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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of October 22, 2007

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

1:15 p.m. Room 273. The **Berger International Legal Studies Program and The International Human Rights Clinic** invite you to a lecture entitled, "**Rethinking Human Rights Advocacy**," by **Monika Kalra Varma**, Director, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, Washington, D.C. **RSVPs were required.** Details on page 4, Larry Bush, Berger Program column.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for **Walter Bubl **, Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 6, Walter Bubl 's column.

3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 263. Office hours for students with **Dean Schwab**. Details on page 2, Dean Schwab's column.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

12:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. **Vilma Santiago-Irizarry** will be speaking. Lunch will be provided. Ms. Santiago-Irizarry is head of the Cornell Latino Studies Program, Professor of Anthropology and was formerly a public interest attorney for 11 years in Puerto Rico. A LALSA Hispanic Heritage Month event. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

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.

4:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). The **Lawyering Program Honors Fellows** will present an optional, **one-hour workshop on legal-writing style** for first-year students. Details on page 4, Lawyering Faculty 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, October 23, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Students wishing to see me should sign up in advance with **Lynda Swafford** in room 263 or stop by and sign in during the office hours.

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

- **To the Classes of 2008 & 2009 - On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2008 Law School courses is taking place now.** Instructions and details for on-line Law School Course Pre-registration, updated course information, registration forms, and degree requirements are available on-line at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>

- **To the Classes of 2008 & 2009: University On-Line Pre-enrollment for Spring 2008 courses has ended.** You will be able to add non-law courses again during the University Online Add-Drop which begins on Thursday, January 17, 2008.

- **To the Class of 2010: 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 7, 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.

- **Laptops for November 7 First-Year Practice Exam**

1L and LLM students in First-Year courses taking the Practice Exam

If you wish to use your laptop for the First-Year Practice Exam, you will be asked to do two things.

- 1. Download, install and test the Fall 2007 version of the exam software, Securexam.** You will be receiving information about installing Securexam, at your Cornell email address, directly from Software Secure, Inc. during the week of October 22. You will be required to install and test the software **by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26 and have the installation confirmed by Software Secure, Inc.** in order to use your laptop for the Practice Exam. Students who do not install the software, or who do not received a Confirmation or whose laptops do not meet the hardware and

software requirements of Software Secure, Inc. will be assigned to a handwriting room for the Practice Exam.

2. Register for the Practice Exam at the Law School Online Laptop Registration site. The site will be available the last week of October. When you register, you will be asked to verify that your laptop meets the hardware and software requirements of Software Secure, Inc. Students who do not register will be assigned to a handwriting room for the Practice Exam even if they have successfully installed and tested Securexam.

- **Laptops for final exams. For those students who wish to use laptops for exams** you will be receiving information about registering your laptop for exams and installing Securexam in early November.
- **Examination Conflicts** - Students who have exam conflicts are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office of the conflict, using the online Deferral Request link (available as of October 15) at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**.
- **Exams and dictionaries - new Cornell 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, November 14**. 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**.
- **Examinations - For J.D. students who are studying in English for the first time**, please make an appointment with Dean Lukingbeal, room 165, by **Wednesday, November 14**, to discuss examination procedures.
- **Winter Intersession and Summer Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take law courses in summer-school programs or winter intersession programs of other ABA-approved law schools, and upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward their Cornell J.D. degree. In no case is credit in excess of 6 hours granted for all such summer or intersession law studies. **Petition forms are available on line at the Registrar's site under Course Registration/Registration Forms** (https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Summer_Winter_Credit_Petition.pdf). Interested students should submit this form request to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) by **November 1 for winter intersession programs** and by **April 1 for summer 2008 programs**.
- **Past Notices:** Refer to previous issues of *Scoops* (available on-line in the Back Issues section) for information pertaining to transcript requests, certifications, bar registration, attendance and absences, etc.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Extra time on exams for J.D. students studying in English for the first time. Cornell Law School has a policy which allows a student additional time on law exams if he/she has not previously **studied in English for at least a year**. If you have not previously studied in English and would like to request extra time on your exams this year, please make an appointment to see me **by November 14, 2007**. To schedule an appointment, please call my assistant, **Rosemary Lacey**, at 255-0565 or come to the Registrar's Office.

FROM JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AND CAREER SERVICES

- **Upperclass Students:** If you need help making a decision about offers, or if you are still seeking a summer position, please make an appointment to see a Career Services counselor ASAP.
- **Number of Offers You May Hold by Certain Dates** (according to NALP):
After October 15: 3
After December 1: 1 (w/employer consent only, and note that most employers will expect a final decision by December 1st. Please see a counselor if you are having difficulty with your final decision.)

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

- **First-year students:** On **Thursday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room, Deans DeRosa and Comstock** will conduct an informational workshop on Planning Your First Summer Job Search. Please plan to attend!

FROM THE LAWYERING FACULTY AND HONORS FELLOWS

First-Year Students. On **Wednesday, October 24, at 4:15 p.m.**, in the **Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**, Lawyering Program Honors Fellows will present an optional, one-hour workshop on legal-writing style. The workshop will focus on some difficult aspects of legal writing. Take advantage of this great opportunity to hone your legal-writing skills. Contact **Joel Atlas** (5-1348) or your Lawyering professor with any questions.

FROM THE CORNELL LEGAL AID CLINIC

Mark Your Calendars

The Cornell Legal Aid Clinic Annual Fall Open House

Thursday, November 8, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Thinking of taking a clinic class? Just curious about what we do at Legal Aid? Looking for a place in the law school where collaboration is not only encouraged but necessary? Come get a scoop of chocolate or vanilla ice cream with your favorite topping in the Legal Aid Clinic and learn more about us. We're located in G40 (near the elevators on the ground floor, right across from the stairway to Hughes Dining).

Get the scoop as current and former clinic students relay tales of actual legal experience representing clients of their own. Hear how you too can help folks in Tompkins County by filing complaints, answering suits and drafting stipulations. Also, hear how you could be arguing motions, trying cases, and handling appeals in federal, state, county or family court all before you are even out of law school. Or, just hang out, look around, meet the clinic staff and take a tour. The clinic experience of working on actual cases under the supervision of clinic attorneys is invaluable to summer clerkships. It provides a learning environment in which to make those initial attempts at legal work and to learn to ask intelligent, practical questions. The experience builds your confidence and helps significantly when dealing with senior attorneys and summer assignments at firms or other summer positions. **Come and see how you can get one of the best educational experiences at Cornell Law School.** We look forward to seeing you!!

FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **Monday, October 22**

1:15 p.m. Room 273

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Director, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial (RFK) Center for Human Rights, Washington, D.C. **RSVPs by October 19 to Dawne Peacock** were required.

Biographical information about **Ms. Monika Kalra Varma** and **information about the RFK Center** appeared in the Vol. 21 #8, October 15 issue of *Scoops*, available at the Back Issues link on the *Scoops* website:

http://support.law.cornell.edu/technology/scoops/Back_Issues_2007-2008/vol_21_08_wk_Oct_15.pdf

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• **Friday, November 2**

12:20-1:15 p.m. Room G85

The **Berger International Legal Studies Program** invites you to a lecture by **Judge Delissa Ridgway** entitled, “**Drafting an International Commercial Arbitration Clause.**” Please **RSVP to Dawne Peacock** at dfp7@cornell.edu by **October 31**.

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FROM LARRY BUSH, THE CLARKE FUND FOR THE MIDDLE-EAST SPEAKER SERIES

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FROM MAURICE HALTOM, COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

Let's Talk

Free and confidential support is available to all students.

No appointment necessary. Just drop in.

* stress * academic problems * anxiety * relationships * adjustments to a new culture
* family problems * depression * financial * other concerns

When: Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (August 29 - December 12)

Where: Myron Taylor Hall, Room 252

Who: Maurice Haltom, LMSW, Counselor from Gannett Health Services

For additional hours and counselor bios: www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk

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 309.** Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: wgb7@cornell.edu

FROM JAMIE HOFFMIER, DIRECTOR OF THE LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND, AND SARAH BURTON, INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

Attention: 3L Students

The Cornell Law School Annual Fund is very excited to announce the creation of the **3L Campaign Committee** and we sincerely hope you will consider joining our efforts! Through the Committee's work, we hope to encourage participation of the Law School's current 3L class in the Law School Annual Fund and allow 3L students the opportunity to interact with Cornell Law alumni, as well as, fund raise for the School.

As a volunteer, you will represent the Law School through contact with your peers. In addition to fundraising, committee members will participate in kick-off events and be included in special alumni networking opportunities.

Volunteers are an invaluable part of our program, encouraging support of the School and helping advance Cornell's position among the worlds top law schools. We are very pleased to have this opportunity to work with our Law School student volunteers and are looking forward to supporting the efforts of this committee. **If you would like to join the 3L Campaign Committee**, or have any questions regarding this volunteer role, please contact **Sarah** at 254-4722.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Federalist Society**

On **Thursday, November 8, 6:15 p.m.** in the **Mancuso Amphitheatre** (room G90), the **Federalist Society** presents "**Is the Death Penalty Racist? McClesky at 20: The Challenge of the New Scholarship on Race and the Death Penalty.**" Professor **Barry Latzer** of John Jay College of Criminal Justice will be the speaker. Professor **Sheri Lynn Johnson** will provide commentary on the speech. Co-Sponsored by the GPSAFC. Questions? Contact **Craig Minerva** at cdm29@cornell.edu

- **The Intellectual Property and Technology Association**

On **Monday, October 29. 12:15 p.m.** in the **Saperston Student Lounge**, the **Intellectual Property and Technology Association** is proud to present **Catherine Nyarady** and **Lindsay Silber**, Attorneys from Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, to discuss Intellectual Property in Litigation, Transactional, and Corporate Law. Questions? Contact **Andrew Keisner** at ak286@cornell.edu

- **Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA)**

Hispanic Heritage Month Events

Wednesday, October 24. 12:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. **Vilma Santiago-Irizarry** will be speaking. Lunch will be provided. Ms. Santiago-Irizarry is head of the Cornell Latino Studies Program, Professor of Anthropology and was formerly a public interest attorney for 11 years in Puerto Rico.

Friday, November 2. Hispanic Heritage Month Party!

More information regarding specific **Hispanic Heritage Month** events will be available on the LALSA Bulletin board throughout the month or contact **Mirna Cardona** at: mrc23@cornell.edu . All events are co-sponsored by the GPSAFC.

LAW SCHOOL AWARDS-NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Attention second and third-year students. Please give some thought to possible nominees for the following three Law School prizes. Nominations are due to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**

- **The Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights** was established from the estate of Professor Emeritus Harrop A. Freeman, J.D. 1930, J.S.D. 1945. A cash prize of **\$1,500** is awarded to the law student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who have made the greatest contribution during their law school career to civil-human rights. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**
- **The Stanley E. Gould Prize for Public Interest Law** was established by Stanley E. Gould, J.D. 1954. A cash prize of **\$1,000** is awarded each year to a third-year student or students who have shown outstanding dedication to serving public-interest law and public-interest groups. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**
- **The Seymour Herzog Memorial Prize** was endowed in honor of the late Seymour Herzog, LL.B. 1936. A cash prize of **\$500** is awarded each year to a student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who demonstrate excellence in the law and commitment to public-interest law, combined with a love of sports. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**

WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **Special Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association** is pleased to announce the **First Annual Special Committee on Animals and the Law Writing Competition**. Law students (which include J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D., and S.J.D. candidates) are invited to submit an article concerning any area of animal law. The deadline for submission is **December 1, 2007**. Please click on the following link for a copy of the Writing Competition Announcement: <http://www.nysba.org/writingannouncement>, for a copy of the competition rules and submission information click here: <http://www.nysba.org/studentwritingrules>
- The **New York State Bar Association** announces the **Professor William R. Ginsberg Memorial Essay Contest**. Essays may be on any topic in environmental law, provided they are written by a J.D. student currently enrolled in a New York State law school and were not prepared as a part of paid work. Course papers and law review submissions are permitted. The maximum length is 35 double-spaced pages. Entries must be submitted by **June 2, 2008** to Professor William R. Ginsberg Memorial Essay Contest, New York State Bar Association, One Elk Street, Albany, NY 12207. Contest details are available in the Law School Registrar's Office.
- **Withers Bergman LLP** announces its second annual **student essay contest** to encourage legal writing on a Private Client issue of general and current interest. The contest is open to full-time students enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school J.D. or LL.M. program in the United States. Candidates may submit a paper considering any aspect of Private Client Law (e.g. tax, wills, trusts, estate planning, asset protection planning) in any jurisdiction (i.e. local, state, federal or foreign). Entries must be received no later than **June 30, 2008**. Contest details and entry form are available at the Registrar's Office.

LAW SCHOOL FLU SHOT CLINIC

Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 30

1:30-4:30 p.m. Berger Atrium

To the Law School Community: it's that time of year again when we need to start thinking about the flu season. A **Flu Shot Clinic** has been scheduled at the Law School on **Tuesday, October 30 from 1:30 4:30 p.m.** in the **Berger Atrium. This is free to faculty, staff and students.** For information on other locations and dates, see the Gannett Health Center's website at:

<http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/top10Topics/cold-flu-streptthroat/VaccineApptClinic/Schedule.html>

INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENT

The ISS Contentious Knowledge Team presents

Mapping Migrant Rights Frames: Comparative Views

October 23. 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m.

ISS Conference room (146 Myron Taylor Hall)

Maria Cook, Contentious Knowledge Team Member and Professor of International & Comparative Labor, will discuss her preliminary efforts to "map" migrant rights frames in use by advocates in the U.S., internationally, and in selected national/regional sites. Do advocates draw upon similar or divergent assumptions, values, and "expertise" in affirming the rights of unauthorized migrants? What accounts for these similarities and differences? The goal is to understand what motivates migrant advocacy groups, as well as the prospects for diffusion of migrant rights frames in different national settings. Lunch will be served.

For more on this research project: http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/contentious_desc.html

Questions? Contact **Anneliese Traume**, ISS Administrative Coordinator: amt58@cornell.edu

COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday, November 3, 2007

Symposium "Gender and Fair Trade: Women in Developing Nations"

Hobart and William Smith College, Geneva, NY

Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) (www.aidemocracy.org) invites you to their Saturday, November 3 symposium entitled "**Gender and Fair Trade: Women in Developing Nations.**" The topic for the conference is the impact of fair trade on women workers in developing nations.

The summit will also feature a provocative keynote address by **Marceline White**, AID President and former Deputy Director of the Greater Access to Trade Expansion (GATE) Project funded by USAID's Office of Women and Development. What a perfect time to learn about the impact of fair trade, and how your holiday spending impacts women around the global.

The summit will take place at Albright Auditorium on the Hobart and William Smith campus in Geneva, NY. Please visit <http://www.aidemocracy.org/development/fairtrade.php> for a copy of the Symposium schedule and for information on how to register.

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