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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of November 5, 2007

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

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**4:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Career Office program: Resume Workshop for First Year Students.** Details on page 5, Career column.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

**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 6, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

**4:30 p.m. Practice Exam** for students in first-year courses. More details on page 2, Nan Colvin, Registrar's column.

**5:00-7:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor.** Details on page 7, Walter Bubl 's 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, November 6, 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 through Friday, November 9.** 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.
- **Tuition Statements** - Students are reminded to check their billing address, for Spring 2008 tuition statements, in the University system by using Just the Facts (JTF).
- **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 final exams.** For those students who wish to use laptops for final exams an informational memo from the Registrar's Office will be sent to all students at their Cornell NetID email account, flexed to all students and posted in the glass-enclosed bulletin board the week of November 5. Please read the memo carefully as it explains what you need to do to use your laptop for law school final exams and the deadlines you must meet. This memo is online at the Registrar's site at: [https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Laptop\\_Installation.pdf](https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Laptop_Installation.pdf)

- **First-year students and LLM's in first-year classes who used Securexam for the Practice Exam**  
Please read the informational email you will receive the week of November 5 from Software Secure to your Cornell NetID email address, to determine if you need to reinstall Securexam and resubmit a Qualification exam for final exams. You **will** need to register your laptop for final exams.

- **Deadlines for registering laptops and installing exam software**

If you wish to use your laptop for exams, it is your responsibility to be aware of the deadlines and adhere to them. The deadlines will be strictly observed. There are two steps that must be completed in order to use your laptop for exams. This information is also available online at the Registrar's site at: [https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Laptop\\_Installation.pdf](https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/LaptopForms/Laptop_Installation.pdf)

**Step 1 Securexam installation** with Software Secure, Inc.

**Starts:** Thursday, November 8, 2007

**Ends:** Noon on Wednesday, November 14, 2007

**Must be done by: 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, November 14, 2007**

You will receive information about installing and testing Securexam at your Cornell NetID email address from Software Secure, Inc. during the week of November 5. You will use their website to download the exam software and submit your Qualification test. The informational email you receive from them will include your password to access the website.

**It is your responsibility to check your Cornell NetID email to make sure you receive the Confirmation email from Software Secure.**

If your **Qualification test**, properly submitted by the November 14 deadline, is **not confirmed**, and you receive information that you have a problem that must be resolved, you will have until **Noon on Wednesday, November 20** to resolve the problems and re-submit a Qualification test. If you do not meet this deadline, you will be assigned to handwrite your exams.

**Step 2 Laptop Registration** at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>

**Who:** All students who wish to use a laptop for final exams

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a. When you log-on to the Registrar's site to register your laptop for exams you will be asked to verify the following before you are permitted to register:

1. Your laptop is in good working order and is in compliance with Software Secure, Inc.'s hardware and software requirements.
2. The versions of Windows or MacOS that you are using is the North American versions (purchased in Canada or the United States).
3. You will follow the recommendations of Software Secure, Inc. concerning downloading and installing updates for Windows or MacOS.
4. You have anti-virus and anti-spyware software installed and use it regularly.
5. You understand that your Cornell NetID email address is the only address that will be used for any communication to or from Software Secure, Inc. It is your responsibility to make sure you check your Cornell NetID email account on a regular basis.
6. You understand that it is your responsibility to read the information you receive from Software Secure, Inc. and that it is your responsibility to become familiar with how Securexam works before you start your exams. No time will be given during exams for learning how to use the software.

7. You have already or will install, test and submit a Qualification test by the Noon November 14 deadline. You understand that it is your responsibility to monitor the status of your Qualification test in order to ensure that you receive a Confirmation to use Securexam for final exams. You understand that if you do not receive a Confirmation email that you will be assigned to a handwriting room for exams.
  8. You have internet access for uploading your exam files; if you do not have internet access that your laptop has a USB port.
  9. You understand that if your laptop fails after November 14, your options are to handwrite your exams or borrow another law student's laptop who has received Confirmation from Software Secure for fall exams.
  10. You understand that if your laptop fails during the exam, you will have to finish the exam by writing it. No extra time will be allowed for attempting to resolve the computer problems during the exam.
- You understand that you are verifying this information under the provisions of the Law School Honor Code and that any violation of the Honor Code will be reported to the Law School Administration.

You will indicate those courses where you plan to use your laptop for exams and whether you are using a Mac or PC.

- **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](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 AND ELIZABETH PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES**

- **First Year Students:** If you missed the **November 1** program on **Planning Your First Summer Job Search**, the program was taped and will be available very soon.
- On **Monday, November 5** at **4:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**, **Liz Peck** will present a **Resume Workshop for First Year Students**. Please plan to attend this session on drafting an effective legal resume, cover letter and reference list.
- On **Monday, November 12** at **4:00 p.m. in room G85**, **Dean DeRosa** will present an information session on the **2007-2008 Winter Break Alumni Shadow Program**. A questionnaire will also be distributed at the program regarding time, location and practice area preferences. If you cannot attend this informational program, be sure to stop by the Career Office ASAP and complete the questionnaire. Questionnaires must be returned **no later than Friday, November 16** in order to participate.
- **Upperclass Students: Number of Offers You May Hold by Certain Dates (according to NALP):**  
After December 1: 1 (w/employer consent only)  
Note that most employers will expect a final decision by December 1. Please see a counselor if you are having difficulty with your final decision.

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

- **Summer Judicial Internship and Externship Opportunities**  
**Tuesday, November 6, 4:00 p.m. Room 276**

Upperclass students who interned for judges during their first summer will discuss their experiences, offer advice on how to land a judicial internship and make the most of your internship summer. Information about Cornell's for-credit summer judicial externship program will also be provided.

- **Public Interest Network (PIN) Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 8, 11:15-12:15 p.m. Room 279**

All 2Ls and 3Ls interested in public sector work are invited to attend our second PIN meeting of the fall semester. This is an opportunity to touch base with your public interest colleagues about an and all issues relating to the job search and building a public service career.

## **FROM THE CORNELL LEGAL AID CLINIC**

- **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**

**Thursday, November 8**

**2:30 p.m. Room G85**

The Berger International Legal Studies Program invites you to a lecture entitled “**European Security Law**” by **Professor Bernardo Mattarella**, University of Siena Law School, Italy.

**Bernardo Giorgio Mattarella** is Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Siena Law School, where he teaches comparative administrative law, international administrative law and European administrative law.

## **FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**4:10 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Room G85.**

The **Graduate Legal Studies Program** invites you to a presentation by **Mr. Stephen Denyer**, Allen & Overy’s regional managing partner for Europe, as he discusses “**International Practice in a Multi-National Law Firm.**” Please join us if you are interested in learning more about international practice in a large multinational law firm? The program is open to LL.M. and J.D. students.

## **FROM RICK GEIGER, ASSOCIATE DEAN, COMMUNICATIONS & ENROLLMENT**

### **College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007**

The newly enacted College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 has received a lot of press because it greatly expands Pell grant funds for college students. Media have mostly not covered the fact that it also includes a very attractive income based loan repayment program to support graduates (even law school graduates) who work in public sector or not-for-profit jobs. The details of the program are fairly complex and it does not become fully available until July of 2009. Once we have had a chance to digest the full implications of the legislation, we will provide more information about how it will affect our own Public Interest Low Income Protection Plan.

In the meantime, however, there are some important steps you should consider taking right now in order to put yourself in a position to take full advantage of the program in the future. In particular, since the program only covers government loans (including Grad PLUS loans), we are strongly recommending that you convert any private loans you are presently receiving into Grad PLUS loans going forward.

To get more information about doing this, our Director of Financial Aid, **Karla Vargas** ([kmv24@cornell.edu](mailto:kmv24@cornell.edu)), would be happy to meet with you to discuss the options and help make the necessary changes. You will need to make an appointment to see her before December 1st if you want to get your loans converted in time for the second semester.

## **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](http://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](mailto:wgb7@cornell.edu)

• **Exam-taking Workshop. Monday, November 12, 12:20-1:10 p.m., room G85.** A panel of Lawyering Fellows and I will discuss how to prepare for and take exams.

## 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](mailto:cdm29@cornell.edu)

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Law School Tour Guide Positions.** If you are interested in meeting prospective students and showing them the ins-and-outs of Cornell Law, the Admissions Office is taking applications for Spring Semester Tour Guides. We expect to hire 4-6 students to work between 5 and 10 hours per week. Preference is given to second and third-year students. Work-study is helpful but not essential. Please submit resumes to **Patina Janisko** (room 226) by **November 23.**

## 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**.

## INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES EVENT

The ISS Contentious Knowledge Team presents:

[Workshop on Contentious Knowledge and the Diffusion of Social Protest](#)

**November 9-10, 2007**

423 ILR Conference Center

In this workshop, free and open to the public, we explore themes at the intersection of knowledge, science, and social movements, with a focus on diffusion processes and dynamics. The workshop will cover the role of networks, communication, and NGOs in tactical diffusion; frames and framing processes; and the role of media and technology in the diffusion process. Topics include transnational black politics, riot waves, online protests, the intersection of labor rights and human rights movements, the resistance to GMO crops in Africa, and the politicization of sexual harassment in Europe.

For the agenda, see <http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/Diffusion.html>

For more on this research project: [http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/contentious\\_desc.html](http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0609/contentious_desc.html)

Questions? Contact Anneliese Truame, ISS Administrative Coordinator: [amt58@cornell.edu](mailto:amt58@cornell.edu) or 355-3304

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