University UPortal site: <http://www.uportal.cornell.edu>

FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

- **Reminder to all Graduating Students:** For bar preparation, please let me know, if you haven't already, what bar(s) you intend to sit for.

- **Certificates of Attendance/Graduation:** Please submit the certificate of Attendance/Graduation form which is included in your bar application packet, if you haven't already done so.

- **Official Transcripts:** Please remember that official transcripts must be requested at the University Registrar's Office, room B7, Day Hall. Your request to "hold for grades and degree" will not be available until the beginning of May.

- **Fingerprints: Applications Requiring Fingerprinting.** (Not all bar applications require fingerprints, NY Bar Application does not). **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 St., 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 8:00a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and charge a \$10.00 fee. Their number is (607) 272-3245.

- **Application to Sit for the New York State Bar Examination.** Please file an application to sit for the bar examination on-line through the secure site at <http://www.nybarexam.org> with the appropriate payment to the Board offices. In order to file an on-line application you will need to create an account with an email address and password, a valid Visa or MasterCard (no debit cards), and a printer. The filing period for the July 2007 bar examination is **March 26 through April 25, 2007.**

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

- **End of semester Massage Party**

On **Wednesday, April 25**, the **Offices of the Dean and Dean of Students, CLSA and LEXIS** will sponsor a therapeutic massage party in the **Saperston Student Lounge from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.** Please stop by and enjoy a free 10-minute chair massage from one of seven licensed massage therapists. A representative from LEXIS will sponsor a raffle. Fruits, vegetables, and other healthy snacks will be served. We hope to see you there. **Faculty and staff are welcome from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

- **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 students annual cost of child care.

Information about the program, deadlines and applications are available in **Karla Vargas's** office (room 240A) or on-line at <http://www.ohr.cornell.edu/benefits/childcareGrant/>.

The **deadline for Student Applications** is **May 5, 2007** for the **July 1-August 31, 2007 period.**

Applications must be sent by U.S. mail and postmarked by the deadline to Child Care Grant Subsidy Program, Box 43, Day Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14853. You will receive an acknowledgement of your application via email. I would encourage interested students to submit an application.

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

- **All Students:** On Thursday, April 19 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90) “*How to Succeed as a Summer Associate*” will be co-presented by the Career Office and Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP. **If you are headed to a law firm this summer, don’t miss this program!**
- **All Students: Still 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.**

FROM LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **Monday, April 16**
12:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)
The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents **Larry Johnson**, Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations, speaking on “*10+ Years of UN-Based Criminal Tribunals: What Works and What Doesn’t.*” **RSVPs to Dawne Peacock** were required for the luncheon.

Mr. Johnson formerly served as the Legal Adviser of the International Atomic Energy Agency (1997-2001) and Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (2003-2005). He joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1971 as an Assistant Legal Officer in the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs and last served at Headquarters as Principal Legal Officer in the Office of the Legal Counsel of the Office of Legal Affairs (1989-1997).

Mr. Johnson has been a Professor of Global Affairs at New York University’s Center for Global Affairs and Visiting Professor of International Law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. He was Visiting Professor of International Law at the University of California, Davis, School of Law and at the New England School of Law.

He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Society of International Law and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. A native of Lincoln, Nebraska, Mr. Johnson graduated from the University of Nebraska (Bachelor of Arts), Harvard Law School (Juris Doctor) and the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (Master in Public Administration).
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12:15 p.m. Room G85
Clarke Fund for the Middle East Speaker Series and Asylum and Convention Against Torture Clinic present **Arafat Jamal**, head of refugees for twenty countries in the Middle East for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), speaking on “*Responding to Iraq’s Displacement Crises: Options and Obstacles.*” **RSVPs to Dawne Peacock** were required for the luncheon.

Mr. Jamal current functions involve coordinating, monitoring and supporting refugee resettlement from the Middle East and North Africa region. The flagship operation for 2007 aims at resettling some 20,000 Iraqis from the Middle East to the United States and other resettlement countries.

From 2003-2005, Mr. Jamal was Special Assistant to the Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva. In this capacity, he was exposed to and deeply involved in operational policy- and decision-making through regular work with the Department of Operations, extensive participation in high-level field missions, liaison with other UN and diplomatic entities, political negotiations, and regular collaboration in the drafting of major policy speeches, memoranda and letters being delivered or dispatched by the AHC.

His previous positions included: Operational Policy Officer, Evaluation and Policy Analysis Unit, Geneva (1999-2003); Field Officer, Herat, Afghanistan (1996-1998); Emergency Response Officer - DR Congo, Turkmenistan and Guinea; and Associate External Affairs Officer, UNHCR Secretariat, Geneva (1993-1996).

FROM THE LEGAL AID CLINIC

Spring Informational Meeting

The Legal Aid Clinic will host an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, April 18 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Saperston Student Lounge. Clinic faculty and students will be on hand to answer questions about courses offered in the fall and spring semesters including Public Interest 1, 2 and 3, Asylum and Convention Against Torture (CAT) Appellate Clinic, Capital Punishment Clinic, Capital Appellate Clinic, Child Advocacy Clinic, Prosecution Trial Clinic, Criminal Defense Trial Clinic, International Human Rights Clinic, Labor Law Clinic, Prosecution Trial Clinic, US Attorneys Office Clinic, Water Law in Theory and Practice Clinic and the Empire Justice, Full-Term, Judicial, Law Guardian, Legislative and Neighborhood Legal Services Externships. **Anyone interested in signing up for any clinical course or externship in the fall or spring should plan to attend.** Light refreshments will be served.

FROM THE CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE

Annual Clarke Lecture

Tuesday, April 17

4:30-6:00 p.m. Weiss Faculty Lounge

Zhiyuan Cui, Professor of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University will present: *"Towards a Law and Economics of Public Property: China and Beyond."* Commentators: **Gregory S. Alexander**, A. Robert Noll Professor of Law Cornell Law School, **Stewart J. Schwab**, Allan R. Tessler Dean and Professor of Law Cornell Law School. A reception will follow in the Berger Atrium.

FROM WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR

• Maximize Opportunities for Success on Exams

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• 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 Students' Association (CLSA)**

Cornell Law School Jeopardy: CLSA Student v. Professor Jeopardy Returns!

Monday, April 16

6:30 p.m. MacDonald Moot Court Room (room 390)

Barrister's Ball 2007

Friday, April 20

9:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. The Clarion Hotel

Buses will run from Anabel Taylor Hall all night long beginning at 8:30 p.m. Say tuned to *Scoops* and your email for ticket information. **Questions, comments, concerns, complaints?** Feel free to contact, **Quinton Lucas** at QDL3@cornell.edu

- **Joint Journal Writing Competition-Logistics Meeting**

The second informational meeting regarding the Joint Journal Writing Competition will be held this week.

Writing Competition Logistics Meeting, April 16, 4:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Electronic editing and hand editing for the editing test component of the writing competition will be explained.

All materials distributed will be available on Blackboard following each meeting. If you have **any questions** about the writing competition prior to these meetings please contact the *Law Review* Senior Note Editor, **Ashley Miller** at aem59@cornell.edu

- **Public Interest Law Union (PILU)**

“How to Land the Public Sector Job of Your Dreams - Now or in Ten Years: a Panel Discussion with Hiring Attorneys”

Wednesday, April 18

5:00 p.m. Room 285

The **Public Interest Law Union** and **Assistant Dean for Public Service Karen Comstock** present a panel discussion with three hiring attorneys at public sector offices:

Assistant U.S. Attorney **Charles Roberts**;

Empire Justice Chief Counsel **Bryan Hetherington** and;

New York State Prisoners' Legal Services Executive Director **Susan Johnson**.

These attorneys will discuss qualifications they seek in prospective hires, including class selection, summer experiences, extracurricular, and job experience. Questions? Contact **Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell** at: bl59@cornell.edu .

WRITING COMPETITION

The **New York State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section** announces the 20th annual **Professor William R. Ginsberg Memorial Essay Contest**. The contest is open to all students enrolled in a New York State law school. Essays on any topic of environmental law are acceptable. Essays must be submitted by **June 1, 2007**. Contest rules are available from the Registrar's Office.

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